



Vi Daley

Congratulations to John Knoche for a very successful Art Fair. John was very creative in making changes this year and it showed. Many people have mentioned that this was the best Art Fair that Old Town has ever had. It really was truly a wonderful Art Fair and all the committee chairs are to be commended.

Our Art Fair always reminds me that summer is right around the corner and to me this is the best time to be in Chicago. There are so many great street festivals, people are enjoying the outside cafes, Green City Market is in full swing with the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, neighbors are stooping and tourists are wandering throughout the Triangle and enjoying our hidden gem in the city.

When walking about the neighborhood check out the new sculptures that Chicago Sculpture Exhibit has installed. 14 sculptures are displayed in the 43rd Ward and 10 in the 44th Ward. Brochures are available in the Triangle office. Old Town Triangle is a sponsor of a sculpture located at 1747 N. Clark (in the park) called Sorcerer's Gate created by Bruce White.

Don't forget about the IBOT (I Buy Old Town) program. This program offers discounts at many of the businesses in Old Town. Just another reason to belong to our association. If you don't have a card, visit the Triangle and see Leslie.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Events Committee is planning a garage sale for August 24th so mark your calendar and if you have any questions just call the OTTA office or check our web site.

Did you know that Chicago Water Taxi is up and running on the North Branch of the Chicago River, its dock is located on the northern tip of Goose Island on the southwest end of the Cherry Street Bridge, at North Avenue and the River. The taxi departs Goose Island starting at 7:25 am -9:50 am and from 3:10 pm-6:10 pm. You can visit their website for more information at: <http://chicagowatertaxi.com>.

Did you also know that there is a new smartphone application, **SeeClickFix** that encourages residents to become better citizens by participating in taking care of and improving their neighborhoods. "See-see a non-emergency issue in your neighborhood (graffiti, street light or alley light outages, etc.)" "Click-open a ticket describing the issues and what can be done to resolve it." "Fix-publicly reports the issue to the city for resolution. The most valuable uses of the app would be for graffiti removal, sanitation code violations, potholes, rodent baiting, etc. For graffiti you can take a picture with your phone. Once you answer 3 questions you click fix to send the report. You receive an electronic receipt for your report. The app is compatible with iPhone, iPod, and iPod. It is optimized for iPhone 5...it requires iOS 4.3 or later.

Thanks again John and your team for a wonderful Art Fair. I hope that everyone enjoys the summer and all that the city and our neighborhood have to offer. 🌻 Warmly, Vi Daley, OTTA President

OLD TOWN ART FAIR 2013 | John Knoche, Chairperson and Debbie Day, Vice-Chairperson



Exhibitor Committee enabled many new artists to exhibit at the art fair this year. From L to R: Sue Apey, Alice Huff, Ruth Ann Watkins, Joan Goldstein and Lesley Palmer.

Taking a cue from Will Rogers: ("All I know is what I read in the newspapers.") Here is some feedback on the 2013 Art Fair that deserves to be known:

From an artist: "I have arrived back in New Orleans and spent some time on my long drive home thinking about what a wonderful experience I had in Chicago, largely due to the help and generosity of so many of the volunteers. It was also nice to find such an enthusiastic new clientele in Chicago! I left with a much lighter load in my vehicle. :)"

From an attendee: "I love the changes that you have made to the event. The food court offerings were stellar, the volunteers looked happy and the new signage/banners are great. And, of course, the art was phenomenal.

Anyway, just wanted to send you a big, huge THUMBS UP on a job well done!!"

From a paying sponsor: "We had a great time at the fair. Congrats on a great weekend and a packed fair!"

From a neighbor (a tough constituency): "This was the first year, in 20 years, that there were no blasting compressors running on North Park... and also the trash was picked up every night after the days' events! It certainly was a pleasant change."

From the 2013 Art Fair Chairman: "Thanks to the many volunteers who showed a commitment to the common good of the Fair, selfless teamwork and tireless effort. Enjoy your summer." 🌻

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | CAROLYN ARMENTA DAVIS: RESIDENT RENAISSANCE WOMAN

by Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



Carolyn Armenta Davis today (photo by Triangle neighbor Steve Weiss)

It's easy to tell that Carolyn Armenta Davis is a Renaissance woman. She is knowledgeable, elegant and refined, something you learn instantly as she speaks. You find out later that she's also an award-winning writer, curator, internationally known architectural lecturer, and entrepreneur.

She shares her ideas about her love life and relishes being a "global citizen." She's travelled to some 63 countries on 5 continents, lived in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, London, Malaysia and Senegal, and has presented her groundbreaking projects on the international stage.

Carolyn is the Master of her Universe, a gift from her parents, who were grounded in reality and instilled in Carolyn and her 7 siblings a sense of self and the confidence to navigate life in a complex *racialized* world.

A high school photo of the World Affairs Forum, 1962, in Gary, Indiana (shown here) confirms Carolyn's curiosity as a young "*global armchair traveler*" and foretells her worldwide travels and passions. Her school's motto was "For life, not for school, we learn". Her parents believed that, too, and were well-educated. Her father was a businessman and her mother a musician. The family welcomed to their home the Black intelligentsia of the day where national and international current events, such as the civil rights struggles and Africa's decolonization, were important topics of conversation. Carolyn's curiosity was nurtured by this environment and she thrived.

At Indiana University, Carolyn majored in Mathematics and minored in French. After college she taught in Gary for 4 years before moving to Chicago in 1970 for a staff job at the American Medical Association. Next stops: NBC-TV in 1973 as a news writer (despite the absence of a portfolio) then going solo as

owner of a marketing and communications firm with Fortune 200, non-profits and foreign government clients.

At the AMA, an activist co-worker introduced Carolyn to Studs Terkel and WFMT folks. Soon they were her buddies, too, and included now-Old Town Triangle resident Nancy Joyce!

Years later, she asked a WFMT staffer why they didn't air symphonies or operas by Black classical composers. The reply – are there any? The voids of knowledge about Black achievements in areas from classical music to architecture lead Carolyn to create and produce three groundbreaking projects. They are the radio series *Black Classical Composers* (composers of the Americas, Europe and Africa from 1771-1975 and award-winning network radio series); *Feminine Footprints* (65 Black women leaving historic footprints); and, the landmark international exhibition, *Design Diaspora: Black Architects and International Architecture 1970-1990* (spotlighting built designs of 50 Black architects from 11 countries on 4 continents).

Her legacy? Her three projects to-date which provides expanded view of our global village.

In 1977, Carolyn moved into an apartment in the Harry Weese complex developed in the 1960s at the southeast corner of Eugenie and North North Park. Two years later, the building went condo and she bought that apartment, where she lives today. "I marvel at the transformation of the Triangle over the past 36 years. There are many more families with children and dogs now – a real neighborhood with long time, good friends who embrace, support and celebrate each other". Carolyn remarks. "It's a great neighborhood to be part of."

Her commitment to the Triangle was expressed through serving on the Old Town Triangle Association Board in the early 1990s and the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Park Renewal Corporation for over 15 years.

A youthful 60-something, Carolyn is the epitome of cosmopolitan, a person whose expertise spans a significant number of different subject areas, having learned much and still embracing the philosophy of "life-long learning".

Writer's Note: Aside from living close to one another in The Triangle, Carolyn and I are celebrating our 20th anniversary of crossing 'art paths'. In 1993, when she debuted in Chicago the Design Diaspora Black Architects project, I was Executive Director of Marwen. Our students saw the exhibition and participated in Design Diaspora Charrette. Along with our passions for art and architecture, we share writing styles. She is an exquisite writer...I hope my story about her meets her standards! 🌻



Carolyn Davis (standing) with her classmates in 1962



The Thorstenson Family & friends enjoy a golf outing at LaSalle Language Academy's miniature golf course on July 8th. The heat couldn't keep them away!

The **18th District** holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the two beats in the Triangle, 18-13 and 18-14. We are part of *10 Sector* and our meetings are at the Old Town Triangle Center – 1765 N. North Park Avenue – on the second Thursday of every odd month. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th** at 7pm. Come meet your Beat Officer; discuss current crime trends and share ideas for problem-solving in our neighborhood. For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870 or visit <http://ward43.org/2012/12/18/changes-to-18th-district-caps-meetings-for-2013>.

The **Midwest Buddhist Temple** (www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org), a good neighbor since 1948, will host their 58th Annual Ginza Festival, a large Japanese festival, on August 9-10-11. Food, exhibits, demonstrations, crafts, music. Contact Jesse Zavala at 312-943-7801 for more details or visit <http://www.ginzachicago.com/>.

Learn more about the shared bicycle program in Chicago by visiting <http://divvybikes.com/>.

St. Michael in Old Town (www.st-mikes.org/), announced that registration is now open for OKTOBERFEST, their 5K Run/Walk taking place on Thursday, September

19th at 6:30pm. Great goody bags and a great cause! Sign up at www.oktoberfest5krun.com.

Also, helping neighbors is the foundation of the community at St. Michael in Old Town. Two Commissions at the parish work to serve that goal. The largest Outreach programs and the largest commission at St. Michael's are sponsored by the Human Concerns and Needs Commission. This group sponsors a yearlong food and toiletries drive, a school supplies and book drive (currently underway), toy drive at Christmas, an annual pet blessing in October, shopping, cooking and serving a meal at the Marquard Center on the northwest side of Chicago, serving a meal at Catholic Charities on LaSalle and at Deborah's Place, and tutoring at George Manierre school on N. Cleveland Ave. The commission seeks to help where programs already exist and their effort and contributions can be most greatly realized.

The second commission helping to serve those in our community is the Respect Life Commission. With the annual baby bottle drive in October and its yearlong diaper drive, they seek to help those moms and babies most in need in the local community.

If you would like more information on any of the programs listed above or if you would like to volunteer or donate, please call St. Michael's Parish Office at 312-642-2498 and ask to speak to Christine or email her at ckordiuk@st-mikes.org.

LaSalle Language Academy hosted a miniature golf course for one week – Sunday-to-Sunday – from July 7th – 14th, the hottest week of the summer so far, with a portion of the proceeds going to the school. The course was crowded all day long but the foursomes played pretty quickly. The hoots and hollers of some golfers could be heard as they scored holes in one!

Don't forget to consider becoming a **COURT ADVOCATE**, a neighborhood volunteer who attends court hearings, an indication to the judge and attorneys that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood. Contact Officer Joe Incaprerla (312-742-5778 direct) for more information. 🌻

GRANTS SPOTLIGHT | AWARDS TO ELEVEN AREA SCHOOLS & ORGANIZATIONS

By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident from 1969-1970 and from 2006 to the present)

We are pleased to announce the eleven area schools and organizations receiving grants from the Old Town Triangle Association's Contributions Committee. These grants are provided to promote cultural enrichment and educational opportunities for the Old Town Triangle and for children in surrounding neighborhoods. The grants, announced on June 14th at the Volunteer Thank You Party, are made possible by proceeds from the annual Old Town Art Fair. Special thanks to the generous support from Old Town residents and volunteers whose dedication ensures the success of the fair and fundraiser each year. Your efforts enrich the lives of those in need our community.

The following are the 2013 grant recipients:

Lincoln Park High School (LPHS) will utilize the grant to purchase shared string and wind instruments for the 600 students who participate in the band and orchestra programs. The student population is made up of neighborhood children, as well as children from across Chicago, are part of the selected enrollment programs, including the International Baccalaureate, Double Honors and Music Majors programs.

Lincoln Park High School is also in the process of adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and grant money will be used to upgrade laboratory instruments and other equipment in the Chemistry Department to facilitate LPHS's CCSS implementation.

Lincoln Park High School's Boys Basketball Team will utilize grant dollars to equip the student players with practice jerseys, shoes, shorts and transportation to away games.

Franklin Fine Arts Center, a Chicago Public Fine and Performing Arts Magnet School, will use their grant money to upgrade performance space. The current "auditorium" is also the lunchroom due to limited space availability in the building. The grant provides a down payment for the upgrade work, which includes improving lighting and sound quality.

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School will utilize grant dollars to purchase large display cases to display student artwork throughout the school. The cases are part of an effort to maintain the school's vision of promoting a humanities-based curriculum.

LaSalle Language Academy Travel Scholarships Program has offered its students an uncommon, yet extraordinary, opportunity to participate in a 30-year-old overseas exchange program. Students in grades 7 and 8 may host an overseas student or apply to travel to Spain, France, Italy or China. (Continued on page 5)

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OLD TOWN HISTORY: OGDEN: AN AVENUE OF CHANGE AND CONTROVERSY

By Diane Gonzalez (Triangle resident since 1974)

Some Old Town residents recall when Ogden Avenue closed between North and Armitage Avenues in 1967. More remember when Ogden Avenue's high viaduct over Goose Island was demolished in 1993. Ogden Avenue's history is as lengthy as it is. Its changes have been controversial.

The former Southwest Plank Road was built in 1848 on part of an old Indian trail. Its name changed to Ogden Avenue after Chicago's first Mayor William B. Ogden passed in 1877. A diagonal street, Ogden headed from Union Park southwest ten miles to the suburb of Riverside; for years an extension north was discussed. A road northeast from Union Park to Lincoln Park was part of Ed Bennett and Dan Burnham's 1909 Chicago Plan. Several routes were proposed including one design which proposed a terminus at Lincoln and Wells. How different today's Old Town would look!

The Ogden Extension from Union Park to Armitage Avenue was executed under Mayor "Big Bill Thompson" in about 1922. The extension north was intended to increase property values along the roadway and provide tax revenue. It was supposed to facilitate city traffic; and transport more people, especially West side residents, to Lincoln Park. At 108 feet wide, it was constructed with six lanes for traffic and room in the middle for streetcar tracks.

The extension, now the western boundary of the Old Town Triangle, in reality divided the neighborhood. In 1920 more than 200 St. Mike's families lost their homes which were condemned to build the new road. Old Town was an overcrowded neighborhood then, and many of the displaced moved outside the parish.

Called "Thompson's Folly" by some, it cut up the old grid pattern and resulted in residences and businesses backing up to Ogden at weird angles. It was inefficient and unattractive with lots of excess pavement. Of the surviving buildings adjoining it, not many structures actually faced Ogden.

Furthermore it was underutilized because it connected poorly to existing streets. The extension had limited access and did not connect to Lake Shore Drive. Only one northbound ramp led to the Kennedy. Nor did lengthening Ogden bring lots more visitors to Lincoln Park.

When the extension proved unsuccessful, two alternative plans were presented in the 1960's. One would retain Ogden as a street but improve it with a traffic circle, street closings, median and sidewalk landscaping, and an extension to Stockton where it could connect with the drive. The second option to convert the roadway to a walking mall was chosen. Lasting about 45 years, the extension was transformed into a pedestrian mall in 1967.

The General Neighborhood Renewal Plan (GNRP) and Lincoln Park Project One approached the closing of Ogden north of North Avenue positively. Urban renewal would rehab deteriorating housing, curb suburban flight, and preserve a sense of community. Ogden's closing in Old Town would connect the community again. Playgrounds and parks were added along its path. Two new churches, the Midwest Buddhist Temple and the Church of the Three Crosses were built along the diagonal corridor, and St. Michael's gained a new courtyard. But again Old Town families and businesses were displaced with the closing and conversion. Businesses moved; housing was demolished.

City planners claim the extension would have succeeded with better planning. Today Ogden Avenue stops north of Chicago Avenue at the Fry Street overpass. Old Town has weathered both controversial changes to roadway and walkway, but life in the Triangle could have been different. 🌻



One shot is the northern end of Ogden Avenue near Lincoln Park in the 1950's-1960's

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Due to OTTA support, LTSP offered achievement-based scholarships for the first time, which rewarded six model students for their superior work.

Fine Arts Committee, Friends of LaSalle/PTA received support for LaSalle Language Academy's Residency in Ceramics program, which began with multiple "kick-off" assemblies introducing students to the art form of ceramics. Lill Street Art Center's artists Judy Huppert and Rochelle Borrett provided demonstrations of ceramic methods including wheel-throwing. Artist Richard Cohen worked with students and LaSalle art teachers, Ms. Wesdorp and Amy Gawlick, to create kiln-fired clay projects using lead-free and non-toxic glazes allowing students to eat/drink from their pieces. Upon conclusion of each assembly, students received small bags of air-dry clay to complete a sculpture at home. "When students create from clay, they gain confidence, work their fine motor skills and spatial awareness. Students who do not find success in drawing and students with special needs often excel with 3-D media like clay."

Deborah's Place works to break the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago by offering housing options and comprehensive support services, including the Learning Center Program, which receives support from OTTA grant monies. The Learning Center supports women who have experienced homelessness and are among the most vulnerable members of the Old Town community. The program provides adult education *(Continued on next page)*

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life skills development, and cultural enrichment opportunities that empower women on their journeys from homelessness to stability.

The **Chicago Sculpture Exhibit's** Lakefront Sculpture Exhibit program was awarded grant funds to provide stipends to artists making works for the exhibit. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit also pays for insurance and promotional materials that highlight both artists and sponsors. Works selected by the CSE jury will be placed throughout Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Bucktown and Wicker Park, and will remain on display for one year, allowing residents to become familiar with a style of art that they might never have seen or recognized in the past.

Green City Market received an OTTA grant to maintain the Edible Gardens and Club Sprouts programs. The Edible Gardens is a 6,000 square foot organic garden that is visited by 2,500 children annually from throughout Chicago. Club Sprouts encourages healthy eating by encouraging children to try new and healthy foods in a fun atmosphere. The program also educates parents on easy activities to make it fun for kids to learn to love their fruits and vegetables.

Lincoln Park Village will receive continued OTTA support for its Member-Plus program which offers access to services at greatly reduced membership rates for neighbors on modest fixed incomes - \$540 single memberships are reduced to \$100-\$150. The program also provides these member households with \$200-\$300 a year in credit to be used for supplies and services that cannot be fulfilled by Village volunteers. Member-Plus credits are often used to help pay for medical expenses, groceries, therapy programs, prescriptions and more.

Additionally, donations were granted to **Boy Scout Troop 79** to support Scout programs and help the boys earn their badges and to **St Michaels's in Old Town** 2013 Annual Gala fundraiser, providing an auction item of a 10-week Art Class at the Old Town Art Center. 🌻

EVENTS COMMITTEE | Anne Giffels, Chairperson

The Old Town Triangle Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 24th from 10 am - 3 pm. Come to Old Town and find furniture, jewelry, ornaments and all sorts of treasures while visiting our historic neighborhood. We'll also have a charity truck at the Triangle offices in the afternoon to accept donations, so let's clean out our closets and have some fun with our neighbors! 🌻

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, Secretary & Committee Member

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee has been working diligently on tree maintenance encompassing the entire Old Town Triangle. As of June, 2013, all of our ash trees have been treated for the emerald ash borer infection. The trees on the parkway were treated in May of 2012; the trees in our parks were treated this June. These treatments were provided by the city and saved OTTA over \$18,000. The treatments are good for 2 years. In 2011, OTTA surveyed all the trees in the Triangle and placed blue tags on them to identify them. Trees with additional silver/green tags are ash trees that have been treated. We currently have approximately 150 ash trees within the Triangle.

NIC has now undertaken an ambitious tree planting project. Last year we spent \$8,000 to prune approximately 59 trees within the Triangle. This year we are planning to plant approximately 18-20 trees of various species within the Triangle. Adam Schwerner, NIC member and Park District staffer (part of whose job is to help manage the CPD's population of trees,) and Charlie Miller from Care of Trees, are assisting us with this project. We have surveyed the entire Triangle and there are currently 36 empty tree wells. Placement of new trees will be determined by the NIC, priority being given to OTTA members' properties. Currently, the city has no funding to plant new parkway trees; however, we do encourage you to call the city if you feel your parkway trees need additional trimming. (Call 311 and ask for the Department of Forestry.)

We are excited that we have the ability to purchase some trees; however, our budget does not support filling every empty tree well. With that said, NIC wishes to remind OTTA members about the 20% rebate program for the shared cost of planting a missing tree on one's parkway. This is similar to the 20% Brick Replacement Program rebate we offer to members. We anticipate planting to begin this fall. Our hope is that if a new tree is placed in front of your property, you will assist us in overseeing the watering, growth and health of these new trees. Look for a NIC update in the fall newsletter. NIC hopes you're all enjoying a wonderful summer! 🌻

Read more OTTA News on
[facebook.com/OldTownTriangle/Notes](https://www.facebook.com/OldTownTriangle/Notes)
(Facebook membership not required).

**Get involved.
Be a volunteer.**

AUGUST

Sunday, August 4th, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

GALLERY RECEPTION, LILY KOSTRZEWA

EXHIBITION: NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4TH

Friday – Sunday, 9th – 11th

GINZA HOLIDAY | MIDWEST BUDDIST TEMPLE

www.ginzachicago.com

Sunday, August 11th, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

1ST ANNUAL CHICAGO HOT DOG FEST

IN THE PLAZA BEHIND THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

www.chicagohistory.org

Tuesday, August 13th, 7 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 13th

"ZOOVIES," MOVIES AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO

"ZOLANDER", AT DUSK ON THE SOUTH LAWN

www.lpzoo.org/events

Sat. & Sun., 17th & 18th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

CHICAGO AIR & WATER SHOW | NORTH AVE. BEACH

Monday, August 19th, 7 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20th, 7 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 24th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

OLD TOWN TRIANGLE YARD SALE

TRIANGLE CENTER AND THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Tuesday, August 27th, 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 2nd

LABOR DAY

Thursday, September 5th

ROSH HASHANA

Sunday, September 8th, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

GALLERY RECEPTION, STEVEN GREEN

EXHIBITION: SEPTEMBER 7TH – OCTOBER 3RD

Tuesday, September 10th, 7 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 12th, 7 p.m.

CAPS MEETING | TRIANGLE CENTER

Saturday, September 14th, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 16th, 7 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 17th, 7 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 13th, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

GALLERY RECEPTION, "CAFFEINE VII," THE ARTISTS'

BREAKFAST GROUP EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 5TH – 31ST



Recently, the NIC agreed to execute a decisive rat abatement program in partnership with Alderman Smith's office. Surrounding neighborhoods have also been leveraging similar programs which encourage the rats to relocate. As we all know, Old Town is a very desirable place for these critters to take up residence and unfortunately, rats do not make good neighbors. The program includes: communicating with all neighbors, cleaning and monitoring alleys and public spaces, rodenticide baiting, and conducting

property and yard inspections. Further details of this program will be distributed separately. Rats prefer fresh food, but will eat many things such as pet food, dog feces, garbage, bird seed and plants. If food is scarce, the strongest rats may even eat their weakest and young. Overflowing garbage cans and dog feces are the two most abundant food sources for these city dwellers. At this time, one of the City's only ways to combat rodents is containerization and distributing free garbage cans "carts" with lids available through the department's Bureau of Sanitation.

If rats can't feed, rats can't breed.

What can you do? Here are ten tips for homeowners to control the rat population in Old Town:

1. **Clean up all dog waste** and dispose in an enclosed trash receptacle
2. Close all garbage can lids and ensure your cans do not have any holes
- * You can request a new can by calling 311
3. Don't let rats share bird seed

4. Keep all pet foods in enclosed containers
5. Don't provide rats with a water source
6. Find and block any pathways rats use to enter your home and/or grounds
- 7. If you put out traps, make sure they are parallel to and touching a wall**
8. Handle Rat Zapper traps with dry newspaper or dry paper towels
9. Only put out rat poison in enclosed spaces or containers that don't open to the outdoors
- 10. Both exterior and interior rat problems should be reported** to the city's request line at 3-1-1 or by logging a complaint on the city of Chicago website. They will send a city inspector if a report is made.

Don't Get Ticketed!

The Department of Streets and Sanitation will issue "rat stoppage" tickets to property owners who allow exterior building conditions that provide harborage for rats. If you are aware of any possible infractions within our neighborhood, please report this by calling 311 or by calling Alderman Smith's office. 🌻

SUPPORT OLD TOWN! JOIN THE OTTA...

The Old Town Triangle Association invites your neighbors to join one of the most unique communities in Chicago. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a memeber, please pass this along to them.

North of North Avenue, West of Clark and East of the former Ogden Avenue, The Old Town Triangle is one of the most celebrated Chicago neighborhoods.

Nestled inside its boundaries is a Historical Landmark District, where residents proudly retain the architectural standards dedicated to preserving the unique features of this small community, rebuilt after the Great Chicago Fire. Only St. Michael's church's exterior survived, as wave after wave of residents built many current structures unique to the area.

It is this close-knit, but open community, we urge you to join and share in a classic Chicago living experience.

Besides the wonderful programming that makes up the core of the Old Town Triangle Association – the Art Gallery and classes – the health and fitness classes, during the next year the Triangle is expanding to meet the needs of association members.

Please complete the form below and drop off or mail to Old Town Triangle Association, 1763 N North Park Ave, Chicago IL 60614

Type of Membership (please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> My check is enclosed made payable to the Old Town Triangle Association
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr Individual \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to pay by credit card or online - please invoice me to the address provided
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 yr Individual \$65	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr Family \$40	Address _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr Senior \$20	Volunteer opportunities available, please let us know your interest! _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 yr Senior \$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr Senior family \$30	Please tell us why you have chosen to support Old Town: <input type="checkbox"/> I live in/near the historic Old Town Triangle.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 yr Senior family \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't live nearby but I want to support your efforts anyway. <input type="checkbox"/> I just love the architecture/history
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr Business/Condo Association Not for Profit Association \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to volunteer, I'm a friend of the Old Town Art Fair.



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Steven Green will exhibit at the Old Town Art Center in September | Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept 8 2-5pm



The Flood, 2013



Two in a Rowboat, 2010