

# SOUTHPORT NEIGHBOR



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## Community Meeting Slated for April 28

Mark your calendars for our next quarterly community meeting—April 28, 7:30pm, 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.

We have an informative and fun agenda planned. Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley will be updating us on recent happenings at the county, including some information on those pesky property taxes. Next, one of our neighbors has volunteered to walk us through the new zoning code being proposed by the City, comparing it to the laws currently in force in our neighborhood.

As an added treat, we will be educated by the proprietors of Alhambra in the art of container gardening. Bring your questions!

Agenda:	7:30	Welcome
	7:35	Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley
	8:00	Zoning Update
	8:30	Southport Children's Festival Update
	8:35	Container Gardening 101
	9:00	Adjourn

## 2nd Annual Southport Children's Festival *June 14, 2003*

SAVE THE DATE! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southport Children's Festival is coming on June 14<sup>th</sup> and promises to be even bigger and better than last year. This is a great way for families in the neighborhood to come together for a day of music, games and fun.

We have lengthened the event from 10 AM - 4 PM to accommodate all families and naptimes. Not only will the festival take place in the Blaine School parking lot, entertainment will also spill out onto Southport Ave. (3800 block), which will be closed for the duration of the festival. Here are just some of the highlights:

- Festival Stage featuring outstanding children's entertainers, such as Justin Roberts, Nelson Gill, dancers and puppeteers!
- Moonjumps, Games, Crafts, Face painting, and Balloons!
- Ronald McDonald will make an appearance! The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum will feature a live exhibit! A roving funny magician will amaze you!
- A Doggy Parade - your pooch can be a star!
- Delicious food items offered by local restaurants.
- Our many sponsors will offer children's activities and goodies at their festival booths.

Keep your eye out for more details!

Want to enjoy the festival as a volunteer? We could use your help in many different areas! Please call Tammy Lundal at 325-0132 for more information.

## Join SNA—Here's Why!

**We hope you enjoy this special delivery of *Southport Neighbor*. You can receive our newsletter quarterly by becoming a member. It's easy**—just fill in the form on the back page to start becoming more involved in your neighborhood. Don't know much about SNA? It was started by a group of neighbors just like you, back in 1988. Their mission then, and our mission now is:

- 1) encourage compatible residential and business growth and development
- 2) initiate and support beautification projects
- 3) provide a forum for timely issues affecting quality of life, safety & property values
- 4) promote a greater sense of community through neighborhood social events

We have a great, diverse group of members, and we have lots of exciting projects planned for the coming months, including beautification initiatives and our very fun and exciting Children's Festival (see article, this page.) Joining our association gives you a chance to be involved, or simply to be informed about what's going on. In addition to the newsletter, we send periodic email updates about current issues affecting our neighborhood (we don't send spam!) We've used email to provide updates on Cubs expansion plans, advance notice of water main repairs, and notices of upcoming events.

Whether you're new to the neighborhood or a long-time resident, now's the time to get involved, get informed and get to know your neighbors. Take a look through our newsletter, and take a moment to fill out and send in your membership (the form is on the back page.) You'll be in great company—welcome!

### Street Closure Notice

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the 3800 block of Southport Avenue (between Grace and Byron) will be closed to traffic for the Southport Children's Festival. The street will be closed from approximately 8 am -5 pm.

Northbound Southport traffic will be diverted east onto Grace Street.

Southbound Southport traffic will be diverted either east or west onto Byron.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of this neighborhood event.

### Block Representatives Still Needed

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to be a Block Representative so far! For those of you who don't know what we're talking about... Southport Neighbors wants to help our neighbors get to know each other. We'd also like to know how you feel about things like the Cubs, traffic congestion, development, etc. We'd also like to have another way to let you know what's going in our neighborhood. (like when we plan a fun party or when we have an important meeting). So.... we are organizing the neighborhood by block. Each block will have a representative who can let you know what's going on, or help you get your concerns or ideas heard. We have had several volunteers already. We are still looking for people on the following blocks:

3600 Janssen

3800 Greenview

3700 Bosworth

3700 Wayne

3600 and 3800 Lakewood

3700 Magnolia

3600 Racine

Patterson

Grace Street

Please call or email us if you're interested!!

### Safe Neighborhood Project

Help us make this neighborhood safer for everyone! As you may have noticed, speed bumps have been "popping up" in our neighborhood. They are a result of neighbors being concerned about the many people using our neighborhood as a

"cut through." Southport Neighbors has started a Traffic and Safety Committee to address our neighbors' issues. Examples of some of the things we are working on are Cubs traffic proposals, and the need for more stop signs in certain areas.

Please call or email us with any specific concerns, or if you would like to join this concerned group!

### Mail Boxes Etc. Becomes The UPS Store

Our Mail Boxes Etc. on Southport, a locally owned and operated franchise by SNA board member Kent Bartram, became The UPS Store effective April 7th. UPS had purchased the Mail Boxes Etc. franchising organization in 2001. After numerous marketing tests last year, they have offered the 3200 U. S. MBE franchisees the opportunity to rebrand as The UPS Store, offering much lower UPS counter rates. This is possible through lowered costs to the store owners and is supplemented with extensive national advertising. Not all MBE locations in Chicago will be making the change initially. Few other changes will be made to the store offerings, except that FedEx has decided to pull out of all rebranded stores. The UPS Store will still offer UPS at substantially reduced pricing, expert packing, copying, mailbox services, and postage stamps and meter mail.

### Chamber Honors Local Business People and Community Leaders

At a dinner held Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Goose Island Wrigleyville, the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce honored outstanding members and community leaders with its first ever Membership Awards Presentation. Two awards were given to leaders within Southport Neighbors boundaries. Former 44<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Bernard Hansen received the 2002 Outstanding Public Servant Award. Michael Cullen, of Cullen's and the Mercury Theater, received the Neighborhood Beautification Award. Leaders of the Lake View community were selected to present this year's awards, including Representative John Fritchey. Congratulations to Bernie Hansen and Michael Cullen.

### Lakeview Post Office Mural

Friends of the Lakeview Post Office Mural was founded as a non-profit neighborhood group in the fall of 2001. It's goal is to raise the \$16,000 needed to restore and preserve the 1937 mural in the post office at Irving Park and Southport. The mural titled "**CHICAGO - EPOCH OF A GREAT CITY**" was painted by the well-known American artist Harry Sternberg who passed away at age 97 in November, 2001. The mural is regarded as one of the jewels in Chicago's collection of WPA era murals. Many of these are in the Chicago Public Schools and have been recently restored; see the new book [Art For The People](#)

[www.chicagoconservation.com/book.html](http://www.chicagoconservation.com/book.html).

In addition to funding the restoration, Friends will place a permanent display in the Post Office lobby with information and pictures related to the artist, the mural and the restoration. Thus far \$13,000 has been raised. Efforts to raise the remaining funds are ongoing and any contributions (tax-exempt) would be very much appreciated. Please contact David Baldwin 773-528-3123 or [DJSCBALD@AOL.COM](mailto:DJSCBALD@AOL.COM) or see our web site:<http://hometown.aol.com/djscbald/myhomepage/business.html>

Once the funding is complete, the restoration will take about 2 weeks and tentatively is scheduled for this summer. The process, which will take place during business hours, should attract much public interest. The result promises to be stunning and a source of great local pride.

### Calling All Runners

We know who you are. We've seen you running through the neighborhood on those coldest days when most of us don't even want to get out of bed. Here is your chance to turn all of that good discipline into fun! The Mayfest 5K will take place on Sunday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. Start and finish is at the Lakeview Mayfest, 3100 N. Ashland. After the race, enjoy the festival's live music, food and beverages. Registration for the 5K can be done on-line (\$25) at [www.StarEvents.com](http://www.StarEvents.com). Race day registration (\$30) is from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. on site at Mayfest. All registrants receive a Mayfest 5K t-shirt.

# Letter from Mike Quigley, Cook County Commissioner

Dear Neighbors:

I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you about one of the projects I have been working on as your Cook County Commissioner. For years, the Cook County Ethics Department has suffered from understaffing, a glaring lack of resources and an insufficiently strong ordinance. Where Los Angeles and New York spend approximately 1.8 million a year on Ethics enforcement and training, Cook County spends \$150,000, and has only one employee devoted to staffing the entire department and conducting training and enforcing the provisions of the ordinance. To change this, I recently introduced a detailed proposal to amend the County Ethics Ordinance and give the Office the resources that it needs to be effective. The amendments will:

- Allow more thorough disclosure about the property tax appeal process on the Internet;
- Allow the Board of Ethics to penalize ethics violators by levying fines against them;
- Require ethics training for upper level county staffers; allow the Board to open its own investigations, rather than waiting for employees or citizens to send complaints to them.

I hope these changes lead to a greater trust between citizens and their government. Please contact my office (312-603-4210) if you have any questions or would like to know more about this or my other initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Mike Quigley  
Cook County Commissioner,  
10<sup>th</sup> District

## About Your SNA Membership

Many of you have been wondering about the status of your Southport Neighbors membership. For nearly a year, we have been without the capability to track and notify those with expiring memberships. We greatly appreciate your patience over the last year as we explored and evaluated solutions for implementing a new database. We are coming back online this month with a new database and a more efficient method of renewing your membership. Each year we will be renewing all memberships on May 1st. If you have joined or renewed since May 1st of last year, you will automatically be renewed through April 30, 2004, so you will not have to double-pay.

We are also adding an exciting new twist to becoming a member of SNA. We are working on developing relationships with neighborhood merchants that would allow members of SNA to receive discounts or special offers at their businesses. We believe neighbors and businesses supporting each other is a good thing, and that working together, neighbors and merchants can make our neighborhood even better!

We will also eliminate the surcharge we have charged in the past for mailing newsletters. While we prefer to use the less expensive email to send your newsletter, those who prefer to receive the Southport Neighbor in the mail can request it at no charge. If you are a

current member, you should have received more details in a cover letter with this publication. If you are a current member and did not receive the letter, please contact us via phone, email or U.S. Mail. If you are not a current member and would like to join, use the membership form on the back page of this newsletter.

## Welcome Additions to the Neighborhood!

Our neighborhood continues to grow and flourish. New businesses have opened within SNA's boundaries.

Blue Bayou has opened at 3734 North Southport. Blue Bayou is a New Orleans style Cajun restaurant owned by Michael Cullen, the proprietor of Cullen's and Mercury Theater. Blue Bayou's phone number is 871-3300.

Elizabeth Marie has moved to a new location, 3612 N. Southport. The store sells one-of-a-kind giftware for babies and kids, as well as special order furniture and interior design services. Their phone number is 525-4100.

GNC is now open at 3601 North Southport, next to Julius Meinl. GNC sells vitamin and nutrition supplements. Their phone number is 665-9425.

Southport Neighbors Association welcomes you!

### Keep in touch with SNA—it's easy!

We want to hear from you—whether it's your opinion on a current neighborhood issue or a desire to get involved as a volunteer, please contact us.

We can now be reached via the web, email or phone.

*On the web:* [www.southportneighbors.com](http://www.southportneighbors.com)

*Email:* [snachicago@aol.com](mailto:snachicago@aol.com)

*Phone:* 312-458-0SNA (0762)

### Library Media Center Programs

The Blaine Library Media Center, open to the public, provides exciting activities that encourage children and adults to come to the center all day long. Special programs include story time for children 2-3 years old and their parents every Friday morning in the new Primary Library. Other programs include Six Flags Read to Succeed & BookPALS.

### *Six Flags Read to Succeed:*

Blaine students are invited to participate in a program that encourages children in grades K-6 to read for fun. The Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club is a free educational program designed to enhance language arts curriculum. Every student who completes six hours of recreational reading completes a form for Mrs. Dempsey in the library to earn a free admission coupon valid at Six Flags Great America.

### *BookPALS:*

BookPALS (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools) is a program of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation whereby professional actors volunteer their time to go into the classroom on a weekly basis to read aloud. There are 20 chapters nationwide including chapters in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago.

BookMARKS is a project sponsored by BookPALS. This is a collaborative project between two schools (Blaine and Galileo) to have students create a unique Artist Book of their own. These books will include visual art as well as text and address the questions: "What is the culture of my classroom?" and "What do I contribute to it?" Ultimately, these books will facilitate a cultural exchange between the schools.

On May 1st, the Free Family Night Program at the Children's Museum at Navy Pier will feature the BookMARKS exhibition in their Great Hall. The exhibition will provide an opportunity for the students to meet, completing their cultural exchange through celebration.

### Live Bait Theater Programs

Our own Live Bait Theater established "Bait Hook and Link" in 1993. It is an out-

reach program concerned with literacy and artistic expression. They strongly believe that the arts should be accessible to persons of all backgrounds, ages and educational levels. At Blaine, the program revolves around creative writing and dramatics.

Live Bait has also created a program to link police officers and local teens through shared creativity, called Police-Teen Link. It's a unique mentoring program that uses the performing arts to improve relations between the teens and officers. In an environment where the two groups are on an equal playing field, the classes allow both groups to invent different ways of relating.

### Fine Arts Fair Held March 26th

March 26th was not only Blaine's Fine Arts Fair, but it was also Fiesta Night for the 3-4 year olds in the B6 Tuition Program. The audience was enthralled by the Mexican dance Jarabe Tapatio, as performed by our young students under the direction of Mrs. Camacho & Mrs. Gudino.

### Goldilocks Production

No Loop performance could equal the enthusiasm or acting ability of Mrs. Davila's first graders in their debut of the Spanish rendition of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This play was a reflection of what these students are learning through the arts. Applause! Applause!

### Be a Volunteer!

Blaine School is asking for help from the community to assist us with our Parent Patrol. The volunteer duties are basic safety observance, keeping people from parking in the crosswalks, areas designated for buses only and assisting children with crossing the streets. We do have one crossing guard posted at Grace and Southport however it is just not enough. We need assistance in the mornings at 7:30am to 8am for arrivals and 1:10pm to 1:40pm at dismissal. We have permission from Alderman Tunney and the Police Departments local CAPS team to shut down traffic on Grace heading east to Southport with a "Do Not Enter" sign for dismissal. We can provide safety vests to volunteers. We need neighborhood support! If you are available and are interested, please call Deborah Staley at Blaine School 773.534.5750.

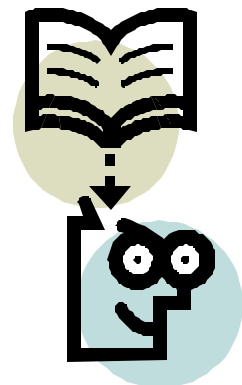
### *In a Nutshell...*

If you have questions about Blaine School, feel free to call them at 534-5750.

Remember the Library Media Center is open to you even if you do not have children attending the school. Mrs. Dempsey can answer your questions.

The principal of Blaine is Mrs. Vaccarezza.

Did you know Blaine is a Fine Arts Magnet School?



## TUNNEY TALK

Hello, my name is Alderman Tom Tunney and a little over a month ago I was elected as your new alderman. In case you are not familiar with the alderman's office, I would like to give you some information that will help you get the city services you need.

The first thing you should know is that the 44<sup>th</sup> ward service office is located at 1057 W. Belmont Avenue, near the corner of Belmont and Seminary. We are open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please stop in and see us when you get a chance.

Second, we recently launched the 44<sup>th</sup> ward website for your convenience. The address is [www.44thward.org](http://www.44thward.org), please visit the site to see the services we provide, such as parking permits for your guests, parking permits for Cubs night games, street cleaning schedules and many more.

Third, your local CAPS police beat meetings are integral to the safety of our families and neighborhood as a whole. CAPS is a program in which local residents and beat officers come together once a month to discuss security issues on their block. The Southport Neighbors is located in Beat 1923 of the 19<sup>th</sup> Police District. This Beat meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Lakeview Baptist Church. We strongly advise your attendance and participation with the CAPS program as statistics show that residents who are involved in neighborhood security live in communities with lower crime rates.

Finally, I would like to invite you to the first ever 44<sup>th</sup> ward Community Directed Development Council Meeting. This Council will be made up of community group representatives and business leaders throughout Lakeview. One of the Council's duties will be to hold community forums to debate zoning issues in the neighborhood. The council will then report their findings to me, and advise me on developmental decisions concerning our community. The first forum will take place on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Wellington Avenue Church, 615 W. Wel-

lington from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. At this time we will begin discussions regarding the proper structure for the 44<sup>th</sup> Ward CDDC and open the floor to discuss the recent Zoning Proposals I submitted to City Council in regards to downzoning sections of Halsted and Broadway.

If you have any questions or concerns visit our website at [www.44thward.org](http://www.44thward.org) or call the service office at (773) 525-6034. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.

### New 44<sup>th</sup> Ward Website

Here we guide you through [www.44thward.org](http://www.44thward.org) web pages to let you know what kind of information this helpful website offers.

#### **About Tom**

Learn about Tom Tunney's background and history in Chicago.

#### **Parking**

Common questions and answers to parking in the 44<sup>th</sup> ward are listed. For example, are you going out of town and don't want your car ticketed for street cleaning while you're away? You will find the street cleaning schedule specific to your street. Need a city sticker, residential parking permit, or guest permits? Did your car get towed? Find out what you need to know.

#### **Zoning**

Alderman Tunney is creating a 44<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Directed Development Council. The council will hold community forums to debate zoning issues in the neighborhood. They will then report their findings to Ald. Tunney, who will take these recommendations to City Hall on behalf of his constituents. This web page will include their meeting schedule, meeting minutes and weekly updates of all proposed zoning changes in the 44<sup>th</sup> Ward.

#### **In the News**

Read the latest press releases about Ald. Tunney and the 44<sup>th</sup> ward.

#### **Get Involved**

This page lists upcoming ward events and all of the 44<sup>th</sup> ward Neighborhood Organizations.

#### **Links**

This is an extremely helpful page with links to other websites, such as:

1. Elected officials representing

- the 44<sup>th</sup> ward, including our U.S. Senators and Representatives, State Senators and Representatives, and our Cook County Commissioner.
2. State of Illinois website and the State Board of Elections website.
3. Cook County links, including Cook County Government, Assessor, Forest Preserve, Clerk of the Circuit Court and others.
4. City of Chicago links, including Office of the Mayor, Special Events, City Council Calendar, Police, Streets and Sanitation, CTA schedule and others.

#### **Contact Us**

The alderman's office hours and contact information are listed.

*Editor's note: SNA congratulates Tom Tunney on his victory in the aldermanic election. Thanks, Alderman Tunney, for providing this information.*

# SNA Planning & Development's *Did you know?*

## Variation vs. Exception... What's the difference?

Both a variation and an exception are requests from a homeowner to deviate from the city's zoning ordinance. Before a homeowner can apply for a variation or exception, they must apply for a permit and then receive a denial letter from the zoning department. At this time, the examiner will determine whether the homeowner's deviation should be considered for a variation or exception. Qualifying for an exception helps homeowners avoid the long appeals process that is involved in a variation. The examiner has a list of acceptable requests that can be considered for an exception. The following are a few facts to help clarify the difference between the two.

**Variation-** Variations can only be granted from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This process involves the homeowner notifying all neighbors within 100 feet of the property by certified mail 30 days before the Board hears their case. This is done to allow the neighbors time to contest the variation if they see fit. The homeowner is also required

to display a sign in public view announcing their pursuit of a variation.

**Exception-** Exceptions are granted by the Zoning Administrator. Exceptions are minor deviations from the zoning ordinance. The administrator requires notification to the neighbors on either side of the homeowner's property. All exceptions approved by the Zoning Administrator will not be effective without a hearing before the Committee on Zoning of the City Council and without being approved by the City Council.

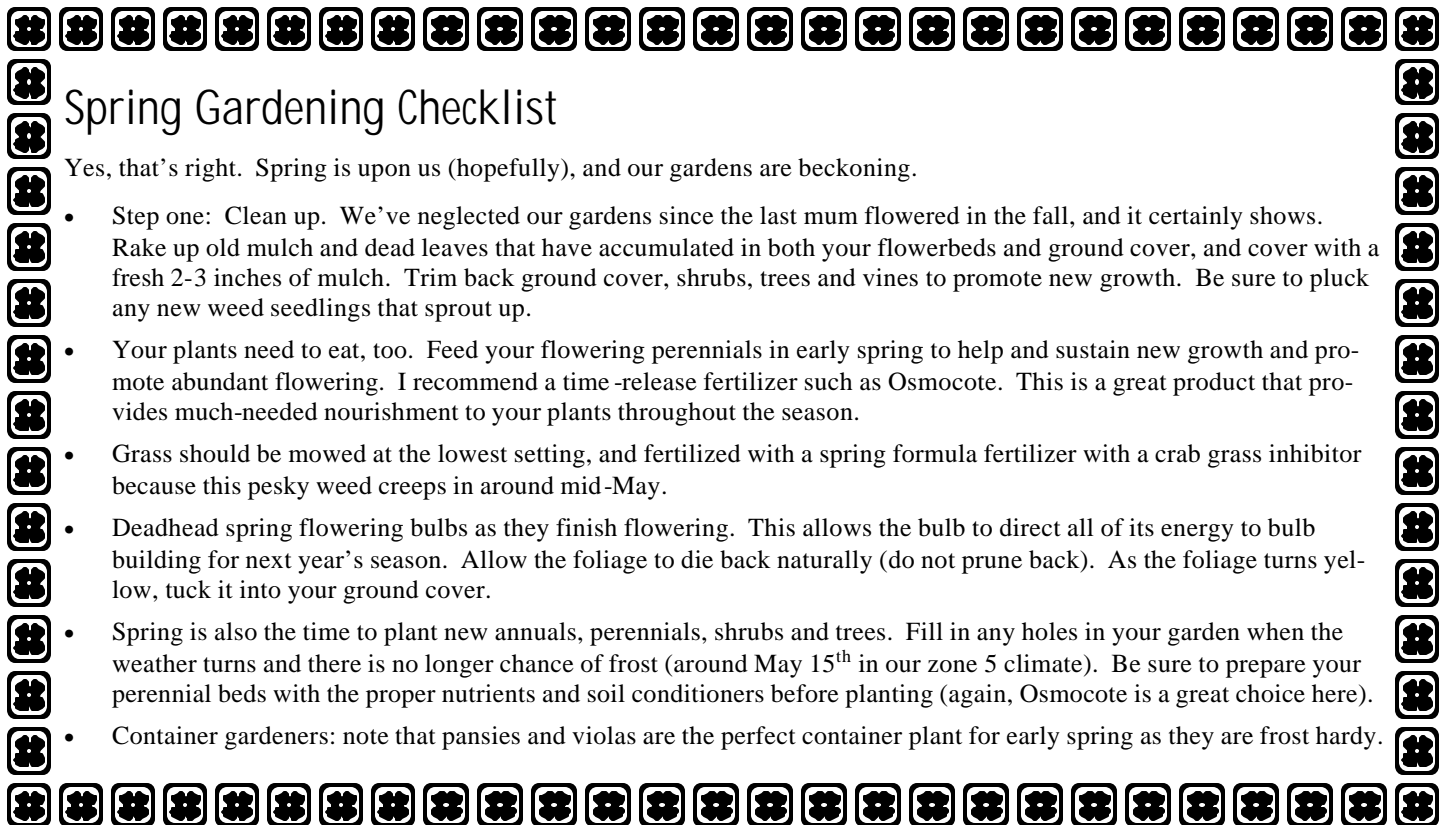
### ***If you receive a notice...***

The alderman normally notifies Southport Neighbors if any property owner is pursuing a variation or exception within our boundaries. If you receive a notice of a neighbor pursuing a zoning variation, please call Southport Neighbors and let us know, just in case we have not received notification. The Planning and Development Committee can review the situation to help you determine whether the project is suitable.

*Remember that you can learn about the City's proposed new zoning laws at our community meeting on April 28 (see page 1.)*

*A little background information: the City is proposing to overhaul the entire zoning code, to streamline and modernize it. With relatively strict zoning laws in existence in our neighborhood now, we want to ensure that the new ordinance won't weaken the zoning laws here.*

*If we do find that any of our current zoning restrictions are NOT in the city's new proposal, we will need to make our opinions known before the new zoning ordinance is finalized.*



## Spring Gardening Checklist

Yes, that's right. Spring is upon us (hopefully), and our gardens are beckoning.

- Step one: Clean up. We've neglected our gardens since the last mum flowered in the fall, and it certainly shows. Rake up old mulch and dead leaves that have accumulated in both your flowerbeds and ground cover, and cover with a fresh 2-3 inches of mulch. Trim back ground cover, shrubs, trees and vines to promote new growth. Be sure to pluck any new weed seedlings that sprout up.
- Your plants need to eat, too. Feed your flowering perennials in early spring to help and sustain new growth and promote abundant flowering. I recommend a time-release fertilizer such as Osmocote. This is a great product that provides much-needed nourishment to your plants throughout the season.
- Grass should be mowed at the lowest setting, and fertilized with a spring formula fertilizer with a crab grass inhibitor because this pesky weed creeps in around mid-May.
- Deadhead spring flowering bulbs as they finish flowering. This allows the bulb to direct all of its energy to bulb building for next year's season. Allow the foliage to die back naturally (do not prune back). As the foliage turns yellow, tuck it into your ground cover.
- Spring is also the time to plant new annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Fill in any holes in your garden when the weather turns and there is no longer chance of frost (around May 15<sup>th</sup> in our zone 5 climate). Be sure to prepare your perennial beds with the proper nutrients and soil conditioners before planting (again, Osmocote is a great choice here).
- Container gardeners: note that pansies and violas are the perfect container plant for early spring as they are frost hardy.

# Summertime...

## Water Safety for Kids

With summer just around the corner, many children love being in or around the water, whether it's a backyard pool or a local beach. Without proper safety measures, water can be dangerous for any child.

### Safety Tips for the Pool

- Make sure that your child is never alone in or near a swimming pool, hot tub or wading pool.
- When possible, make sure that a four-sided fence encloses your pool or hot tub at least five feet tall.
- Immediately after use, drain and empty wading pools. Turn the wading pool over when finished.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a telephone, and emergency numbers by your pool.
- Teach your child to swim, but do not rely solely on lessons to protect your child from drowning.
- Teach your child safe pool rules: never run, push or jump on others in or around the water.

### Safety Tips for Open Water

- Young children should never swim alone. Older children should always swim with a buddy or an adult.
- Children should always swim in designated areas of oceans, lakes and rivers. Look for clear water with little or no current, and check the depth of the water before swimming or diving.
- Life jackets should always be worn on a boat or near open water. The life jacket should fit correctly. Air-filled swimming aids, such as water wings, are not a safe substitute for life jackets.
- Never rely solely on life jackets or swimming lessons to protect your child.

## Hot Weather Safety for Dogs

While summertime is often a time for outdoor fun, the summer months can also mean potential hazards to our dog companions.

- **Anti-Freeze:** Anti-freeze, the day-glow green fluid frequently seen near curbs, is often lethal if ingested, even in very small quantities. Because many dogs and cats like its sweet taste, there are an enormous number of animal fatalities each year from drinking anti-freeze. Poisoning must be treated by a veterinarian IMMEDIATELY.
- **Heatstroke and Heat Exhaustion:** Fortunately the signs of heatstroke are obvious. Excessive panting; excessive salivation; racing pulse; legs, nose and ears that are hot to the touch (indicates elevated body temperature); vomiting (possibly) are all danger signs for your dog.
  - Parked Cars:** Leaving your dog in a parked car in the summer (even with the window left a few inches open) can cause heatstroke within minutes, not hours. Parking in the shade does not assure that your dog will not overheat. Shaded cars may still get very hot, and the sun may also move enough to change shaded areas into sunny ones. Remember, your dog cannot take off his coat. Leave your dog at home.
  - Exercising:** Over-exercising or running with a dog during hot weather can result in brain damage, heart failure, or even death in a short period of time. Short-muzzled and thick-coated breeds and mixes are particularly vulnerable, although any breed may be at risk. If you want to exercise with your dog, do it in the early morning or late evening, and do not exercise for longer than your dog is used to. Always bring cool water along when walking, running or hiking with your dog during hot weather. To cool off an overheated dog, offer plenty of water, then wet the dog's body and paws with cool water, then fan. If the dog experiences heatstroke or heat exhaustion, he should receive veterinary attention as soon as possible.
- **Protect your Dog from Being Stolen:** The number of animals that are stolen from backyards and from outside stores and supermarkets increases dramatically throughout Spring, Summer and Fall. Even the "safest" neighborhoods are not immune to this growing problem. The bottom line is: never leave your dog unsupervised if there is any risk that your dog could be harassed, poisoned or stolen.
- **Swimming Pools:** Each year, puppies, dogs and small children accidentally drown in backyard swimming pools when left unattended. Always keep fenced-in pools locked securely when not being used, and keep pets and children away from unenclosed and unoccupied pools.

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## Shrimp in Coconut Sauce

- 1 3/4 lb. large shrimp peeled, butterflied and deveined
- 6 TBL butter
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 TSP minced fresh ginger
- 3/4 cup chardonnay
- 1 1/4 cups unsweetened coconut milk, canned or fresh
- 1 TBL cornstarch
- 1/4 green bell pepper thinly sliced
- 1/4 red bell pepper thinly sliced
- 1 TBL minced fresh thyme
- 1/2 TBL minced cilantro
- 2 TSP honey

Rinse shrimp and pat dry with paper towels. In a large skillet melt butter over moderately high heat. Add the garlic and ginger and cook for 1 minute. Stir in shrimp and cook, stirring for 3 minutes. Add wine and simmer for 1 minute.

With a slotted spoon, remove shrimp and set aside in a covered bowl. Add coconut milk to the skillet and simmer 2 minutes. Mix cornstarch with water and add to the pan, whisking. Add the bell peppers, herbs and salt and pepper to taste and stir well.

Remove from heat and stir in the honey. Just before serving return shrimp to the pan and heat for 3 to 4 minutes. Adjust the seasoning if necessary. Serves 4.

# Southport Neighbors Association Board Members

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Sign me up! I'd like to join Southport Neighbors Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of membership:

Individual (\$7)    Family (\$10)    Business (\$10)    Senior (\$2)

Please send me the *Southport Neighbor* via email (*our preferred method!*)

Please send me the *Southport Neighbor* via US mail (*no charge*)

Also enclosed is my additional tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the Southport Neighbors Association

**Total enclosed:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ Send check payable to: Southport Neighbors Association  
3540 N. Southport Ave.  
POB 1000  
Chicago, IL 60657

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

Beautification    Education    Membership    Property Tax Reform

Block Representative    Fundraising    Newsletter    Traffic & Safety

Business Liaison    Garden Walk    Social    Planning/Development

### Upcoming Events:

April 28    SNA Community Meeting  
June 14    SNA Children's Fest



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