

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 162)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction.

Not because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

Not because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

US military dead: 4,099 US military wounded: 30,333

Iraqi civilians killed: 92,071* Money spent on war: \$538 billion

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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Where's the War?

By Carla Nordstrom

As I began to think about what I was going to write for this column, my mind was blank. There has been so little news about Iraq recently. General David Petraeus slipped in and out of Washington for a Senate committee hearing and hardly anybody knew he had stopped by. I don't know how the troops are doing because I haven't seen the honor roll of the dead in quite a while.

Have we become inured to the War on Iraq because of the presidential election, other problems have filled its space, or the surge is working? I don't think it has anything to do with a working surge. I suspect if I were paying careful attention, I'd find that things in Iraq are about the same as they have been for the past five years: dreadful.

I do think that the presidential campaign has taken energy from our cause. Our concentration on moving beyond Bush seems to be genuine, but it will have been misplaced if the war doesn't end and the troops aren't brought home early in 2009.

Other issues are currently grabbing the headlines, the economy for one with its surge in unemployment and gas prices. People are very worried about the future.

There are signs that people know that the war is driving this presidential campaign and it is the reason for our economic woes. But, I would feel a lot better if I saw signs that people are outraged and demanding that it end.

PS: I heard on the news this morning that three soldiers from Fort Drum died in Iraq on June 4th.



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