

# West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

## September 13, 2011; 6:30

### What's happening at library

Dick Dohnalek. Local authors reading is on Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30, and will include Lynn Fitzgerald, Ray Wentworth, and Felicia Carparelli. Musical concert and author reading with Dean Milano, on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30. This branch is the busiest in Chicago. Find the hours on [Chicagopubliclibrary.com](http://Chicagopubliclibrary.com) for the Lincoln-Belmont branch. Hours are still confusing, since hours were cut. Come in, ask for a tour.

### Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer – budget, fiscal year starts 12-1.

\$3.2 billion budget, mostly public health, hospitals, 85% are personnel. Shortfall is over \$150,000,000 so spending needs to stop. She's Chair of the Pension Committee. Small changes are being considered, so a few items will be revised, such as upping the age requirement. She is also dealing with foreclosures. Cook County has the highest in the country. Housing is now standing vacant. The Cook County Board is building a coalition with suburbs to create formal requirements to maintain foreclosure properties. Of all women in jail 80% are non-violent, so other services are being considered rather than incarceration in jails.

### Aldermanic updates

Paul Sajovec – dumpsters on School St. Northdown Café, CTA parking under el by Newport. Aldermanic maps have not been made available. The city is required to have a map out in December. Tree trimming has become “on an emergency” basis. Anything in the parkway is city property, so nothing should be done by homeowners. Speed hump update- the schedule has not been released, but any that were removed for street work must be replaced.

LVCC Updates- Founders day on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Non-denomination service prior to Thanksgiving. David Duggan, president of SLVN explained the discussion of a new hookah lounge on Belmont, next to Schuba's, it must have a special use permit. SLVN voted against it, and was accused of ethnic prejudice in a local online publication. RoscoeView Journal has an article on it.

### Cubs Update –

Julian Green was introduced as the VP, Communications and Community Affairs at Chicago Cubs. On 10-1 there will be a movie in Wrigley. October 16<sup>th</sup> is Cubs Neighborhood Day, in Wrigley Field.

### Lakeview Chamber of Commerce-

Heather Way, Director. 9-1 thru 9-30 pop-up art, part of the LAMP program. LAMP won 2 awards, 1 for strategic vision and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for community engagement. They landscaped the parkway by Scooters on Paulina. Installed 5 new bike racks in the neighborhood. 3400 N. Lincoln, formally Just Tires, is now CTA property. Open Lands, a non-profit organization, has money to buy it and is in discussion to purchase it. Some of the money would be from SSA money. One neighbor stated that the street sweepers are loud, could be quieter with rubber tires. Friends of Lakeview is an organization newly formed as a NPO. Current Board members, [thisislakeview.com](http://thisislakeview.com) has info on it. Space that was the Ark is still open, several possibilities have fallen through.

### Hamilton Action Team Update

Tracy Hoffman, President of Parents & Neighbors of Hamilton gave some specifics; now has 320 students, projected to grow to 550, it's a fine arts cluster school, Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 11 new teachers, new computer lab, new science and math curriculum, new science lab and library. The new community garden is now completed. The school will build an athletic field next year. Zip cars are located in their parking lot. Walkathon is Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, and pumpkin patch Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New merchant/business introductions**

Anthony's Italian Ice, 3442 N. Southport – Mike Mednick, for 7 years. Makes everything on site, now serving soup.

She One Boutique, 3402 N. Southport- Rebecca Girsch, has owned the store for 3 years. Women's clothes and accessories.

Suvarna Chiropractic, 3453 N. Southport

**P&D – Tom Kelley**

Sidewalk cafes – invited feedback from all and input to talk to the city's department of transportation. A request for a trash can at Roscoe and Lincoln on the NW side was requested by an attendee.

**Our next meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> at Mystic Celt at 6:30pm**