



South Lakeview Neighbors

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BOUNDARIES: DIVERSEY TO BELMONT - RAVENSWOOD TO RACINE

Membership Dues (per person) \$10.00 - Seniors (those over 60) \$5.00

September 1 through May 31

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

DECEMBER, 2012

HOLIDAY PARTY: Will's Northwoods TUESDAY – December 11, 2012



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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Dear Neighbors,

One of the things I've had to worry about in my 2 ½ years as your president is declining membership. Long before I became active in this group, I'm told that we had 5-600 members. This was, of course, before bingo nights and the internet, not to mention 100+ cable channels and Netflix on demand. Now, we're around 200, and not increasing. Other membership-based or subscription-model organizations (like print-newspapers or bowling leagues) have shown similar decline, and I'll leave it to the sociologists as to why this is. But on the slim chance that the membership numbers are not a reflection on my leadership, during this season of fellowship, generosity and reflection, it is a good time to think about what South Lakeview Neighbors means to all who live, or work, or own property within the 24 blocks bounded by Racine to Ravenswood, Belmont to Diversey. As an organization, we have resisted development that would burden the neighborhood (like a hookah lounge) and encouraged development with offsetting benefits (like the Belmont Medical

building). We have reduced the sought-after density of other large-scale residential properties (like Wellington Park) and assisted in the transition of Lincoln from a department-store destination shopping area to a mixed residential and small retail use. We act as a forum for our elected officials so that you can determine whether they are talking straight to us or have thrown us into the spin cycle, and invite candidates so that you can learn more than revealed on a glossy mailer. We inform our members of new businesses, changes in how public services are delivered and other issues that affect their lifestyle and pocketbook.

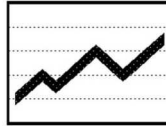
Along the way, we have gatherings of a more social nature, and in that vein, we will have our annual Christmas party next Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Will's Northwoods Inn, Racine and Nelson. At these affairs, we always provide food and drink, thanks to our host, the kindnesses of others and SLN picks up a large share of the tab. So think of your \$10 membership fee as your "cover" charge for two parties a year, where you don't need to buy two drinks. Even without the parties, the fee barely covers the cost of printing and mailing our eight-a-year newsletter, and we have to make up the rest of our expenses with fundraisers and advertising. As in the past, we will ask those attending to bring a boxed-or-canned good for, or a check payable to, Lakeview Pantry, although they prefer cash because they can buy in bulk far more economically than we can. We will have the usual raffles for baskets of booze and other party gifts. Maybe even a politician or two will stop by to remind us taxpayers that there is no Santa Claus when it comes to the levy of our tax dollars.

Part and parcel with our membership issues is how often we meet. Other nearby groups don't meet as often as we do (most meet every other month, while if you count our holiday and summer parties,

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we have nine). Although I don't want to curtail our schedule, as I believe that we offer valuable programs even when there's no burning zoning issue or elected official on offer, I don't want to be the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike holding back the tide of apathy. Our website, slneighbors.org, offers a private e-mail to me, and I will treat any suggestions as to how to handle the issue of declining membership and what people want to hear at our meetings with the strictest of confidence.

Until the 11th

Sincerely, David G. Duggan

DECEMBER 2012 – HOLIDAY PARTY

Members, family, friends, future members and advertisers are invited to SLN's annual Holiday Party hosted by Will's Northwoods Inn.

DATE: Tuesday, December 11

TIME: 6:30PM – 8:30PM

LOCATION: Will's Northwoods Inn, 3030 N. Racine, back room. Nicely decorated.

FOOD – appetizers and finger food prepared hot by the kitchen at Wills, recently featured in a segment of Chicago's Best on WGN Channel 9.

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For membership call Ann Sy at 773-477-8840

BEVERAGES – Beer, wine and pop will be donated by Will's Northwoods Inn. All other items will be a cash bar. Please remember to tip your servers.

RAFFLES: Liquor baskets and gift certificates (any members that can supply any donated gift certificates will be appreciated).
Split the Pot.

FEE: Free

DONATION: LAKEVIEW PANTRY-All attendees are asked to bring a canned food item or a cash/check donation to benefit the Lakeview Pantry located at 1414 W. Oakdale for the Holiday food crunch. The Pantry prefers cash or check donations as they have the expertise to make the food dollars go farther for food that is urgently needed at that time. SLN members will leave the party with a full belly. Let's help those who need it during the Holidays.

PEP TALK – haven't been to the Holiday Party in awhile or think you won't know anyone? Come on by. We'll try to make you feel welcome. Dancing with the Stars is over. Food and drinks on a Tuesday night! You'll have a good time. I promise.

AT THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING

Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group – 1333 W. Belmont

Newly built and opened during August 2012. The Northwestern Group has had long-time offices in the Streeterville area near the Hancock Building and have now expanded into the northern market of Chicago. The Group was represented by Sarah Burke-Director of External Affairs, Molly Reagan, a nurse and Director of Operations and Dr. Cromwell.

Immediate Care Center: Ms. Reagan explained the operations of the Immediate Care Center. This Center is open 365 days a year from 8AM to 8PM. It is a walk-in Center that would treat anything your primary physician would treat. The Center can treat patients of all ages as young as six weeks old. Common reasons to visit Immediate Care if you cannot get to your doctor or you do not have a primary doctor are:

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Dr. Cromwell described the MD operations at the Group. These doctors are primary care physicians where an appointment is required. Currently there are 12 doctors on-site. Doctors' areas of specialty are:

- 1) adult medicine
- 2) physical therapists
- 3) dermatologists
- 4) radiology including mammograms, bone and chest x-raying
- 5) psychologists

The Center has patient parking for 50 around the back in the alley. There is a Community Room that the Center will be using for community medical information.

For clarification of the operations,
Telephone=312-926-DOCS, website = nmpg.com.

Energy Impact Illinois – energy rebates

Rob Geltner, field organizer with Energy Impact Illinois presented an interesting program on current rebates available for homeowners. The rebates are for energy efficiency improvements that will lower your heating bills. The money for these rebates comes from the US Government under the Stimulus Program. Energy Impact Illinois is a not-for-profit organization that has been hired to spread the word on the Rebate Program.

Who qualifies: owners of single family homes or 2-4 unit buildings. If your service is from Peoples or North Shore Gas or you are a Nicor Gas and ComEd customer you are likely eligible.

Amount of rebate: save up to 70% of your cost, up to \$1,750 for energy efficiency improvements.

Process: call 1-855-9-IMPACT to schedule a \$99 energy assessment to be provided by a certified energy efficiency contractor. A free assessment is available to parties of 5-10 households. The contractor will conduct a test and recommended improvements.

Air Seal and Insulate: the most cost efficient way to decrease your energy bills is by sealing and

insulating your house. According to Energy Impact, over ½ of your total energy costs comes from heating and cooling your home and almost all homes let too much air escape or penetrate. The average costs for this basic energy upgrade is approximately \$2,500. Less the rebate of \$1,750, the cost to the homeowner is \$750. Typical savings in heating and cooling is \$500 per year, so your cost is recouped within two years.

To set up an appointment or learn more, call 1-855-9-IMPACT or see their website at www.EnergyImpactIllinois.org.

This program will probably run until May 2013, so act now.

Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalk

A member from the floor asked for general feedback from the membership regarding the yellow stop for pedestrians in crosswalk signs that have popped up in various intersections. The member noted some near driving accidents when other drivers thought they had to stop at those new signs, like a stop sign even though no pedestrian was present, and an incident when the member had to avoid another car in an intersection and almost crashed into the street level sign. Some members nodded in agreement, but those voicing opinions felt safer as pedestrians since the installation of the signs. Feel free to give your opinion at the SLN email address = info@slneighbors.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT and REVIEW COMMITTEE (NDRC)

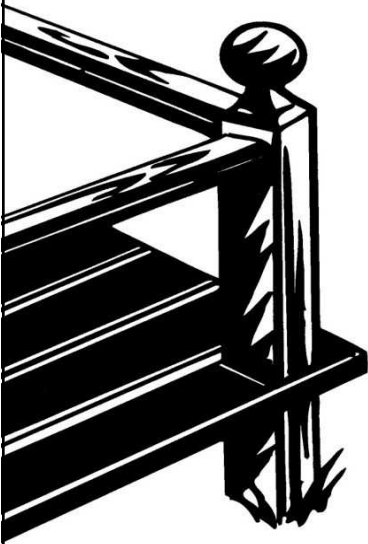
1248 W. George St – ZONING CHANGE

This request from Alderman Waguespack to review this zoning change is in the preliminary meeting stages.

The property is the shuttered Vida Lounge across the street from the Elbo Room entrance. The building is a two story brick building that goes lot-line to lot-line. The 2nd floor goes only about ½ of the way to the back. The prospective owner intends to convert the property into his own single family house. The current building will not be demolished, but additional floors will be added to the existing structure.

The new owner intends to (1) add to the current 2nd floor and have a garage roof deck, (2) add a 3rd floor that will go back about 95ft, and (3) add a 4th floor that will basically serve as access to the 3rd

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floor roof decks. The building height will be 39'-1" for the 3rd floor which will run from the front to back about 70% of the length of the building and 49'-2" for the 4th floor access to the roof. The owner owns a roof deck and garden business and his roof decks will be his yard area.

The owner is requesting a zoning change from M1-2 to B2-3. The NDRC has met with the buyer. The NDRC has preliminarily requested the owner try to revise their plans to fit into an "R" residential zoning. In addition, the NDRC is concerned about the height of the building affecting neighbors primarily to the west. Meetings will continue.

A special meeting may need to be called in January to vote on this issue

Lathrop Homes (Update) – Developer presentation

President David Duggan recently attended a developer presentation on November 17 at the New Life Community Church, 2958 N. Damen. Here is his report:

Last month, I attended a press conference to address the new-new Lathrop Home "revitalization." I say "new-new" because the three scenarios unveiled in September are not the ones the developers want us to think about. So, instead of three versions ranging in size from 1,300 to 1,600 units, now they all have 1,600 units. Forgive me if I am not thankful for this change. The developer (Lathrop Community Partners) has asked for more of our time to see if they can change our minds about this proposal. Given our overwhelming show of non-support for the earlier offering and our limited meeting time, I'm reluctant to give them a second bite at the apple. If that's what the members want; however, I'll do it, but not until the new year when we've all had time to break our resolutions. David Duggan.

JONI GATZ will have a petition to sign at our Holiday Party opposing the current high density plans proposed by the developers.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News
Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330
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The demolition of the building at the corner of Ashland and Webster will be the site of a new

Mariano's Food Store. They have another store near Lane Tech.

2" Snow Parking Ban. When the snow is over 2 inches, until the street is plowed, parking is not allowed on the major streets, Lincoln, Ashland, Diversey and Belmont commencing December 1.

State Representative Ann M. Williams
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The Illinois General Assembly will meet for the veto session during the last week of November and first week of December. In addition, the Assembly will meet in January before the new Assembly is sworn in. Ms. Williams believes the pension debt issue will be taken up at that time.

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Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey, along with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, proudly announce the creation of a \$2 million fund dedicated to violence prevention, intervention and reduction programs to combat gun violence in Cook County. The fund, which will be set aside in a specific account, will be overseen by an advisory committee and primarily dedicated to grants for non-profit organizations with proven experience in violence prevention or community outreach. At a Special Board meeting held on Friday, November 2, 2012, the Board voted overwhelmingly to approve the creation of the violence prevention, intervention and reduction fund advisory committee.

As part of the violence prevention initiative, the committee will also study existing gun court models and best practices with the intention of presenting a recommendation for implementation by July 1, 2013. At least \$100,000 of the funding will be dedicated to education and enforcement efforts aimed at stemming "straw purchases" = firearms that are purchased legally but later used in criminal activity.

Since Commissioner Fritchey first announced the proposal, he has believed that we can greatly improve our efforts to reduce gun crimes, put

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U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley

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Regional Whip election 11/29/12.

Mr. Quigley was elected by members of the Democratic Caucus to the leadership role of Regional Whip. He will be the only member of the Illinois delegation to serve in this role when Congress adjourns in January 2013. The chief responsibility of the Regional Whip is to assist Democratic leadership "whip up" support for policy positions, track votes and ensure members are present for close votes. Congratulations on this election after only three years in Congress.

CAPS MEETINGS

East of Lincoln is Beat 1933

Meetings back to once a month. Next meeting is December 13 (2nd Thursday).

Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 7PM.

Between Lincoln and Ashland is Beat 1932

Meeting date is 12/10.

New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Southport Holiday Stroll – Come out and enjoy this annual tradition on Southport (from Belmont to Irving Park) on Friday, Dec. 7th from 5:00pm-9:00pm. There will be holiday music, complimentary drinks and appetizers at select businesses. A sleigh ride and carolers will be available to help you get into the Holiday spirit.
- Lakeview Christmas Market - Located at 1550 W. Belmont under a heated tent on Fri. 12/7 from 2:30-10:30, Sat, 12/8 from noon to 10:30 and Sun, 12/9 from noon to 8:00. There will be craft vendors, a "Kids Korner", carolers, food, beer and warm seasonal beverages and more.
- Jolly Pa Looza – On Lincoln Ave. from Diversey to Addison on Sat., 12/8 from 1:00 to 4:00. There will be ice sculptures, carolers, skate classes and other holiday cheer.

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And /or

Forrest Claypool, President
At that same address

Emails can be forwarded to Greg Longhini CTA
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glonghini1@transitchicago.com

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LAKEVIEW PANTRY

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RESTAURANT REVIEW – by Joni G Bistro Dre, 2965 N Lincoln Ave.

As we entered on a Thursday evening with a chilled bottle of Rothschild Bordeaux a familiar feeling arose. This used to be Café Macambo; a coffee house ran by the son of the owner of Las Tablas restaurant. Is there a connection with Las Tablas again? Yes, however more indirectly.

Once the coffee house closed late last spring for whatever reason(s), Chef Andre and his parents were driving by and saw the sign for lease put up by the owners of Las Tablas, who also own this building. A few months later Andre and his parents brought their son's kitchen equipment and set up shop. Dre as he is know has been a chef for 19 years and knew what needed to be done to make this small store front work as a fine dining experience. Initially he named his restaurant Flour and Water, until learning of a prominent restaurant in San Francisco which did not appreciate his replicating their name. Hence the name now is Bistro Dre.

Very warm atmosphere with French country accents abounding on the walls and functional décor suspended from the antique tin ceiling. The menu made and printed almost daily. Chef Dre touts fresh and mostly locally obtained ingredients, although he does not claim to be a "slow food" restaurant. I can say from this first experience, he is very close and appreciate the effort he makes in his selections.

To begin we had the Antipasti: An artisan cheese charcuterie board served with herbed goat, blue and brie cheeses, Sprats sausage, date jam and a baguette of bread. Wonderful except the fresh fruit of grapes was missing. By the way, all dishes are served to share, which is delightful for a twosome dinner. Several are presented on thick bamboo serving boards when appropriate.

Onto our soup course: A very French onion soup with garlic crouton and melted Havarti cheese,

served piping hot. One of the best I've tasted, due to the minimal amount of salt used. This soup is often overly seasoned. I appreciated Chef Dre's version and hope to enjoy it again this winter.

From the Garden: Out of the five choices, we chose beet stuffed beet with beet tartar, pistachio pesto and pumpernickel toast. A big YUM and presentation was marvelous. On a board once again, with a huge red beet stuffed with shredded beets. Even the pumpernickel toast stood up in beet tartar, with a hint of horseradish and beets (of course). The pistachio pesto was so delicious and compatible to beets that I also envisioned what it would be like with pasta and mentioned that to our delightful waiter. Maybe we will find something like it on a future menu of Chef Dre's?

Our final course, From the Land: (Other choice was From the Sea) Bacon wrapped smoked pork tenderloin with mashed taters and grilled vegetables. Once again a most beautifully executed presentation on a board. Although I thought the pork could have been tenderer, all in all it was excellent.

Bistro Drew may very well become this reviewer's special night dining spot in the neighborhood. Exceptional service also makes this a great date night out, even if you only have to walk a few blocks or so. I highly recommend this as a fine dining opportunity in our neighborhood that is also BYOB! I look forward to seeing you there soon.

Restaurant Closings:

The Japanese cuisine/sushi restaurant on the 3000 block of Lincoln has closed down. This establishment was favorably reviewed by Joni G. when it opened.

Dona Torta – Ashland & Barry. Closed since the fire in the Spring, the owners have posted a sign that they are reopening on the south side in the Little Village neighborhood. The LA26 torta sandwich will be missed.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FEBRUARY 2013

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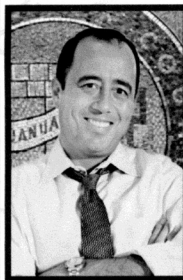
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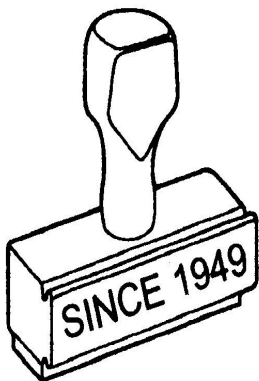
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