



WEST LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS

THE VOICE OF WEST LAKEVIEW

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting Monday, Sept 9, 2019; 7:00pm; Butcher's Tap; 25 present

Jeff Goad, president, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

Jeff - Beer and Pizza Fest overview

Weather challenging, but vendors were really happy with it. Plan to do it next year.

Ann Williams, State Representative, 11th District-

New chief of staff, Lauryn

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Very active session this year, passed cannabis legalization, reproductive health act. Large sports/betting package is in the works, will fund roads and bridges, bldgs and schools.

Big item was fair tax law, will be on next year's ballot, everyone should research the topic. Illinoisfairtax.com

Did have a balanced budget. Still paying down bills from past 4 yrs. Gun control is being looked at. Climate change issues are in process of planning, renewables are a must to put forward.

Q: Are coal districts anti green initiatives?

A: It's an industry that's getting very costly. Coal companies recognize that some changes need to be considered. Some state representatives are not ready to give it up.

Q: Would you put solar on your house?

A: I would if I didn't live in a condo.

Bridget Degnen, Cook County Board Commissioner, 12th District-

West of Ashland is 12th District

Wanted to get involved, is an environmental engineer

New items:

Property tax review board opened today for reviews. Cook County has not increased property taxes

Rental leasing - changes to law as to what type of criminal background check a landlord can do. We cannot turn someone away because of criminal background, some felonies. Violent, sex crimes, child crimes will always be "look backs".

Environmental Commission has been formed - 9 people, solar and composting on jail property are 2 topics. Still need a youth ambassador, contact her office if interested

70,000 acres of forest preserves in Cook County. Next Sat. is a fest, at the corner of Foster and Cicero.

Q: Did just housing pass?

A: Yes, it passed, it now has to be concise.

Q: Any chance that the county board can have a say in appointing judges?

A: Would like to look at that and see how it's run before presenting changes.

Chris Jessup, 44th Ward updates -

Updates: Board of Review appeals started today. Meeting on 9-19 at Ann Sathers to apply for a review.

Lakeview Art Festival will be this weekend. 1400 block of W. Henderson water construction has been completed. The 19th police district staffing level is 409 now. Breaking ground at the AIDS Garden, Chicago, south of Belmont Harbor, east side of LSD. 30 ft tall sculpture installed in October.

Dillon Goodson, Director, West Lake View Chamber-

New staff member - Nicole McQuilline

Will be managing the SSA

Nicole@lakeviewchamber.com

Taco Fest, 16 vendors, on Southport, Roscoe to Addison, Sept 21-22

Trick or Treat, Oct 28th, Monday

Comment: The farmers' market location is too loud at the Southport station.

Reply: Low Line Market has 1 more month at Southport, Thurs 3-7:30pm

Q: Is Lakeview Live finished for the year?

A: Yes, it is.

Q: What's the status of the Low Line Park?

Reply: Need \$300,000,

Q: Has money come from the SSA?

A: Yes, it has. We're so close to the total

Comment: This will be too loud for people to use as a parkway.

Q: Parking and trash cans under the tracks?

A: Some parking will be relocated, some trash cans will stay where they are. Trash pick-up has been improved.

New Southport Retail Merchants

Casper Sleep Systems - Could not attend tonight.

Melissa Potempa, Owner, Discover CBD Store –

New Discover CBD store is open at 3527 N. Southport

Franchise out of Colo. The hemp is grown in Colo, all products are produced and bottled in Colo. Will not sell marijuana when it becomes legal. Three ways, an isolate, a broad spectrum (everything except THC) or full spectrum everything in the plant up to 3% THC. Sells 1 type of full spectrum product.

Come visit the store. Medicinal, spa like, clean, upscale type of store.

Q: What ailments does it treat? Do you need a prescription?

A; We have tincture, salve, capsules, gummies, pet treats and a patch. Treats anxiety, muscle pains, cancers, sleep problems, many more. A prescription is not necessary. Each person has their own level of need.

Q: What are the prices?

A: Lip balm \$6, back salve \$9, tinctures \$20 - \$200. There are no research studies on it so it's not regulated.

Comment: Put up some info in the store window so more people will read info.

Michelle: Trying to do presentations in doctors' offices, nail salons, etc. Brought samples!

Comment: I get better sleep and am sharper since I started taking CBD. Take 15 mgs twice a day.

Michelle: Mitch McConnell is backing the hemp law because his state could grow it.

All of the hemp plant can be harvested, stems and all.

Jeff opened the floor to questions.

No Questions.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is November 11th, location may change.