

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Vi Daley

Fall is here, the leaves are turning and the temperature is cooling. Fall is a great time at the Green City Market, with many varieties of apples, potatoes, gourds, pumpkins, cider and great chef demos. Stop by, say hello and get to know your local farmer.

Art/sculpture is everywhere and hard to miss when walking through Old Town. In 2001, I founded the Lakefront Sculpture Exhibit, now called the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit. This non-profit organization pairs local sponsors with area artists to present a juried annual collection of large-scale sculptures. In 2007, Alderman

Tom Tunney joined the program, expanding the exhibit beyond the 43rd Ward to include his Lakeview Ward. Fast-forward to this year, there are 30 sculptures on display from Wicker Park and Bucktown and up to Edgewater. For more information on the art, or to purchase pieces from this year's exhibit, visit www.ChicagoSculptureExhibit.com or call 773 525-6034.

Not to be confused with "Chicago Sculpture Exhibit" – the Chicago Sculpture International and the International Sculpture Center will be hosting their 23rd biennial conference in Chicago, October 4-6. They are displaying their large-scale sculptures along the Lakefront from Belmont Harbor to the Field Museum. A number of the sculptures can also be seen along Stockton Drive from Fullerton to LaSalle Drive as well as east of the Chicago History Museum. The sculptures will be exhibited for one year and are also available for sale! Visit www.chicagosculpture.wordpress.com for more information.

Safety has been on everyone's minds this past summer. The OTTA hosted a well-attended Neighborhood Safety & Security Town Meeting in late July after an attack on one of our neighbors as she ran along her street at 7:30am on a Sunday. The attacker was arrested and awaits trial. Representatives of the 18th Police District spoke about crime in the area, in general, and reminded the audience of good personal safety habits and home security. While details of the case legally could not be discussed, attendees were encouraged to become court advocates, volunteers who attend court hearings, an indication to the judge and attorneys that we

will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood. Fifteen court advocates attended the first court hearing of this case and the judge immediately sent it to a grand jury, bypassing lower courts. For information about court advocacy, call Officer Joe Incaprera (312-742-5778 direct).

A second town meeting was held in late August to address the perceptions of some neighbors that the Marshall Fields Garden Apartments on Sedgwick Street are a source of criminals. Sergeant Cynthia Schumann and members of the management/security staff at the apartment complex explained that residents of the HUD facility go through extensive screening, including criminal/background checks, as part of the interview/vetting process. Guests of residents must pre-register and background checks are conducted on them, too. Palm-print identification scanners screen everyone entering the apartment complex. Sgt. Schumann also reminded the audience that crimes committed in Old Town are crimes of opportunity and random, committed by non-locals accessing the area via the Brown and Red lines.

You'll read in the Community Corner section of this newsletter about CAPS meetings and the two beats in Old Town. Two beats, two different meetings. You owe it to yourself to attend your CAPS beat meeting – to meet the men and woman who serve your beat.

REMINDER: Don't forget to put your address on your garage or alley fence. I have mentioned this often because it is so important. It is difficult for the police to locate your property from the alley if no address is posted. Both Commander Angarone and Sergeant Schumann stressed at the August meeting the need for visible street addresses on the rear of your home. Address numbers can be purchased at any hardware store (Tipre Hardware at 229 W. North Avenue) or any Home Depot and are easy to install.

Finally, I want to thank Dee McKinsey for her time at the Triangle and all that she did for our neighborhood – her friendly smile and warm welcomes will be missed by all. Due to budget constraints and restructuring, the OTTA Board of Directors felt it was necessary to eliminate her position.

And speaking of the Board, any OTTA member interested in running for a Board position should let me know no later than November 1st by emailing me at info@oldtowntriangle.com. This fall is election season everywhere!

Vi Daley, OTTA President



One of Green City Market's outreach programs



Green City Market customer!



Andy Scott's "Kelpies" along Chicago's lakefront

COMMITTEE NEWS

OLD TOWN ART FAIR 2013 | John Knoche, Chairperson

We will be having the Kick-Off Meeting for the 2013 Old Town Art Fair on Tuesday, October 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Triangle Center (1763 N. North Park). Light refreshments will be served.

Our agenda will include: (1) briefly discuss OTAF 2012 performance/highlights; (2) share the goals and efforts already being planned for 2013; (3) discuss recommendations and new ideas for 2013.

We'd appreciate receiving ideas and input prior to the meeting, if possible. Please email your suggestions to John Knoche at knochejohn@gmail.com.

HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING COMMITTEE | Lance Hornaday, Chairperson

One of the questions the Historic District/Planning & Zoning Committee gets asked often is "Do I need to get Landmarks Commission approval to do my project?"

Answer: If your construction or renovation project is within an historic district, like the Old Town Triangle District, and it requires a Building Permit, then it also requires Landmark's approval. Some example projects that require a permit include additions (room, upper floor, expansion), attic (finish, renovate), basement (finish, renovate), boiler (install, replace), deck (build, replace), hot water heater (install, replace), playground equipment, security alarm (installation) and siding replacement, to list a few.

For the full list of types of work that do require a permit, visit www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bldgs/supp_info/learn_when_a_permitisneeded.html.

Types of work that do not require a permit can be found at www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/bldgs/supp_info/when_is_a_permitnotneeded.html.

Both the Building Department and the Landmarks Division encourage anyone thinking of a project within an historic district to begin with a call to the Landmark Division. They are very helpful and will guide you through the process. They can be reached at 312-744-3200 or via landmarks@cityofchicago.org.

Remember that our HDPZ Committee has several people with personal experience in this area. We encourage you to touch base with us if you have any questions. Reach us through the Old Town Triangle Center (312-337-1938).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, Chairperson

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that we have a new e-mail address enabling you to communicate directly with us. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to email us at membership@oldtowntriangle.com.

The OTTA sends email alerts and announcements each week with information about Triangle Center gallery openings, art & fitness classes, special events, and any neighborhood updates that we feel should be shared. If you are not receiving those messages, please send us your email address so we can update our list and your membership information.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | Alan Lougee, Chairperson

The Committee has several significant capital improvements to report. We purchased a new refrigerator for the OTTA Center kitchen —replacing an old, tired one that quit on us. We also installed 5 new ceiling air conditioning units – 2 are positioned in the North Room, 2 are positioned in the South Room, and 1 in the main office. These units are extremely energy efficient and very quiet – so quiet that it is difficult to notice they are running.

An additional project that impacted the Triangle Center but was handled by the North Park/Menomonee Condo Association (of which we are a member) was the renovation of all the exterior doors for the building. Contractors stripped, sanded, and refinished the wood doors and trim. This project was supervised by Myrna Hogan and Don McDougal, Triangle members and residents of the condo association. The condo association covered the costs of this project.



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7th

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON 7a.m.

Tuesday, October 9th

OTTA BOARD MEETING 7p.m.

LASALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 5p.m.

Saturday, October 13th

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM - DISCOVER CHICAGO WITH RADIO DISNEY NOON

Saturday-Sunday, October 13th & 14th

LINCOLN PARK ZOO TOUR (FOR MEMBERS) 10a.m.

Monday, October 15th

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE 7p.m.

Tuesday, October 16th

HISTORIC DISTRICT & ZONING COMMITTEE 7p.m.

Tuesday, October 23th

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 7p.m.

Tuesday, November 6th

OTTA POLLING PLACE NOON

Saturday, November 10th

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM - DISCOVER CHICAGO WITH RADIO DISNEY NOON



The newly refurbished doors of the Triangle Center

Tuesday, November 13th

OTTA BOARD MEETING 7p.m.

Tuesday, November 13th

**LASALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY - SCHOOL
COUNCIL MEETING 5:30a.m.**

Monday, November 19th

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE 7p.m.

Monday, November 19th

HISTORIC DISTRICT & ZONING 7p.m.

Tuesday, November 20th

**CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM - DISCOVER
CHICAGO WITH RADIO DISNEY 7p.m.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 7p.m.**

November 21st 2012 - January 4th 2013

**GREENHOUSE THEATER, GEORGE BERNARD
SHAW'S "YOU NEVER CAN TELL" 7:30p.m.**

Thursday, November 23rd

THANKSGIVING DAY

Tuesday, December 11th

OTTA BOARD MEETING 7p.m.

Tuesday, December 11th

**CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM - DISCOVER
CHICAGO WITH RADIO DISNEY 5:30p.m.**

Tuesday, December 18th

HISTORIC DISTRICT & ZONING COMMITTEE 7p.m.

COMMITTEE NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT | Claire Leaman, Chairperson

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 2012

The budget for FY2012 was presented to the current Board at a \$56,100 deficit. The actual deficit was \$88,512. The major components of the deficit increase were unbudgeted payroll costs, unbudgeted capital improvements expense to install air conditioning in both North and South rooms, and a decrease in Art Fair net income as we continued to see attendance decline.

Total current assets (cash) are \$551,384 held in checking, savings and money market accounts. The OTTA thus continues to be in a strong financial position however the Board is targeting a balanced budget for the coming year.

Art Fair 2012 revenues were \$357,267, in line with prior years. The largest components were artist booth fees, gate donations, and food vendor fees. Total direct expenses were \$132,397. The largest components were entertainment, grounds & maintenance costs, security costs, jurying and graphic design. Additional Art Fair indirect costs include Association expenses (staff salaries) and occupancy expenses (condo fees, building maintenance, utilities).

Since 2002, there has been a steady decline in Art Fair attendance. In 2002, estimated attendance was about 36,000 compared to 17,500 in 2012 – more than 50% drop. Estimated attendance is calculated as total gate income divided by the individual donation amount. In 2002, with a donation amount of \$5, total gate income was about \$181,000. In 2012, with a donation amount of \$7, total gate income was about \$122,000.

Good weather is critical for attendance, but even with good weather (which we had for many fairs in the past 11 years and certainly this past year) Art Fair attendance is still declining. One factor is likely the substantial growth in competition – the total number of art fairs taking place in Chicago has increased from 5 in 1970 to 87 in 2012. Additionally, there are many non-art neighborhood and specialty festivals competing for attendees.

Implications for OTTA: While the balance sheet remains strong, the direction of cash reserves has headed downward. The organization needs to be vigilant with its discretionary expenditure, and should target a balanced budget from FY2012-2013. Additionally, it may be time for the OTTA to establish new sources of revenue. 🍁

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE | Jeff Smith, Chairperson

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee (NIC) usually meets every third Monday of the month. This committee has a large number of members but can always use more volunteers. Prior to the Art Fair, NIC coordinated with the 43rd Ward to do some necessary tree trimming and street drain cleaning. Shannon Cecola, who supervises our Brick Restoration Program, relates that so far 74 homes in our neighborhoods have been participants in our brick program (a 20% rebate from OTTA if you are a member of the Association). Just last month, based on an extensive tree survey undertaken by NIC, Care of Trees was contracted to do approximately \$14,000 worth of tree pruning and trimming to many trees in the Triangle.

The Emerald Ash Borer injection program began in late May. The City was so impressed that OTTA is actively working to care for their collective neighborhood trees that they moved our area to the top of the treatment list and provided these EAB injections to all our Ash trees, paid by the City (\$10,000 worth of treatment).

Of major concern to NIC is the repair of Old Town Triangle Park at Clark & Wisconsin. A summer storm caused major damage to the park. Half of the brick and limestone bench along with half of the ivy covered trellis, were knocked over by strong winds. The repair estimate is \$9,600. The Board voted at their September meeting to make the needed repairs.

Be on alert for an email notice regarding a possible Fall Clean-Up Day. Date to be determined. Possible projects include leaf removal from designated areas, street drain clean up, and painting of the sidewalk light bases. Volunteers will be needed and much appreciated, as always! 🍁



Neighbor, Keith Thomas, admiring the work of Care of Trees



Tree trimming at 1726 N. Sedgwick Street in mid-August

GRANTS AWARDS SPOTLIGHT | by Robert Gibbs (Triangle resident since 2004)



Lincoln Park is crowded with farmers and shoppers every week.



Green City Market is a nationally recognized marketplace model for distributing, promoting and educating about local sustainably-grown food

Continuing our spotlight series on the Old Town Triangle Association's 2012 grant recipients – in this issue we are focusing on Green City Market, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization celebrating its 12th anniversary. Each spring, this nationally recognized farmers market emerges from its winter location at the Peggy Notebaert Museum, and re-establishes itself as our immediate neighbor to the east (in Lincoln Park at approximately 1790 N. Clark). In my opinion, this is one of those things that makes ours the luckiest neighborhood in Chicago – there's simply nothing more enjoyable than strolling to the market at 7am on a Wednesday or Saturday morning to chat with the farmers and snag the best crops before the rest of the city descends upon it. As a home chef, it's these weekly early-bird rituals that have shaped my weekend's culinary endeavors since I joined the neighborhood eight years ago.

As the market has grown, so has its impact, its reach and its commitment to community programs – and when the OTTA awarded the grant earlier this year, the market announced that the funds would go directly to its "Club Sprouts" program. Club Sprouts encourages young people to try new, locally grown sustainable foods. At every market there is a Club Sprouts stand staffed with volunteers, where children are given the opportunity to taste a different market item. Those who sample one of the treats receive a stamp on their Club Sprouts membership card. Once the card is filled with 8 tastes, the child takes home a certificate of accomplishment and a special prize.

Very few places in Chicago bring together farmers and producers, consumers, chefs, restaurateurs and other culinary professionals in such an inclusive, sustainable way, and the Old Town Triangle Association is proud to call itself a neighbor and supporter.

Learn more about Green City Market by visiting www.greencitymarket.org. Through October 27th in Lincoln Park, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 7am-1pm. From November through April, Saturdays inside the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (2430 N. Cannon Drive) in the South Gallery, 8am-1pm.

The Old Town Triangle Association gives back to the community each year by awarding a number of financial grants to schools and non-profit organizations. See the full list of 2012 Grantees on our website at www.oldtowntriangle.com or on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/OldTownTriangle/Notes.



IN THE FIRST PERSON Growing Up in Old Town by Eric Klinenberg (Triangle resident from 1970-1989 and 2000-2003)



Eric (left) in 1971 playing on the streets of Old Town (photo by Rona Talcott)

happened while we were playing on North Park Avenue, which they had encouraged. I only got in trouble after admitting that I'd done it while playing in the dining room. In Old Town, kids weren't supposed to be inside, or alone. The point of living there was to be outdoors, and together. I hope that's still true today.

Eric Klinenberg grew up in Old Town, across the street from the OTTA, along with his photographer mom Rona Talcott and his sister Danielle. He's now Professor of Sociology at NYU, and the author of *Going Solo – The State of America*, and *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*. You can follow him on twitter at @ericklinenberg and read his writing at www.ericklinenberg.com. You can also hear him speak at the Chicago Humanities Festival on Friday, November 9th, 6-7 p.m. at The Francis Parker School's Heller Auditorium. His topic that night: "Going Solo – The State of American Society"



Now that I've spent a few years chasing my young children around the sidewalks of Manhattan (one of America's safest cities), I marvel at the independence my friends and I enjoyed in Old Town during the rough-and-tumble 1970s.

The streets were ours. Our parents were often in the neighborhood, but on most afternoons all they knew was that we were somewhere nearby, too. A house or apartment. The LaSalle School playground. Crilly Court. No one needed to check on us, because everyone knew that someone was watching. We skinned a knee, broke an arm, and lost an occasional bicycle. But it was a small price to pay for the privilege of bring free in the city. And there wasn't much of an alternative. Neither the cell phone nor the helicopter parent had been invented. By today's standards we were reckless, but it beat living in fear.

Commandeering the streets was one of our more brazen activities. The block of North Park Avenue between Menomonee and Willow was an especially nice athletic field. Thanks to the traffic plan that blocked automobile access from Wells Street, the end of North Park Avenue was usually quiet. Back then no one worried about parking, and on most days there were more kids than cars on the street.

One day, my parents came home to discover that I'd kicked a soccer ball through an expensive third floor window. They forgave me, because they assumed it



Eric in 2012 at his book signing in March at the OTTA with Karen Pfendler and Leslie Wolfe

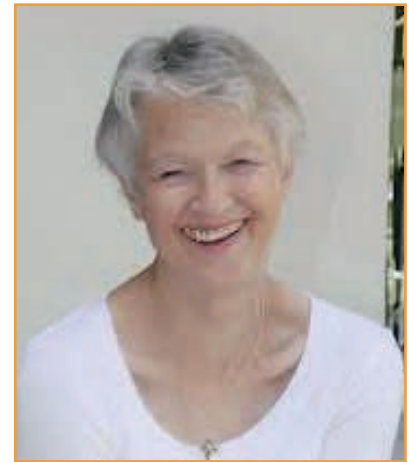
A FAREWELL TO...TESSA CRAIB-COX | By Diane Gonzalez (Triangle resident since 1974)

Old Town lost a long-time resident and enthusiast with the passing of Tessa Craib-Cox on July 19th.

Tessa loved our neighborhood, its residents, its historic buildings, and especially its gardens. She displayed pots of flowers on her front stoop while cultivating a secret garden behind her home's south gate. Tessa typically worked on her side yard plot in the early morning; some days she would explain to husband John that to prevent her from being late she needed to drive to work after too much time in the garden.

Tessa, husband John, and children Justin and Susanna Jane arrived in Old Town back in 1976. Seeing Tessa on the street was always a pleasure. She was cheerful and inquiring about every one else's welfare. In this past year she could be coaxed to elaborate on her recently arrived twin grandchildren.

There was that wonderful British accent, that energy, and yet a gentleness. But that was not to belie the extremely competent professional woman who worked many years in fundraising and community involvement positions for the Chicago Episcopal Diocese. She most recently served as Director of Development for DePaul University's theater school where she is credited with helping create 21 new endowed scholarships and 29 future scholarships. The theater school has dedicated this upcoming season to Tessa.



Tessa Craib-Cox

Godspeed, Tessa; you, who touched so many lives inside and outside of Old Town, are missed by all.



WHAT MAKES THE BRICK CHICK TICK? | By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



Shannon at 213-215-217-221 W. Willow Street, the site of an extensive Brick Program renovation

Shannon Raglin was destined to live in Old Town. After graduating from college and beginning a professional dance career with Chicago Repertory, she found the artistic energy of Old Town the ideal location to call home, and in 1994 settled into the 1700 block of Cleveland Street. She's been a Triangle resident and exceptional neighbor ever since.

With artistic flare and heart, Shannon performed countless modern dance pieces on many of Chicago's stages, while the sound and "call of racing cars" simultaneously beckoned. This racing bug came courtesy of her dad, a life-long racing enthusiast who brought Shannon to Elkhart Lake's Road America as a young girl...and she loved it. Eventually, Shannon found her way behind the wheel and onto the track – fulfilling a dream to race open wheel "spec racers" with Elite Auto Sports racing team.

After a successful career on stage, she sharpened her business skills selling advertising for CBS, and then followed in her grandmother and mother's foot-steps, joining the "family business" of selling residential real estate.

Today, Shannon's professional real estate career as a top producing broker with Coldwell Banker never stops her from volunteering and supporting the Triangle. It was her commitment and love for the neighborhood that eventually led to the idea of creating the Brick Program.

The concept for the program came naturally, as the damaged brick's throughout the Triangle continuously gained her attention. Disheartened one of her favorite, charming features of the neighborhood was disintegrating, and even more concerned many sidewalks were practically too dangerous to walk on, she decided to take action and do something about it.

Consistent with the City's centuries-old penchant to beautify and in-step with the OTTA's founders' aesthetic inclinations, Shannon presented a formal plan to the Neighborhood Improvements Committee – *The Old Town Brick Restoration Program* – with a simple goal: preserve, maintain and make safe all brick sidewalks and parkways. Now 4 years old and with 74 properties restored, the program is a neighborhood favorite that benefits everyone; we can all thank Shannon the "Brick Chick" for devoting countless hours to planning, sourcing and implementing this outstanding beautification program.

In so many ways, our "Village within the City" reminds Shannon of her childhood in Wilmette: the brick streets, sidewalks, trees, varied architecture, and charm of the homes -- lucky for us that she found her way home to Old Town!

To learn about The Brick Program, contact Leslie Wolfe at the OTTA (312) 337-1938 (lwolfe@oldtowntriangle.com).



COMMUNITY CORNER

Since 1993, the [Chicago Police Department](#) has been committed to implementing a comprehensive community policing strategy – CAPS – designed to make residents an active partner in preventing and reducing crime in our neighborhoods. The 18th Precinct holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the 2 beats in the Triangle, every other month. Those of us living on the west side of Sedgwick and west to Sheffield are Beat 18-13; those on the east side of Sedgwick and east to Clark are Beat 18-14. Mark your calendars for the next CAPS meetings!

- ♦ Beat 18-13 meets on Wednesday, November 14th, 6:30pm at St. Michael's Church Community Room (1711 N. Cleveland Street)
- ♦ Beat 18-14 meets on Thursday, November 8th, 7pm at the OTTA Center (1765 N. North Park)

For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cpd.html

[St. Michael's Human Concerns & Needs Commission](#) at St. Michael's Church is "adopting a school" – Manierre Elementary School (1420 N. Hudson) – to provide academic support to 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. As a feeder school of Lincoln Park High School, these students bring weak skills to an otherwise strong academic environment. It is believed that one-on-one tutoring in Reading and Math would be helpful. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 1-hour during the day. To learn more, contact Jeanne Sanna at St. Mike's (312-203-1956; jeannesanna@gmail.com).

[Deborah's Place](#), one of the OTTA Grant Award Winners, invites you to upcoming "Tour & Coffee Hours" at their 1530 N. Sedgwick Street location, from 9:30-11 a.m. on December 15th. See in action the good work of this exceptional organization! Please RSVP to Laurie Respass (773-638-6579 or lrespass@deborahsplace.org) as space is limited.

[The Menomonee Club Judo](#) just announced that USA Judo has named it a Paralympic National Training Site. Congratulations to Head Instructor, Brett Wolf, and his team! Read more about MC Judo at www.brettwolfjudo.com/menomonee-judo-club-named-paralympic-national-training-site.

[Hotel Lincoln](#) has a terrific discount rate program for Friends & Family. Residents of Lincoln Park receive a 15% discount off the lowest available rate (just book using the code friendsoflincoln) OR, those living in 60614 who can prove it with a photo ID, get discounts up to 30% on visits Sunday-Thursday. Restrictions apply. Contact Jessica Comaskey for details (312-254-4658 direct) or www.hotellincolnchicago.com.

[Night Out In Old Town](#) is a dinner and Second City show night-on-the-town organized by the Old Town Merchants & Residents Association and open to everyone. Look for upcoming dates the OTMRA website www.OLDTOWNCHICAGO.org/events/.

[St. Michael's Annual Holiday Pops Concert](#) on Saturday, December 8th is just around the corner and the conductor is recruiting chorus members. First rehearsal is on October 9th at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Maestro Scott Arkenberg at 773-206-6785 or sjarkenberg@ameritech.net.



OLD TOWN HISTORY Ann & Henry Halsted of 710 N. Franklin, today's 1826-1834 Lincoln Park West Row

By Diane Gonzalez (Triangle resident since 1974)



1826-1834 N. Lincoln Park West row houses (photo by Butler V. Adams, 2009)

As Chicago grew, streets were renamed (1880s) and property numbers were changed for better numeric ordering (1909). Over time, 710 N. Franklin became 710 N. North Park and then 1826-1834 N. Lincoln Park West.

In the May/June issue of the *Old Town Times*, neighbors Rick Hyer and

Hjordis & Jim Garner wrote about life in the 1826-1834 N. Lincoln Park West row houses. The Halsted family lived on the site before it was developed as a row of five.

Vessels on the Chicago River positioned their flags at half mast on the morning of April 24, 1882. Henry Halsted, a respected vessel owner, had died of pneumonia the day before. Halsted, said some, was the richest ship owner in Chicago. One *Tribune* article described him as an honorable, conscientious man whose word of honor was as good as his bond. An English immigrant who arrived in America as a young boy, Halsted was first a sailor on the Great Lakes. Then he purchased an old schooner – the *Minnesota* – which he captained. Soon he settled in Chicago where he began an extremely successful business as a vessel agent.

At the time of his death, 55-year-old Henry and his wife Ann, also from England, had six children ages nine through twenty. Halsted's at-home funeral occurred at 710 N. Franklin (aka 710 N. North Park). One report detailed that so many boat captains, maritime businessmen and friends were in attendance that the crowd spilled out of the large homestead into the yard. After a simple service led by an Episcopal minister, the carriages of funeral attendees departed from Franklin Street for Graceland Cemetery.

Widow Ann Halsted remained in her Franklin house for another year. Henry had left his wife about \$150,000 (more than \$3,000,000 today) and Ann continued to run Henry's shipping business. A year after →

iBOT SPOTLIGHT NOOKIES – YOUR OWN PERSONAL KITCHEN IN OLD TOWN

By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident from 1969-1970 and since 2006)

"I call myself *lucky* to meet everyone who comes into Nookies," said Spyridon Alexopoulos, grandson of the founder. Spyridon, Constantina (his sister), and Xaralambos "Bob" Roubos, the much-loved manager, celebrate that family spirit welcoming guests every day.

Nookies is the local hangout run by the same family since 1973, serving fresh, no-nonsense American food. It's where regulars are on a first-name basis with the family & staff and where each delicious dish of seasonal comfort food is cooked from the soul. Nookies motto is "Fresh and Friendly" say chefs Jacob Smith and Chris Holderman. Each dish starts with top quality and fresh ingredients. The Alexopoulos family eats here regularly, an endorsement of their passion and commitment to offer great food at a value.

Nookies began as a tiny 40-seat breakfast nook, deli and ice cream shop with newspaper clippings covering the wall for décor 39 years ago when Spiro Alexopoulos joined forces with Ralph Fisher, a cook and former co-worker. In 1967, Spiro emigrated from Greece with his two sons, Peter and Nicholas. Eventually the sons joined their father to run the family business, expanding the space and increasing the breakfast, lunch and dinner menu to what Nookies offers today. Over time, the family opened three other locations: Nookies (Too) on Halsted, Nookies (Three) in Lakeview and, recently, Nookies Edgewater.

In Old Town, its manager Bob who, as the face of Nookies and devoted employee of 15 years, makes you feel like you're at home with his super customer service, the result of being part of a Greek restaurant family all his life.

What are the favorite menu items? Nookies has the best omelettes served anywhere in this city. The multigrain pancakes with fresh fruit get top billing, too. But this breakfast hangout is equally known for great salads and entrees, like Southwest Grilled Salmon Salad with Creamy Chipotle Dressing and Thick-Cut Cider Marinated Pork Chop.

Some hidden gems to know about Nookies – The outdoor patio is dog-friendly. BYOB is without a corkage fee. A separate room for private gatherings is available weekdays. Nookies is open every day except Christmas. They were even open during the big snow storm of January 2011. Worth checking out is the 1970s artwork rendition of Nookies by artist Judith Hearst from Colorado and a long-time Old Town Art Fair exhibitor.

Nookies is located at 1746 N. Wells Street. Hours: M-Sat 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. www.nookiesrestaurants.net/. iBOT discount = 10% off bill (not valid Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

iBOT (I Buy Old Town) is a discount loyalty program for OTTA members offering services, merchandise and products at special rates by Old Town merchants. See www.oldtowntriangle.com for a complete list of merchants and discounts. To receive your personal iBOT card, visit the Triangle Office and see Dee McKinsey or Leslie Wolfe.



Spiro Alexopoulos in front of Nookies on Wells Street



Oil painting of Nookies by Judith Hearst, circa 1970s

Henry's death, Ann commissioned renowned architects Dankmar Adler, age 40, and Louis Sullivan, age 28, to design a substantial new residence at what is 440 W. Belden Avenue today. Ann and her family moved to that house in about 1884. Ann was so pleased with the architects' work that she hired them for a second design project of five row houses on the site of 710 N. Franklin. The old homestead was demolished; two new row houses were completed by 1884 and the three to the north, by about 1885. The row houses produced income for Ann who remained in her Belden home a few blocks north.

Ann survived her husband by about fifty years until her death in 1931. The handsome Halsted row houses, now 128 years old, are survivors, too, as they stand proudly in Old Town.



Louis Sullivan ornament on the LPW row houses

CALLS TO ACTION | Engaging the OTTA Membership

By Phil Graf (Triangle resident since 1985)

- I can't tell you how many times I've heard at committee meetings: "If only we had block captains to help get the word out..."
The OTTA needs you to volunteer to be a [block captain](#). The work load should be light, satisfying, even fun. You'll get to know your neighbors better, help promote neighborhood programs, and lend your personal touch to OTTA activities. Email OTTA Secretary and Membership Chair, Karen Pfendler (secretary@oldtowntriangle.com). You'll make a difference.
- Ratz! Our Neighborhood Improvements Committee is currently in discussions with the 43rd Ward office to establish a coordinated, multi-pronged [rat abatement program](#) in the Triangle. Stay tuned for more on that. Meanwhile, there are steps you can take immediately to help reduce the rodent population:
 - Starve the beasts by keeping a lid on it! Please don't let your garbage overflow. Make sure your receptacles are securely closed. It may only be garbage to you but to a rat it's a smorgasbord.
 - If rats have already gnawed through your receptacle (or it is otherwise damaged) you should do two things: 1) Call the 43rd Ward office (773-348-9500) and they will have a new garbage receptacle delivered to you. 2) Limit any food that goes into your receptacle. If you can, put that moldy sausage pizza down a garbage disposal or delay putting rat-sustaining garbage outside until just before garbage pickup – which will now be on Tuesdays for all of us living in the Triangle, starting September 17th.



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OLD TOWN ART GALLERY | Fall Exhibits



SEPTEMBER

September 7th – October 3rd Digital Collages by Jorge Manghi

In his first solo exhibition in Chicago, Jorge Manghi uses the technique of digital collage to combine different images, generating serene and surreal compositions. Using classical sculpture as his main topic of investigation and based on photography, his work is a reflection of the fragile nature of art objects and how our perception of this is affected when they are placed in unfamiliar settings. See more of Jorge's works by visiting <http://jorgemanghi.com>.

OCTOBER

October 6th – November 1st The City to The Country

Group Exhibit featuring Maureen Carr, Reven Fellars, Cynthia Johnson, Gerri Kaye & Renee Macarus The City to The Country is an exhibit of landscapes and cityscape by a group of five artists who have painted together for many years at the Old Town Art Center, in other workshops and in personal studios. The artists have varied backgrounds in art, in education and in their careers. The common denominator among the artists is their love of art and painting. **Reception for the artists on Sunday, October 14th, 2-5 p.m.**



NOVEMBER

November 2nd – November 30th Tuesdays with Marie

Group Exhibit featuring the work of the Tuesday morning art class students taught by Marie Kirk Burke. Each student will present work that shows their growth as a painter/artist and how they have developed their own styles and vocabulary using the tools from the class. The Tuesday morning art class includes a wide range of styles and imagery making it a unique and interesting exhibit. **Reception for the artists on Sunday, November 11th, 2-5 p.m.**



OLD TOWN ART CENTER Workshop

3 Day On-Location Watercolor Workshop with James Wisnowski

Jim Wisnowski, a popular instructor for many years at the Triangle, returns briefly to offer the challenge and joy of painting outdoors (en plein air). Taking his inspiration from the vivid colors of the urban environment, Jim will demonstrate each day, followed by student painting with individualized instruction and critique. Emphasis will be on successful composition, working through the basic principles of drawing and color. Students will also develop travel journals with watercolor and pencil. This workshop is geared to all skill levels. **Thursday, October 18- Saturday, Oct 20 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$275 non-members \$265 members**