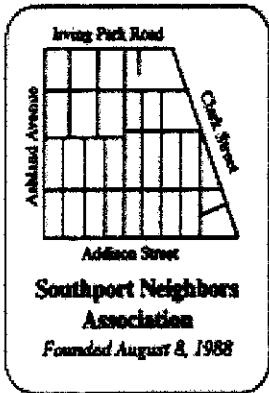


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Community Meeting May 1, 2000, 7:30 p.m.

The next bimonthly community meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st at the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Our meeting will open with a short performance of the Lake View High School Jazz Band (see article below). Following the performance, we will be holding our regular 20 minute public forum during which neighbors can bring up issues and ideas for discussion. An update on development projects will be presented, and, due to the positive response to the presentation on the history of our neighborhood at our March meeting, we will be presenting additional information on this topic.

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	Follow-up to March Public Forum Issues	7:50—7:55
	Public Forum	7:55—8:15
	Development Updates	8:15—8:35
	Neighborhood History Update	8:35—9:00

? Questions about Southport Neighbors Association?

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SNA wishes to thank Michael Cullen for his generous contribution of refreshments for our March meeting. We would like to ask that meeting attendees show their appreciation by taking a minute to clean up after themselves before leaving. THANK YOU!



Come Hear Lake View Jazz Ensemble's Swingin' Latin Jazz!

As a headliner for our community meeting, we'll showcase our own Lake View High School Jazz Ensemble, led by Kevin Korschgen. The Ensemble is known for its unique style of Latin Jazz, as well as the musicianship and enthusiasm of its student performers. This outstanding jazz group has performed at such hallowed institutions as The Shedd Aquarium, Ravinia, and numerous other special events and festivals. Come and enjoy!

Where Did All The Frame Cottages Go?



Would you like to see this neighborhood with half its lots empty? No, we don't mean getting rid of that noisy (or nosy) neighbor, or removing the zoning overlay. We mean stepping back in time and seeing what this neighborhood looked like in 1894.

Response to our history presentation at the March meeting was so enthusiastic that we will add 15 minute versions to our regular meetings. This month Kent Bartram will present a view of this neighborhood as seen on the 1894 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. You will see vast farmland north of Grace and east of Southport; small cottages along Southport; lovely brick and greystone homes along Haugan, Perry, Oak Grove, and Graceland. Where? Now they're Wayne, Greenview, Patterson and Irving Park. The maps shows our earliest homes. Come see if your home was built yet.



Notes From Our March Community Meeting

For those that missed our March meeting, here is a quick summary. The meeting was opened with our regular public forum, during which many issues were brought to light by our neighbors.

- Concern was expressed about the ambiguity of the "Curb Your Dog" sign at Juniper Park, since dogs are not allowed in the park at all.
- A request was made for "Children at Play" signs for both Waveland and Greenview to slow traffic near the playlot.
Status: SNA contacted Alderman Hansen's office, and they agreed to bring both issues to the attention of Sheila Park, who manages the park.

- A request was made for additional trash containers along Southport, since warm weather and Cubs games will bring more pedestrian traffic.

Status: SNA contacted Alderman Hansen's office, and they stated that they are already looking into this, including a different (hopefully more attractive!) container than the current barrels.

- Once again, "dog doo" was the star of our forum. Neighbors are increasingly frustrated by dog owners that do not pick up after their pooches.

Status: SNA is looking for answers to this one, and they are tough to find. A very BRIEF status will be given at our May meeting.

Development issues were presented by Gary Bonikowski, head of Planning and Development. Various projects were reviewed, including those with zoning violations. (More information in articles on page 3.)

Finally, Kent Bartram presented a history of our neighborhood and provided information about how to research the history of your home. It was very informative and well received.



Burglaries Are On the Rise

With warmer weather, burglaries are on the rise in this area, according to CAPS. In most cases, entrance is gained through unlocked doors and open windows. Here are additional things you can do to crimeproof your home.

- Trim bushes and trees so windows are visible to neighbors
- Lock up ladders and tools
- Porches and entrances should be well lighted; motion sensors are great!
- Don't hide keys outside
- Doors should be solid core with no more than 1/8" space clearance to the jamb
- Never carry ID tags with your keys
- Always use a deadbolt lock installed with 3" screws
- Use key locks on double hung windows
- Don't leave first floor windows open while you are out
- Rekey locks when moving into a new home

PICK UP A COMPLETE LIST OF CRIME FIGHTING TIPS AT OUR MAY COMMUNITY MEETING!



"Through the Blinds" by Gladys Kravitz

Readers: You may remember our old friend Gladys. After a well deserved rest (now one knows where!) she's back, and as feisty as ever. In light of the ongoing "dog doo" controversy, we thought her contribution was quite timely.

GLADYS GETS SMUG ABOUT HER PUG

Hello neighbors. Well, now that the kids are on their own (we still send checks) Abner and I decided to get a dog. Clearly, in order to fit into this new, exciting neighborhood of ours (hey, have you SEEN my tax bill!), we knew we simply must get a surrogate child to see if our parenting skills have improved since Dr. Spock passed on. We chose a pug. Now, when we first moved here in 1957, dogs were pets for the kids. They stayed in our back yards (we had those then; they were green.). But we have been observant. The rules have clearly changed.

Since that big cinderblock space needle went in next door (you know, the one that's the width of a bowling lane), we have no more grass. So we paved it over and sell it for parking. So, out we go with the dog. It is now quite an ordeal. What were we thinking? Although it is only 2 blocks to Juniper playlot, we have to navigate through a gauntlet of 5 other dog walkers. It used to be 6, but one didn't use a leash and was utterly perplexed that her "trained" dog did not stop to reason when it ran a straight line to a squirrel. Unfortunately, that line was intersected by a Goodrich Radial.

Marching past the "No Dogs Allowed" sign at Juniper, we let little Wrigley run, play, and evacuate to his little heart and bladder's content. Knowing that we are breaking an unenforced law only adds to the excitement. He meets all of his best friends there: Roscoe, Sammy and a certain swing post who's name escapes me. After we're done, I do get Abner to scoop up the poop. As for the urine and bacteria from the poop, well...have you seen my tax bill?

If we don't want to walk as far as the park, we usually walk around the block. Abner actually prefers this because he can keep a Jewel bag in his hand and act concerned when Wrigley poops, but doesn't have to pick it up unless someone is paying attention. They rarely do. Abner's been using the same Jewel bag for 3 years. One night Abner got accosted by the owner of the parkway where Wrigley had just deposited a steamer. The person, whom he didn't know, said the most condescending things to Abner. Abner responded with the most vulgar and obscene thing he could think of. He returned and made the owner read



Planning and Development Updates

Zoning Violations: 3 Down, 2 To Go

Zoning violations have been corrected, or are being corrected, at three projects. The violations at two other projects remain unresolved. The good news is that we have not discovered any new violations—yet.

3824 N. Greenview: The roof structure on the front part of the building that exceeded the height limit was removed, twice. The fortress like walls at the building entry were lowered to meet the height limit for front yard obstructions.

3834 N. Greenview: The gable roofs that greatly exceeded the height limit were finally removed. It only took three visits from the police to get compliance with the stop work order. It is a shame that the developer or architect were not even a bit creative with the parapet wall on the front—it is flat and straight.

3805 N. Wayne: The additional face brick in place of concrete block, a part of the compromise agreement, is under way. Turning most of the patio pits into a two-level planter and planting trees in the rear yard will follow.

1131 W. Patterson: Construction remains at a standstill. Foundation walls were poured, without a permit, and extend into the front yard. The owner has now applied for a variance. We have told the Alderman that we will only support a variance that matches the setback on the neighboring buildings.

1476 W. Grace: It is apparent that an apartment was added in the basement of this existing two-flat, without a building permit. It violates the allowable density and likely has building code violations. According to the Alderman, the city has issued a cease and desist order. It is probable that this case will end up in court. If it does, we will be in court to show support for the city and for the zoning regulations of our Special District.

The success that we have had in correcting the various violations is due in large measure to the support that we have received from Alderman Hansen, Alderman Schuller, and Zoning Administrator Paul Woznicki. We will update this report at our May community meeting.

Development Update

The good news is that we have not heard of any new projects. The bad news is that new projects are surely on the way. The following is an update on previously reported projects.

3630 N. Greenview: A permit application has been filed for a 3-flat. There must not have been any takers for the new single family house, priced at \$1,025,000.00, for which they were running a listing.

1471 & 1473 W. Irving Park Road: These two buildings are being done by right, but we did see the drawings for 1473 through the courtesy of Alderman Schuller. The good news is that we were able to get both buildings lowered 2 feet and that they should present an attractive front to Irving Park. The rest of the news is not so good, so we will skip it.

3841 N. Southport: Our previous report that this property was for sale was erroneous. We should have known better than to believe the developer who told us it was.

3839 N. Southport: It appears that we lost out on this project and that the developer will get his variances while the community gets next to nothing. The building is supposed to be 3 feet lower than the original design. Beyond that, we are getting another mediocre, oversized building with lots of concrete block and little green space. The Chair of the Planning and Development committee takes some of the responsibility for letting this project get away from us and gives some of it to the Alderman. The committee Chair will try to prevent this in the future by communicating better with the Alderman.



Restaurant Review

Deleece

4004 N. Southport

Deleece is indeed delicious. The dinner menu is varied and includes some very creative pasta dishes (black pasta with calamari; angel hair pasta with grilled veggies) and a small but adequate variety of other creations including steak served over real mashed potatoes with grilled portabella mushrooms, salmon served over black rice with a delicate sauce and coconut curried chicken. Salads are excellent: always fresh and there is a nice varied selection.

If you're in the "hood" for lunch, give Deleece a try! This reviewer highly recommends the ground tuna burger (rare) with a hint of Dijon mustard, but there are also a number of other excellent choices including a Chinese chicken salad, grilled veggie sandwich, and soup & salad. If you are just waking up, a couple of the Sunday brunch items are also on the lunch menu. (Lunch is Wednesday through Saturday.)

And, of course the Sunday brunch is a great way to start the beginning of the end of the weekend with some unusual dishes, but also available are eggs (as you want them), bacon, sautéed potatoes and for the more health observant: oatmeal.

Prices are mid range: pastas more reasonable than other main entrees, salads a bit pricey. My only objection to Deleece is the noise level...not much there to absorb the often loud music and people trying to talk over it. Go early to miss some of that.



Real Estate Tax Reassessments are in The Works...

...but the county can't say when, except that notices will be mailed sometime before the second installment bills come out at the end of this summer. Be sure to keep an eye out for these notices, and for word of any public forums on how to challenge increases.

How to Contact Your Alderman

Bernie Hansen 1057 W. Belmont 773 / 549-4000	Hours: M-Th, 8am-8pm F, 8am-5pm Sat, 9am-12pm
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Gene Schulter 4237 N. Lincoln 773 / 348-8400	Hours: M-F, 9am-5pm Wed. evening 7pm-9pm Sat, 9am-12pm
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Hats Off To Alderman Hansen

Fuel, another new bar that just opened on Clark Street, had a permanently installed, blaring speaker on the outside of the building. Within 24 hours of notifying Alderman Hansen about this illegal speaker, it was gone. A big thank you goes to the Alderman from all of the neighbors.

How Clean Is Your Alley?

Spring Clean-Up Scheduled for May 6

Southport Neighbors Association encourages you to join your neighbors in tidying up parkways, alleys and curbs near your home. If you have a project you and/or your neighbors want to tackle, you can request brooms, paint, plastic bags, rakes, shovels or other cleaning equipment. The 47th Ward is hosting the clean-up May 6th, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. For more details call Sonja Aghakan at Alderman Schulter's office. 773 / 348-8400.

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Please accept my additional 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: _____

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I'd like to volunteer with Southport Neighbors in the following area(s):

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