



# South Lakeview Neighbors

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1505 West Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

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**BOUNDARIES: DIVERSEY TO BELMONT - RAVENSWOOD TO RACINE**

Membership Dues (per person) \$5.00 - Seniors (those over 60) \$3.00

September 1 through June 30

Meetings held at St. Alphonsus Church Basement, 1429 West Wellington on the second Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. (Coffee at 7:00 p.m.)

## MAY, 2003

### NEXT MEETING ...

May 12, 2003



7:00 - Cookies and Coffee

7:30 - Meeting Begins

Subsequent to the April Meeting, we have been informed that the boundaries of the SSA have been revised and do not include the Southport Ave. section in question. Whether (1) our meeting in some way, (2) special visits and letters to the Alderman's office by certain people or (3) visits and telephone calls to the Chamber' office were the cause of the revision is not exactly known.

What is known is that without the presentation at the March meeting, the Chamber would have proceeded as planned. This highlights the importance of the information often presented at monthly meetings and the fact that the officer's and directors of SLN are always trying to keep an eye on what is happening. We do this so you the "taxpaying citizen" can express an opinion.

We will see you at the May meeting!

### \* WE MOVED \* WE MOVED \* WE MOVED \*

Just a reminder that the monthly meeting is now held in the St. Alphonsus Church Basement. Enter the meeting through the door just east of the Church Rectory (1429 W. Wellington) and proceed to the basement.

### REPEATING - MEETING IN ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BASEMENT

### MAY MEETING ...

#### • Lake View Citizens Council - Crime Committee

Dean Maragos has been appointed Chairman of the LVCC Crime Committee. Dean will be speaking on the topic of police officer redeployment from certain "safe areas" (SLN) to higher crime areas. He will also be discussing the plans (City vs. the Neighborhood) for the Town Hall Police Station located at Halsted and Addison.

### MAY AGENDA ...

- 7:00 - Cookies & Coffee
- 7:30 - Dean Maragos - Chairman LVCC Crime Committee
- Jack's Bar & Grill - Proposal for Sidewalk Cafe
- Fertile Gardens - Spring Planting Presentation
- Nominating Committee Results

### A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

The April Meeting resulted in some very strong comments on the Special Service Area ("SSA") proposed by the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. The main objection to the Plan was the inclusion of the mostly residential section of Southport Ave. between Belmont and Diversey. Members were originally presented with the idea by the Lakeview Chamber at the March meeting. Our March meeting had the highest attendance of any presentation made by the Chamber on that subject. People objected to certain items relating to the SSA at that meeting (and the members certainly let Heather Way of the Chamber know it).

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- **Jack's Bar and Grill – Sidewalk Cafe**  
Phyllis Carlucci of Jack's Bar and Grill, 2856 N. Southport will present her proposal for a sidewalk café. We expect to receive the plans for this proposal shortly after this newsletter is mailed. At this time, we know that the café is only planned for the Southport Ave. side of the establishment. No café will be on the George St side. The immediate area will be flyered. Please attend the May Meeting to express your opinion. A vote will be taken.
- **Fertile Gardens – Spring Planting**  
The folks at Fertile Gardens on Diversey have greed to come and speak at our May meeting. Have all your garden questions ready.
- **Nominating Committee**  
The Nominating Committee for the board of directors and officers of SLN for 2003-2004 has met and a slate of candidates has been chosen. This slate will be announced at the May meeting. The committee members are Diane Galiej, Bill Haderlein, Lisa Lettiere, Ann Sychowski and Katie Toth.

#### AT THE APRIL MEETING...

George Renden, Superintendent of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward joined us and answered questions regarding street cleaning, rodent abatement and garbage pick-up. Mr. Renden was immediately bombarded with questions as to why Southport Ave. hadn't been swept in two years, and the 2800 block of Lakewood was swept only once last year. He

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#### Officers:

President:	Bill Haderlein
1st Vice President:	OPEN
2nd Vice President:	Lisa Lettiere
Recording Secretary:	Carol (Mickey) Flocca
Treasurer:	Ann Sychowski
Corresponding Secretary:	Ernie Toth
Kitchen Managers:	David DiCorpo & Diane Galiej
Newsletter Editor:	Carol (Mickey) Flocca
Web Master:	Bob Heacox

#### Directors:

Diane Galiej	Steve Routberg
Joe Herdegen	Joseph Semerling
Michelle Rappeport	Julie Breen

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explained that the ward is divided up into 18 sections that should be swept every 36 days. Since he only has one sweeper this is a difficult schedule to keep. He said that he has been promised a new sweeper for four years. The street sweeping season is from April to November (weather permitting).

Regarding garbage pick-up he told us he was one truck short, but he said that we could call for an "Off Pick-up" if we have a mattress etc. we can call 312-744-1671 between 4:00AM and 2:30PM. Finally, he said that we could make it easier for the garbage men if we kept the area around our cans clean and free of snow in the winter.

#### IDENTITY THEFT...

Officer Ray Ranne from the Crime Prevention Program returned to speak to us about identity theft. In keeping with this theme we raffled off two paper shredders, generously donated by Office Depot. Office Depot has also been very generous by giving SLN a 10% discount on the printing of our newsletter. Lisa Lettiere and Eleanor Freeman were the lucky winners. SHRED-ON LADIES!

Officer Ranne gave us some great information about identity theft. First, invest in a paper shredder and shred every credit card application as soon as they arrive. Thieves will not steal from your mailbox because that is a federal offense, but going through your garbage is not. Crooks will apply for a card in your name, then change the address, and establish a payment record and WHAM! If there are any disputed purchases no not pay them or you assume responsibility.

To the women he advised that if your purse is stolen always make a police report. He also recommended that we not carry our insurance cards since our Social Security number is included in our insurance ID number. In most cases the hospital has your number on record. Although most companies want us to write our account numbers on checks when we pay our bills, Officer Ranne suggested we not do this. Again a false account can be opened in our name.

He told us that it is better to pay bills with credit cards. However, be careful about giving credit card numbers over the phone. Since some credit card companies sell our information we can ask for an 'OPT OUT'.

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Where can we complain? If it is below \$25,000 it is reported to the detectives, if it is above \$25,000 it is reported to the Financial Crime Detectives and the FBI. Sherral Pontigor is the head of Financial Crime. Finally he told us to be alert, use common sense and shred all papers.

### LVCC FUNDRAISER ...

LVCC will hold their fundraiser on Friday May 16, 2003 in the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field. A VIP ticket is \$50 and includes an on-field cocktail reception from 6 PM to 7 PM and a silent auction in the Stadium from 7PM to 9PM. A General Admission ticket is \$20 and includes the silent auction from 7 PM to 9 PM. All proceeds go to the Lakeview Citizens' Council.

### KEEPING MEMORIES...

Are you one of those people who store your photos in boxes? Are you curious about what scrap booking is all about? Now is your chance to leave a legacy for your children and your children's children. Discover how simple it is to create safe, meaningful and affordable photo albums. The Chicago Public Library, Lincoln-Belmont Branch at 1659 W. Melrose presents Mildred Tong, Creative Memories Consultant, who will show you how to **Be a Memory Keeper!**

You too can make beautiful, personalized albums and a permanent record of your heritage. Choose either of the two info-sharing sessions: Tuesday, May 13, 2003 from 7 PM - 8: 30 PM and Saturday, May 24, 2003 1 PM - 2: 30 PM. Reservations are recommended. Call 312-744-0166 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Also at the library, celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Ling-Ling Hu, of Naperville Chinese School, will explore the history and styles of Chinese calligraphy. Audience members will have the opportunity to practice this art and will have their names translated into Chinese characters. How cool is that?

### WISHBONE ON LINCOLN ... SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE (by Richard Lettiere)

This month we headed a bit north of the border, to Wishbone, at 3300 N. Lincoln Avenue. When this Wishbone opened in 1999 (there are other locations around the city), we were excited to finally have a place to go early on a

weekend morning for breakfast. As we have since found out, Wishbone is much more than just a great breakfast.

Starting with breakfast, all the essentials are here. First, on weekends Wishbone opens at 8 am, which is about 2 hours after our four year old wakes up. Thus, by 8 we are ready to sit down to a relaxing breakfast. Why is it relaxing? Crayons for the children, plenty of space to spread out, and an attentive staff who understand how to deal with children. Second, if you want eggs, try the Wishbone omelettes (potatoes, onions, cheddar cheese and salsa) or a Denver or spinach omelette. There is also Yankee scrambled eggs (two eggs scrambled country-style with cream cheese and served with strips of bacon) and Kentucky scrambled eggs (two eggs scrambled country-style with corn, green pepper, and onion topped with strips of bacon). Or else, try pancakes (with and without fruit toppings), French toast, or cereal. Most come with a choice of toast, biscuit, or corn muffin. Go for the biscuit, it is nice and warm and delicious.

You want lunch? Wishbone is described as "southern reconstruction cooking", whatever that is. Think New Orleans. There are daily specials, such as jambalaya, red beans and rice, smothered pork chops, and crawfish cakes. A sampling of the regular menu includes blackened chicken breasts, blackened catfish, and the backyard burger.

Dinner anyone? Leave the kids behind and have a martini at the bar (or choose from a large assortment of beers and wine). From the menu, start with the Atlantic salmon cake (served with lemon-butter sauce) or shrimp and grits. For your entrée, you can choose from numerous meat, fish, chicken, and even vegetarian plates. Personal favorites: blackened catfish, yardbird (charbroiled chicken, served with sweet red pepper sauce and yankee coleslaw), and the peppercorn steak. All come with a number of sides.

Finally, now that the weather is (hopefully) getting warmer, enjoy Wishbone's outdoor patio. The prices are very reasonable, the ambience is relaxing, and the service is always friendly. Enjoy.

### TIP TIME ... (by Perry Castrovillari)



Will return next month. There's just no more room!

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## GENERAL SLN VOLUNTEER ISSUES ...

(call 312-409-SLN6 to volunteer)

1. Playlot Committee - We are still looking for people to form a committee to oversee the South Lakeview Playlot at Wolfram and Lakewood. This may include plantings, volunteer gardening, children's programs and whatever your imagination can come up with.
2. Newsletter delivery person - We are looking for a person who can donate about 2 hours of their time on the first Tuesday of the month to deliver the SLN newsletter to the Post Office for mailing. There is some minor heavy lifting (if you try to do it all at once) and travel from two different post offices. It a lot of fun and you get to meet many friendly Post Office employees (really !)
3. Recording Secretary - The Nominating Committee had great success slating the positions of Officers and Directors for the upcoming 2003-2004 season. However, at this time we are still looking to fill this position which has been splendidly filled by Mickey Flocca for the last 4 years. Attendance at monthly meetings and board meetings is generally required. You will be the recorder of the private conversations and dealings of the inner circle of SLN. It's a lot of fun. Just ask Mickey!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- The house at 1440 W. Wellington has been demolished. Rumor has it that an affordable single family house is planned (< \$1.5 million).
- Barry St. at Ashland/One-way issue- The barrier at the alley has been smashed, supposedly by a large truck trying to get through. The alderman has been notified and has received a petition from the businesses to keep it two-way and a petition from us (SLN) to make it one-way. The city is still looking into it.
- 2900 Block of Paulina - All factories located in this area have been completely demolished. The construction of the townhomes and single family houses have begun.
- Senior housing at Belmont and Greenview is moving forward but there is no construction time-table at this time.



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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City-Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### SLN Membership for one year:

Under 60: \$5.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Seniors (over 60):

\$3.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation for Newsletter Postage:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Note:

SLN membership dues are due Sept. 1 and are good through June 30.

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