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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To All of South Lakeview.

March came in like a lamb that quickly turned into a raging lion. With snow in LA and tornadoes in February, our weather will continue to be newsworthy.

Though the turn-out was disappointingly low, the first part of our city elections is over. The seating of a significant number of new aldermen will change our City Council. The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability will begin, while working with a new police commander for the city. Congratulations to Jennifer Schaffer, Maurilio Garcia and Samuel Schoenburg who will be representing the 19th Police District. Hopefully, the commission will lead to better relations between the police and the community and an increased level of safety and security for all of us.

MEETING INFORMATION

LIVE IN PERSON
TUESDAY- MARCH 14, 2023
7:00PM SHARP
Doors open at 6:30PM

At the NEW EVENT CENTER ATHENAEUM THEATRE 2936 N. Southport

Agenda:

- 1) Congressman Mike Quigley
- 2) SLN By-law changes
- 3) Mayoral Run-off Candidate

 Drop-in we are working on this

Most importantly, we will have a new mayor. The Feb. 28th election will lead to an April 4th run-off between Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson. No one received 50% of the vote, but with Vallas at 34% and Johnson at 21%, while Lori Lightfoot had only 17%, we are assured of having new leadership in Chicago. Both Vallas and Johnson have extensive experience in the public school system, Vallas having served as CEO of CPS while Johnson has been a teacher and a union organizer. Be well-

informed before the April 4th vote. Research each candidate's platform and know where each stands on the issues: public safety, the economy, schools, taxes, the homeless, and mental health to name a few. Whoever wins must bring all parts of the city together to improve the lives of every Chicagoan. We are in the process of asking Mr. Vallas and Mr. Johnson to come to our March 14th meeting to further clarify their positions.

On March 14 we will be hearing from Congressman Mike Quigley. There's a lot going on in Washington D.C. and Congressman Quigley will explain the congressional activities and atmosphere. Hopefully, he can shed some light on the Graceland Post Office on Ashland. It has been closed for a while and I'd like to know when it will re-open. After having some mail stolen, I only drop off my mail inside a postal facility. A reminder to always use a gel pen when writing checks to minimize the chance of "check washing" and subsequent identity theft.

As always, be vigilant. There have been several reports of persons posing as Com Ed workers to access residences. Always look for proper I.D. and most utility workers appear by prior appointment.

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And an apology to Heritage Bikes and Coffee. When citing neighborhood businesses that donated to our holiday party, I forgot to mention Heritage in last month's President's message. And by all means, patronize Heritage and all of the other unique businesses in South Lakeview.

Stay safe, Bob Blitstein Co President South Lakeview Neighbors

MARCH 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PREVIEW

Congressman Mike Quigley

Congressman Quigley has contacted the SLN Board and requested a presentation with questions and answers.

The Congressman is a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member, he is briefed daily about the threats facing our country and what we are doing to stop them. Congressman Quigley is also a member on the House Appropriations Committee, is Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC).

SLN By-law changes

The SLN Board worked on modernizing the Bylaws back during the Summer of 2021 and has been trying to fit a VOTE into a meeting since then. We are going to give this important and exciting issue a go at the March meeting. BE THERE.

You can view an edited version of the By-laws at: https://slneighbors.org/2021/09/04/proposed-bylaw-changes/.

Mayoral Run-off Candidates - Drop in

The Run-off Mayoral Winners are former CEO of the Chicago Public School System Paul Vallas and Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson. Both candidates appeared at the Special SLN Mayoral Meeting in January. SLN has contacted the two candidates to see if they could make an appearance at the March Meeting. The candidates are in the process of checking their calendars.

At the FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING -

Police District Council Election – meet the Candidates

The February 28 Election is over and of the six candidates appearing at SLN February Meeting, the three winners for the Police District Council for our 19th District are:

Jennifer Schaffer
Maurilio Garcia
Samuel Schoenburg
These three candidates ran as a slate known as 19th Together.

All six candidates attended the February 14 SLN Valentine's Day meeting to make their pitch to the membership. The candidates handed out their own election information and interacted with the attendees before the start of the meeting. The format was to give the candidates about 7-8 minutes to make an uninterrupted presentation, followed by 2-3 minutes of questions. It was a very spirited night with all candidates giving thoughtful and somewhat heartfelt presentations as to their positions and to why they were running. As a group, they all seemed more than qualified for what is in essence a volunteer position with a \$500 monthly stipend.

The Candidates hit on many of the City of Chicago Police Department issues:

- researched based strategies are needed.
- elevate marginalized voices.
- increase mental health and social services to relieve Police from these duties.
- appropriate responses to homelessness and drug use related calls are needed.
- police training needs to be modernized, police need regular days off and access to mental health support.
- support for violence intervention workers
- the Community voice needs to be at the center of public safety and policing.

 Chicago cannot police its way out of crime and violence

As the election was to occur before the next SLN newsletter was due to go out, SLN emailed our membership list an article that included the candidates contact information. In addition, an article about the meeting was published on page 1 of the February 20 issue of The Inside Booster.

Here is recap of history and duties of the New Police District Council.

A little history – since 1974 various agencies were created to provide oversight of the Chicago Police Department. Most recently, that agency is the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA). None of the people serving on these agencies or COPA were democratically elected.

After the nationwide Summer 2020 protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, several grass-root groups formed a coalition named Empowering Communities for Public Safety (ECPS). The ECPS and Mayor Lightfoot negotiated the language of the Empowering Communities for Public Safety Ordinance (ECPS Ordinance) and the ECPS Ordinance was passed by the City Council in July 2021.

The ECPS Ordinance created two new bodies

- a citywide Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) and
- 2) the Police District Councils

The newly-elected Police District Councils will have several key roles, they are:

- Building stronger connections between the police and the community at the District level.
- 2) Development and implementation of Community policing initiatives.
- 3) Holding monthly meetings with residents to work on Community concerns about policing and accountability.
- 4) Working with the Community to get input on police department policies and practices.
- 5) To develop and expand restorative justice and similar programs.
- 6) Ensuring the CCPSA gets the input from the District Councils.

 Nominating candidates to serve on the citywide CCPSA which will have power to advance systematic reform, select new policy, Superintendent candidates and create Police General Orders.

Once elected, the District Council members will undergo training with COPA and the Police Board. The term is for 4 years and salary is \$500 per month. The 19th Police District is the largest area District in Chicago. It runs from Fullerton Ave. to Lawrence Ave. with natural east/west boundaries being Lake Michigan and the Chicago River.

SLN would like to thank all candidates attending the February Meeting. The other candidates running in the election were:

Dan Richman Julie Kaviar Demerike Palecek

Here is some background information on your new Police District Council members:

 Samuel Schoenburg – an attorney in private practice. He is involved with Cabrini Green Legal Aid and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

Major endorsements- Aldermen Matt Martin and Andre Vasquez; 43rd Ward Democratic Committee; Indivisible Lincoln Square – www.19thtogether.com.

- 2) Jennifer Schaffer former CPS special education teacher. She is involved in several community projects in underserved areas of the city and worked on the ECPS Ordinance. Major endorsements- Aldermen Matt Martin and Andre Vasquez; 43rd Ward Democratic Committee; Indivisible Lincoln Square – www.19thtogether.com.
- Maurilio Garcia a market research and brand strategy consultant. He created an initiative through his employer that provides \$50,000 grants to local nonprofits. Major endorsements- Alderman Matt Martin and Andre Vasquez; 43rd Ward Democratic Committee; Indivisible Lincoln Square www.19thtogether.com.

The February SLN Meeting normal 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting fell on Valentine's Day. The Board considered moving the meeting, but all six of the Police District Council candidates could make it on that date. To end the meeting, we had a quicky free raffle of some Fannie May candy, a bouquet of flowers and some Valentine's Day cake. Everyone seemed happy how the meeting ended.

NEIGHBOR NEWS AND INFORMATION

Restaurant News

Olive Black Lounge at 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. is now open for business. Olive Black offers an extensive menu of specialty martini and cocktail drinks with a full range of beer and wine. In the near future, the kitchen will be open for small plates. The owners also own and operate another Olive Black Lounge located in Richmond, IL and were the owners of Grizzly's Lodge at Lincoln and Berenice which closed back in 2002. Welcome to the neighborhood.

More Restaurant News - S&G Restaurant

Every week on The Dining Table podcast, host Dave Manilow shares his own experiences from some of Chicago's best places to eat, drink and shop. In one of his recent episodes, titled "What Dave Ate", he said there some diners he finds himself always going back to. One of these places is **The S&G Restaurant.** Dave normally orders one of S&G's breakfast skillet. He said S&G embodies the best of a classic diner.

Southport Lanes Bowling Lanes converted to 3 New Restaurants.

The Boka Restaurant Group has converted the Southport Lanes into three new exciting eateries for our neighborhood:

 Stephanie Izard's Little Goat Diner is relocating from the West Loop to this spot. OPEN SOON. Ms. Izard was recently on Gordon Ramsey's chef show on Fox TV.

- GG's Chicken Shop is a fried chicken sandwich concept from Chef Lee Wolen. OPEN NOW.
- Itoko (means cousin in Japanese) is a sushi and robata restaurant from Chef Gene Kato of Momotaro Restaurant in the West Loop.

Waxman Candles is Closing

After 27 years at 3044 N. Lincoln Ave., Waxman Candles is closing on April 30,2023. In business in various locations for over 50 years, Waxman Candles has been a retail anchor on the 3000 block of Lincoln Ave. Waxman has been a member and supporter of SLN for many years. You will be missed and Good Luck.

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LRVCC will be hosting their Annual Belmont Bunny Hop on April 1st from 10am to 1pm at businesses along Belmont Ave. from Ravenswood to Western who will be hosting special crafts and activities.

You can also sign up to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The photo session includes a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny, a 5-minute photo session with Megan Ory of MMO Productions and one complimentary digital download from the session. Additional photos will be available for purchase. You will be able to view your photos within 7 days of your photo session.

The photo sessions will take place at Wintrust Bank (3234 N. Damen Ave) in front of an Easter-themed backdrop. Tickets are available in hour timeslots (i.e. 10am-11am, 11am-noon, etc). After registering, you will receive a specific time within the hour timeslot purchased for your 5-minute photo session.

Thank you to our event sponsor, Bright Smiles Pediatric Dentistry. They will be stationed at Wintrust Bank during the event with craft kits, stickers and temporary tattoos, and hosting a giveaway where you could win two adult and two children's sonicare electric toothbrushes!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING 19th District CAPS Meetings:

1931 (Roscoe Village/Lincoln Park- Cornelia to Fullerton, Western to Ashland) - Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 pm at the Gantz Boys & Girls Club at 2915 N. Leavitt

1932 (South Lakeview/Lincoln Park- Lincoln to Ashland, Belmont to Fullerton) – Monday, April 4th at 6:30 pm at New Life Church at 1110 W. Lill

1933 (South Lakeview- Racine to Lincoln, Belmont to Diversey) -Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm at Ann Sather's at 909 W. Belmont

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The duties are as follows: A Block Captain will receive a PDF flyer for an upcoming membership meeting. The Block Captain will print off 25-50 flyers and distribute them in mailboxes on their block alerting people to the upcoming meeting. Seems archaic? But that is how most of the new people find out about the SLN meetings. Block Captains can also email the flyer to neighbors. There are seven meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar, April & May). Can't do every month. Just do the best you can and your assistance will be appreciated.

To volunteer contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email: info@slneighbors.com.

SLN on Facebook - Get on It!

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Neighborhood Development and Review Committee (NDRC) is recruiting Committee Members

The NDRC is the most visible Committee of SLN. Working with Alderman Waguespack, the NDRC receives building zoning requests from the Alderman and reviews, suggests revisions and then recommends an approval or a rejection of the zoning change before the issue is brought to the SLN membership for a vote. This process has helped ensure that quality zoning change requests are being presented in our SLN neighborhood. The NDRC is looking to expand the Committee. The NDRC deals with very experienced developers, attorneys and architects, so some qualifications in dealing in those areas would be helpful. Contact SLN at our email address: info@slneighbors.org with some information about yourself if you are interested.

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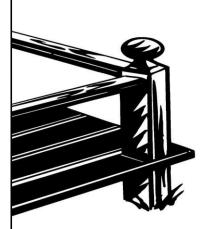
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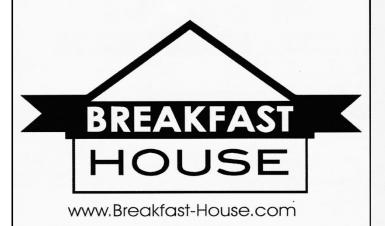
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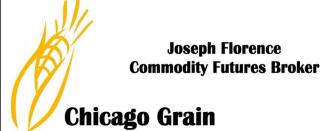
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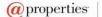
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