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Join your Neighbors at a Community Meeting and Neighborhood Social October 25, 7:30pm • Mercury Theater • 3745 Southport

Neighborhood Social • Blue Bayou Restaurant • 3734 Southport

Come to this month's meeting! You'll be informed and involved in the issues important to our neighborhood, then you'll get the chance to meet some of your neighbors socially over food and drink at Blue Bayou. For those of you who missed the April social, here's your chance to get out and meet others before we all retreat inside for the winter! (You must be an SNA member to attend the social, but don't worry—you can join at the door.)

Our agenda this time is short, but important. And as always, you will have a chance to introduce new issues during our Community Forum, which takes place at the end of every meeting. Two issues for discussion: Zoning—emphasis on historic preservation; Southport—emphasis on its pending classification as a "pedestrian street", with sidewalk cafes and streetscaping. (See more on this in an

GOOD NEWS FOR

Recent research has yielded interesting findings—Chocolate may be an excellent addition to a balanced diet. Chocolate is a great source of magnesium and also contains vitamins A, B1, C, D, E, as well as iron, and potassium. Chocolate is rich in flavonoids, oleic acid, and poly phenols, all of which are powerful antioxidants and are anti-inflammatory.

article in Planning & Development, page 5). At the conclusion of these topics and our 15 minute Forum, we will adjourn for some fun and refreshments at Blue Bayou, across the street from the Mercury Theater.

Did you know that Southport Neighbors is responsible for the current "Greystone Initiative" being sponsored by Alderman Tunney? This and other topics related out our new zoning code will be discussed in detail by our Planning and Development Committee. Then we will be hosting an interactive session about the future of our beautiful Southport Avenue. Its zoning designation is changing to "Pedestrian Street" and you will find out what that means. We'd love to hear your ideas about this and other Southport topics so that we may take them into consideration as we move forward.

OUR AGENDA

7:30 PM

'Greystone Intitiative" Update: Preserving the character of our historic buildings.

7:50 PM

Southport Avenue as a "Pedestrian Street"

8:10 PM

Community Forum: What's on your mind?

8:25 - ?????PM Adjourn to Blue Bayou for fun, refreshments and networking with your neighbors.

A Big Thank You

Once again, Michael Cullen, not only for the ongoing use of his beautiful Mercury Theater, but also for his hospitality in hosting us at Blue Bayou.

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your teeth with hot fudge, beware chocolate contains 150 calories per ounce.

Poster Inside!!!!!

Enclosed in this mailing is a poster promoting the "Greystone Initiative" Southport Neighbors and Alderman Tunney developed this important initiative to save our historic buildings.

Please place this sign in your window to show your support!

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS



Meet the officers who patrol your beat. Work with your beat officers and your neighbors to determine the priority crime problems in your neighborhood. Find out what the police are doing—and what you can do to fight crime and address the priority problems on your block and your beat. Meet your neighbors and get organized. You can do all of these, and more, at your beat community meeting.

Beat community meetings are hosted by the Police Department and are chaired by a police officer who is a member of the beat team. A member of the community, often called a beat facilitator, may co-chair the meeting and assist in establishing the agenda.

Beat community meetings are an important first step in the CAPS problem-solving process on your beat. The meetings provide you with the opportunity to help set the crime-fighting priorities in your community—to work with your beat officers in identifying and prioritizing crime and disorder problems, in analyzing those problems, and in developing strategies to address them. Information from the beat community meeting is used by the beat team in creating the beat plan —a tool that

In Memory of Michael Mettler

Mike Mettler, passed away on September 17, 2004 at the age of 46. He had been battling cancer for the last 10 years. Mike was one of the founding members of SNA and was there in the basement of the former Philipine American Church on the corner of Greenview and Byron on 8-8-88 when SNA had its first meeting it was also the night of the first Cubs night game. In the early years of SNA Mike wore numerous hats, but his heart was always in beautification of the neighborhood—a cause for which he labored tirelessly. Mike had a vision of a Southport area garden walk, in an era when his was the only garden worthy of the name. Mike was such an avid gardener, that after working long hours downtown in real estate, he would work late at night in his garden with a miner's headlamp.

The neighborhood owes Mike a huge debt of gratitude for the establishment of the Special Conservation District. Mike's energy, knowledge, and enthusiasm helped the task force

helps police officers and the community keeps track of the priority problems on the beat and the progress made in addressing those problems.

Our next CAPS meeting for Beat 1923 is on November 9, 2004 at 7pm. and again on December 14th.

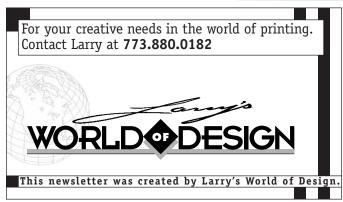
Location:

Lakeshore Baptist Church 4100 North Greenview

persevere, until finally, the City Council approved the plan in 1995. When you walk through the neighborhood and notice that our buildings are not 4 stories tall, and have a little more greenspace, think of Mike. He always worked to balance the needs of the residents for a pleasant and hospitable neighborhood, with the needs of a vibrant business community.

Although he was very ill, Mike continued to be active in neighborhood issues, most recently, the effort to save historic graystones. He worked tirelessly with SNA's Planning and Development Committee to create the "Graystone Initiative" recently announced by Alderman Tunney. He petitioned neighbors in support of this cause, just a few days before one of his surgeries. He always offered constructive help and never complained. Mike was a wonderful friend and neighbor. His passing will leave a huge space in our community as well as in the lives of the many people who knew and loved him.

Bravo to all Summer on Southport Volunteers! Thank you for contributing your time to the festival and doing so with enthusiasm and smiles on your faces. We could not have done it without you. We will be keeping in touch with you via email over the course of the year, so stay tuned for details on next year's event. Colleen Gibbs, Michelle Krage, and Lisa Chalem





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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

Each year the Ravenswood – Lake View Historical Association sponsors a history contest open to all private and public grammar and high school students in Chicago. Students are invited to submit essays, posters, videos, interviews, and artwork depicting an historical aspect of the area of Chicago between Fullerton and Devon and between Western and the Lake – the area that was originally organized as Lake View Township in 1857, and later annexed by the City of Chicago in 1889.

This year, Vincent Andrade, who has lived near the corner of Lakewood and Grace for almost all of his 12 years, was one of the contest's winners. Vincent, just completing the sixth grade at Hawthorne Scholastic Academy, was joined by several of his classmates, as well as students from St. Mathias/Transfiguration School, Lincoln Park High School, Lake View High School, and St. Luke Academy as they were each presented with medals, certificates and monetary prizes ranging from \$100 to \$300 in a ceremony at the Sulzer Regional Library on May 20th.

Vincent's project was entitled – Four Blocks of Southport, Old and New. His poster covered several his-

Local Boy Awarded for Exploring Southport's History

33rd Annual History Contest

torical features on the blocks of Southport from Addison up to Irving Park Road. His inspiration was an old photo displayed in the window of the El Mercado Food Market at the corner of Southport and Grace. It shows a Southport street scene, circa 1910. As the centerpiece of his project, that photo is contrasted with a current photo of this vantage point. Vincent also included photos and information about the Music Box Theatre, Blaine Elementary School and the Lake View Station Post Office including its Harry Sternberg mural.

Vincent said that the best part of his research for the project was his interview with Sean Buino, proprietor of Alhambra, who told him about when his grandmother bought the hardware business on Southport that has remained in Sean's family since the 1940s. Vincent was most fascinated by Sean's tales of haircuts at Nick's Barbershop with its original 1940s barber's chairs, after school snacks

purchased from Little Johnny's cart, and shopping for school supplies at the Southport Department Store.

Sean described a working class neighborhood that has benefited economically from the resurgence that Vincent has been witness to in the 12 years that the four blocks of Southport have been his home. Quoting from Vincent's project, "I like that there are new buildings and businesses starting all the time, but I am sad about old places being torn down." Places like the Public Library at Grace that his nanny took him to as a toddler, or the gas station at Addison where his family used to fill their bikes with air. Overall, though, Vincent agrees with Sean that the change has been positive for a neighborhood that 20 years ago, would not have been able to support all the dry cleaners, coffee shops, restaurants or Sean's garden and outdoor furniture shop currently defining Southport.

Vincent is planning on continuing to explore the changing Southport landscape for his Contest entry next year, and has already photographed the houses slated for demolition just north of Blaine School. He hopes to find out more about family businesses and whatever happened to Little Johnny.

Spotlight on Health

COLD SEASON IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING—ARE YOU PREPARED?

The common cold accounts for half of all human illness. Adults suffer 3-5 colds per year. Because there is no cure, once the rhinovirus(or sometimes coronavirus) has infected our upper respiratory tract, we will



inevitably suffer the wrath of this pesky microbe.

However, we are not helpless. Try these tips, and feel better this fall and winter:

PREVENTION

- Wash your hands often (the best prevention)
- Vitamin C (enhances immune function)
- Vitamin A (maintains mucus membranes)
- Beta-Carotene (stimulates immune system)
- Routine exercise (boosts immune function)

AS SOON AS SYMPTOMS BEGIN

- Vitamin C (speeds recovery)
- Zinc (speeds recovery)
- Echinacea (key herbal cold remedy)

- Goldenseal (antiviral, antibacterial;
 Do not use if pregnant or breast feeding)
- Garlic, Cilantro (antiviral, antibacterial)
- Hot showers morning and night (steam will help prevent and treat sinus infection)
- Drink plenty of fluids (keeps mucus membranes moist)

Consult with your physician about proper dosage.

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SNA'S PLANNING + DEVELOPMENT

The Community Directed Development Council continues to

work on the 44th ward's strategic plan. Council members

have been assigned to various subcommittees and begin drafting the Ward plan as relates to that subcommittee topic. Your CDDC representatives are serving on the residential and business sub-committees of the Council.

As members of the residential subcommittee we have asked every residential area to submit a mission statement and goals to be included in the overall plan to ensure that the respective concerns and interests of each neighborhood are articulated and preserved. The business subcommittee is working on a business survey intended

to be distributed to residents, visitors and the business community within the Ward to serve as a marketing tool by the Alderman and Chambers of Commerce to attract desirable, diverse and stable businesses to our area.

In the SNA area, we hope this business survey will be useful to both property owners and prospective businesses to help bring a variety of businesses to Southport.We have seen a proliferation of many of the same types of business springing up in the last year or so. Your SNA-CDDC representatives are concerned that replicating the same business type on Southport creates very stiff competition between these businesses and can drive one or more out. Additionally, the consumer demands of our residents and visitors are not as widely met by replication as would greater diversity and choice.

Alderman Tunney hosted a meeting in August with the Director of the Landmark Commission. The SNA-CDDC representatives are exploring various ways to preserve our historic architecture both our greystones and late 19th and early 20th century homes. In the area including West Lakeview and SNA, from Southport to Bosworth, Roscoe to Waveland there are 38 homes listed in the Chicago Historical Resources Survey which is the City's official list of buildings erected prior to 1940 that have historical significance. They are ranked by color with Orange being the most significant. 21 of the 38 are Orange rated homes. Your SNA-CDDC representatives along with West Lakeview and Sheil Park Neighbors, Alderman Tunney, and the Zoning Department are discussing various ways to protect those buildings continued on page 5

Responsible Developers

Hopefully, you read this new column last issue! We are highlighting the developers in the neighborhood who are following our Alderman's lead in trying to preserve our historic buildings. Unfortunately, because of our current zoning code, a few buildings have been lost recently:

A graystone was torn down recently by Impressionist Homes at 3709 N. Wayne to build a three-story condominium against the neighbors wishes. (This is the development company responsible for building huge condominium buildings by combining 2 lots where single *family homes once stood.*)

Additionally, a solid masonry brick building was torn down at 3648 N. Racine by a builder named John Godley to build a three-story condominium between two historic homes (again against neighbors' protests).

But, a big thank you goes out to the "responsible developers" working on the following exciting projects:

3712 N. MAGNOLIA



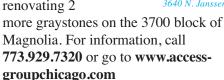
Graystone renovation by Macon Construction Group. For information,

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3640 N. JANSSEN Graystone renovation by **Platt Construction**

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1241 W. CORNELIA



renovation by G.I.A. Builders. For information, call 773.525.0700

3760 N. MAGNOLIA

Graystone renovation by Michael and **Associates.** Anthony Michael is doing

another project at 1220 W. Newport. For information. call

312.787.7803

If you have a

development



question, please contact your block representative, or call **312.458.0762**. You can also email us at info@southportneighbors.com. We need you input!

PLANNING + DEVELOPMENT

Southport is a "Pedestrian Street"

The Department of Planning has set up a unique classification in the new zoning ordinance for Business Districts such as Southport. This new classification, Pedestrian Street, is intended to maintain an atmosphere conducive to shopping by foot (or stroller by our younger neighbors).

Buildings in this district are built right up to the sidewalks to create a street wall, two to three stories tall. The street wall will not be permitted to be broken up by parking lots or buildings set back too far from this defined edge. The ground floors of these buildings are intended for commercial use. Large windows and storefronts offer views into the stores or to display areas inside the windows. Another aspect is the large,

spacious sidewalks.

The city is interested in preserving the character of these pedestrian oriented streets. In order to do that, they have established guidelines in the zoning ordinance. These include continuing to build up to the sidewalks with emphasis on corner buildings, requiring a major portion of the street wall be used for display windows, the location of off-street parking areas, requiring entries to open onto the sidewalk and finally to ensure uninterrupted sidewalk space.

The Southport Neighborhood Association's Planning and Development Committee is working with other Southport neighborhood associations to create a common Sidewalk Café Guideline. The intent is to ensure Southport remain a pedestrian friendly street.

In order to keep our sidewalks free of obstruction we are studying the use of Southport, Clark and other streets with sidewalk café's and outdoor merchandise display. We are using the city's established guidelines as a basis for our criteria. The main goal is to create a consistent path for walking with attractive sidewalk café's, merchandise display and streetscape that enliven our neighborhood like no other. We are working with Alderman Tunney and the Chamber of Commerce to possibly add some street furniture, landscaping and new paving.

We look forward to helping our neighborhood businesses flourish within an attractive, safe and pedestrian friendly way to travel on our sidewalks.

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Additionally, the Greystone Initiative is under-way. Alderman Tunney and numerous neighborhood and community groups have come together to support preservation of our wonderful greystone homes in Lakeview. The Greystone Initiative, much like the Bungalow Initiative, is intended to use tax incentives as well as zoning and preservation tools to accomplish a City wide effort to encourage rehab and preservation of these historic buildings. SNA is proud to be the lead sponsor of this program. Your support for this project is vital to preserving the character of our beautiful neighborhood. A poster has been

inserted for you to hang in your window. SNA has now added its own preservation committee to continue the important work that has begun in our area.

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.

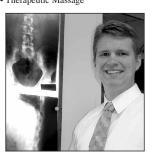
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A Word From Your Elected Officials



unney Talk

Well the summer has come to an end, but what an ending. September's weather was miraculous. Our Cubs were a bit less so. Next year.

The office has been working with the community and the Cubs on the Wrigley Field Neighborhood protection plan. We have held two community meetings this year to discuss its effectiveness and draw community response. The Cubs have increased their promotion of public transport and shuttles and have taken responsibility for garbage collection around the park. The 23rd Police District has increased the manpower of the tactical unit assigned to the park and have been stepping up enforcement of public nuisances. We are also working with the Department of Revenue to find and fine unlicensed parking lots.

We have been working to increase the greenery in our ward. The LeMoyne campus park should be done next year, and there will be a study done this year at Blaine School for a similar park on their campus in the near future. Several volunteers have been helping me add mulch to trees along the public way all over the ward this summer, and I continue to push the Chicago Park District to find areas for more green space in the ward.

Development is a major concern in our ward and it's a topic we deal with everyday. We are working to preserve some wonderful homes and blocks through landmarking and zoning changes. We have secured preliminary landmark status for the 800 – 900 blocks of Newport and conferred landmark status on Wrigley Field. I have hosted several community meetings with affected residents throughout the past year and we are now moving forward with the landmarking process for the 800 block of Oakdale and 4 addresses known as "Terra Cotta Row" on the 1000 block of Oakdale. I also continue to advocate for the preservation of our Greystones with every developer I meet.

The 44th Ward Community Directed Development Council (CDDC) has been working hard to

prepare zoning recommendations for the Ward as the new Zoning Code is implemented on November 1st. The Council members spent a good six months last year inventorying all the properties in the ward so we had an idea of what exists. Now we are working on a proposal for zoning changes to reflect what we'd like to see in the future. The Alderman's Office will be bringing this plan out to the community for review this fall. The CDDC is also working on creating a Master Plan for the Ward to help direct our development and quality of life issues in the future.

The 44th Ward Senior Advisory Council continues their hard work under the leadership of our Senior Services Advocate, Christine Brown. They hosted a Senior Awareness Day on August 24th, which provided medical ID's and bracelets along with State of Illinois ID's free of charge to all 44th Ward seniors. On August 25th, we held our second annual Senior Picnic, and despite the less than ideal weather, the event was a great success. continued on page 7

An open letter from **Commissioner Mike Quigley**

Dear Neighbors,

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the continued progress of the new Domestic Violence Courthouse which the County began constructing last November. I am happy to report that the construction is on schedule with a planned opening of summer of 2005. This will be a welcome replacement for the overcrowded, dilapidated courthouse at 13th and Michigan that served as a deterrent to victims pursuing their cases.

In addition to being a safe place for survivors and their children, the Dom-

estic Violence Courthouse is also a first for Cook County. It will be the first Cook County building constructed using "green" technology. The Courthouse will be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. As such, the Domestic Violence Courthouse will have the largest solar electric system on one roof in the Midwest. It is also being constructed using recycled materials, rainwater irrigation for landscaping, and energy efficient equipment.

In the City of Chicago alone, over 215,153 domestic violence calls were placed to emergency dispatchers in 2002. This is a very important and all too often overlooked problem in our society. The new Domestic Violence Courthouse will be at least one place

where survivors of abuse can feel safe and can find help.

As always please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions concerning county issues at 773.935.1010

Sincerely,

Mike Ouigley Cook County Commissioner, 10th Dist.

Domestic Violence Hotline Numbers

City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line 1.877.863.6338

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1.800.799.SAFE (7233)

Women Helping Battered Women 1.802.658.1996

Women's Rape Crisis Center 1.800.489.7273

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New Businesses in our Neighborhood!

A Note to New Businesses:

If your new business has opened in the last 3 months and has not appeared in the newsletter, please pardon the oversight! Let us know who you are and we will spread the word and add you to the list in our next newsletter. Welcome, one and all!

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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Alderman Tunney • continued from page 6

Our office stands ready to serve you. Please feel free to give one of the ward staff a call at **773.525.6034**. Alicia Obando handles issues regarding zoning, buildings, CTA and legislation. Bennett Lawson handles comChildren's clothing boutique that carries a unique mixture of trendy and classic merchandise catering to varying tastes and budgets. Wide assortment of distinctive and fun brands including Dogwood, Lucky, Oink Baby, and Zutano.

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munity issues involving festivals, parades, schools, parks, seniors, CAPS and LGBT matters. Denise Poelstrel is a wealth of information on city services and also schedules the Alderman's appointments. You can reach us online at www.44thward.org

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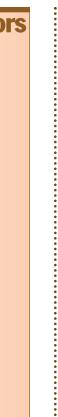
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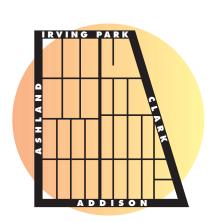
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Upcoming Events for 2004:

Oct. 25 SNA Community Meeting

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND

Oct. 24 Trick or Treat Southport