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Open Mike Night slated for Tues., July 6th

Southport Neighbors, as a grassroots community organization, takes its direction from the neighbors. Lately our meetings have been taken up by development issues that you indicated were of concern to our quality of life. But they have overshadowed the time allotted to other concerns. Come to comment, to express your perspective on the neighborhood, to hear what's on people's minds.

Our summer community meeting on Tuesday, July 6 is an open forum, a chance for you to connect with your neighbors. Join us at Blaine School, Grace entrance, 7 to 8:45 pm.

Community Garage Sale Day- August 7th

Planning on clearing out your attic this Summer? Why not consider holding that garage sale on August 7th. That day is the Southport Summer Stroll, which will feature a merchant's sidewalk sale on Southport, children's parade from Addison to Newport and an indoor artist's fair across the street from The Music Box. Southport Neighbors and the Southport Business Association will also promote that day to the media as a community garage sale, encouraging the community to stroll the neighborhood in search of must-have bargains. For a \$5 fee, your garage sale can be listed on a community map that will be available at various outlets throughout the neighborhood and city. Increase your traffic, clear out that clutter and make a little spending money. Information will be available at the July 6th meeting, or contact Kent Bartram at 327-1446 or email SNChicago@aol.com to find out more!

Annual Garden Walk Set for August 8th

The Second Annual SNA Garden Walk will be held on August 8th from 1pm to 5pm. Last year was a big success with almost 40 gardens!! We are already working towards at least that many this year. We need more volunteers to help get ready. If you would like to be part of the Garden Walk Committee please contact Lisa Forrest at 773-327-3585.

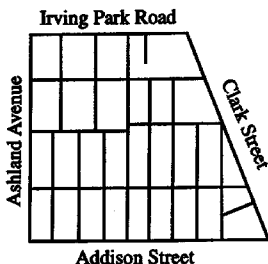
On the day of the garden walk, maps will be made available at each participating garden and at the Juniper Playlot on Greenview and Waveland. Set aside this Sunday afternoon to view the wonderful gardens and to meet more of your neighbors.

SNA moves to the Mercury Theatre for 1999-2000 meetings

Thanks to Michael Cullen for giving our general meetings a new home and allowing us to move back to a 7:30 starting time. Thanks also to Blaine School for allowing us to use their auditorium for most of the last two years.

Join!

Southport Neighbors Association is your local voice. Make it heard by becoming a member today. Membership gives you enhanced voting rights and can also allow you to receive this newsletter via the mail. Fill out the form on page 2 and return it to the address indicated.



**Southport Neighbors
Association**

Founded August 8, 1988

Next Meeting:

"Open Mike Night"

Tuesday, July 6th
7:00 p.m.
Blaine Elementary
1420 W. Grace

Agenda

- State Sen. Lisa Madigan
- Open Mike Forum
- Zoning Overlay progress
- Southport Summer Stroll
- Southport Garden Walk

Upcoming Dates:

- August 7th- Southport Summer Stroll
- August 8th- 2nd Annual Southport Garden Walk
- 1999-2000 Southport Neighbors Assn. Gen'l Meetings
New Location
Mercury Theatre
3745 N. Southport
-Mon, Sep 6th
-Mon, Nov. 1st
-Mon, Jan. 3rd
-Mon, March 6th
-Mon, May 1st
-Mon, July 10th



Supporting Southport Neighbors Is As Easy As Planting Spring Bulbs!

SNA is sponsoring a fundraising effort in conjunction with Breck's Dutch Bulbs. For \$10 you can purchase a selection of spring bulbs that are guaranteed to grow and flower, or Breck's will replace them. Several varieties of tulips, lilies, and daffodils are available, as well as crocus, hyacinths, and iris. In addition, we are offering a mixed bulb selection of 50 bulbs for \$15. Order forms and details will be available at the July 6th meeting, at Juniper Playlot on August 8th and at participating gardens during the August 8th Garden Walk. For more information, call Ann Collins-Dole at 477-3583. By supporting this effort, you not only help your neighborhood grassroots advocates, you beautify your own property.

Juniper Park (Waveland and Greenview) Gets A MakeOver

Southport Neighbors continues to work to refresh and refurbish Juniper Park. Our appreciation to Julie Scott who worked with Alderman Hansen to bring in new wood chips and new sand for the sandbox. Thanks to both of you! Tom and Julie Scott are leading the charge to go further; contact them (773-549-5647) if you'd like to get involved.

Thanks for supporting!

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions the Southport Neighbors Association between November 1998 and May 1999.

Jane & David Baldwin
Tony Bridges
James Costello
Donnie & Linda Dillman Bernie's Inc.
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Karl Siewers
B.A. Unruh
Diane & Sandy Whiteley

Success!! Overlay Revisions Passed by City Council

Southport Neighbors' prolonged effort to strengthen the regulations of our Special Conservation District cleared its final hurdle on June 9, 1999, when our zoning amendment was passed by the full City Council. During the formal hearings process, no one spoke in opposition, which in itself was testimony to the fact that these changes have broad-based community support.

These new regulations will address the two main areas of concern that were identified by the community - lack of green space and increased density. They will help to preserve green space in the front and back yards and will help lower allowable density on deep lots. There are presently 20 Special Conservation Districts in the city. Ours was the third. We are the only district to amend our regulations in order to strengthen them. We can all take pride in our efforts to preserve our community's future.

Thanks especially to Connie Jurczyk, Ron Hollaender, Cathy Irwin and Sue Winkleman for their efforts over the last 18 months to help draft these amendments. Thanks also to all of you, our neighbors, who have supported this effort. A community that works together can help shape its character!

Please accept my application for membership in the Southport Neighbors Association:

- Individual (\$5) Family (\$8) Business(\$10) Senior (\$2)

- To ensure I don't miss an issue of the Neighbor, enclosed is an additional \$3 to cover postage.
 Please accept my additional tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to support the work of the Southport Neighbors Association.
 I have also enclosed additional dues of \$4 per person to join the Lake View Citizens' Council.

Total Enclosed: \$_____ Send check payable to: Southport Neighbors Association
3540 N. Southport Avenue, PMB 1000
Chicago, IL 60657-1475

Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

email: _____

I'd like to volunteer with Southport Neighbors in the following areas:

- Beautification Education Newsletter distribution Safety
 Block Representative Fundraising Newsletter production Social
 Business Liaison Membership Planning & Development