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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To All of South Lakeview,

It's May and everything is turning green. It represents new life and new hopes. In this problematic world, there are still positives that make this all worth it. Specifically, one hears of the problems of Chicago, but I have lived here all of my life and could not think of living anywhere else. Few cities can offer as much as the "Windy City" in the arts, museums, restaurants, universities and yes, our public schools. Schools in South Lakeview are among the best in the state. Recent research indicates that Chicago Public Schools, as a whole, have regained more of its pandemic era losses than most other systems in the nation. It's easy to see new development on the northside and in and around the loop. This must spread to all parts of the city. Yes, crime is still a major concern and hopefully the city and the police can work to make us safer.

MEETING INFORMATION

TUESDAY- MAY 14, 2024

7:00PM SHARP
Doors open at 6:30PM
COME EARLY for SOME FOOD!!
At the

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Agenda:

- 1) COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER-BRIDGET DEGNAN
- 2) SOUTHPORT BETTY'S formerly DIAG Restaurant & Bar new business presentation FOOD TO BE PROVIDED by NEW OWNERS
- 3) ASTUTE Counseling & Wellnessbusiness presentation
- 4) ELECTION of Offices and Directors

And even our sports teams give us hope. The Cubs are doing well. The lowly White Sox (I am a lifelong fan) won 3 games in a row recently. Recent draft choices have given us hope for the Blackhawks, the Sky and the Bears. please...no public funding for new stadiums for the Bears or the White Sox. They are both playing in stadiums that have not been fully paid for, and we, the taxpayers are still on the hook. They also want to use public land (ours) for private benefit. Finally, consider that both teams are worth billions, and they want to ask for "our" money for their benefit. When there are so many pressing needs in Chicago, this ask is the definition of "chutzpah". Studies indicate that public investment in private sports stadiums rarely provides the cities the benefits that they've been promised. When the voters were asked to approve money for the Super Bowl Champion Chiefs, the citizens of Kansas City voted it down. Chicago should follow their lead.

In the last week both the Tribune and the Sun-Times have called for the head of the CTA, Dorval Carter, to step down. Problems on the buses and EL trains are numerous and solutions are not forthcoming. Carter is the highest paid public official in Chicago, but has the arrogance to not appear before the City Council when requested. I agree that it's time for a change. Maybe we can even get

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a restoration of the #11 bus on Lincoln.

"Southport Betty's" will soon open in the site of the old DIAG at George and Southport. Come to the May membership meeting to sample some of their offerings.

I apologize. When mentioning great eating establishments in South Lakeview I forgot to cite Wills Northwoods Inn., one of SLVN's greatest supporters. I'll order some food from there tonight.

Remember to do something nice for someone else and to stay safe.

Bob Blitstein

Co-President South Lakeview Neighbors

MAY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PREVIEW

Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen presentation

Though our Cook County Commissioner makes regular appearances at the SLN Holiday and Summer Party events, as we all should be doing, it has been three years since she officially presented to the SLN membership. Time is flying!

Ms. Degnen was originally elected in November 2018 and reelected in 2022. Her priorities include raising revenue without raising burdensome taxes, combatting climate change through green initiatives aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and keeping our communities safe. In addition, she provides information to citizens as to what services the County can provide to us.

Southport Betty's at Southport & George, (formerly DIAG) to open in May 2024

You cannot see inside due to the frosted windows; however, there is work being done on the inside of

the DIAG site. Back at the November 2023 meeting, the new property owner, Bobby White, did a question-and-answer session on what might happen to the restaurant/bar operation. Now, they are getting ready to go. Dmitri (last name not known at this point), the general manager of the new restaurant, will go over the planned operations.

Dmitri has indicated to the SLN Board that he will be supplying food before the May meeting starts. SO COME EARLY FOR THE FOOD and SOME SOCIALIZING.

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Election of Officers and Directors

SLN will hold its election for the Officers and Directors to serve for the 2023-2024 season. A slate will be emailed to the membership prior to the May meeting.

Nominations can be taken from the floor.

AT the APRIL 2024 MEETING

Connected Communities Ordinance as presented by Paul Sajovec, 32nd Ward Chief of Staff

Paul Sajovec, Chief of Staff for Alderman Waguespack, contributed another insightful City of Chicago Policy presentation at the April Meeting.

Paul analyzed the Connected Communities Ordinance adopted in July 2022 under Mayor Lightfoot's term and the potential effect on the SLN neighborhood.

The stated goals of the Connected Communities Ordinance are organized into three categories:

- Create jobs and allow for more homes and businesses near transit by expanding existing TOD incentives.
- 2) Improve the safety of our streets and sidewalks near transit, and encourage walking, biking and rolling.
- 3) Increase housing opportunity, affordability and accessibility, especially near transit.

Paul started out with a history of the Ordinance. The Connected Communities Ordinance is an outgrowth of the City's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance now known as Transit-Served Location (TSL). Paul noted that the idea of the TOD has been in process since around 2013. He noted that three different Mayoral administrations have been in power during the making of the Ordinances. In 2018, the original TOD was adopted. The original TOD plan was to develop high-density residential buildings with minimal parking for residents very near to L stops like the Addison, Paulina and Southport Rapid Transit L stops to reformulate the City's auto/parking driven development. Since 2018, the TOD was expanded to include areas farther from the L stops, to include any Pedestrian Oriented Development retail streets Lincoln/Belmont/Ashland) and then the final straw was to include eight high ridership CTA bus corridors that included Ashland Ave from Irving Park Road to 95th Street. Via a circle graphic that showed the original TOD area and increasing the areas covered through expansion of the Ordinance, Paul showed that pretty much all of the 32nd Ward is under some type of TOD or Connected Communities Ordinance. Paul sited a 1993 New America Metropolis study that placed the SLN neighborhood in what was already a TOD-like category as many residents live near the L-stations and commuted to their Downtown jobs.

The first TOD Project near the SLN area was built at Paulina and Roscoe at the Paulina L stop. The Project was in character with the immediate area as the vintage rental building across the street at 1650 W. Roscoe is a 6-story building. However, Paul then noted the Logan Square TOD development near Milwaukee and California of 10-story plus twin

towers known as the MiCA Towers. Paul and the Alderman's office feel that this type of development is totally out of proportion and context with the surrounding neighborhood. Paul noted that studies have found that real estate values increased near TOD's, which resulted in higher real estate taxes and higher rental rates. So, the TOD's were forcing long-term residents to relocate as the neighborhood was no longer affordable.

Paul closed out his presentation, by stating that the TOD's and the Connected Communities Ordinance really favors the Developers and that City Hall is aggressively promoting these new Developments. He noted that the Developers are not building these projects near Rapid Transit stops on the South and West sides, where they could really be used. He concluded by stating that the Alderman's office is looking closely at the TOD's and that the Alderman is not in favor of Developments that are not within an easy 5-10 minute walk to an L station.

South Lakeview Park Advisory Council (PAC) (Blue Playlot) presents Plan for Repairs and 2024 Programs

The Blue Playlot Committee has been dormant since the COVID-19 Pandemic in Spring 2020. The Committee has been resurrected under new leadership. Several Officers including Jennie Jarrett - President, Dennie Mogenson and Melissa Vachris attended the April meeting and presented their vision for the upcoming season.

Jennie Jarrett was the main presenter and provided a power-point presentation. The Park has been in existence since 1969 and the last rehab occurred in 1999. The new PAC was elected in July 2023. They have conducted a survey that resulted in 22 responses. The results of the survey focused on several areas:

- Replacement of the blue flooring around the play equipment
- 2) Improving the grass and other landscaping areas
- 3) Keeping the Park clean. It appears that the Park District has stopped doing this.
- 4) Dog challenges. This is mainly a kid's park. The size of the Park does not really allow for a dog park or dog run. In addition, dogs in the park can cause public health issue with dog urine and poo, plus the digging-up of green space

5) The need for more overall Community involvement.

Jennie provided more information and visuals for these issues.

BLUE FLOORING - has holes near the exits of the play equipment and is separating in other areas. The PAC has been in contact with the Park District and it appears that to replace the flooring correctly, the equipment will need to be removed and a concrete base will have to be poured.

LANDSCAPING - there is a lot of dirt in the Park. Almost zero grass. During heavy rains, the dirt runs off and clogs the sewer drain and makes a muddy mess on the Park sidewalks.

BASKETBALL COURTS - still have heavy usage as confirmed by Jennie who lives within ear-shot of the courts. An SLN member suggested pickleball courts and Jennie confirmed that people come to the Park and set up a temporary pickleball court to play on. The PAC will consider putting in lines for pickleball.

COST and FUNDING - The Park District requires Park District approved vendors to do all the work in the Park. The Park District has been slow on getting back to the PAC on the costs of any requested repairs.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP - the PAC is looking for funds and assistance from the Alderman, local businesses especially ones that use the Park (like day-care centers), South Lakeview Neighbors, individual donations and funds from the Chicago Park District.

The PAC is planning some fundraisers and activities in the near future. Here is short list:

May 15 – Dine Out at Tata's Tacos – all day

May 17- PAC Board meeting at Heritage Coffee

June 2 - Blue Park Jam Fundraiser – inflatables,
face painting, popsicles, music & fun

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3045 N. Lincoln Ave. (Little Marvels Building) redevelopment proposal and zoning change request for 27 Rental Units.

The Developers of this Project have withdrawn their proposal. The Building will remain operating "as is" at this time.

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Next meeting is scheduled for MAY 29 @ 6:30PM at the WATERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 4540 N. Campbell. TOPIC – to be announced.

Go to 19th District Police Council website for detailed information of the past monthly meetings or to view a recording of previous meetings and see a schedule for future meetings.

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

1933 (South Lakeview- Racine to Lincoln, Belmont to Diversey) - Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30pm at Illinois Masonic, 836 W, Wellington

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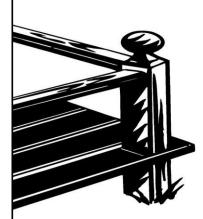
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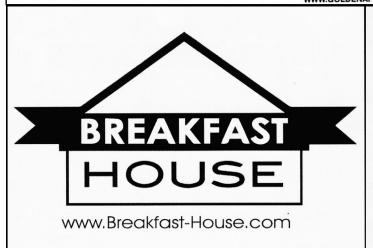
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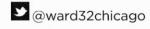
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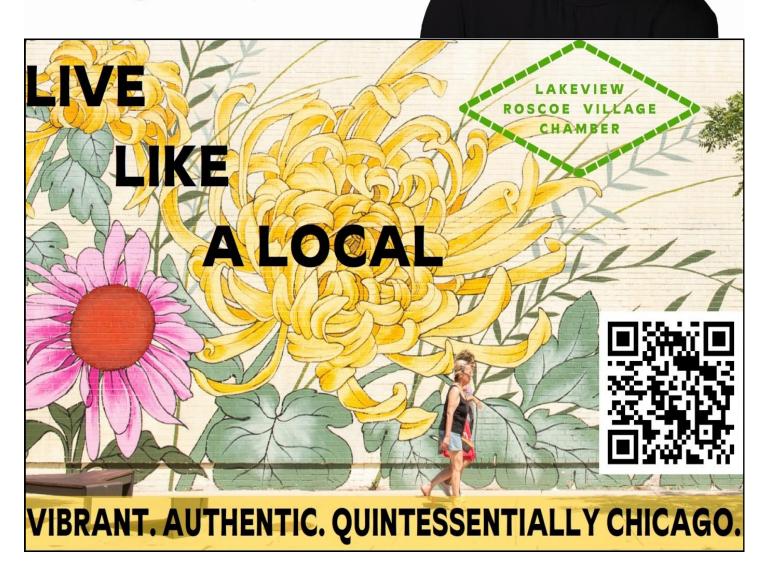


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