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Community Meeting February 4th, 7:30 p.m. Neighborhood 'Social' To Follow!

The next bimonthly community meeting will be held on February 4th at the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled to end by 9:00 p.m. (The CAPS meeting, usually held prior to the community meeting, will not be held this month.)

Meeting Content

The community meeting will open with a discussion of the proposal to convert Waveland Avenue to a one-way west between Southport and Ashland Avenues. (See article below.) Please note that only those who live within SNA's boundaries will be allowed to participate in the discussion and vote. Please bring your proof of address!

Following the discussion and vote, we will present the upcoming "second annual" Children's Concert. We need volunteers for this fun event! (See article, page 2.)

We will spend a little time at the end of the meeting to discuss some miscellaneous neighborhood news, and allow attendees to ask questions or comment on other issues. When the meeting concludes, you're invited to a "social" where neighbors can enjoy refreshments and good conversation. A big THANK YOU to Michael Cullen for providing the refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Agenda:	Welcome	7:30—7:35
(times are approximate)	Proposal to convert Waveland to One-Way	7:35—8:30
	Children's Concert	8:30—8:40
	Misc. Neighborhood News / Q & A, if needed	8:40—9:00
	NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL! (Refreshments served)	9:00— ?

VOTE on the Waveland Avenue Issue at the January Community Meeting!

At the January Community Meeting, a proposal to obtain a traffic study of Waveland Avenue between Southport and Ashland will be presented. A local resident, concerned about the safety of children playing in and around Juniper Playlot, is spearheading an effort via petition to convert Waveland Avenue to a one-way westbound street between Southport and Ashland. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to hear varying viewpoints and discuss the ramifications. Residents within SNA boundaries will vote "to proceed" or "not to proceed" with the traffic study. Please remember that this vote is to initiate a traffic study only, and that the recommendations of the study will assist the City in determining the fate of Waveland Avenue.

Proof of residence will be required to participate in the vote. SNA's boundaries are Irving Park Road on the north, Addison on the south, Ashland on the west, and Clark on the east.

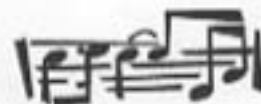


**Notes From Our November Community "Meeting"
SNA's First Community Mixer—Good Neighbors Having Good Fun!**

For a fun change of pace, SNA hosted a free neighborhood mixer in place of its bi-monthly community meeting in November. The event was held at Toon's Bar, 3857 N. Southport, and was a huge success, with nearly 100 neighbors packing the room.

Toon's owners generously made available their back room for all attendees, and provided free appetizers and drinks for the evening. In addition, Live Bait Theatre donated a pair of tickets that were raffled off. Everyone enjoyed the evening meeting their neighbors and socializing with friends.

While SNA will still be holding regular community meetings like the one scheduled for February 4, we are also looking forward to hosting more social events in the future at other local establishments. It's a great way for residents of our neighborhood to meet and get acquainted with one another.



Would you like to plan a fun event for children this spring?

Last year, on a Saturday morning in May, SNA threw a big event for families in the neighborhood: the first annual Children's Concert, held at the Mercury Theater.

It was a tremendous success! A sold out crowd, featuring headliner folk singer Susan Salidor, whose music is a big hit with the under six crowd and their parents.

The concert also featured face-painters, a juggler, a magician, food and beverages.

Local businesses in the neighborhood contributed overwhelmingly to the effort. Some of those supporters were The Mercury Theater, Southport Sandwich Co., Aestetica, Wear Me Out, Strega Nona, Mdesign, Alhambra, Hye Bar, North Community Bank, and many, many more.

Now we're looking for neighbors to help plan the Second Annual Children's Event. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**—just email gelbillustration@yahoo.com or call (773) 327-6118.

This is a great way to get together with a small group of neighbors and have fun. It is a wonderful event that contributes to bringing families in our neighborhood together. Please contact Jacki if you are interested in planning for or volunteering for the event.





Development Update

It has been very quiet on the development front for the Southport Neighborhood. Recently we haven't seen any new projects come to us for variance approval, but we are beginning to see a few businesses and restaurants become a part of our community. Here are a few soon to move into the neighborhood:

3753 N. Clark Familiar with Blockbuster movie rental? Well, they're moving into the ground floor of this new development. They plan to open by April of this year. Hopefully our smaller more unique rental stores will continue to have the traffic needed for a lively business.

3605 N. Southport I'm sure many of you have been watching the progress being made at the corner of Southport and Addison. This property is being developed by Garrett Realty and will have commercial space on the ground floor and residential above. Approximately 2,200-sq. ft. of the ground floor may be occupied by a Viennese coffeehouse named Julius Mehl. This would be their first flagship store in the U.S. The remaining space will be occupied by either Garrett Realty or another tenant.

3734 N. Southport A new restaurant is in the works for Southport. The owner of Cullen's Bar & Grill is opening another restaurant across the street called Blue Bayou. This New Orleans theme bar & grill will open in March or April.

Other development news worthy of note is the Cooney Funeral Home property. Their building as well as the parking lot across the street are for sale. Although this property is not within the Southport Neighbors Association boundaries, we will definitely keep an eye on it.

New Aldermanic Ward Boundaries Go Into Effect January 1st

There were no changes in the ward boundaries for residents living within the Southport Neighbors Association service area. While ward boundaries changed significantly across Chicago, the 44th Ward (Ald. Bernie Hansen) saw the slightest change; basically exchanging about 4 blocks with other aldermen, but none with the 47th Ward (Ald. Gene Schuler). This leaves the boundaries unchanged since 1992 when the northern half of SNA was represented by the 46th Ward (Ald. Helen Shiller) and the southern half by Ald. Hansen.

The 44th Ward serves those residents in our area who live south of a line that follows Grace Street east from Ashland, then north on the 3800 block of Greenview and then east on Byron (see map). The 47th Ward serves those residents living north. The only changes that are adjacent to our area is that Ald. Schuler picked up the southwest corner of Grace and Ashland, and the west side of Ashland down to Addison. That area had been served by the 32nd Ward (Ald. Matlak).



This compromise remap was brought about by changes reflected in the 2000 Census and was endorsed by the city council last month. Other elected official boundary changes should be announced in the coming months; most notably for state house and senate. State Senator Lisa Madigan's district has been eliminated and it is expected that House Representative Larry McKeon's district will shift west of our area.



Restaurant Review

HUE

1500 W. Division

If you are out and about in the Bucktown/West Town neighborhood, or just want some good ol' American chow, try Hillary's Urban Eatery, also known as HUE. This kitschy restaurant has a great selection of your mom's favorite recipes (otherwise known as "comfort food") with a few upscale touches to make the trip worthwhile.

If you are going for breakfast, my favorite is the chilaquiles: scrambled eggs with tortilla chips and salsa (both the red and green are good and won't bite you back!) The lunch menu always includes several daily specials and really good turkey chili. The chicken salad sandwich has several "quirky" things in it, such as raisins, but I like all the ingredients and recommend trying it. Also recommended: the grilled cheese sandwich, the Rubeen and the broiled chicken. In fact, there isn't anything "bad" on the menu. And, if nothing else attracts you to this place, the staff is WONDERFUL! Anything you need, they will do their best to provide it.

HUE is located at: 1500 W. Division; a small, very casual diner with a spiffier back room with less than 6 tables. Eat at the counter— it's the best spot in the house.

**Don't forget to attend the community meeting on February 4th,
and the "Neighborhood Social" afterward!**

FYI...

...here are some phone numbers and addresses that you may need:

Alderman Bernie Hansen, 1057 W. Belmont, 773-549-4000

Alderman Gene Schuler, 4237 N. Lincoln, 773-348-8400

Southport Neighbors Association, 3540 N. Southport, Box 1000
snachicago@aol.com

Remember, call 311 for non-emergencies and to request city services.
Dial 911 for emergencies!

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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 Southport Neighbor, please mail it! Enclosed is an additional \$3 to cover postage.

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: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

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Business Liaison

Fundraising

Newsletter Distribution

Planning & Development

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