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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.)

APRIL 2022

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

LIVE IN PERSON

TUESDAY – MAY 3, 2022
@ 7:00PM sharp
At The Athenaeum Theatre

AGENDA to be ANNOUNCED

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi All,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Our meeting schedule this year has been quite erratic, due to scheduling issues related to the pandemic. We will have a May 3rd membership meeting at the Athenaeum. I hope to see many of you there. We hope to have updates on ward remapping and traffic changes on Lincoln Avenue. Most importantly, the membership will elect new Board members and officers. Though our meetings have seemed scattered, we've had all of our local politicians present current information about the ward, city, state and federal governments. There have been fewer zoning issues this year, which in the past had been a major focus of our meetings. Rest assured, our NDRC (Neighborhood Development Review Committee) is still active, looking out for the best interests of the neighborhood. "Thanks, Sam!"

Though much of the city has relaxed restrictions, Covid is still around. I am scheduled for a second booster. By all means, if you haven't yet, get vaccinated. The Chicago area continues to have a low positivity rate. However, pay attention to the news. Other parts of the globe are experiencing surges. Be prepared, be safe! Hopefully, our combined efforts will minimize the effects of any new surge.

Continue to frequent our local businesses. They need us and we need them. We have great restaurants and shops in the area. Avail yourself of the opportunities.

I can't wait to see everyone on May 3rd. It will also be a lot warmer and greener.

Stay safe,
Stay well,
Bob Blitstein
President South Lakeview neighbors

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SLN Officers and Directors for 2022-2023
SLN's Nominating Committee will be meeting on April 14, 2022 to come up with a slate for the next season. If you are interested in joining the Board of a Not-for-Profit Organization that:

1) has been in existence since the 1960's;
2) is involved directly with the Alderman on all zoning change requests;
3) holds regular membership meetings with our elected officials;
4) holds candidate forums (including the most recent 2019 Mayoral Election);
5) features and promotes new businesses and
6) has raised funds for local charities and playlots

send us some background information about yourself to our email at:

SLN email address = info@slneighbors.org.

Please note that you must be a member in good standing for one year in order to serve on the Board.

AT THE MARCH 2022 ZOOM MEETING

State Senator Sara Feigenholtz
This was the State Senator's second appearance before the SLN membership since her recent election. Both by ZOOM due to the Pandemic.

Ms. Feigenholtz felt the biggest piece of legislation passed this year was the Clean Energy Jobs Act. The Act will eliminate coal usage by 2050 and convert the State's vehicles to electric.

City Crime has been more of a Mayoral and Aldermanic issue over the years, but the Senator acknowledged that Crime and the rise in gun violence is a main issue for her area. She has been meeting regularly with the Mayor and Area Police Commanders. The decrease in the number of police from attrition due to retirement or quitting will be hard to solve. As it will take time to replace the leaving officers, she feels it is best to do whatever can be done now. With that in mind, she is working on a Bill to bring more cameras into the area. Though the cameras do not necessarily reduce crime, the Commanders have indicated that they help in the crime solving. She is and has been scheduling car-jacking seminars. Ms. Feigenholtz feels that State revenue generated by cannabis sales tax should be allocated to City and State areas that are in need of immediate help regarding, crime, jobs and education.

The State Senator lauded the Budget put together in Springfield by the Governor and the Legislature. Pension Debt was paid down and a "Rainy Day" Fund has been reestablished. The Budget plan is to return money families by reducing grocery taxes, gas taxes and giving real estate tax rebates. For small businesses there may be waivers of license fees. Pandemic money from the Federal government has aided the State's budget process.

Ms. Feigenholtz noted that the Pandemic has caused an increase in mental health issues, suicides and drug addictions. The State has appointed a Behavior Health Officer to address these situations. She noted that there has been an increase in people seeking help for mental health issues. Being able to meet via ZOOM has made it more convenient and reduced the stigma of actually going to a Mental Health Office.

Other issues the State Senator has been or is currently working on:

Affordable Housing Bill – working on bringing more Affordable Housing Units in new multi-unit construction buildings. Lathrop Homes is an example. SLN has seen most developers in our area opting to pay into a Fund for this issue versus allocating Units for Affordable Housing

Small Businesses – The Senator chairs the Tourism and Hospitality Committee. She worked on getting "cocktails to go" during the Pandemic which helped restaurants and bars. The hotel and lodging industry did not receive federal funds during the Pandemic. Many of these businesses are in danger of closing. She is working on a bill to get more American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds allocated to the hotel and lodging industry.

Crime –
Car-jacking - she is working on legislation to address weaknesses in the current laws prosecuting offenders including juveniles committing the crimes.
Organized Retail Crime – as we know is on the increase. Legislation being worked on to address the newer crime phenomenon.
Cameras - looking to place cameras on Lake Shore Drive and other places that the Police identify as "hot spots" for crime.

Car Emission Testing – she is working on a Bill to get emission testing back within the Chicago City limits. The testing sites were closed during Governor Rauner's administration and in her opinion have created a burden for Chicago residents. There has been push back from the Illinois EPA on this issue. But the Senator noted that the method of testing is different than in the past (in case you have not had to drive out to Skokie for a recent test).

Education – CPS schools lost students during the Pandemic to private and parochial schools due to in person teaching and strike issues. The downside is that funding to the CPS schools will decrease based on enrollment.

2022 is an election year for the State of Illinois State Senate. The primary election is to be held in June 2022 and the general election will be in November 2022.

State Senator Sara Feigenholtz
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217-557-0523 in Springfield
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Lakeview/Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce – New Executive Director
SLN welcomed the new Executive Director Becca Girsch of the recently combined Lakeview/Roscoe Village Chambers to the membership.

Ms. Girsch has been with the Chamber since 2018 as the Business Services Director and was a small business owner for 10 years running SheOne Boutique on Southport Ave. before joining the Chamber. Before SheOne, Becca worked as a commercial litigator for a Chicago Law Firm. She is a graduate of Villanova University and the DePaul University Law School.

Becca laid out some of the upcoming Chamber Events:

Spring Wine Walk – Thursday, April 7 5:30-8:30PM. Go the Chamber website for tickets.

Belmont Bunny Hop – Saturday, April 16 10AM-2PM. on Belmont Ave. from Ravenswood to Western. Family and kid-friendly 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.

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NEIGHBOR NEWS AND INFORMATION

Development Updates

SLN reviewed Projects now in Progress

3015-17 N. Lincoln Ave conversion to Business Headquarters – construction has begun on converting this Property from the former Char-Crust/Lakeview Lofts Building to the new headquarters for the Human Capital Research Corporation (HCRC). HCRC is moving its office from Evanston to Lakeview. HCRC expects to have 30-45 employees working from this building. The Owner of HCRC is incorporating a "city apartment" for himself into the new construction. The alley behind the building on Southport is now blocked off for the construction.

HCRC is a $9 million company that provides strategic and tactical information to college and university leaders, administrators and policy makers.

This Zoning change issue appeared before the SLN membership at the April 2021 ZOOM Meeting.

Wolfram and Paulina – 18 Single Family Homes
The vacant land has been cleared. Whatever foundations that were in the ground from way-back-when have been dug up and the first two houses are being built.
This Zoning change issue appeared before the SLN membership at the May 2021 ZOOM Meeting.

3150 N. Racine – BelRay Apartments SRO Project approved
The Chicago Plan Commission approved plans for the expansion of the BelRay Apartments SRO at Belmont and Racine. The final plans call for reducing the current building's number of units from 70 to 51 and constructing a new 4-story building in the adjacent parking lot with 35 units totaling 86 units.
The Plan presented to the SLN membership had 106 units. This issue (not a Zoning Change request) appeared before the SLN membership at the February 2019 Meeting.

Business Updates

NorthShore University HealthSystem Outpatient Physicians Office – 3122 N. Ashland. NOW OPEN. The Outpatient Physicians Office held their Grand Opening on Friday, April 1. The space, which was vacant for years and was an eyesore for the neighborhood has been totally gut-rehabbed and the outside has been totally redone. Welcome to the neighborhood.

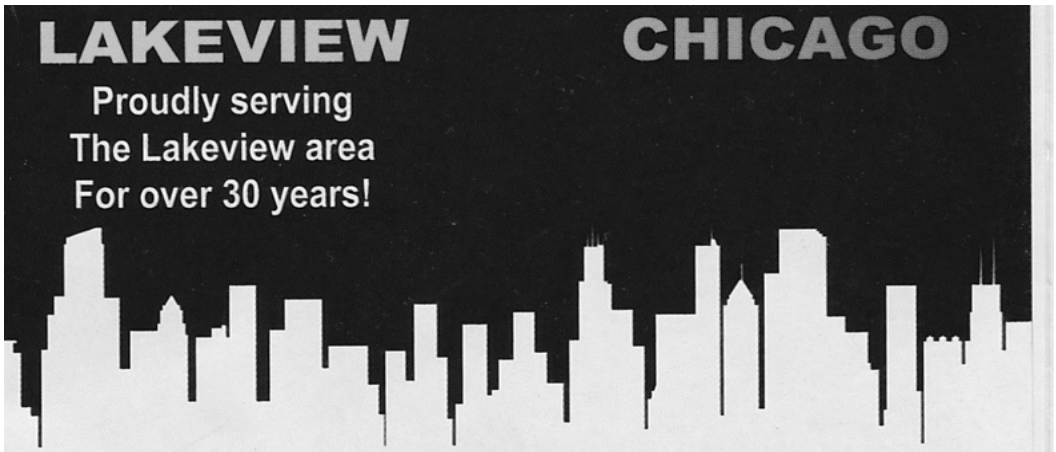
COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING (previously called CAPS) on ZOOM

19th 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 24th 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 9th 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 10th at 6:30pm
Meeting ID: 859 0869 4509 and the Passcode is 907989



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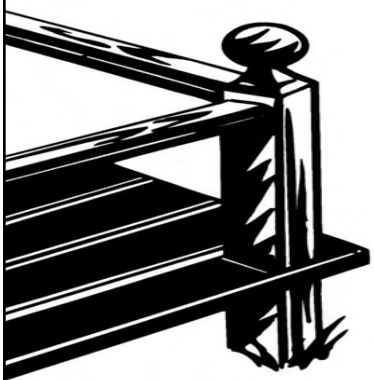
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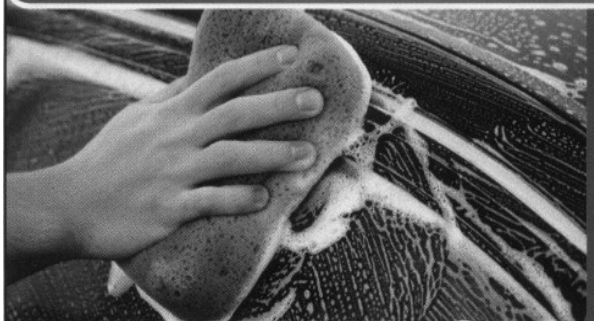
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