# SOUTHPORT NEIGHBOR

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# Come to Summer On Southport

for Children & Adults on July 23rd & 24th, 10am - midnight

The much-anticipated Summer on Southport rolls into town July 23-24 on the 3700-3800 blocks of Southport (Waveland to Byron). This 2-day festival will feature the 4th Annual Children's Festival, live music, local artists, incredible food, and beverages from local restaurants and eateries. The event, which grew out of the popularity of the now-famous Southport Children's Festival held at Blaine School in the past, will benefit the Southport Neighbors Association (SNA) and SNA Grant Foundation.

Summer on Southport is a community-focused event dedicated to providing a unique, safe, fun, and interactive venue for children and adults of all ages. From 10am–4pm each day will be the 4th Annual Children's Festival, an upscale art fair of sorts for children, featuring Chicago's favorite family entertainers including Willy Wonka and the WonkaMobile, Wiggleworms, The Rope Warrior, Trinity Irish Dancers, Justin Roberts, Mad Science, Chicago Kids

Company with Pinocchio, and much, much more. The Field Museum will have activities, Radio Disney with Downtown Dave will broadcast live on Saturday, and the NBA will sponsor basketball courts and activities in the Blaine School parking lot. Among other special performances, the Children's Festival will feature plenty of games, activities, and quality entertainment in which children and their families can participate.

After 4pm the venue will transform into a premiere music festival for adults featuring an exciting array of live music on the north and south stages including Edwin McCain, Mike & Joe, Afrodisiacs, J. Davis Trio, The Mighty Blue Kings, along with several local bands both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

A Sunday brunch will offer an early morning opportunity to join the celebration while supporting the Southport community and senior activities at the festival will include Bingo, dance lessons and more!

From 10am–2pm each day, the

festival will be alcohol-free,in an effort to maintain SNA's commitment to the Southport area community while bringing the neighborhood a high-quality festival for kids. After 2pm, liquor sales will open for the remainder of the evening festival.

Summer on Southport is not possible without many committed volunteers. Last year more than 100 friends and neighbors generously volunteered their time and this year we need your help as well. Volunteers are needed for various festival jobs and in addition to receiving a free tshirt, free admission, and two drink tickets, volunteers are promised a great time meeting and getting to know fellow neighbors. Please contact Lisa Chalem at

**Ichalem55@rcn.com** for more information about volunteering.

Mark your calendars for July 23-24 and plan to join the fun of Summer on Southport. For more detailed festival information, contact Star Events at **773.665.4682**.

#### Save the Date

Community Meeting to be held **July 25** at the Mercury Theater. Please mark your calendars for our quarterly community meeting, which will begin at 7:30pm in the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport. Check out the kiosk at the southwest corner of Southport and Waveland for the agenda. Hope to see you there!

#### **A Warm Welcome to Our New Board Members**

SNA held its annual board election at the April 25, 2005 community meeting.

Each year, 4 board members are elected to a three-year term. This year the following candidates were elected to serve on the SNA board until 2008:

Maria Betti Lisa Chalem Peter Uliasz Graham Warning

Congratulations to all these dedicated neighbors of ours!!

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

#### **Northside Parents Network 60613 events**

Looking to connect with other parents in the neighborhood? Get together with the 13 Club of the Northside Parents Network. Join us this summer for story time or a coffee break. It's a great time to meet new friends, trade ideas about kids, child care, play dates, etc.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 22, 10:00AM

Join fellow 60613 parents for a mid-morning break with or without the kiddies at Uncommon Ground (3800 N. Clark, at Grace). Chat, relax, caffeinate yourself and bring ideas for events you'd like to see the 13 Club sponsor in the fall. Hope you can make it!

Northside Parents Network is a volunteer organization by and for parents in the north side of Chicago. For more information on NPN's activities for parents and kids, see www.northsideparents.org

#### **LVCC Addresses Buffett Security, Noise Problem**

At a July 7th meeting, the Lake View Citizen's Council resolved to request increased police protection for the neighborhood during Jimmy Buffett concerts planned at Wrigley Field over Labor Day weekend. They will ask for protection "equal to or greater than that of a Cubs playoff game." It has been a known fact that police presence is DOWN in our neighborhood, and that when traffic police were replaced by the green-vested Traffic Management Aids during Cub games, the police were redeployed to other areas, instead of patrolling our neighborhoods during and after games, as we had been promised. We want to ensure this doesn't happen during the Buffett concerts.

The LVCC also resolved to address the problem of news helicopters (for traffic reports) hovering over the neighborhood at 5:30am. Our SNA representative brought up the issue, and it was discovered that surrounding neighborhoods have the same problem. The LVCC will be contacting federal officials, and the news organizations themselves to try to resolve the issue. Emergencies would be an exception. The biggest problem we have is that whenever Wrigley Field is in the news, the helicopters show up to hover for the morning news, even though the event that they are reporting won't occur until much later in the day. We will be exploring the noise ordinance as it relates to this issue.

The LVCC is an organization of 12 neighborhood associations, including SNA.

#### A note about our newsletter's current "look"

We wish to thank Larry Roth of Larry's World of Design (a Lakeview business) for his continuing efforts in striving to acheive the level of professionalismand sophistication that we all have come to expect for this periodical.



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# NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

# **Music Box Theatre Responds with More Family Programs**

The Music Box Theatre, **3733 N. Southport**, is responding to the community's request for more family programming this summer with the Family Film Festival on weekend mornings July 23 through Sept. 4th, and an extended engagement of the G-rated documentary March of the Penguins.

#### **FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL**

We wanted to offer films that would appeal to both children and adults, and we wanted to avoid showing recent films that children may have already seen on the big screen. Therefore, the most recent film in the festival is ten years old (BABE, 1995), and the oldest dates all the way back to 1939 (THE WIZARD OF OZ). We hope these films were favorites of parents, and that they will want to share them with their children. If the festival is a success. we hope to expand the program next year to play throughout the entire summer.

JULY 23 - 24 Looney Tunes Film Festival

JULY 30 - 31
The Wizard of Oz

**AUGUST 6 - 7**The Muppets Take Manhattan

AUGUST 13 - 14 Babe

**AUGUST 27 - 28**20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (restored print!)

#### SEPTEMBER 3 - 4

ET The Extra-Terrestrial

All films start at 11:30am, Saturday and Sunday morning. Tickets for the Family Film Festival: Adults are \$7.25 and Children under 12 with paying adult are \$3.50.

#### SOUTHPORT STREET FESTIVAL

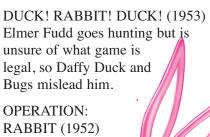
The Music Box will be playing fami-

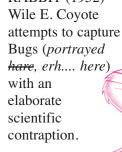
ly entertainment exclusively during the Southport Street Festival: The Looney Tunes Film Festival and March of the Penguins will show all day, July 23 and 24th. This will be a perfect way for families to escape the heat for 90 minutes during the street fest. What better way to cool off than inside an air conditioned auditorium watching penguins in the Antarctic!!

#### **LOONEY TUNES FILM FESTIVAL**

Twelve animated shorts from Warner Brothers Studios are featured in this package. Here are just a few:

DEVIL MAY HARE (1954) Bugs Bunny finds the Tasmanian Devil in his encyclopedia just as the animal threatens to devour him.









#### **MARCH OF THE PENGUINS**

This film has all of the classic elements of an epic – insurmountable odds, conquering heroes, loving couples and radiant beauty. It introduces some of the bravest and most memorable characters to ever grace the silver screen... they just happen to be penguins. With short steps, beneath violent snowstorms, the emperor

penguins labor through a vast labyrinth of ice as they make their way to their traditional breeding ground. Narrated by Morgan Freeman.

For more info on this documentary, **www.marchofthepenguins.com** 

For further information, please phone **773.871.6604** or visit **www.musicboxtheatre.com** 

# **A Word From Your Elected Officials**



Summer is in full swing here in the 44th Ward. The Cubs are beating the White Sox, the Lake is warming up and the outdoor dining areas are plentiful. What more could you ask for in this wonderful neighborhood.

If you haven't purchased your new parking permits, they can be purchased from the City Clerk's office in City Hall, at a DMV office at 5401 N. Elston or 5301 S. Cicero or by mail. The previous ones expired June 30, 2005. Our office continues to sell the 383 guest passes. Each guest pass is good for 24 hours from the time and date you print on the pass. Each book of 15 passes costs \$5 with a limit of one book per visit. Please provide proof of residence and photo ID. A new ordinance has passed that

now makes it illegal to sell, offer to sell or buy any city-issued parking permits. Fines run from \$200 - \$500. To report violations near Wrigley, call **773.525.8666**. City Stickers are required on all cars used in Chicago for more than 30 days. The old stickers expired June 30th and there's a grace period until July 15th. You can also purchase City Stickers in our office on July 11th or at any of the City Clerk offices. For a small fee, you can also purchase them at area Currency Exchanges.

Night Baseball Parking Permits are necessary in LV2 areas on Cubs Night Game dates. In general, the LV2 area within the 44th Ward, is from Broadway to Ashland and Belmont to Irving. Each resident that has a current City Vehicle Sticker and lives in the program area, is eligible

#### **Summer Office Hours**

April — October of 2005 Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm Friday 8am-5pm Saturday 8am-noon

for an LV2 parking permit free of charge. The City of Chicago will tow illegally parked vehicles and vehicles that fail to display the proper permits from the Night Baseball Parking Permit areas to a city auto pound. It will cost, at a minimum, \$150 to retrieve a vehicle. Please call **773.525.8666** to report violations of this program. The Cubs night games scheduled for the next three months are: July 25 & 26th; August 8, 22, 23, 29 & 30th; September 12, 13, 14, 15 & 27th.

The CTA is moving ahead with the Brown Line Reconstruction project. They still plan to close many of the

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#### An open letter from **Commissioner** Mike Quigley

Dear Neighbors:

In February the Cook County Board passed a balanced budget for 2005 that does not include any tax increases, but contains spending cuts.

I successfully led the fight to block the passage of three proposed new tax increases and cut \$55 million from the President's Executive Budget during the board's 2-day marathon meeting. Because of these cuts and my leadership, the President's proposed 2% increases to the meal, lodging, and new amusement device tax were no longer necessary to balance the budget.

Now that the 2005 budget has passed, it is time to build on the momentum and support to streamline Cook County government. The County is facing a possible \$200 million deficit for 2006. Although the County Board cut some fat from this year's budget, there is still a need for significant restructuring because the County's revenue is not increasing at the same rate as its expenditures. I'll be working throughout the year to implement the many suggestions for streamlining the County that are included in my report, Reinventing Cook County, released in 2003.

In my most recent report, Greening Cook County, I lay out a strategy for the County and Forest Preserve District to save money and improve environmental performance. In June, I introduced, and the board passed, three major pieces of environmental legislation in the Forest Preserve District. These three ordinances were the first recommendations from Greening Cook County to be enacted:

#### RECYCLING

Under the recycling plan ordinance, the FPD is charged with developing and implementing a plan to reduce the amount of solid waste by 25%. Increased recycling will be a large part of the effort, but actions that reduce the amount of materials consumed in the first place or focus on reusing existing products will also

play a role.

#### **RECYCLED PURCHASING**

The recycled product purchasing ordinance directs the District to buy environmentally superior products whenever possible.

#### **GREEN BUILDING**

The green buildings ordinance requires that the Forest Preserve District achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for all new buildings and major renovations of existing facilities.

These ordinances are just one of the 38 strategies for improving the County's environmental performance and saving money recommended in the Greening Cook County report. I'll introduce legislation to implement other report recommendations. Visit commissionerquigley.com/reports to read this report and many others produced by my office.

As always, if you have any questions about county government, call my office at **773.935.1010**.

Mike Quigley





#### Ald. Tunney • continued from page 4

Brown Line stations for anywhere up to a year as they are each being reconstructed. No two adjacent stations will be closed at the same time, but it will affect our Diversey, Wellington, Southport and Paulina stations. The Belmont station will not be closed at any time. The CTA has already acquired most of the properties that will be needed for this project. Demolition of some of these properties has begun. The tentative schedule in the 44th Ward is:

- 3224, 3228 and 3232 N. Wilton will be demolished June 27th July 1st.
- 938 W. Belmont July 5 11th.
- 934, 935, 936 and 947 W. Fletcher will be demolished July 11 15th.
- 944 W. Barry July 15 18th.
- 3412 N. Southport July 19 22nd.
- 3408 N. Marshfield July 25 27th.

The 44th Ward Community Directed Development Council continues its hard work. The zoning change proposals for the eastern portion of the ward continue to be developed in conjunction with the City's Department of Planning and the area local community groups. The CDDC also continues it's work on developing a Master Plan for the 44th Ward to let developers and others know upfront where the community would like to see the Ward go as it moves forward. For more information on the CDDC, visit www.44thward.org or attend a CDDC meeting, the 4th

Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at Ann Sather on Belmont.

As the temperature rises in the summer so does the rate of crime. The 44th ward in partnership with the Chicago Police Department, and CAPS has created several initiatives that promote awareness, protection, and safety in the ward. The CAPS beat meeting schedules can be found at www.44thWard.org. CAPS beat meetings are a great place where residents can learn about issues critical to their district, meet and talk to their local police officers, and learn how to better protect themselves.

Don't miss Alderman Tunney's Kid's Bike Parade on July 24th. All kids under the age of 14 are encouraged to come with their bikes decorated, and their helmets. The line up will start at Blaine School at 9am with parade stepping off at 9:15 am sharp. The parade is on Southport from Waveland to Grace. The kid's bike parade is in conjunction with the Summer on Southport Festival which is at the same location on July 23rd and July 24th from 10am to10pm on Saturday, and 10am to 9pm on Sunday. For a complete listing of summer events and block parties please log onto www.44thWard.org.

The 44th Ward Senior Advisory Council is looking forward to the annual Senior Awareness Day and John Merlo Senior Picnic. Senior Awareness Day will be held on

Thursday, August 4th at the Hallmark, 2960 N. Lake Shore Drive, from 9am to 2pm. A number of State and City agencies will be present with many resources available. The Illinois Secretary of State mobile unit will be there issuing State ID cards, as well as representatives from the City Clerk, 23rd Police District, CTA, Chicago Department on Aging, Illinois Attorney General's Office, and more. This is a great chance for seniors to take advantage of a vast amount of resources that will be available in one place. The 44th Ward - John Merlo Senior Picnic will be held on August 25th at 11am in Lincoln Park across from 2970 N. Lake Shore Drive. It is a great place to mingle with neighbors, and make new friends. Come join us for food, fun and prizes!

As always, 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, development, CTA, dogs and legislation. Bennett Lawson handles community issues involving special events, schools, parks, police, businesses and LGBT matters. Denise Poelstrel handles infrastructure issues and schedules the Alderman's appointments. You can also reach us online at ttunney@cityofchicago.org an www.44thward.org.

# **47th Ward's Alderman Schulter**

Summer is here and there are many activities and events in the 47th Ward including concerts, movies and festivals. Please visit my website at **www.ward47.com** for up-to-date information. There is also a 47th Ward 2005 Summer Brochure available at the 47th Ward Public Service Office.In addition, if you are having a garage sale this summer please stop by the 47th Ward Office and apply

for a garage sale permit. As a reminder, the posting of garage sale flyers in the public way is prohibited and a ticket may be issued. My Public Service Office located at **4237 North Lincoln Avenue**; feel free to contact my office at **773.348.8400**.

I encourage families to submit their email address to receive information about Alderman Schulter's Kids Club family events, please pro-

#### 47th Ward Office Hours

Monday–Friday 9am–5pm Wednesday Evenings 7pm–9pm Saturday 9am–noon

vide a family name and mailing address. You can register your e-mail address on my website or by e-mailing me at ward47@cityofchicago.org.

#### PLANNING + DEVELOPMENT



Alderman Tunney's Community Directed Development Council (CDDC) has been meeting monthly to develop a strategic plan for the 44th Ward. The Council has formed various subcommittees to write detailed sections of the plan. Once each section is drafted the Council as a whole will review and edit the overall plan. The current goal is to have all subcommittee reports submitted to the Council by the end of July.

The Alderman reported at the June CDDC meeting, that he continues to work on zoning changes to the Ward by area, beginning with the east end. Several zoning changes have been proposed for the east end of the Ward. Thereafter, he will move to address zoning changes in other sections of the Lakeview area. The SNA P&D and Preservation Committees will soon meet to analyze whether the new zoning code is working for our

area to preserve our greystones and historic homes.

Your SNA CDDC representatives have continued to emphasize the need to preserve our historic buildings on Southport as well as our residential streets. One such building was nearly lost. The Mercury Theater was scheduled to be sold at public auction in March due to a dispute between the current owners. The Alderman intervened by introducing a downzoning ordinance to preserve both the Mercury and Music Box Theaters. Fortunately, the owners were able to arrive at a settlement and have given verbal commitments to preserve the theater and adjacent buildings. However, the downzoning ordinance is believed to be essential to ensure the neighborhood has input into any future plans for the properties.

Mike Lufrano, VP of Community Relations for the Chicago Cubs presented the ball club's expansion plans and drawings at the March CDDC meeting. Included is a 400 space parking facility, a stoplight at Waveland and Clark, and \$250,000 towards a campus park or green space at Blaine School. This season marks the addition of 12 more night games added to the prior 18, for a total of 30.

It is important to note, that in addition to the 30 night games in 2005, the Cubs have been approved for two concerts over Labor Day weekend. The SNA Board met with Alderman Tunney and Mike Lufrano, to express the many concerns of neighbors and businesses in our area who oppose concerts at Wrigley. While approving two concerts over Labor Day in 2005, the Alderman and SNA have received a commitment from the Cubs to reduce the number of night games in 2006 by one, and to review the impact of the additional 12 night games on the neighborhood through 2006. Thus, no additional concerts will be proposed until at least 2007.

CDDC meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Minutes are posted on the 44th Ward website at www.44thward.org. Also contact us at info@southportneigh-

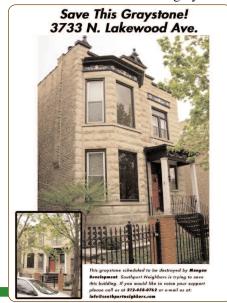
#### **Local Greystone Slated for Demolition, but...**

The greystone at **3733 N. Lakewood** appears to be slated for demolition despite exhaustive efforts by SNA and many residents to save it. The owner, Mike Joyce, whose business is located in Elmhurst, bought this property to tear down and build a spec home a couple of feet wider than the existing structure.

SNA worked very hard to preserve this beautiful building. We received over 300 signatures (collected in just a few days) from area residents on a petition circulated to save the property, which was forwarded to the Alderman and the builder. We also spoke to the Alderman, the owner, and builder/general contractor, Mangan Builders, to determine ways to save this greystone. The Alderman also met with them on several occasions.

Additionally, with support from SNA, residents on the affected block

met with Jonathan Fine of Preservation Chicago who advised that the 3700 block with its rows of greystones on 30' wide lots, was unique and could qualify for landmark status. Landmarking is one solution that would protect the essential character of the greystone



facades on that block, but still allow significant additions and modifications to be built. He recommended that a block club be formed and meetings be held with affected homeowners to discuss the advantages of landmarking. While many are interested, to date an organizational team has not been formed to move that initiative forward. Landmarking might still save this building from the wrecking ball, but it requires a committed few to rally the majority.

It's obvious this community wants to see quality greystones and other historic buildings preserved. If 3733 Lakewood is demolished, unfortunately it will set a precedent for other such tear downs. While SNA has been effective in the past, and will continue to work hard to preserve homes of this kind in the future, affected neighbors will also need to work together to be proactive and organized to pursue effective solutions.

# lew Businesses in our Neighborhood

#### A Note to New Businesses:

If your new business has opened in the last 3 months and has not appear-ed 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!

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