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Community Meeting

Annual Board Elections To Be Held Neighborhood Social to Follow At Strega Nona

Please plan to attend our quarterly community meeting on Monday, **April 26th** (at **7:30pm**), at the Mercury Theater. It will be a short meeting, followed by a neighborhood social at Strega Nona, where SNA members will receive complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

The meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. There will be a brief presentation by the developer planning to build town-

homes on the 3800 block of North Southport, replacing the housing between the Blaine parking lot and the alley to the north. The SNA Planning and Development committee will be making a recommendation on the variance requested by the developer, and the community will be allowed to vote on whether to grant the variance.

We will also be holding our annual SNA Board elections. SNA members will vote on a slate of candidates presented at the meeting. (Please note that you must be a member of SNA for 30 days in order to vote in the board elections.)

We are scheduled to adjourn at 8pm, at which time we will be going next door to Strega Nona for our neighborhood social. You must be a member to participate in the social, but you are welcome to join SNA when you arrive for the meeting.

What a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors! Please plan to join us on the 26th.



Summer On Southport

July 24th & 25th

The Southport Neighbors Association is sponsoring "Summer on Southport", to be held on July 24th & 25th. The venue will be 3700-3900 N. Southport from Waveland to Byron and will also utilize the grounds of the Blaine School. This event has grown out of the popularity and success of the Southport Children's Festival held on the grounds of the Blaine School for the past two years. In addition to the return of an even bigger and better 3rd Annual Children's Festival, this year's event will incorporate two live stages of entertainment, an upscale Arts show, exciting attractions and plenty of good food and drink. The event will benefit SNA and the SNA Grant Foundation. This year's grant will be

awarded to Blaine School.

This unique festival will provide a safe, fun and interactive venue for children and adults of all ages. "Summer on Southport" will restrict the sale of beer and wine from 10am until 4pm in an effort to maintain our commitment to the Southport area community, while bringing the neighborhood a high-quality festival for kids. We will convert Southport into a wonderland of activities that will

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!

SNA wants Summer on Southport to be your destination this summer. We're looking to showcase Chicago's talented artists at the festival, so contact Star Events at **773.665.4682** to receive an application.

allow participants to indulge in summer pleasures of yesteryear. Family activities include live entertainment, craft tables, dance lessons, moon jumpers, face painters, climbing walls, clowns, jugglers, and more.

In the early evening, we will transform the site into one of Chicago's premiere summer music festivals for adults looking to unwind and enjoy a great summer evening on the beautiful Southport Corridor. Chicago's favorite bands will provide the north and south stages with ample music and local eateries will offer an eclectic mix of festival fare. The streets will be lined with artisans showcasing their wares and a variety of games and activities will be offered.

The event will offer a variety of

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Stay Informed Stay Involved Join SNA!

If you're not already a member of SNA, please consider joining! It's a great way to stay informed about what's happening in the neighborhood. Our membership form is on the back of this newsletter, and dues are very reasonable. We use the money from dues to help pay the expenses we incur in printing newsletters, insuring our kiosk (Waveland & Southport) and maintaining a web/server.

Members will receive "The Southport Neighbor" newsletter via U.S. Mail or email (you specify) each quarter, as well as regular updates via email about local issues and events. Membership also includes invitations to member-only socials and the chance to serve on various committees to help improve our neighborhood. Members who reside within our boundaries may serve on the SNA board and/or vote in SNA's annual board election. (In order to vote, you must be a member of SNA for 30 days before the vote.)

If you are a current member of SNA and are not receiving email updates (approximately 1-2 per week), then please send us your email address so that we may update your record and include you. We never send spam, and we do not share your information with outside parties.

Block Representatives

Following is a current list of Block representatives. Block reps help us get information out to our residents and bring their block's concerns or suggestions to our attention. There is very little time involved and it is a great

way to meet your neighbors!!!

If you do not see your block listed below (such as 1500 Byron, 1400 Grace, or 1300 Waveland), then there isn't a volunteer. Please call or email us if you are interested.

3600 Janssen	Carole Silver	3700 Bosworth	Matthew Ebach
3600 Greenview	Malia McInerney	3700 Lakewood	Bernadette Golitz
3600 Bosworth	Gillian Goern	3700 Magnolia	Shelly Barney
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3600 Lakewood	Julie Yanez	3800 Wayne	Kelly Leiseca
3700 Janssen	Stephani Perlmutter	3900 Janssen	Kelly Lawrence
3700 Greenview	Chase Ferrer		

FROM BLAINE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Special guests joined students in the Blaine Library Media Center to celebrate Read Across America, during the month of March. Ursula Bielski, Chicago author, of *Chicago Haunts* and her latest book *Creepy Chicago*, shared Chicago history lore with Blaine's intermediate and upper grade students. Chicago Public Librarian, Gwen Thomas (dressed as the cat in the hat), from the Lincoln Belmont Branch, shared Dr. Seuss stories with younger students, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Theodore Geisel Seuss.

Blaine Library Media Center was cited as one of the four outstanding school libraries in Area 2 in the latest edition of On Target: Area 2 newsletter.

Blaine School celebrated its 110th birthday with a wonderful evening at John Barleycorn on Clark Street on

April 3rd. The highlight of the evening was a Silent Auction — fundraiser sponsored by The Friends of Blaine. Over 200 parents, teachers and community members attended.

Blaine School is the proud recipient of an esteemed Oppenheimer Grant through the efforts of teachers, Mrs. C. Harbaugh, Mrs. P. Dempsey and Ms. S. Steinberg. Blaine will be putting on a musical production, Annie Jr., in June. For details please call the school, **773-534-5750**.

Blaine students participated in the program *Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club* encouraging children in grades K-6 to read for fun. This free educational program enhances the language arts curriculum. Over 200 students received a ticket to Six Flags for completing six hours of recreational reading. A joyous summer to them!

ISAT results

Science		Social Science		Math		Reading	
School Name	%	School Name	%	School Name	%	School Name	%
Decatur Classical	100.0	Decatur Classical	100.0	Decatur Classical	99.4	Decatur Classical	98.7
Blaine	89.7	Blaine	79.1	Bell	92.7	Bell	90.1
Hamilton	85.1	Bell	75.4	Blaine	82.6	Blaine	77.2
Jamieson	80.2	Jamieson	73.4	Rogers	80.6	Stone Academy	74.3
Bell	78.4	Stone Academy	73.1	Hamilton	77.6	Rogers	73.4

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

CDDC UPDATE

The Community Directed Development Council (CDDC) has been meeting monthly to discuss the creation of a strategic plan for the 44th Ward. The Council is an advisory body to the Alderman on issues of land use and development in the Ward. The Council has been working on Bylaws and rules governing the Council process and has recently transferred the inventories each neighborhood collected about their housing stock to create zoning maps. These maps are now being reviewed to determine how the City's new zoning ordinance should be applied to each neighborhood.

As many of you know, our residential area was previously zoned R-4, but then overlay districts ("Special Districts 4 & 5") were created to limit overdevelopment in the SNA area. Those overlay districts have been reclassified as "R3 II" zoning under the new code with only minor changes to the FARs (floor area ratios previously in special districts 4 & 5 were 1,200 sq ft. per unit on a 25 x 125 ft. lot, now they are 1,250 sq. ft. per unit which allows up to 2 dwelling units). Additionally, the new code will require larger garage widths from the current 8', to 9' per

vehicle, side yard setbacks are to be 20% of lot width (5' on a 25'x125' lot) with neither side being less than 8% of the lot width (2' on a 25'x125' lot), yard space 30% of the lot depth (including a garage) with 6.5% of lot area as open space.

After reviewing the Maps, the SNA-CDDC representatives are looking at the use of the 3 II designation for most of our interior streets. However, the SNA representatives to the CDDC are also looking at ways to apply the new code and other preservation tools on select streets to preserve our graystones which are the foundation of our neighborhood, our wide lots with historic homes, and other characteristically significant buildings.

Additionally, the SNA-CDDC representatives are working with the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and the Sheil Park and West Lakeview Neighbors Associations to develop a strategic plan for Southport. It is the consensus of these organizations to fully promote Southport as a "Pedestrian street" (the description assigned by the City planners in drafting the new code) and thereby continue to develop and comple-

ment the charming boutique retail, gourmet restaurant and high quality theater district with limited placement of ground floor residential buildings. The SNA-CDDC is also looking at ways to become more involved with beautification projects on Southport to address street and building aesthetics to attract more shoppers to our businesses.

CDDC meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30p.m. at Ann Sather's Restaurant on Belmont. These meetings are open to the public and the minutes from each meeting are posted on Alderman Tom Tunney's website at www.44thward.org/zoning. For more information on the new code, visit the City of Chicago's website at www.cityofchicago.org/mayor.zoning. The CDDC also welcomes your input, please contact us at info@Southportnieghbors.com with your comments or questions, or call us at **312.458.OSNA (0762)**.

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New Businesses in the Neighborhood!

The Southport neighborhood and SNA are welcoming spring with a lively mix of new boutiques, salons and restaurants. If you are passing by, please visit the new businesses to greet them (and to do a little shopping/eating while you're there!)

2x10 Nails

3655 N. Southport
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773.404.2121

Owners: J.B. Kim and Mindy
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East Lakeview Grocery

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Chicago, IL 60657

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Gregory Gaymont Studio and Gallery

(new listing, not a new business)

3948 N. Southport
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fax: 773.929.5252
website: shopjake.com
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Melanie Barnhardt

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*Business Owners: Please note that advertising opportunities are available to you. Please contact Chase Ferrer at **312.961.8652**, or Kelly Lawrence at **773.612.3321** for more information.*

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Business Profile

Southport Grocery and Café
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There is a place in the neighborhood that could be causing a feeding and gourmet cooking frenzy (and more so once the word is out to faithful readers of the SNA newsletter) – The Southport Grocery and Café! If you have resisted its subtle storefront on Southport slightly south of Addison, resist no more. It is clear the moment you step inside into the cool brown and hazy blue décor of this crisp-as-a-starched shirt wonder-grocery that owner Lisa Santos and co-collaborator and chef, Emily Lamb, adhere to their motto “modern, simple and fun food experiences”. Take time to amble around the grocery, the prepared and take-away food items, and the café menu and let the frenzy ensue!

First, as the name suggests, there are shelves of gourmet groceries to buy for the cook (or the friend, relative or guest of the cook!). These grocery items are never ordinary and range in price and vary from baking accessories to bottled marinades, dressings, oils and rubs to packaged herbs and spices, pasta and other

grains, marinated and dried vegetables and dried fruits, cocktail nibbles and snacks, jams and jellies, fine chocolates, even cookbooks, and on and on. And, take note: a number of the shelf items are made and packaged on site, including scone mix, soup mixes and house-roasted nuts and granola – hurray!

Next, the prepared food selection is reminiscent of the café menu with soups, sandwiches and salads to-go. Other regularly featured cooler items are herbed and European butters, lox



and cream cheese, hummus and especially a host of artisan cheeses that Lisa Santos herself declares to be the star of the grocery. Breads and daily baked goods are also available, including sour cream coffee cake, scones, biscotti and sumptuous cupcakes. A vast array of beverages is on hand, such as non-alcoholic sodas, juices and waters, domestic and imported wines and the Chicago-born Intelligentsia Coffee and espresso.

Finally, the café - Ah, the café! Staff members report that no one was surprised to see Lisa Santos depart from a decade-plus career in the insurance field (while exquisitely entertaining friends on the side) to

pursue culinary training to add to her gastronomic instincts and to open Southport Grocery and Cafe. Lisa and chef, Emily, have teamed up to fuse their philosophies about food by elevating familiar dishes with trend-setting twists, often from ingredients from the grocery that are incorporated into the dishes and notated on the menu. Try the following examples: Most people enjoy a basic chopped salad, right? Well, add red cabbage, sprinkle feta in with the blue cheese and then dress it with a China Blue Cider Dressing from the shelves and

you have modern and fun food! How about a grilled cheese? Exchange predictable cheese with

Crème de Brie and regular sandwich bread with Le Brea Ciabatta both from the grocery and you have a new age palate! Every item on the breakfast (bread pudding pancakes, bread pudding pancakes!), lunch/early dinner menu is made to order. So, stop in and order, peruse the shelves, and presto, you're at the table or heading home with an extraordinary “modern” meal - and groceries for later. To top it all off, there is a terrific kids’ menu, complete with the welcome distraction of crayons for the paper tablecloths and healthful applesauce.

Feel the frenzy and then relax and have fun... Southport Grocery has all the fixings to be around for a long, long time!

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TunneyTalk

It seems like spring has finally sprung in Chicago and with it come many changes around the 44th ward. Go Cubbies! The office, which has been closing at 7pm Mondays — Thursdays during the winter, will be open again until 8pm on these nights. This is necessary to accommodate the parking permit issues of the Ward during the Cubs season. LV2, or Cubs night game permits, will be mailed to constituents beginning April 5th. The 44th Ward office will begin distributing them on April 12th. The first night game is May 4th. The City Clerk's office will be selling City of Chicago Vehicle Stickers and Residential Parking Permits (Zone 383) in the 44th Ward office on Monday June 14th and Wednesday June 16th from 9:00am — 7:00pm. Current City Stickers and Residential Parking Permits expire on June 30, 2004.

With parking being one

of the main concerns in our ward, I am also working on making improvements on other parking programs. New metered parking guidelines will go into effect throughout the 44th Ward on April 11th. The new Sunday metered parking will affect the following streets: Broadway, Belmont, Clark, Halsted, Southport, Sheffield, Addison and Diversey. Sundays are often the busiest days in the neighborhood and there are many residents and businesses that will benefit from Sunday parking turnover on our streets. Currently, because of the free Sunday parking, many cars sit in the spaces all day and leave residents and business owners no alternative. Parking will continue to cost 25 cents per hour and will now be enforced 7 days a week. Parking meters will be in operation on Sunday between 10am and 8pm.

I'm also looking to make the limited Booting program more customer friendly. Customers will be given at least 10 minutes to get back to their

cars after leaving the private lot before the business can commence the booting process.

Development is another major concern in our ward and it keeps our office very busy. We are working to preserve some wonderful homes and blocks through landmarking and zoning changes. Along with preservation, we are also working to ensure that new development is consistent with its surroundings and representative of the needs of the ward. We are making sure that developers who reach out to us for assistance are meeting with their community/business organizations so that the community is informed and has input into the changes occurring in their areas. I recently hosted an Affordable Housing Breakfast to bring together developers, housing advocates and the City's Department on Housing, to talk about ways to maintain and create affordable housing opportunities in the 44th Ward. The booming development has priced out many of

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Letter from Commissioner Quigley

Dear Neighbors:

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the environmental initiatives my office has been working on in both the County and the Forest Preserve District.

In the County, I have had many environmental successes including the successful passage of a recycling ordinance, a green purchasing ordinance, and green building legislation. In order to continue and enhance those endeavors, I have begun an ongoing project to make Cook County the "greenest" county in the nation. As Chair of the County Board's Environmental Control

Committee I have begun a series of public hearings to elicit comments from County departments, local environmental advocates, and civic groups. Ultimately, my office will be developing an action plan to implement the following initiatives to:

- Increase waste reduction efforts in County facilities
- Buy at least a portion of the County's electricity from green sources
- Buy green vehicles for the County's fleet
- Use rubberized asphalt in the Highway Department
- Expand the green purchasing ordinance to additional products
- Develop model green building codes.

The guiding principle for these initiatives is "sustainability"—the idea

that resources should be used in a way which doesn't negatively impact future generations. In addition to the environmental benefits, many of these initiatives will save money. For example, if the County is using less energy and using less fuel, the cost of County government will decrease. If you would like to participate or attend our next meeting, please contact Jason Liechty in my district office.

For the Forest Preserve District, I have begun working on an ordinance that will officially codify our Land Use Policy and protect our lands from encroachments and other attempts to use public lands for private purposes. The current policy has not been updated since 1962. In addition, the policy is only advisory in nature; by codifying it we will mandate that the

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news from the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

Join the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce this spring and summer for some exciting events! Now in its fourth year, Tiny Lounge, located at 1814 West Addison, will host Reverend Abrahamson Martini Tasting on Monday, April 19th from 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and proceeds benefit the Lakeview Chamber Charities. This organization generously donates to local schools and non-profits in the Lake View area, such as The Counseling Center of Lake View, Lakeview Food Pantry, and Lakeview Shelter.

Festival season is almost here so mark your calendars for the

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce's May Daze, May 21- May 24 at 3100 North Ashland Avenue. Enjoy some gorgeous spring weather after a long, unforgiving winter at this festival featuring great live music, a wide variety of food and a pet parade! Join the Lakeview Chamber for its largest festival of the summer, Lakeview Arts and Music Festival on June 26th and 27th. This exciting festival, located on Lincoln Avenue from Belmont to School, features big name talent, a wide variety of world market vendors, and an added component of fine arts and crafts vendors. Check out our website at www.lakeviewchamber.com for further information on Chamber events and initiatives! Questions? Call the Chamber office at **773.472.7171**.

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ways for local businesses and residents to get involved. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event that will benefit local organizations and non-profit groups, should call SNA at **312.458.0SNA (0762)** or email us at fest@southportneighbors.com. Star Events, local event management fundraisers, will be acting as our partners in production for the event. Anyone wishing to get more information on becoming a sponsor, art exhibitor, merchant exhibitor, promotional partner or performer at the event can contact Max Wagner at Star Events at **773.665.4682** or email him at max@starevents.com.

Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun. SNA hopes that Summer on Southport will be an event that benefits residents for generations to come.

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our seniors and long-time residents and lowered our level of diversity in the ward. I am working to ensure that people who want to continue living in Lakeview, are able to do so.

The 44th Ward Community Directed Development Council continues to be hard at work inventorying the properties of the ward and working to develop a Master Plan for future development. They have also been reviewing major projects underway in the ward.

With the warm weather fast approaching, everyone wants to get outside and enjoy the greenery. We have been working to increase the greenery in our ward. There will be a study done this year at Blaine School for a park on their campus in 2005. The alderman has asked the Chicago Park District to put together a report on green space in the ward, so that they can begin to find ways to add more green space.

Sidewalk Café applications are well underway right now. Any restaur-

ant that would like a Sidewalk Café needs to bring the application to the Alderman's office for approval and then it will be submitted to City Council. Sidewalk Café furniture can not be put out until the permit has been paid for and issued by the City's Revenue Department. The Sidewalk Café season runs from April 1st – November 1st. The closing time for Cafes in the 44th Ward is 10pm for Sundays – Thursdays and 11pm for Fridays and Saturdays. Food must be served to patrons using outdoor cafes in conjunction with any alcohol being served.

Another reminder for businesses – In an ongoing effort to keep the sidewalks pedestrian friendly, I am taking this opportunity to remind all business owners of the City Ordinance which clearly states that advertising signs (Sandwich Boards) are not allowed on the Public Way. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter.

And last, but not least, please remember to register to vote if you

haven't done so already, or you've recently moved. Voting is a responsibility we all share in this democracy we all cherish.

Have a Great Spring, and go Cubbies!
Alderman Tom Tunney

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District follow the policy.

I also like to take a "hands-on" approach to environmentalism, so for the third year I am a site captain for the Friends of the Chicago River's River Rescue Day. This year, River Rescue Day will be on May 8 my team and I will be cleaning up a portion of the river located behind the Lincoln Village Shopping Center. Please consider joining me at the cleanup. If you would like to sign up, please call Kimberly Walz in my office at **312.603.4210**.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley, Cook County
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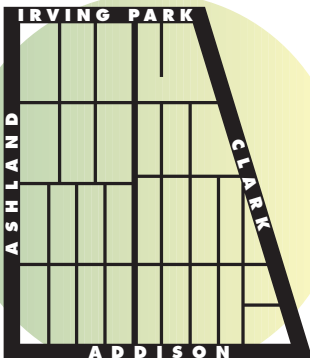
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Upcoming Events for 2004:

April 26 SNA Community Meeting

July 24-25 Summer on Southport