

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Old Town Triangle and welcome to a bright 2022 filled with opportunities to achieve good things. Yes, the threats from Covid-19 may have changed the way we live, socialize and work, but that has only made us more resilient and determined.

I am honored to be reelected President of the Old Town Triangle Association for another year. Thank you for allowing me to represent you. There are many new projects on the agenda this year. One is the Special Projects Fund that was created to use some of the additional 2021 revenue for community-based efforts. This year \$35,000 was budgeted and four member-generated ideas are being explored.

In addition to the Special Projects Fund, Grants will return this year. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Art Fair, no grant money was distributed in 2021. We are happy to announce that Grants are back and hope to get many diverse requests to extend our reach.

The Art Fair will be June 11th and 12th and helmed again by the capable Anne Giffels. Last year, after dealing with so much adversity, she managed to have the most profitable Art Fair ever! Her team has already chosen this year's artists and created a new and improved map. Stay tuned for more to come.

Community safety will again take priority this year. The Protecting Old Town Triangle Subcommittee headed by Jeff Peters is working very



closely with the Aldermen, City and the District 18th Police. They have been researching the best options available and the costs to do them.

We welcome three new members to the Board. Marya Lucus is the Board Secretary and chair of the Accessibility Committee. Returning Board member Alan Lougee is chair of Neighborhood Improvements, and Dave Montgomery is chair of the Community Safety Committee. They have big shoes to fill.

The first Board Meeting of 2022 was held on February 8th. Board members are anxious to get started. More information on community projects, events, Art Fair and volunteering is coming soon.

Dorothy DeCarlo

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COMMITTEE NEWS | Compiled by Jane Bachmann

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 NEW AND RETURNING OTTA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



OFFICERS:

Dorothy "Dee" DeCarlo, **President**
Chris Nelson, **First Vice President**
Anne Giffels, **OTAF Chair & Second Vice President**
Marya Lucas, **Secretary**
Brad Neuman, **Treasurer**

DIRECTORS:

Zac Bleicher
Elaine Frei
Carly Jenkins
Alan Lougee
David Montgomery
Steve Nichols

Seated l.to r: Anne Giffels, Dorothy DeCarlo, Carly Jenkins, David Montgomery. Standing l.to r: Brad Neuman, Steve Nichols, Alan Lougee, Chris Nelson, Marya Lucas, Elaine Frei. Missing: Zac Bleicher

ART FAIR COMMITTEE

Anne Giffels, Chairperson

Building on the success of the 2021 Art Fair, the 72nd Old Town Art Fair committee chairs are hard at work planning for 2022. Twelve jurors spent the weekend of January 8-9 reviewing more than 500 artist applications for the open spots. The artists will receive their invitation letters soon, and we will have an exciting group of artists bringing their work to our neighborhood.

After the rollercoaster of 2021, we expect more of a return to normal for 2022. We reviewed what worked last year and kept a few of the most popular changes. We will have 220 artist booths, down from 250 in prior years, and the booths will maintain a 5-foot distance. The artists and our guests loved the extra space between the booths. We also kept the same configuration, which means the Fair will extend down North Park to Eugene. See the Fair map here [OTAF22_Map_Jan17.jpg \(5400x7200\) \(oldtowntriangle.com\)](#), which includes a new, organized numbering for the individual booths.

The 2022 Art Fair will again be cash-free. We will publish the Eventbrite page at the beginning of March for anyone making summer plans early.

During our recent Annual Meeting, the Art Fair Committee announced some exciting news. First, we are welcoming back Access Living! Second, we will have three booths dedicated to emerging artists. Look for more details in the coming weeks. And of course, the Annual Meeting would not be complete without the Art Fair Poster reveal – pictured below. [Old Town Triangle Association » Annual Members' Meeting and Dinner Poster Reveal](#) This year's artist is Keith Grace. His one-of-a-kind, mixed media paintings are created in many layers, using hand-torn maps, typography and other fragmented visual pieces that are collaged seamlessly onto canvas. We love this year's image, and we know you will too!



Anne Giffels unveiling the 2022 Old Town Art Fair poster and map at the Annual Meeting & Dinner in January. This will be the 72nd OTAF!

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COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE | Sachi Kubo, Chairperson

Protecting Old Town Triangle (POTT) Subcommittee: Led by Jeff Peters, POTT is finalizing a personal safety promotion plan based on education, personal prevention, risk reduction, advocacy, crime data dash boards and communication due out February 2022. For more information, visit <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/the-annual-meeting-and-dinner>.

Community Engagement Subcommittee worked with CPD 18th District CAPS, neighborhood associations and community organizations outside the Triangle to advocate for OTTA and the Triangle

community. In 18th District's 2022 Strategic Plan, OTTA is named a Community Partner Resource for its community-driven approaches to promote public safety such as disseminating information and organizing safety walks and talks.

We also want to remind neighbors of the CPD CLEARmap, the platform the Chicago Police Department uses to share its law enforcement analysis and incident reporting with citizens. CLEARmap provides up-to-date interactive maps of crime data, registered offenders, gang activity territories, community concerns and CPD locations, Districts, and

Beats. Due to its volume of data, this website is best viewed on a computer. For summary data of Police Districts, Chicago Wards, Beats and to compare reported incidents, scroll down to the bottom of the webpage. CPD CLEARmap: <https://clearmap-chicagopd.hub.arcgis.com/>

I wish OTTA, the new Community Safety Committee Chairperson, David Montgomery, and committee members a great success. Thank you for working hard to keep the community safe.



Left Photo: Sachi Kubo being honored at the Annual Meeting. Right Photo: Jeff Peters at Safety Walk & Talk with concerned neighbors and the 18th District.

EVENTS COMMITTEE | Carly Jenkins, Chairperson

The Events Committee was fortunate this year to host several successful events including: Oktoberfest Fall Festival, Halloween Parade and Annual Members' Dinner and Meeting – which had great attendance via in-person and Zoom! We are working on these possible Events for 2022:

- Spring Event (March/April)
- Art Fair & Thank You Party (June)
- Summer Fundraiser (July/August)
- Halloween Parade (October)
- October Fall Festival (October/September)
- Holiday Party (Early December)

We need committed volunteers to join the Events Committee to help plan and execute all the future festivities. If you're interested, please email Carly Jenkins at events@oldtowntriangle.com.



Carly Jenkins getting input about which song to play next, at the end of the Halloween Parade that was organized by Danielle Klinenberg and her.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Nichols, Chairperson

The Communications Committee had two primary projects during 2021: 1) We streamlined communication from the Association to come through two main releases: The OTTA Newsletter (aka, *The Times*) and the Weekly Post. We hoped this would improve efficiency via more consistent member email traffic. 2) Our second project was to move *The Times* to an electronic newsletter while still making print copies available at the Triangle office. The newsletter has been very successful, and we expanded it to two 8-page issues and two 12-page issues in 2022.

HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HDPZ) COMMITTEE | Zac Bleicher, Chairperson

The HDPZ Committee is looking forward to a productive new year helping neighbors stay involved and informed about proposals and changes around the Triangle. We also continue to be of service assisting neighbors around the Triangle with day-to-day permit review guidance and preservation/rehabilitation tips. A concise summary of our goals and how we can support you was presented at the Annual Meeting: [OTTA-Annual-Meeting-HDPZ-Slides-2022.pptx \(live.com\)](#)

One big project on the agenda this year is to

better advocate for historic preservation focused on notable mid-century architecture in the Triangle historic district. These homes and apartments were built with the same attention to the scale of the neighborhood – and were designed by prominent Chicago architects and designers, like Walter Netsch, Harry Weese, and Edgar Miller, to name only a few. Old Town's unique and eclectic feel comes as much from homes built after 1930, in the "modern" era, as from its 19th and early 20th Century buildings, and we believe these places are

worth saving to preserve the feel and character of our special community.

If you are interested in learning more about Historic District/Planning & Zoning issues, you are welcome to attend our meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Triangle (or via Zoom). Please keep an eye for the Weekly Posts from OTTA for relevant updates each month. If you are interested in volunteering on the Committee, please write with your interest to the committee chair, Zac Bleicher, at hdpz@oldtowntriangle.com.

TREASURER REPORT | Brad Neuman, Treasurer

The audit for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2021, was completed, with the auditors complimentary of the condition of the accounting records. I am pleased that the report prepared only eight days after the end of year that was provided to OTTA members was within \$2,400 of the final audited income of \$138,546. (Income is shown as the "change in net assets" in the annual report.) For the current fiscal year, with improved procedures and a month to issue the year-end report, I am hopeful the difference will be even less. The audited annual report is now posted on the OTTA website at: <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2021-annual-report-Old-Town-Triangle-Association-Audit-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Thanks to governance improvements the Board implemented this past year and an excellent marketing effort by our insurance broker, Estelle Markham, the Association will be able to greatly reduce the cost of the Directors and Officers liability insurance program. Cincinnati Insurance was willing to cover the new Board going forward for much less than the current carrier, RSUI Group, but was unwilling to cover any claims that may yet be filed for actions of any prior Boards. To cover any prior problems that have yet to be reported, a separate policy from the existing carrier was obtained to cover the next three years ("tail coverage"). Under the new program, costs for the next five years are projected to be \$71,635, down from \$115,550, a 38% savings. After the three-year tail coverage, costs will be 68% lower than the prior program.



Above Photo: Brad Neuman presenting the financial statements via Zoom at the Annual Meeting & Dinner.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dorothy DeCarlo, OTTA President

When the OTTA Board created the 2021/2022 budget, a new item was added – **Special Projects**. This was created to direct some of the 2021 revenue to community-based efforts in 2022. \$35,000 was allocated for these efforts. Members were encouraged to make suggestions. It was hoped the proposed ideas would provide a significant contribution to the neighborhood and align with the mission and goals of the OTTA.

OTTA solicited input in November 2021 and received 13 proposals. They were reviewed by the Board and condensed into four items that were presented at the Annual Meeting:

1. Place historic marking plaques on buildings in The Triangle. The plaques would include historical or unique information about the structure and would be placed in easy view. (\$13,000 for 50 plaques on various buildings)
2. External beautification of OTTA facility: large planters and brick paving on North Park directly in front of the building. (\$8,500)
3. Strategic Plan: Monies would be spent for a long-term plan developed by a professional, setting direction, goals, etc. for OTTA. The plan would be updated annually by the Board. (\$15,000–\$20,000)
4. OEMC Camera: Police will pick the spot and install the camera. We pay for the equipment. Alderman Smith said there may be additional "Menu" money available for the 43rd Ward to supplement additional security equipment. (\$25,000)

The Annual Meeting attendees – in-person and zoom – were polled as to whether they Strongly Like to Strongly Dislike, each idea. The votes will be tallied and presented at next Board Meeting.



Teacher Donna McDonnell + Owner Amanda Betts. The Chalkboard Preschool is located at 450 W Menomonee Street across from The Midwest Buddhist Temple

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT The Chalkboard Preschool

By Hannah Bostrom

The Chalkboard is a preschool located right outside of The Triangle at 450 W. Menomonee Street that caters to children 2 ½ - 5 year-olds, though not in the traditional sense. The Chalkboard, founded in 1973 by Sherry Kopka, teaches children through educational play.

Amanda Betts, school owner, believes this to be the most important thing children learn at this age — play. "We do endless types of crafts that teach about the world and the people in it. The joys of everybody being different is our focus: different languages, different cultures around the world and in our city, different perspectives" Amanda said. "We want our students to be curious."

Because of Covid, The Chalkboard has a smaller staff and fewer kids. But, they still offer two different, three-hour sessions each day. Amanda, with the help of Donna O'Donnel, another teacher, makes these sessions engaging and creative – like international snack days.

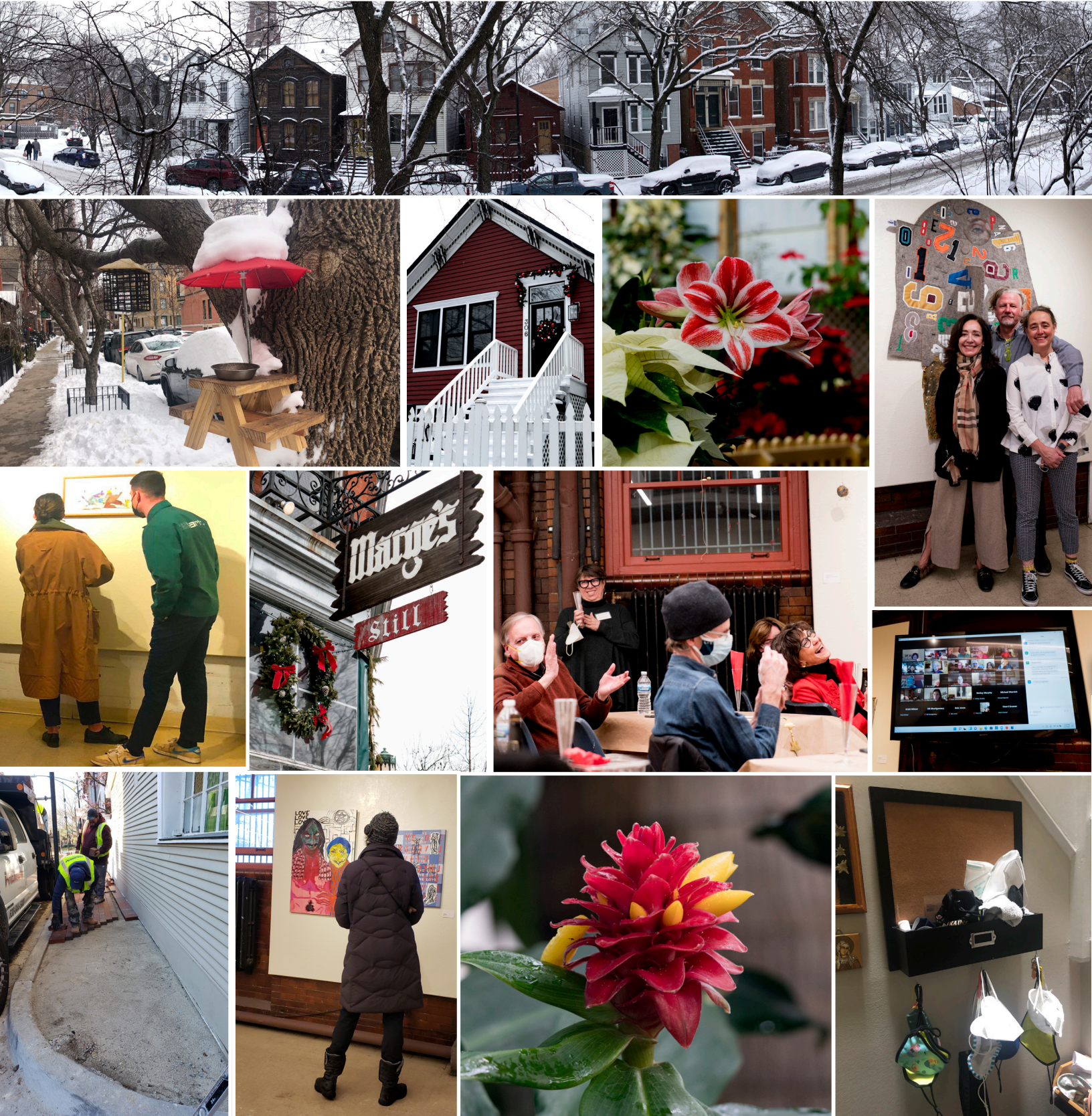
"It doesn't matter if your children cannot attend all of the days right away. Money is not the most important thing. The families and kids are! We keep our prices low and flexible because we want all the families in the neighborhood to come to The Chalkboard."

With educational play and flexible rates, it's no wonder why generations of families keep coming back to The Chalkboard, and Amanda takes pride in that. She hopes to keep the relaxed business model going for as long as possible.

For more information about The Chalkboard, you can go to www.chalkboardpreschool.com or visit their Facebook page [@The Chalkboard Preschool](https://www.facebook.com/TheChalkboardPreschool).



The winter wonderland of The Triangle was picture perfect several times this season, as were the blooming plants indoors. As we venture out a bit more, some of our favorite things are back, like two fantastic Gallery Openings at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery at The Triangle Center. This year's Annual Meeting & Dinner was well-attended with in-person and Zoom attendees. As you walk around the neighborhood, try not to miss those special things that always seem to delight. And while there is still controversy about our Covid masks, one young family has made them precious.



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Old Town Triangle Legacies: Amanda Betts

THE FIRST IN A SERIES

By Hannah Bostrom

The Old Town Triangle is a very special place. But for some, that takes on a whole different meaning. Amanda Betts has called The Triangle home for her entire life. While she has moved away for brief periods of time, 1727 N Orleans will always be home!

Amanda grew up with her mother and father, Monika & Henry Betts, in The Triangle until she went away to high school outside of Washington, DC in McLean, VA. After graduating, she moved to Evanston to study Art Theory & Practice at Northwestern University. She even moved to London, United Kingdom for a short period of time, but always came back to her true home – The Triangle.

“As I got older, I knew all the people my mom did, from walking our dog,” Amanda said. That’s how I met the Baldwins, Dan & Lucy. Dan stopped by and said, ‘Hey, you want to babysit our kid?’ and I said, ‘Sure!’”

It was through her friendship with the people of The Triangle and Old Town which got her the current job as owner of The Chalkboard, the preschool program across from the Midwest Buddhist Temple on Menomonee Street.

“When I was getting my master’s degree, I read on Facebook that they were looking for a teacher and an aide. So, I applied and became the aide. I worked there for a few years,” Amanda said. “I knew that Sherry was retiring, but she wasn’t sure when. Her plan was to close The Chalkboard. But so many parents begged her not to. ‘It’s an institution!’, they said. Parents were going to buy it and make it a co-op. Then one day I said, ‘Wait a minute, would you sell it to me?’ She said, ‘Yes.’ It was out of nowhere!”

While there have been changes in The

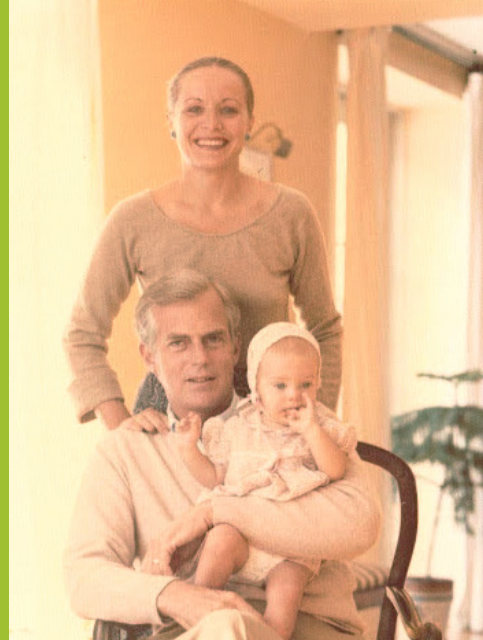
Triangle over the years, one thing that hasn’t is the Menomonee Club’s impact on the community. Amanda fondly remembers going over to The Club after school in “shorts and dirty shirts” and playing air hockey with other kids from the neighborhood. Even one of the teachers from LaSalle Elementary would join in on the after-school fun.

“Mr. VanSteen had been the gym teacher at LaSalle and was actually my camp counselor at the Menomonee Club when I was little,” Amanda said. “He used to do movie nights. Everybody would get a ticket — it was a raffle. If they called your number, you would get a prize. I won opera glasses that folded up and looked like a little cigarette case. I thought it was the best thing in the world.” Giving out fake cigarette cases to kids may not be acceptable today, but it’s memories like that that make us smile.

Even LaSalle Elementary, now LaSalle Language Academy, holds a special place in Amanda’s heart. “I remember LaSalle’s playground — there was a blacktop, and there were monkey bars that looked like a rocket. An area of the yard had ‘LaSalle’ carved out in it. I remember walking on it all the time and tracing the letters as I walked.”

Amanda continued to visit LaSalle years later while her daughter, Lucia, was a student. Every day after school — every day — Lucia went to the Menomonee Club and staffer Miss Linda, Clubhouse Supervisor, took special care of her, just like she did when Amanda was a little girl. Lucia now attends Lincoln Park High School.

With her daughter close by and The Chalkboard, it’s no wonder Amanda never seems to leave The Triangle. “This has always been my home base, and this will always be home,” Amanda said. “Think about it — when I went away to



The legacy begins: Monika & Henry Betts with Amanda in 1977



The legacy continues: Amanda with daughter, Lucia, in 2006.

high school, somebody gave me a bottle of Twin Anchors Zesty sauce as a going away gift. That was 30 years ago, and tonight we’re going to have Twin Anchors! I’m going to pick it up, and I’m going to go say hi to Gina, Arnie, and everyone. If it wasn’t Covid, I’d give them all a hug.”

iBOT SPOTLIGHT | What’s the iBOT Buzz? | By Diane Sokolofski

Local businesses continue to support our Triangle community by participating in the iBOT program. iBOT (I Buy Old Town) is a discount loyalty program for the OTTA members offering services, merchandise and products at special rates by Old Town and local merchants. Click here for a complete list of merchants and discounts: <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/shopping/shop-local-the-ibot-program>. Here’s what some of our business partners are offering.



Kim Hack, owner of Cocoa & Co., recently joined up with Meg Galus, Pastry Chef and Partner. Meg, who recently was inducted into the Chicago Chef’s Hall of Fame in 2021, brings 15 years of rich culinary experience as Executive Pastry Chef with the Boka Group, overseeing the pastry programs at Momotaro, Boka, Swift and Sons/Cold Storage and Somerset. Prior to that she was the pastry chef for Park Hyatt Chicago, NoMi, Sofitel Hotel and TRU,



Corcoran’s now offers Fish Fridays. The new item is, White Fish, pan seared with cilantro lime cauliflower rice and vegetable medley. Or go for the popular Fish & Chips made with hand dipped beer battered cod.

No time to cook? Order the Family Meals to Go for four people. Selections include the famous Mac and Cheese, Cheeseburgers, Bangers & Mash, Shepherd’s Pie and more. Go to <https://corcoransoldtown.com/>.



Scottfree Salon and Barbers is excited to join the Old Town community. Owners Scott Yance and Steve Olson bring a combined 40 plus years of experience in the hair industry. Scott, a former Sassoon Educator and platform artist, has owned and operated one of the top salons in Milwaukee for the past 10 years. Steve, a Chicago native, worked in some of the best barbershops in the country as a barber/stylist and educator. Together they created a unique and welcoming space where you can expect attention to detail in every aspect of your service from the moment you walk in until the moment you leave. Scottfree offers a 10% discount for iBOT members as well as complimentary Clean Up and Bang Trim services between appointments. Please visit <https://scottfreesalon.com/> for a full list of services and online booking.



The Fudge Pot is now offering “A Fudge of the Month,” said James Dattalo. The flavor for February is Strawberry

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Order local, sustainable groceries for home delivery or curbside pick-up from your favorite Green City Market farmers and vendors in one simple transaction. [Learn more and order today.](#)

Green City Market increased the Link match from \$15 to \$25. Now when SNAP recipients spend \$25 at Green City Market, they automatically get \$25 more to spend on local, sustainable food. This program is available at GCM's curbside pick-up point at Swedish Hospital and will continue when the outdoor markets opens this spring. [Learn more about how to get help or give help.](#)

Subscribe to Green City Market's e-newsletter to stay in the loop. Check out the exciting new news for the 2022 season!



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
IN OLD TOWN
REDEMPTORIST FATHERS & BROTHERS

Lenten Service Schedule for St. Michael in Old Town

- Ash Wednesday, March 2: Masses 8 AM; 12 PM; 5:30 PM; 7 PM
- Weekday masses during Lent: Monday through Friday: 8 AM Chapel mass; 12 PM Church mass
- (Tuesday both masses are in the Church), Saturday: 9 AM Chapel mass
- Reconciliation: Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM.
- Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 3:00 PM followed by Adoration until 5 PM
- Wednesday, March 30: Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7 PM
- Thursday, April 14: Holy Thursday Liturgy, 7 PM
- Friday, April 15: Good Friday Service, 3 PM; Stations of the Cross, 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 16: Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7 PM
- Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday masses, 9 AM and 11 AM

For more information, visit <https://st-mikes.org/mass-schedule>.



We currently have limited spots remaining in our nursery classes for the 2022-23 school year. Classes are part-time and meet 2, 3, or 4 days a week. Please contact membership@lincolnparkcoop.org with questions or apply online today!



Sign up for the Friends of LaSalle newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/gxGf3b> to keep up to date on community events and happenings at LaSalle Language Academy! For more information about the school, visit www.lasallechicago.com.



The Village Chicago Presents: Ageist? Racist? Who, Me?

A Community Conversation with Ashton Applewhite and Molly Matthias

Wednesday, March 2, 5:00 PM via Zoom. Members & guests–free. Join us for a candid exploration of identity, privilege, and the role of anti-racism in our efforts to dismantle ageism.

The audience is encouraged to participate in this important conversation with two very special thought leaders:

Ashton Applewhite is an award-winning activist, author and recipient of the Village's Trailblazer Award in 2021. Her groundbreaking book *This Chair Rocks – A Manifesto Against Ageism* has helped catalyze a global movement to recognize and eliminate age discrimination. She co-founded **Old School**, a clearinghouse for anti-ageism resources, and her TED Talk, "Let's End Ageism" appears on her journalism site Stacker's list of 50 essential civil rights speeches.

Molly Matthias is on The Village Chicago Board of Directors and works at **Facing History and Ourselves, Chicago** – an educational organization that uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and students to stand up to bigotry and hate. Prior to that, she was Manager of Mentoring and Inclusion Programs at Chicago Innovation. For a full description and to RSVP, [CLICK HERE](#), or email info@thevillagechicago.org. "Ageist? Racist? Who, Me?" is a consciousness-raising manual about the intersection of ageism and racism [available here](#).



FRIENDS OF LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL 2022 ONLINE AUCTION FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 3

Friends of Lincoln Park High School's annual online auction will be live February 21 – March 3, 2022! All proceeds directly benefit and support Lincoln Park High School, so bid high and often! [CLICK HERE](#), or visit our website at <https://www.folphs.org/>, to check out this year's unique, exclusive, fabulous auction items and start bidding. Bidding ends March 3rd. Please contact FOLPHS at folphs@gmail.com with any questions, and/or if you have items to donate to the auction. Thank you for your continued support.



This year Abraham Lincoln Elementary School's 8th grade Civics class organized the canned food drive, "2 Hands 2 Cans", donating food to the Lakeview Food Pantry. The students collected over 8,000 cans! The 8th graders researched the organization, made morning announcements and posters, conducted classroom presentations to raise awareness of the food drive and did a research project to find the root causes of hunger in Chicago. Mr. Schweikert's class donated the most, with 1,347 cans. The Food Pantry will have to make 4-5 trips to pick up all the cans!



Save the Date! Join Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS) on May 20, 2022, at The Newberry Library for our annual spring gala, **Metamorphosis**. LPCS, a nonprofit organization located in the heart of the Lincoln Park and Old Town neighborhoods, brings communities together to empower individuals facing homelessness and poverty to secure stable housing and make sustainable life changes. For more information, visit www.lpcschicago.org.



Art on Sedgwick needs volunteers to help with the arts programming at the Marshall Field Gardens Community Center. We also need volunteers who can teach how to use the new sewing machines donated by St. Chrysostom Church. If you are looking for a way to give back and enjoy art and children, please reach out to Charlie Branda at create@artonsedgwick.org.



Looking to promote your business? Support the Lincoln Park Conservancy by becoming a 2022 event sponsor. Sponsors receive year-round visibility on our website, social media, year-round in-park and day-of event signage. The Conservancy is also soliciting [auction donations](#) for the Benefit for Lincoln Park. Support the Conservancy's work to keep Lincoln Park a world-class destination while sharing your business with the community!

COMMUNITY CORNER



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Our Spring Session begins March 14th. Join us for Judo, Fencing, Basketball, and Retro-Active Sports! Learn more at <https://www.menomoneeclub.org/spring-programs/>

We will offer weeklong summer camps, all summer long! Join us for RetroActive Sports, Chess, Fencing, and Lego. Click on <https://www.menomoneeclub.org/summer-programs/>

CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL/MAY

MARCH

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH
CASMIER PULASKI DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813 (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814 (VIRTUAL)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH, 6:30 PM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
FIRST DAY OF SPRING

APRIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
PASSOVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH
EASTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 6:30 PM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH
MOTHER'S DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813 (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814 (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, MAY 17TH, 6:30 PM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 30TH
MEMORIAL DAY



Paula Garrett Ellis celebrating her 74th birthday (2021)

A FAREWELL TO PAULA GARRETT ELLIS

By Diane Gonzalez

Artist and Old Town resident, Paula Garrett Ellis, lived life to the fullest. Sadly, she passed away on December 12, 2021, but her art and her causes are forever legacies. Paula's husband, Peter, related that they had an extraordinary relationship during their fifty-year marriage. He described Paula as full of life and love and the kindest and most generous person – happy and pure of heart.

Paula's art hangs throughout their home, providing a sense of her presence. Even guests who never met Paula likely feel they know this vivacious woman a bit as they peruse her prints. Her contemporary art is spectacularly colorful, bright, and representative of various cultures.

Born in 1947 in Troy, NY, Paula met her husband in 1967 when they were guests at a dinner that their former English teachers had hosted for favorite students. Peter instantly found Paula attractive, with a long braid down to her waist and a vibrant personality. Peter was studying architecture at Cornell, and Paula took classes there in art and education.

After graduation and marriage in 1971, they settled in Chicago's Hyde Park. Paula continued as an artist as she & Peter welcomed daughter Cara. From 1989-1996, Peter's architecture commissions brought them to London, where Paula also had a studio. From 2009-2012, the family lived in India where Paula began a national and international women's art collaborative called NOWARTINDIA. The group hosted several exhibits in New Delhi, although Paula has shown and lived in other places over the years.

Their Lincoln Avenue rowhouse, where they moved in 2000 after purchasing it earlier, has been their sanctuary. Travels always brought them back to their Old Town house built after the 1871 Chicago Fire. Believing that a sense of time and legacy is most important, the couple spearheaded the 2009 landmark designation for the row of houses at 1928-1934 Lincoln Avenue.

Another person figured dominantly in Paula & Peter's Old Town life. The couple met famed sculptor, Milton Horn, at a dinner hosted by their dentist. Paula became an apprentice to Horn, who in turn was her mentor. Peter stated that Horn, who reminded him of a biblical character, became grandfather to the couple and their daughter. When the family moved to London, Horn lived with them in their home. In 1995, when Horn died, they acquired his Old Town house and studio. Paula developed Milton Horn's legacy, which she worked on for fifteen years, no matter where she was living. Horn left thirty life-size bronzes, which she dispersed. His records went to the Smithsonian; his sculptures were donated to the Art Institute, Spertus Museum, and other institutions. Paula saved and publicized Horn's work and his house.

Godspeed, Paula. Peter and Cara will make certain your spirited, beautiful works and causes are, likewise, preserved.



FEATURE COVER ART: PINK MOON BY MARCIA BIASIELLO

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Exhibited in Love: In Real Life at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street and the ghost of Ogden Avenue ("The Triangle").



SAVE THE DATE

Come to the Old Town
Art Fair June 11th & 12th

LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY

February/March/April



February | Love: In Real Life



The Old Town Art Center is hosting a themed exhibit and for the first time, offering a cash prize. A "People's Choice" award. With more than 20 artworks from neighborhood stalwarts, gallery pros and emerging artists, styles are more varied than we are normally able to offer.

Voting ends on February 18th for the public, but OTTA Members can cast a ballot through Tuesday, February 22nd!

The award-winning artist will be announced on Wednesday, February 23rd and the show will remain on display through March 3rd.

Stop by the Triangle to cast your vote! today!

Exhibition: February 4th - March 3rd

March | Art Classes Ongoing

Get inspired! Sign up for the new classes and workshops coming in March and April. Go to <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/art-classes-workshops/> for additional information and to register!



April | Larry Chait / Alan Leder / Kevin Lyle

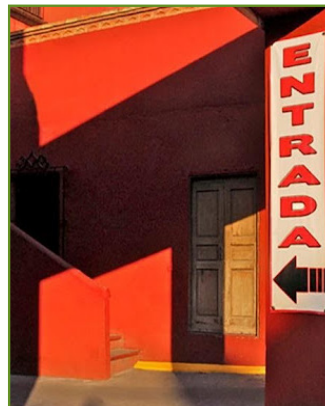
A new show will open in April featuring Larry Chait, Alan Leder and Kevin Lyle, three astonishing photographers. Mark your calendar for this "must see" exhibit!

Exhibition: April 1 – April 29th

Reception: Sunday, April 10th from 2-5 PM



Larry Chait



Alan Leder



Kevin Lyle

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Cheesecake, March is King Cake (Mardi Gras is March 1st), April is Pistachio and May is Penuche. Their decadent confections are handmade daily right on the premises. Four generations of the Dattalo Family have been making this delicious candy since 1963. Best sellers include Chocolate Covered Oreos, English Butter Toffee, Chocolate Covered Strawberries, Caramel Apples, Toodles, Sea Salt Caramels and more. Visit <http://thefudgepotchicago.com/>.



The Kennison is working hard to keep the lights on with the Omicron Vaccine Mandate in place. They continue to offer a 10% iBOT

discount. Happy Hour is from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, with wine for \$5 a glass and more. Delivery and takeout are available. Visit <https://www.thekennison.com/>.

Shop early and often! Support our local business partners and help them to stay in business. Look for the iBOT Triangle on the window.

Please Note: Members need to present their iBOT card to the businesses to receive the discount. OTTA members receive a personal member's iBOT card when they join. If you need an iBOT card, visit the Triangle Office.

