

# West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, January 19, 2010

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### Next WLVN Neighborhood Meeting:

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Mystic Celt.

### Agenda:

- Merchant Introductions: Leo's Coney Island
- Election Overview – Marj Halperin
- Discussion of WLVN 2010 Calendar and Priorities
- Other Business

### New Library Hours:

Dick Dohnalek, the Branch Manager of the Lincoln Belmont Library, reminded the group about the new library hours and invited residents to check out the library's programs and services.

Library users can download audio and video selections and use the library's free databases. There are lots of programs aimed at children as well as one-on-one help using computers, creating resumes, etc. Check the event calendar for more information.

Dick told us the Lincoln Belmont Library is the busiest branch in the library system. We would welcome feedback and suggestions on how to improve service to the community.

The economic downturn has affected the budget. Hours at this branch (and other branches) have changed so the library can stay open. The new library hours are.....

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| Monday    | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday   | 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Thursday  | 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
| Friday    | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  |
| Saturday  | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  |
| Sun       | CLOSED             |

### Merchant Introduction:

Leo's Coney Island at 3455 N Southport (<http://leoschicago.com/>) will be opening soon. Jeremy Stolberg from Leo's told the group they are waiting for some city permits. The new restaurant should be open the first or second week in February if all goes well.

The restaurant will be open until 10 PM during the week and until 9 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Carry out will be open as late as 12 AM or 2 AM.

Jeremy said the owners are cognizant of potential problems such as trash and people standing around outside the restaurant. Issues will be addressed right away if they occur.

Carry out customers will go through the restaurant entrance on Southport, and there will be a few stools if people want to eat inside. Ideally most of the food will be "to go". If they find people sitting on the curb, they may open up a section of the restaurant for late night diners.

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If the city turns down the late night license, the issue will be moot. If they get a late night permit, they will police the situation. Their name will be on the carry out containers and they have a vested interest in being good neighbors.

Delivery will be available about 60 days after the opening. They will start with online ordering for pickup and add delivery once they get established. They do want an outdoor café. They need to get their application in so it can be reviewed by the WLVN P&D committee to open the outdoor café in May. They have requested a loading zone to accommodate delivery vehicles.

Jeremy stressed they want to know about any issues once they've opened.

### **Cubs Updates:**

Jennifer Dedes Nowak, Senior Coordinator, Neighborhood Relations/Publications/Creative Services, said the ice rink in the Cubs parking lot will be open until the end of February and has been doing steady business. Monday and Tuesday are half price.

The Cub Care Caravan visited Hamilton School on January 13<sup>th</sup>. A bus brings coaches and players to interact with students. Everyone had a great time.

The Annual Wrigley Field Community Meeting will take place on Tuesday,, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Inter-American school auditorium (851 W. Waveland). Enter on Wilton.

Elton John – Billy Joel will return for one concert on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Additional concerts with an unnamed group will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

When asked if the construction plans for the area just west of Wrigley Field have changed, Jennifer said the new owners are figuring out what they want to do with the property and she will keep us posted.

### **Election Overview:**

Marj Halperin, a veteran political observer and a commentator for WGN, shared her thoughts on the upcoming elections and answered questions. She encouraged residents to use available resources to do their own research and suggested some resources.

<http://www.evoter.com/> Provides ballots and links to candidates' websites.

<http://illinoisissues.uis.edu/>

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/elections/endorsements/index.html>

<http://elections.chicagotribune.com/>

<http://illinois.sierraclub.org/vote/2010/index2.html>

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For Judges:

<http://www.chicagocouncil.org/>

[http://www.chicagobar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=February\\_2010&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5050](http://www.chicagobar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=February_2010&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5050)

### **Other Business:**

Sheil Park will be breaking ground soon.

Panera Bread may be opening soon in the old Blockbuster on Lincoln Ave.

Parks Committee. An effort is underway to request some open community space on the property just south of the Paulina Brown Line CTA station. WLVN plans to form a Parks Committee now that we have two parks (Sheil Park and Park 544 Playground at Lincoln and Addison). Anyone interested in joining the sub-committee should let any of the board members know.

Due to popular demand, this year Sheil Park will host its annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on both February 5 and February 12. Support local businesses and IMAGINE! By making a dinner reservation for the Daddy/Daughter dance at the businesses below and be sure to tell them you support Sheil Park when you make your reservation AND also tell your server. These generous merchants will contribute 20% of the sales made on Friday, February 5 and 12 between 4-7:30 p.m. to IMAGINE.

- D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub 1351 W. Addison 773.477.1822
- Mystic Celt 3443 N. Southport 773.529.8550
- That's Amore 3454 N. Southport 773.472.6673

Order a corsage/boutonniere by January 30 and \$1 goes to IMAGINE.

For more information regarding the playground renovation at Sheil Park, please visit [www.imaginesheilparkplaygroundrenovation.com](http://www.imaginesheilparkplaygroundrenovation.com).

Don't forget to bring canned goods to future WLVN meetings. We are conducting a food drive year-round.

CAPS meetings are now held on the third Thursday of odd months at the Library at 6 PM. The next CAPS meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.