

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Come to the 72nd Old Town Art Fair June 11th and 12th. To reserve a Fair ticket, pre-register today! Visit <https://www.oldtownartfair.org/>. Learn more about the happenings in the Art Fair Committee report.....Page 1

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is almost here and with it comes flowers, sunshine, growth and of course, the arrival of the Old Town Art Fair (OTAF).

Though it is difficult to imagine a better Art Fair than last year's, Anne Giffels and her extraordinary committees are working hard to make that happen. The work that goes into organizing the event cannot be underestimated. We have a few new surprises coming this year and we need many volunteers, so I urge you to volunteer and become a part of this outstanding event.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the remarkable job others do to make the Triangle the friendly neighborhood we love. On April 30th, Carly Jenkins and her diehard Events Committee held a fun 80's-themed party with a DJ, great decorations, fun food and oh yes, hot moves on the dance floor. A good time was had by all with many new neighbors joining the party.

The Community Safety Committee, chaired by Dave Montgomery, has been diligent with its monitoring of police reports, attending meetings and posting Safety Tips each week in our Weekly Post. On May 12th a Community Safety Program was held with the OEMC and other guest speakers. The OTTA will stay proactive and on top of safety, keeping members informed.

The Historic District/Planning & Zoning Committee continually monitors and stays involved in all developments. They work to make sure we keep the historic integrity of the Old Town Triangle by working to resolve any issues that might arise. This is a group of tireless advocates for the OTTA.

Lastly, we are happy to announce that after



a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Grants Committee will again be giving grant money to non-profit organizations in our community, per request. The committee does a valuable job of screening and reviewing each application. Thanks to everyone on that committee.

Happy almost summer, Old Town! We have much to look forward to.

Dorothy DeCarlo

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Compiled by Jane Bachmann

ART FAIR COMMITTEE

Anne Giffels, Chairperson

Well, here we are again, with the BEST Art Fair just around the corner. Many of you are reading this during the Fair, and we welcome you to our beautiful neighborhood.

We are so grateful to be able to hold another Art Fair, and we are slowly getting back to "normal". But our new normal includes some of the changes we had to make last year in response to COVID protocols. 2021 was a year of change, and we kept some of the changes that worked really well.

We retained the spacing between booths and the artists were glad to place their work on the outside of their booths. Everyone enjoyed the more open feeling.

We are continuing a cash-less entry and registration is open on Eventbrite. We suggest pre-registration, but guests will be able to pay at the gate with either Eventbrite or Square. The Merchandise booth and Children's Corner will be using Square. This year, we are requesting a donation of \$12 upon entry to allow us to cover our costs and contribute to neighborhood organizations.

Pre-registration is available now on Eventbrite. You can choose Saturday or Sunday (or both!) and enter at any time. Your registration will also allow you to re-enter during each day. You will need your phone with the Eventbrite code to enter. We will also accept Square at the gates.

Also note that each person needs to pre-register – it is not possible to pre-register multiple people at one time.

When you arrive at the gate, have the Eventbrite app or your e-mail open with the registration code. Our gate volunteers will scan the code.

Our artists are excited to be here, and we can't wait to welcome them and you! See you at the Fair!

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Join Us **FOR THE 72ND OLD TOWN ART FAIR**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH AND SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH



"A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL THE ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR"

TO RESERVE A FAIR TICKET, PRE-REGISTER TODAY! VISIT

<https://www.oldtownartfair.org/>



EVENTS COMMITTEE

Carly Jenkins, Chairperson

The magic of the 1980s dazzled on Saturday, April 30th when members of the OTTA and their friends rocked on to Bruce Springsteen and Elton John at the OTTA 80s PARTY, under the neon strobe lights and at the hand of a formidable disc jockey. The Events Team did a fantabulous, radical job transforming the Triangle Center into a 1980s Central! Who ya gonna call? The Events Committee! Who truly did a great job and had fun to the max: Bob Jones, Donna Zarei, Payam Zarei, Katherine Keenan, Abby Spurlin, Margaret Croke, Chris Nelson, Eurydice Chrones, and Dee DeCarlo.



Events Committee member, Payam Zarei (center, with wig), hosts a group of family and friends at the OTTA 80s Party.



LEFT: Lots of hot pink and sparkle at this themed party, bringing back a look popular at Jazzercise classes! Here is committee member Eury Chrones (right) with her dancing neighbors! RIGHT: That's committee member Katherine Keenan (center) with friends – none of whom could possibly have been born in the 1980s!

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Stephen Nichols, Chairperson

After a 2-year pause due to Covid, we're back in business with receiving grant applications from local area not-for-profits serving the young people of the neighborhood with special programs, the needs of the 55+ community, the needs of the homeless, victims of domestic violence, the hungry and other grass roots organizations. The Grants Committee is in the process of reviewing 17 applications. The Committee attempted to solicit applicants outside of our neighborhood to pursue recommended outreach to other locales. The grant awardees will be announced at the June 17th OTAF Volunteer Thank You Dinner & Grant Awards Presentation. In a typical year and since the founding of the Old Town Triangle Association in 1948, the Grants Committee awards funding to neighborhood not-for-profits.



The well-attended meeting, hosted by OTTA's Community Safety Committee, recapped what the State is doing about crime and addressed neighborhood security via cameras and improved street lighting plus personal safety, especially related to car jacking

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

David Montgomery, Chairperson

The Community Safety Committee (CSC) has been busy exploring ways to increase safety in the Triangle. Committee members are researching crime trends in the City and Triangle area, speaking to neighbors about safety concerns, meeting with other north-side neighborhood organizations, advocating to CPD and local and state officials for more resources in the Triangle (e.g., city cameras, improved lighting), publishing safety tips in the OTTA Weekly Post, and much more.

CSC hosted an important safety program at the Triangle offices on May 12th at 7:00 p.m. Officers from CPD were present to discuss the uptick in carjackings and discuss what one should do to prevent a carjacking, as well as what to do if you are the victim of a carjacking. CPD provided further safety tips and answered questions. Representatives from the city's Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC) and the 911 Call Center discussed topics such as city video cameras, installing security cameras at your home, the Private Sector Camera Initiative, prioritization of 911 calls, and much more. Alderman Smith was on hand to discuss safety measures in the 43rd Ward and answer audience questions. It was a very informative event for the neighborhood and was well-attended.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Marya Lucas, Chairperson

The mission of the Accessibility Committee is to make the Old Town neighborhood, including its streets, structures, and activities, accessible to persons with disabilities and to enhance awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities so as to create a friendly, approachable environment. This year, the Accessibility Committee met with two representatives from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to identify ways to implement this stated mission. The Art Fair map, for example, now designates accessible entrances, bathrooms, and uses color-contrast graphics for the visually impaired. In addition, the Accessibility Committee is in the process of making the Triangle building accessible for wheelchairs by modifying the threshold entrance and the bathrooms. Another goal includes identifying curb cuts around the neighborhood to aid wheelchairs, strollers, and walkers. The Accessibility Committee is open to new ideas and members. Please feel free to email access@oldtowntriangle.com should you have an interest in joining the effort to make Old Town accessible.

HISTORIC DISTRICT & PLANNING ZONE (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE

Zac Bleicher, Chairperson

The HD/PZ is gearing up for a busy summer. We are excited to offer a series of educational and fun walking tours of our historic neighborhood, led by neighborhood tour guides Corinne Rohr, Diane Gonzalez, and Zac Bleicher. *Old Town's Architectural Legacy* will be held on Sunday, June 26th; *Stories of Old Town* will be held on Sunday, July 31st; and *Old Town's Artistic Legacy* will be held on Saturday, August 27th. All tours will begin at 11:00 am. More information on how to sign up will be put into the OTTA's upcoming weekly posts. The tours are open and complimentary to members of OTTA, but space will be limited, so keep a lookout, and sign up as soon as possible!



This beautiful, charming pocket park at Menomonee and Wells, called the Menomonee Pocket Park, is maintained by NIC. It becomes one of the gates to the Old Town Art Fair on June 11th-12th.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Alan Lougee, Chairperson

Members of the Neighborhood Improvements Committee (NIC) did a walk-through of all the pocket parks in the Triangle, to see what sort of maintenance needs to be done. Specific attention was paid to the ground cover that has been lacking due to the lasting cold weather.

Members have expressed concern about city construction crews pulling up brickwork

on Sedgwick to install new lighting. Please know that we are in communication with the Alderman to make sure all the time and money put into getting those bricks installed wasn't wasted.

The Shared Cost Brick & Parkway Program has run out of bricks and funding. NIC is looking forward to funds being allocated to the popular program in August 2022.

The NIC meetings are open to all members and are held the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM at the Triangle offices. Want to join this committee? Come to the meeting and see how you can help.

FOODBYTES | Food Finds at the Fair | By Diane Sokolofski

Come for the art! Come for the food! The OTAF has a great lineup of food vendors, sure to please everyone. Enjoy lunch, dinner or treats while listening to music and viewing the incredible art.

Here's a sneak preview of what to expect, including new additions as well as returning Fair favorites.

Inspired Catering & Events:

Menu TBD

Adobo Grill: Guacamole and Chips, Tacos, Tamales

Anthony's Italian Ice: Lemon Italian

Ice, Frozen Chocolate Bananas

El Campeon: Fresh Pina Coladas served in a Pineapple (non-alcoholic), Tacos, Arepas, Queso Birrias

Kavnica Coffee: Iced Coffee and Bakery Treats

Chicago Doghouse: Hot Dogs, Brats, Sausages

Bo's Concessions: Funnel Cakes, Cotton Candy, Corn Dogs (both regular and jalapeno), Lemon Shake-ups

Sugar Junkie: Assorted Gelato

A special thank you goes to Sara Bosaw, Administrative Director of the Menomonee Club, who has been chairing the Fair food and beverages for 10 years and to the Menomonee Club, under the leadership of Neal Bader, Director, who has partnered with OTTA to make the Old Town Art Fair a successful community event for 72 years.

RIGHT: El Campeon's scrumptious fresh pina colada served in a pineapple (non-alcoholic)



CALENDAR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

JUNE 2022

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH, 10 AM-7 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 10 AM-6 PM
72ND OLD TOWN ART FAIR

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH, 6 PM
OTAF VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY & GRANTS AWARD PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH
FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH 11AM
OLD TOWN'S ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY TOUR (HD/PZ)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH
ELECTION DAY-PRIMARY (OTTA OFFICES CLOSED)

JULY 2022

MONDAY, JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 5TH, 6:30 PM
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 3:30 PM
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813; ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH GYM

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814; WINTRUST BANK

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

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 7 PM
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST, 11AM
STORIES OF OLD TOWN TOUR (HD/PZ)

FRIDAY + SATURDAY + SUNDAY, JULY 29TH-31ST, 10 AM - 6 PM
NEWBERRY LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

AUGUST 2022

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 6:30 PM
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 3:30 PM
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 6:30 PM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 7 PM
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 11AM
OLD TOWN'S ARTISTIC LEGACY TOUR (HD/PZ)

SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 6:30 PM
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2:30 PM
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813; ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH GYM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814; WINTRUST BANK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 7 PM
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 6:30 PM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE

When most Chicagoans think of Old Town, visionary modern architecture doesn't usually come to mind. However, that sentiment is quickly changing as mid-century modern homes are beginning to be cherished as contributing to the neighborhood's distinct architectural character. The Old Town Triangle Historic District has long been a favorite destination for tourists and architecture fans who flock to see the well-preserved 19th century workers cottages, Victorian apartment buildings, and Louis Sullivan row homes. Yet those pre-modern buildings only tell half the story, and all around the Triangle exist incredibly important mid-twentieth century homes that shaped the Triangle into the unique neighborhood that it is today.

By the 1920s, many homes in the neighborhood had fallen into disrepair. Artists and designers Sol Kogen and Edgar Miller were the first "modernists" who came to the area when they began an artistic rehab project at 155 W. Carl Street (now 155 W. Burton Place), in 1927, just south of what would become the Old Town Triangle. Using a glut of found and recycled materials, their own sweat equity, and occasional cash infusions from avant-garde patrons, these artist-craftsmen completely transformed a dilapidated Victorian mansion into a wholly modern environment and art colony. Sheer walls made of reused Chicago common brick – interspersed with found tile, glass, stone, and elaborate art glass windows – replaced Victorian bays, cornices, and ornate decorative trim. By 1928, Kogen and Miller had found new investors in another artistic rehab a few blocks north, at 1734 N. Wells Street, which is today considered one of the Triangle's most distinct artistic and architectural treasures.

Some of Chicago's most prominent up-and-coming architects developed significant home projects in Old Town, including Walter Netsch, a renowned architect at Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM), who designed and built a home at 1700 N. Hudson Street in 1973-74 for himself and his wife Dawn Clark, herself a well-known law professor and Illinois state senator.

Even earlier, notable contributions came from architect Harry Weese, who built the first truly modern apartment building in Old Town, with his brother Ben Weese, at 235 W. Eugenie Street, in 1962. Later, Weese would construct a row of townhomes at 312-318 W. Willow Street in 1973. These buildings were lauded at the time for introducing modern design to the neighborhood, while sensitively fitting into the historic




1700 N Hudson Avenue, built in 1973-74 and designed by Walter Netsch of Skidmore Owings & Merrill. Residence of Walter & Dawn Clark Netsch until 2013. Now the proud stewards are Mark Smithe & Will Forrest. Renovation + Photo Credit: David Burk (SOM)

streetscape. While Weese's personal architectural style was dramatically modern and brutalist, he would also become a fierce historic preservationist, leading the restoration of Adler & Sullivan's Auditorium Building, and supervising the rehab of Daniel Burnham's Field Museum of Natural History and Orchestra Hall.

Among the many other modernist architectural interventions which dot the Triangle's historic

streetscapes, notable contributions to Old Town's mid-century modern character can be seen throughout the neighborhood, from a sleek Bruce Graham-designed home at 310 W. Willow (1972); a remarkably abstract home at 309 W. Eugenie by Ron Dirsmith (1963-64); modernist bungalows at 423 and 425 W. Eugenie by Bauhs & Dring and Booth, Nagle, & Hartray (both 1977); a sophisticated home at 321 W. Wisconsin by Stanley Tigerman (1970); and a postmodern gem, called the "House of Light", by Lawrence Booth at 1828 N. Orleans (1983-84).

When the Old Town Triangle Historic District was originally formed in 1977, these mid-century buildings were not yet historic, having only been constructed a short time before. Today, though, there is a much greater recognition that Old Town, as one of Chicago's most architecturally interesting and significant neighborhoods, owes much of its sense of place to the mix of so many types of intriguing architecture, including the mid-century modern buildings. 



LEFT: 310 W Willow (built 1972; seen here in 2022) is where OTTA member Sasha Harvey Mayoras grew up in the 1970s. **RIGHT:** The "House of Light" (built 1983-84, seen here in 2022) at 1828 N Orleans, by renowned architect Larry Booth of Booth Hanson.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Old Town Triangle Legacies: Sasha Harvey Mayoras THE SECOND IN A SERIES

By Hannah Bostrom with Diane Fitzgerald

Some people collect mementos to hold onto special memories. Well, it seems like Sasha Harvey Mayoras' mementos are Old Town Triangle addresses! Sasha's mother and father moved the family to the neighborhood in 1972 when she was five years old, having built 310 W Willow Street, a stunning example of Mid-Century architecture. Never one to leave Chicago for long, Sasha and her husband Tyler moved to New York City for a few years in the early 1990s and returned here to start their family. The Triangle was not the first place they lived, but the neighborhood's draw was too much to resist.

"I was looking for a non-traditional or non-cook-cutter townhouse or house when I read a real estate listing that said, 'If you love crown moldings, this isn't the house for you.'"

That listing was for 1737 N North Park Avenue. The house was rehabbed in the 1980s and had at its center cylindrical rooms on each floor, high ceilings, and plenty of Old Town character. Very modern, unique, and home to Sasha and her family for seventeen years.

The distinctive house was not the only selling point that convinced Sasha to move back into The Triangle. The fond memories of going to the Menomonee Club and the life-long friendships she made in the neighborhood were things she wanted her daughters to experience.

Sasha attended The Francis Parker School through 12th grade, graduating in 1986. The mostly empty streets and vacant dirt lots in Old Town of the 1970s were the go-to places for play after school for Sasha and her friends.

"There were so many kids in the Triangle, and we could play in the streets because there were relatively few cars. I loved that, and it is a core memory of mine from growing up here. Playing in the street would be nearly impossible in the densely-packed city now."

After a long day of playing outside, Sasha and her friends would visit the Menomonee Club for Movie Night. One of Sasha's favorite memories was when the Club's director, Basel Kane, would throw candy from one end of the long, thin building while she and her friends raced to see who could grab the most! The Menomonee Club building at 244 W Willow Street at N North Park Avenue used to be the 2-lane bowling alley of the North End Bowling Club until it was bought in 1950 by Menomonee, which explains the long, thin building.

All those years later, the Menomonee Club was still an important place for Sasha's daughters growing up. So was LaSalle Elementary, now LaSalle Language Academy, where her girls learned how to ride bicycles in the safety of the LaSalle playground, and only one block from home!

Sasha credits The Triangle's historic status as key to preserving the neighborhood and making it the perfect place to raise a family.

"The combination of owners and renters is essential as it gives a nice mix of people here. I love the 'melting pot' of backgrounds and languages in our neighborhood. I love the variety of multi-family and single-family homes among 3- and 4-flats and the combination of mid-1800s and mid-1900s buildings that make up The Triangle. If we lost the historic landmark status, so many buildings and homes would be lost, and the once-strong bohemian essence of this neighborhood would be gone forever."

Sasha and her family began a new chapter in 2020 when they made another move in the neighborhood – across the street! They live in another "piece of history" at 1732 N North Park Avenue, formerly coach house-garages built in 1922.

"This is a wonderful place to live! We are fortunate to call the Old Town Triangle home."



A young Sasha with her siblings Bennet and Kyle Harvey in 1973, at 310 W Willow.



Sasha with her mom, Janys Harvey, and step-dad, Howard Krane, on her wedding day in 1992, in front of their home at 310 W Willow Street.



The Mayoras Family: Isabel, Olivia, Tyler, and Sasha (l. to r.) in 2020.

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Three Homes, 250 Feet Apart: Sasha Harvey Mayoras' Sweet Home Chicago

By Hannah Bostrom with Diane Fitzgerald

The Old Town Triangle is home to many historic houses, three of which Sasha Harvey Mayoras has lived in! Moving to the Triangle in 1972, Sasha has called home to 310 W Willow Street, 1737 N North Park Avenue, and 1732 N North Park Avenue.

Her family moved to 310 W Willow Street when Sasha was five years old. Sasha's mother and father developed the home in 1972 with the help of family friend Bruce Graham of celebrated Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and Thomas Rosengren, also of SOM. The building's modern, Mid-Century facade makes it a stand-out in the neighborhood today. Sasha lived here during her childhood and while she earned her European History degree at Northwestern University in 1990.

Newly built 310 W Willow Street in 1972. See photo of it today on page 4.



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Next Stop: 1737 N North Park Avenue – a fabulous, unique, modernized, historic residence where Sasha and her husband Tyler moved after a stint in New York. The allure of a non-traditional but historic house in The Triangle was too strong for Sasha to ignore! First constructed in 1891, this wooden worker's cottage did not have a foundation until the 1980s and was positioned farther back on the property, allowing for a large front yard. Previous owners had the cottage pulled forward, set on a foundation, and made a quaint front yard, backyard, and garage. The house was moved so far forward that it made the

former front steps to the second-floor entrance such a steep and perilous climb; neighbors often referred to it as the 'stairway to heaven'. The Mayoras Family called this home for 17 years, from 2003 to 2020.

That home served them well, but they just recently sold it and bought the house across the street at 1732 N North Park Avenue, the longtime residence of Allen Smart. Triangle expert Diane Gonzalez noted that 1732 was one of four coach houses on North Park and Orleans, first known as the Shedd Coach Houses and built in 1922 as garages with apartments on the second floor. Sasha's mother, Janys Harvey,

was the real estate broker who sold the property in the 1970s to Allen Smart who hired Booth & Nagle Architects to give it a Mid-Century Modern look! "Mom always loved its big side yard and compact, modern living space, like 310 W Willow. So, when the opportunity to buy it presented itself in 2020, I jumped on it!" Sasha said.

These extraordinary homes – 250 feet apart from one another – will always make The Triangle that special neighborhood for Sasha and her family. We are lucky to have them as neighbors and stewards of history!



LEFT AND CENTER: 1737 N North Park Avenue, the family home of Sasha & Tyler Mayoras and their two daughters. The dramatic interior at 1737 features a cylindrical core on each floor. Pictured here is the main living floor. **Fun Fact:** Elaine Frei, owner of Luft Balloons, and her husband, Alex, are the current owners!. **RIGHT:** The fine brickwork of the garages-with-apartments built in 1922 are magnificently preserved at 1732 N North Park Avenue. You can imagine functioning garage doors when John Shedd parked his cars here, back in the day. This is Sasha & Tyler's new old home!

COMMUNITY CORNER | Compiled by Donna Zarei



The Chef BBQ is back for its twenty-first year, celebrating the best of the Midwest on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm at 1817 N Clark Street. Ticket sales are going live in late June and can be purchased at www.greencitymarket.org/chefbbq.

Chicago's top restaurants, brewers, winemakers, and mixologists provide tasting portions of locally inspired dishes and craft beverages highlighting ingredients from Green City Market's local, sustainable farmers. Tickets include all food and beverage.

The Chef BBQ supports sustainable farmers, helps educate our community about where food comes from and why it matters, and expands access to locally grown food.



Green City Market Chef BBQ 2021. Photo courtesy of Tess Graham Photography



SAVE THE DATES:

Dogs & Dogs, Friday, May 20th, 4 pm – 6 pm. Four-legged friends and their humans are invited to a hot dog barbecue.



St. Michael Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 5th, 12:15 pm – 2 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and beverages will be provided. Please visit the website to RSVP.

Noon Mass on Tuesdays has been added to the weekly mass schedule. Mass will be held in the Church.

Back-to-School Drive will begin earlier this year as schools are scheduled to return before Labor Day. There are many opportunities for you to participate. Please visit our website for more information.

A visit from the Cardinal of Luxembourg, Jean-Claude Hollerich, is on Monday, August 1st. The Cardinal will celebrate the 8 am liturgy at St. Michael's, the Feast of St. Alphonsus Ligouri. Please visit our website for more information. For more information go to St. Michael in Old Town – www.st-mikes.org



Lincoln Park Coop currently has 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!



Art + Community Building Events are happening at LaSalle Language Academy. LaSalle is exhibiting selections of Student Artwork curated by LaSalle art teacher, Mr. Christopher Thomas, at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery from June 1-5, 2022.

The Friends of LaSalle are thrilled to announce the inaugural Student Art Fair Tent on the playground June 11th and 12th during the Old Town Art Fair weekend. Proceeds from the cold refreshments and student artwork sales support the school's arts programs.

For any families interested in enrolling at LaSalle, go to www.lasallechicago.com for more information about upcoming school tours and new family playdates.



Imagine a world in which everyone's abilities are accepted at face value, where skills and strengths are appreciated and utilized without reservation, and where no one is excluded because they are too young—or too old. That's a world that has "turned the page on age."

The Village Chicago and Chicago Innovation funded by the RRF Foundation—have teamed up to help dismantle age bias with an exciting citywide campaign, Turn the Page on Age.

Through December, ads will describe what's possible in a world where age does not define you. In December, the Village and Chicago Innovation will host a Turn the Page on Age awards event to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations, and/or companies for their efforts in dismantling age bias and promoting inclusion across the generations.

Check the Village calendar: <https://thevillagechicago.org/calendar/> or contact the Village at 773-248-8700 or info@thevillagechicago.org for more information on how you can become involved.



Abraham Lincoln Elementary's 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration is being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Please bring the required enrollment documents. Enter through Door 14 (located on Kemper pl.), complete visitor sign in, and report to the office.

Students who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021, are eligible for enrollment into kindergarten. For more information visit www.lincolnelementary.org.



Support Lincoln Park Conservancy and come to the Wonders of the Park. Auction begins on June 17th- culminating with a cocktail party on June 23rd. Visit LPCGala2022.givesmart.com to register for the virtual auction, purchase tickets for the cocktail party, make a donation and learn more about sponsorship and auction donations. To support Lincoln Park this season as a volunteer gardener or docent, visit <https://lincolnparkconservancy.org/volunteer/>.



Got plans for the summer? We offer weeklong camps, all summer long! Join us for RetroActive



Sports, Chess, Fencing, and Lego. <https://www.menomoneeclub.org/summer-programs/>



The Midwest Buddhist Temple is hosting a Used Book Sale on June 11th and 12th. If you have any books, CD's and DVD's you would like to donate, please bring them to MBT. The Used Book Sale will help fund our Outreach and Homeless projects.



THE NEWBERRY

Newberry Library is having their 2022 Newberry Book Fair used-book sale on Friday, July 29 to Sunday, July 31 from 10 am – 6 pm. Interested in donating books? Used books may be donated at The Newberry, 60 W Walton Street, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information on donating books visit newberry.org/bookfair or email contributions@newberry.org or call 312-255-3581.

ART INSPIRATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER GRAPHICS



By Diane Fitzgerald



The graphics for the Summer issue of "The Times" was inspired by the artwork panels at the Menomonee Club

In 1990, the Menomonee Club commissioned their art teacher, Patrick Geise, to paint the plywood inserts where stained glass windows are believed to have been hung in this historic clubhouse at 244 W Willow Street. This is the left panel. "Patrick simply came up with window art to match

the setting. They look like they could have been there forever," said Neal Bader, the club's Executive Director since 1987.

To learn more about the Menomonee Club for Boys and Girls, including their extensive summer programs, visit <https://www.menomoneeclub.org/>.





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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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Join Us 72ND OLD TOWN ART FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH AND SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

SAVE THE DATE Art Fair Volunteer Thank You Party, Friday, June 17th

LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY JUNE & JULY



Students artwork from previous years.

JUNE | Special Limited Exhibit/ LaSalle Language Academy

The Old Town Triangle Association and the Leslie Wolfe Gallery are thrilled to offer their walls for an exhibit of all grades artwork from this school year. The students' work is always a reminder of how artistic we all can be if we allow ourselves the freedom to be creative.. The Gallery will be filled with fun, colorful, and exiting takes on the familiar.

These fun artworks are not for sale, but will definitely get your mind ready to explore the Art Fair just a week later. Stop by for inspiration!

Exhibition: May 31 – June 3, 2022



Street Artist in
Amsterdam by
Sandy Reibschied

JULY | Chicago Society of Artists: A 135-Year Legacy Continues

The Old Town Art Center/Leslie Wolfe Gallery will exhibit a group show from artists throughout the Greater Chicagoland area.

The Chicago Society of Artists is a non-profit organization established in 1887. Well into its second century, CSA is the oldest continuing artist association in the United States. Early members of the Chicago Society of Artists included John Vanderpoel, Ivan Albright, Frances Badger, and LeRoy Neiman. CSA established and maintained high standards for membership that continue today. Much of CSA's renown is due to member versatility which includes painters, graphic artists, printmakers, photographers, sculptors, art critics, gallery owners, and art educators. After 135 years, CSA continues to play a significant role in the arts by providing opportunities for artists to share their art production and experiences through a continuing series of exhibitions and educational programming.

Exhibition: June 28 – August 5, 2022

Opening Reception: July 10, 2022



Good Riddance by Robert Schlitz