



# South Lakeview Neighbors

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**Membership Dues (per person) \$10.00 September 1 through May 31**

**Meetings held at Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport every  
Month (except January, June, July and August) at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)**

## SUMMERTIME 2022

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi All,

It's almost June. Summer is around the corner. I never cease to be amazed at how one day in late April or early May, everything seems to turn "green" at once. Of course, my allergies also react accordingly. Last week's 90-degree days felt like late July. Though cooler as I write this, beware of the extreme heat. Be especially aware of elderly neighbors. Do a wellness check for those most vulnerable when the temperature soars.

South Lakeview Neighbors had a productive "in-person" meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Highlights included legislative updates from State Senator Sarah Feigenholtz. She mentioned bills that improve the environment, as well as Illinois' progressive position on women's reproductive rights.

It was good to see everyone who attended our meeting. I do ask everyone to continue to be careful. Covid restrictions have been relaxed and as more people are vaccinated, fewer people are getting seriously ill; however, Covid is still here and always adapting. Some schools in the Chicago area are reinstituting mask mandates, due to increasing positivity rates. Use discretion in wearing masks, distancing and always washing your hands.

And as crime rates continue to rise throughout the city, be ever vigilant. Lock doors and windows when away. Always watch your surroundings when you are out. When you see something suspicious, say something. Call 911. Your calls indicate a need for services.

The ward remap will keep South Lakeview in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward with our Alderman, Scott Waguespack, who I feel is representative of the term "public

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

## THE SUMMER GET-TOGETHER Is BACK!

### WILL'S NORTHWOODS INN- In the BEER GARDEN

**TUESDAY, JULY 12  
6:30PM – 8:30PM**

**For: SLN Members- current &  
past  
Family and Friends  
and  
New Joining Members**

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servant". My experience is that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward is quite responsive to the needs of its constituents.

Inflation is hitting all of us, due to relaxed restrictions, increased demand, and supply chain issues. Unfortunately, inflation is devastating to the needy. If you can, now is the time to donate to the Lakeview Pantry.

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We are resuming our summer party at Will's Northwoods Pub on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Good food and drink and good company. Hope to see all of you there.

Have a pleasant spring and summer. Stay well, stay safe.

Bob Blitstein  
President South Lakeview Neighbors

## AT THE MAY 2022 "LIVE" MEETING

The Membership Meeting was held on May 2 and for anyone who was watching the Cubs/Sox game, that was the night game with the temperatures in the high 40's, 20-30 mph winds and a misty drizzle coming in sideways. Sox Manager Tony LaRussa said the game conditions were in the Top Ten worst he has played or managed in during his 50+ year career. So, thanks to all the SLN members who came out to the meeting and to the Block Captains who do the flyering. We did get a new member from the flyering.

## State Senator Sara Feigenholtz – Legislative update

State Senator Feigenholtz contacted SLN and requested to present to the members results of recent legislation and highlights from the 2023 State Budget

From the Senator's handout:

Budget Highlights:

State made an additional \$500 million above this year's average pension payment reducing future costs by \$2 billion.

State deposited \$1 billion to the Rainy Day Savings Fund.

Legislation Highlights:

Illinois Family Relief Plan:

Property tax relief- homeowners credit, maximum \$300.

Grocery tax suspension – for one year to help families struggling with inflation.

Gas tax suspension – State's portion of sales tax suspended for six months.

Crisis Mental Health & Addiction Response:

\$5 million in funding for the new 9-8-8 Crisis Response hotline for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

\$50 million increase in addiction treatment.

Public Safety & Violence Prevention:

Additional funding to hire and train 300 new State troopers

\$30 million for camera grants to local enforcement

\$20 million for license plate reader cameras. The Senator was especially excited with this issue

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describing the crime solving possibilities of these cameras as like a heat-seeking missile.

#### **Additional Relief for Hospitality**

\$75 million for the Hotel Jobs Recovery Grant Program

\$50 million for restaurants, bars and breweries

\$50 million for independent live venues

Car Emission Testing – the State Senator passed a bill to restore emission testing back within the Chicago City limits so we don't have to spend a whole driving and waiting in line up at the testing center in Skokie.

State Senator Sara Feigenholtz's – letter to Crain's Chicago Business – "Abortion is still legal. As of today, it remains your constitutional right." The Senator handed out of letter she had published in Crain's Chicago Business. The letter referred to Illinois protecting the right to an abortion in the State of Illinois by passing HB40 and the Reproductive Health Act. Those bills eliminated a trigger law and ensured abortion was a fundamental right in state law.

You can read the letter in full on the Crain's Chicago Business website

#### **State Senator Sara Feigenholtz**

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#### **Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture (ACTC) (the Athenaeum Theatre)**

Since COVID-19 in Spring 2020, SLN has held most of its' Membership Meetings ZOOM but when the Pandemic numbers were down, we did get in three live meetings at The Athenaeum. At the May meeting, we were honored to meet Joe Kvoriak, the new House Manager for The Athenaeum. Joe filled us in on The Lobby Renovation now in progress. The old wooden doors to the main stage have been removed and the lobby is being expanded. The

small first floor stage to the right and the bar area will be part of the expanded lobby and new Events Space. The Events Space could be rented for parties, fundraisers, etc.

Joe categorized the upcoming programs more religious or spiritual under the "Thought and Culture" banner. The Athenaeum is still having "Featured Events" which would be symphony events, dance concerts, plays and concerts including Bruce Hornsby on June 21. Good luck to Joe and his crew.

Go the Athenaeum website at

[www.athenaeumcenter.org](http://www.athenaeumcenter.org)

for schedule of events

#### **Elevate Physical Therapy – 1347 W. Belmont**

Elevate Physical Therapy previously appeared before the SLN membership about two years ago when they opened their practice on Belmont. Manisha Patel, MS PT and Shivani Patel, PT DPT (same last name but not related) share over 30 years of experience as Physical Therapists in the Chicagoland Area. Their office offers therapy for the spine/lower back/sciatica, TMJ (jaw and ear pain issues, all joint related pain (shoulder, elbow, hand, hip knee, foot and ankle) and chronic pain. They also offer Women's Health gender specific care. Appointments are all one-on-one.

Several people at the meeting gave testimonials as the services they had received at Elevate.

For more information

Call at 773-360-1740 or go to the website at:

[www.ElevatePhysicalTherapyChicago.com](http://www.ElevatePhysicalTherapyChicago.com)

#### **Alderman Waguespack and COVID-19.**

The Alderman tested positive for COVID-19 a day before the SLN Meeting and was not able to attend. He is back in circulation as of May 9 and has been seen on TV.

## **NEIGHBOR NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce**

Spring Lincoln Roscoe Art & Craft Fair – Saturday, May 21 and Sunday May 22, from 10AM-5PM on Lincoln Ave. from Roscoe to School St. Forty different artists and makers, along with shopping from vendors, live music, food and drinks from local businesses.

Also, Kids Art Tent Activities

Porchfest Lakeview – Sunday, June 5 from 1-5PM. Volunteer your Porch for the musicians or volunteer your services to help the Chamber. Go to the Chamber website for more information.

### **Development Updates**

### **SLN reviewed Projects now in Progress**

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## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING (previously called CAPS) on ZOOM**

19<sup>th</sup> District CAPS Meetings – Until further notice, all Beat meetings will be virtual.

1931 (Roscoe Village/Lincoln Park- Cornelia to Fullerton, Western to Ashland) - Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Meeting ID: 848 3987 1419 and Passcode: 486209

1932 (South Lakeview/Lincoln Park- Lincoln to Ashland, Belmont to Fullerton) – Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Meeting ID: 860 9608 5141 and the Passcode is 556236

1933 (South Lakeview- Racine to Lincoln, Belmont to Diversey) -Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
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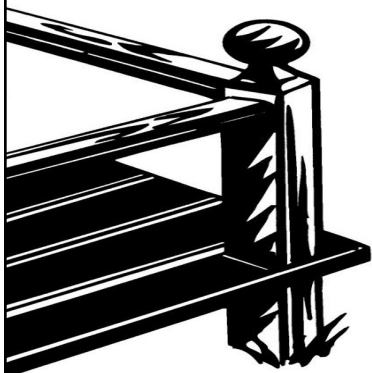
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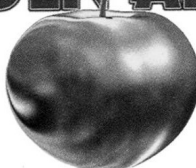
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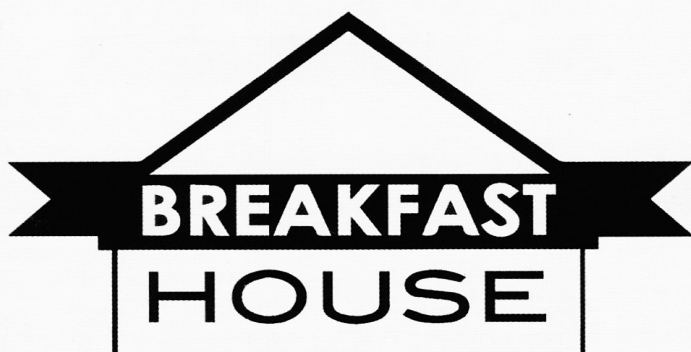


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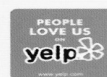
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