

FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Come to the 73rd Old Town Art Fair June 10th and 11th. Tickets are available at the gate for a cashless suggested donation of \$12. Learn more in the Art Fair Committee report.....Page 1

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors! Welcome to the season of warm weather, beautiful gardens and the 73rd Old Town Art Fair happening on June 10th and 11th, 2023.

A warm welcome to all the artists joining our community at the Art Fair as well as the many Fair guests, visitors, and neighbors that attend. The Art Fair showcases a variety of works of art set within our quaint streets and gardens. While perusing the art, guests can sample a variety of food offerings, enjoy musical performances and view 59 neighborhood private gardens throughout the weekend.

A special thank you to the Art Fair Committee Chair, Anne Giffels, and her team – Chris Nelson, Carly Jenkins – and all associated subcommittees for your efforts in organizing this year's event. It is a tribute to our neighbors who volunteer their time and talents that make this weekend so spectacular.

Congratulations to our newly elected 43rd Ward Alderman, Timmy Knudsen, and welcome to the Triangle! The OTTA Board of Directors and I are looking forward to working with Alderman Knudsen and collaborating on many neighborhood projects.

Our OTTA Committee work is ongoing, and everyone is working diligently on various tasks. April was a busy month. The Strategic Planning Committee's four workgroups – Engagement, Collaboration, Funding & Operations and Governance – continue to move swiftly to identify and analyze key issues. The Neighborhood Improvements Committee celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd. Partnered with the Lincoln Central Association, the Boy Scout Troop 79, Davey Tree Experts and neighborhood volunteers, Ella Jenkins Park received some tender loving care. New

mulch, grading, and plantings now showcase this corner spot, at Wisconsin and Sedgwick Streets. The Events Committee sponsored a "sold out" wine presentation/tasting lead by Mike Baker, Advanced Sommelier/ Wine Director of Vin Chicago featuring wines of Southern France. Attendees learned about the six regions, tasted the wines and grazed on delicious charcuterie.

On April 23rd, neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate the life and times of long-time resident, Shirley Baugher. A dynamic community leader, author, gourmet chef, and mentor to many in our community, Shirley was celebrated with stories and memories shared by many, led by her loving husband, Norman. BOKA restaurant provided food and refreshments.

The Board and all Committees continue to focus on community events to promote meaningful communication and an exchange of ideas. Along with many of our traditional social events, we intend to provide more casual opportunities for ongoing resident interaction, feedback, and engagement. We plan to develop and promote new business opportunities that are consistent with the character, history, charm, and objectives of the neighborhood and stay focused on our mission to "Connect, Collaborate and Care"!

Raymond Clark, President, OTTA



COMMITTEE NEWS

Compiled by Jane Bachmann

ART FAIR COMMITTEE

Anne Giffels, Chairperson

Do you feel it? There's a sense everywhere that "we're back". After a bumpy couple of years, the Old Town Art Fair is indeed back. Applications for artist booths regained pre-COVID levels, and we have an outstanding group of artists for the thousands of guests who visit our beautiful neighborhood. We are so glad to see everyone and wish you a great Art Fair.

Long-time Art Fair favorites – The Garden Walk and Children's Corner – are planning for another outstanding weekend. We have a record number of gardens to view, and Children's Corner will have fun for all ages. We have our outstanding lineup of musicians at the Food Court on North Park and the main Music Stage on Wisconsin.

We are very pleased with our second year of community booths that include the Art School at DePaul University, the non-profit Project Onward and Emerging Artist Jayne King. Be sure to stop by their booths near Menomonee and North Park.

We continue to be cashless at our entrance gates, but you do not need to pre-register. Our suggested donation is \$12, and the proceeds are used to contribute to organizations in our community. You can see a full list of the grant recipients at our entrance gates.

The Old Town Art Fair would not be possible without the dedicated work of an amazing group of committee chairs, volunteers, and our Old Town Triangle staff, especially Barb Guttman. Thank you, all! See you at the Fair: Saturday, June 10th 10am-7pm and Sunday, June 11th 10am-6pm, rain or shine!



Join Us

FOR THE 73RD OLD TOWN ART FAIR

COME TO THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AND
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GATE FOR A
CASHLESS SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$12.

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



Chicago architect and artist, Andrew Arkell's original watercolor, "El Lookout", was selected for this year's Old Town Art Fair poster.

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HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HDPZ) COMMITTEE

Beth Burk, Chairperson

Last summer, three of our favorite historians – Corinne Rohr, Zac Bleicher & Diane Gonzalez – offered walking tours of Old Town. All three tours were completely booked. We've heard nothing but compliments from those who attended. For those who didn't get to join in then, we are going to offer them again! The first tour will take place on *Sunday, June 25th beginning at 10 AM*. Corinne Rohr will lead us on a tour of the *Historic Architecture of Old Town*, focusing on the Historic Triangle District, from workers cottages to Victorian to mid-century modern. If you attended last year, this is essentially the same tour and intended for those who missed out.

Registration for *Historic Architecture of Old Town* is now open - [click here to register](#). Future tours include *Artistic Old Town* on July 22 at 11 am (registration will open on June 26) and *Hidden Stories of Old Town* on August 13 at 1 pm (registration will open on July 23).

PLEASE NOTE: There is a 15-person maximum for each tour. Members of the OTTA are welcome to register for these free tours and attend any/all of the tours but we ask non-members to limit themselves to one tour only.



St. Michael's Church, 1633 N Cleveland at Eugenie, is the reason our neighborhood exists! Visit it during the Old Town Art Fair - #57 on the Garden Walk. See it again during Corinne Rohr's June 25th walking tour.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

David Montgomery, Chairperson

On March 23rd, the Community Safety Committee hosted a forum to hear from the candidates for the new 18th District Police Council which was hosted by former Cook County Commissioner and state representative, John Fritchey. The event was well-attended, and neighbors were able to learn more about the newly-formed police council and the candidates' visions for it. OTTA member Brad Kessler, who sits on this Community Safety Committee, was elected to this new council with the most votes! Congratulations to Brad. We are very fortunate to have him on our committee.

One of the keys to a safe neighborhood is to know your neighbors. Along those lines, the Community Safety Committee is exploring ways to better connect neighbors through technology and/or forming block clubs. If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them. Better yet, join the committee!

The Community Safety Committee has purchased house numbers for your use on your garages or at the back of your property. Identifying your address allows emergency responders to locate/report your property when needed – without losing any valuable minutes. Stop by the Triangle Center to pick up stick-on numbers. If you prefer a different type/style of numbers, they are available at all hardware stores and at specialty websites (Etsy) depending on your taste. Just be sure that the rear of your building is easily identifiable with your house numbers!



(LEFT and RIGHT) Help the Chicago Police and Fire Departments help you! If you back up to an alley, add your property's street number on the back of your property – your garage, back building, or fence.



ABOVE: The Chicago City Council created a new model for police oversight, accountability, and public safety with two new bodies: a city-wide Community Commission for Public Safety & Accountability and District Councils in each of the 22 police districts, made up of 3 people elected in regular municipal elections every 4 years. The OTTA Community Safety Committee hosted a candidates' forum in March. Karen Kane, Brad Kessler, and Bob Johnson were elected to the new 18th District's Police Council.



ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE | Ray Clark, Chairperson

The Accessibility Committee remains true to our mission of ensuring the Old Town neighborhood, including its streets, structures, and activities, becomes more accessible to persons with disabilities and enhances awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities to create a friendly, approachable environment. Our 2023 initiatives include ADA improvements to the Triangle restrooms, an upgrade to the Triangle Building entry thresholds, incorporation of an ADA parking space, and a comprehensive Triangle Site Walk to inspect and record repair requirements for curbs, curb cuts, sidewalks, driveways, and potential tripping hazards in the Triangle. We look forward to community volunteers participating in these efforts.

GRANTS COMMITTEE | Zac Bleicher, Chairperson

The Grants Committee received grant applications from local schools, nonprofits, and many other worthy groups. All 18 applicants were interviewed by this Committee, either in person or via Zoom. Each grant request is for an organization's specific program/project and must help fulfill the OTTA's mission – to enable all who live and work in the Old Town Triangle to connect, collaborate, and care for our community. The grant awardees for 2023-2024 will be announced at the June 16th OTAF Volunteer Thank You Dinner & Grant Awards Presentation. See Grants Spotlight on Chicago Sculpture Exhibit, a 2022-2023 awardee, in this newsletter.

The Grants Committee has awarded funds to neighborhood not-for-profits since 1948.



LEFT: Ella Jenkins Park "Before" photo. **MIDDLE:** Old Town residents Kathy Clark & Jane Bachmann, getting their green thumbs dirty. **RIGHT:** Ella Jenkins Park "After" photo. In addition to the green space, this park has an amphitheater which is the perfect setting for the Children's Corner at the Old Town Art Fair. Take note when you're at the Fair!

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (NIC)

Leah Marshall, Committee Member

If you've walked by Ella Jenkins Park recently, you've noticed that it got a major makeover last month. In celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd, the Old Town Triangle Association (OTTA) and Lincoln Central Association (LCA) teamed up to beautify the green space located at the corner of Sedgwick and Wisconsin. More than 100 community members volunteered and donated in support of the effort, including Boy Scout Troop 79 and Davey Tree Experts. Volunteers worked over

several days through chilly temperatures – and even hail – to completely transform the bare plot into a beautifully landscaped garden.

Leah Marshall, one of the Earth Day co-chairs, shared, "It's been incredible to see the community rally behind this effort. It truly was a labor of love that was only possible thanks to support from the business community and youth groups as well as community members and our local government partners. We all harnessed our resources towards

this shared goal and the result is almost unrecognizable. This is what being a part of a community is all about."

Ella Jenkins is a former resident of the area and has been celebrated by the DuSable Museum of African American History. Ms. Jenkins – a singer, songwriter, and actress – received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2004 GRAMMYS and has been recognized by many other prestigious organizations as "the first lady of children's folk songs". She will celebrate her 99th birthday this August. The park was officially named the Ella Jenkins Plaza in 2014 by the Chicago City Council.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Brad Neuman, Chairperson

At the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting, a new mission statement was adopted for the OTTA. A vision statement as well as a list of key values were also adopted – both for the first time in OTTA's history. These statements and values describe the heart and soul of the OTTA and are our guiding north star.

MISSION: We enable all who live and work in the Old Town Triangle to connect, collaborate and care for our community.

VISION: The Old Town Triangle Association will build on its history of success to become recognized by residents and businesses as the center for engagement, information, collaboration, and advocacy to maintain and improve our quality of life. We will foster a sense of community and belonging by connecting neighbors, collaborating on issues of common concern, and promoting safety, art and preservation.

VALUES:
Community
Welcoming People and Ideas
Stewardship
Integrity
Respect and Collaboration

The four strategic planning workgroups are busy developing proposals to address the strategic issues that were identified by the independent consultant. The plans and proposals will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 11th Board Meeting. The goals and plans are expected to cover the next three years.

For More Information – The Project Description, Assessment Report Summary, Statement of Purpose, the survey and survey results are available at <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com> – click on "+ About OTTA" and you will see 2023 Strategic Planning as the second menu item.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. You can reach us at planning@oldtowntriangle.com.

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

JUNE 2023

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 10 AM-7 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 10 AM-6 PM
73RD ANNUAL OLD TOWN ART FAIR

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 6 PM
OTAF VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER & GRANTS AWARD PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH
FATHER'S DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 10 AM
HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) TOUR: HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE OF OLD TOWN

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH
REGISTRATION OPENS – HD/PZ TOUR: ARTISTIC OLD TOWN

JULY 2022

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST + SUNDAY, JULY 2ND
NASCAR CHICAGO

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 3:30 PM
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (NIC)

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813 (WEST SEDGWICK & WEST) ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2050 N. FREMONT

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814 (EAST SEDGWICK & EAST) WINTRUST BANK, 100 W. NORTH AVENUE

TUESDAY, JULY 18TH, 6:30 PM
HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND, 11 AM
HD/PZ TOUR: ARTISTIC OLD TOWN

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD
REGISTRATION OPENS – HD/PZ TOUR: HIDDEN STORIES OF OLD TOWN

FRIDAY + SATURDAY + SUNDAY, JULY 28TH-30TH, 10 AM – 6 PM
NEWBERRY LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH
ELLA JENKINS' 99TH BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 3:30 PM
NIC MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 1 PM
HD/PZ TOUR: HIDDEN STORIES OF OLD TOWN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 6:30 PM
HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2023

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813 (WEST SEDGWICK & WEST) ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2050 N. FREMONT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 6 PM
CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814 (EAST SEDGWICK & EAST) WINTRUST BANK, 100 W. NORTH AVENUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 3:30 PM
NIC MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 7 PM
OTTA BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 6:30 PM
HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
FIRST DAY OF FALL

HISTORY OF OLD TOWN

A Walk in the Art Fair Gardens of Yesteryear

By Diane Sokolofski

In the early days of the Old Town Art Fair Garden Walk from 1953-1963, neighbors joined in a friendly competition to earn the title of the coveted "prize-winning garden".

The late Justine Price, a longtime Old Town neighbor, wrote in 1989 that "the garden was viewed as a common denominator which brought neighbors together, comparing notes and offering constructive comments while admiring one another's efforts over a drink. A competition to select prize-winning endeavors was formulated in 1953 at the time of the 4th Old Town Holiday, the original name of the Old Town Art Fair. Among the categories were: Beginner's Luck, Window Boxes, Patios, Sun Decks, Street Parkways, Front, Back and Side Yards, Front and Back Porches and the coveted "Best of Show". A silver bowl engraved with the name of the winner was adopted as a trophy to be passed on from winner to winner. Each displayed the bowl for one year before relinquishing possession. The prestigious panel of judges included members of the Chicago Horticultural Society Botanical Gardens, the Lincoln Park Conservatory, and several professional landscapers. As many as 70 and as few as 12 gardens have been exhibited during the Art Fair over the years.

"The last documentation of the evanescent silver bowl was in 1963. Botanist Katherine Barnes had one of the most unusual gardens ever to win "Best of Show" - a subterranean garden in a Wells Street basement. Fifteen hours of fluorescent lighting daily encouraged plants, herbs, cacti - even orchids to grow. The sunken garden had a low ceiling, brick walls, air that was close and damp with a sand floor where Barnes's young son created a turreted sandcastle. The Old Town garden was pictured in a local newspaper and received national acclaim in magazines and on television."

Today the Garden Walk, organized by the dynamic duo Claire Leaman and Fran Tuite (co-chairs for fifteenth years) offers 54 plus gardens and a great way to see what can be done with smaller spaces. For example, in one block, all the gardens are private rear gardens, only open to the public during OTAF. The homes were built in the late 1800's. One was built in 1874 using burnt

wood and refuse from the Great Chicago Fire. One garden won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in Mayor Daley's annual garden contest for best single-family home. Another garden featured a New Orleans-style courtyard atmosphere with hurricane shutters, gas lanterns and a beautiful fountain. Because homes are close to each other and there are many mature trees, some gardens don't get a lot of light, treating visitors to a variety of 'shade' gardens. Two of the gardens are the private rear yards of the Ann Halsted townhouses designed by Adler & Sullivan.

Each Garden Walk garden has a sign posted with a story personally written by the homeowner providing a wonderful span of information from garden plantings to home architectural history, family history, and more. "Every year, we are in awe of and so grateful for the generosity of the neighbors that participate. We have had 50 to 60 participants each year. Typically, half are within the Art Fair footprint, half outside, but all are within the Old Town Triangle Historic District", said Claire Leaman.

Historically, Old Town sits on the "Cabbage Patch" of the 1850's and 1860's when truck gardens and cow pastures lined the land between the Clark, North and Ogden boundaries. Our gardens have come a long way since then. Thank you to all our Old Town gardeners for making out neighborhood so beautiful.



Floral Cascade 2022

RIGHT: A 1961 Garden Walk "favorite" owned by Bert Ray, one of the city's most widely respected graphic designers, and his wife Mary Gehr, a well-known painter, in their Orleans Street beautiful rock garden designed by Franz Lipp, renowned landscape architect.

BELOW: Map of Garden Walk 2023



Charming Courtyard



Sedgwick Beauty

Editor's Note: A special thank you to our Garden Walk contributors Diane Gonzalez, Claire Leaman, Fran Tuite, and to the late Justine Price, author of "Old Town Gardens" 4th Annual Old Town Holiday Booklet, for providing this information.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 16th, 6-9:30pm

Old Town Art Fair Volunteers Thank You Dinner +
Grant Awards Presentations. **It's a Block Party!**

PHOTO GALLERY

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Between the collective efforts of our community and the collaborative efforts of our OTTA Board and partners on Earth Day, the extraordinary celebration of life for an extraordinary Shirly Baugher and our simple pleasures of convening on a corner on Friday evenings for Curbside Cocktails plus the art that surrounds us, we are lucky to call this home.





GRANTS SPOTLIGHT

CHICAGO SCULPTURE EXHIBIT: INSPIRING CHICAGO COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC SCULPTURE

By Diane Fitzgerald

Chicago Sculpture Exhibit (CSE), founded in 2001 by Triangle neighbor and former Alderman Vi Daley and called the Lincoln Park Community Art Initiative back then, has evolved into one of the area's most prominent and unique public art initiatives in Chicago. The first exhibit featured eight public sculptures prominently displayed throughout Lincoln Park. To date, CSE has installed more than 600 sculptures all over the city, true to its mission of inspiring communities by making art accessible to all in and along the public way.

CSE showcases monumental sculpture in our neighborhoods, created by established, emerging, local, and regional artists. Each artist receives a stipend for their work and CSE manages all aspects of permitting, installation, and removal of each piece. More than 40 sculptures are installed each year in May, which are selected by a jury – including our own Barb Guttman, who served as CSE's Executive Director for 20 years!

You can “gallery hop” the exhibit by using CSE's exhibit map and catalog, which can be found on their website [EXHIBITS « Chicago Sculpture Exhibit](#). All sculptures are available for purchase.

Editor's Note: Chicago Sculpture Exhibit is fully funded through public grants and private donations, including \$3,500 from the Old Town Triangle Association – which was used to sponsor one of the 40 sculptures.



Artist Pamela Reithmeier's “Point of View”, sponsored by the OTTA, is located at 1728 N Wells Street at W St. Paul. This painted steel sculpture is part of the 2022-2023 exhibit, on display for one year from May 2022 until May 2023.



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

CAROLYN ARMENTA DAVIS: MAKING HISTORY

By Diane Fitzgerald

What do Carolyn Armenta Davis and NASCAR race car driver Bubba Wallace have in common? They are both history-makers and activists: Carolyn on the international stage saluting Black Diaspora achievements and Bubba on the national stage – achieving!

Both are Masters of their Universes – and both will be in Chicago this summer, on July 1-2 for NASCAR Chicago, NASCAR's first-ever road race which will run along the lake-front, blocks from Chicago's Motor Row Historic District. Between 1905-1936, that stretch of the South Loop had as many as 116 different makes of automobiles sold and repaired – right there on Michigan Avenue!

As the NASCAR Xfinity Cup Series takes center stage in July, Chicago adds to its illustrious automotive and sports history. A NASCAR Chicago announcement connected Carolyn with me because she knows about my own history with cars and motorcycles, often stopping by to see our collections. Turns out, Carolyn is a speed and driving enthusiast, and a BIG Bubba Wallace fan! She had an immersive experience in the world of “controlled speed” not too long ago and wore her Bubba Wallace fan gear. At one of the OTTA's Galas, she won the drive raffle and spent a day in Joliet with racer John Oliver at the Autobahn Racetrack, learning how to safely drive fast. Carolyn did more than a few hot laps on the 15-turn speedway in a BMW M8 Competition car that day! Then she suited up in full racing gear for the ride of a lifetime – as the co-driver with John in his Audi RSQ8 with “no speed limits”!

Carolyn recalled, “I was thrilled, delighted, and totally mesmerized all at the same time, no doubt about it! I've always loved driving and that got me loving racing. The anticipation of road racing here in Chicago is exhilarating in and of itself!”

Perhaps this 79-year-old fan will get a chance to meet Bubba Wallace himself in July? Yessssssssss!

Editor's Note: The African Diaspora is the voluntary and involuntary movement of Africans and their descendants to various parts of the world during the modern and pre-modern periods. (DePaul University, Center for Black Diaspora)



Carolyn Armenta Davis displaying her Bubba Wallace fan shirt as she and racer John Oliver get ready for their “no speed limits” laps around the 2.1 miles Autobahn North Circuit.



Carolyn's ride the next time...this single-seat, open-cockpit, open-wheel formula racing car, called “formula” because of the set of rules racers conform to.



Green City Market's Chef BBQ is September 7, 2023. In a food festival unlike any other, 100+ of 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. Visit www.chicagochefbbq.com to be the first to know when tickets are available.



Green City Market 2022 Chef BBQ, Tess Graham Photography



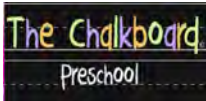
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH IN OLD TOWN REDEMPTORIST FATHERS & BROTHERS

Dogs on the Lawn has begun! Weather permitting, it will be held on Fridays from 4:30-6 pm. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information. Also, follow us on Instagram at [stmikesdogpark](https://www.instagram.com/stmikesdogpark).



Dogs & Dogs will return on Friday, June 16, 4:30-6 pm. Our four-legged friends are inviting their humans to a hot dog barbecue. Visit www.st-mikes.org.

The 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. For more information visit www.st-mikes.org.



Chalkboard Preschool Summer Camp for 2 1/2 year olds to kindergartners is

from June 12th to August 18th for \$75 a day. Scheduling is flexible. We are also accepting children ages 2 to 5 for the 2023-2024 school year. Half-day and full-day options are available. Please contact Amanda Betts at 773-255-7352 for more information.

Join the Lincoln Park Conservancy for our events this summer:



LINCOLN PARK CONSERVANCY

- [Wildflower Walks](#) at the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool & North Pond
- The [Gala for Lincoln Park](#) on June 22nd
- "Cultivating our Layers" Lily Pool Meditation [series](#)
- [North Pond Gardeners](#) & community workdays

Visit <https://lincolnparkconservancy.org> for more event information and to learn about our vision to grow our work to all parts of Chicago's largest and most visited park.



Lincoln Park Cooperative Nursery School is hiring! LPCNS is seeking an office manager to start ASAP. The position is 30 hours a week

during the school year with reduced hours over the summer. We are also looking for qualified substitute teachers for the 2023-24 school year. For more information visit <https://www.lincolnparkcoop.org/>.



Ever wonder what those red lines on the LaSalle Language Academy turf are used for? The lines are 50 yard running lanes the students use to race against each other in the annual LaSalle Language Academy tradition dating back to the 1980's called the 50-Yard-Dash!

Students compete against their classmates at a scheduled time to see who the fastest runners in the class are. The top three fastest racers are awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals. The race is on Tuesday, May 30th. Visit www.lasallechicago.com to learn more.



Come to the Annual Members Meeting at the Chicago History Museum on June 20th from 5-7 pm to learn about Village Chicago. The Village provides members with a lively social and intellectual life; promotes well-being, brain health, and overall fitness; and supports families living with a loved one's memory loss. To register, email celebrate@thevillagechicago.org.

"Who Will Take Care of Me?" is a free two-part presentation that covers situations from illness through all the tasks that must be done on one's behalf after death. Check the <https://thevillagechicago.org/calendar> for the date/location in Old Town. For more information, contact julie@thevillagechicago.org.



Alderman Timmy Knudsen visited Lincoln Elementary and met with the Green Team and Sparks Club on May 3rd. Teachers Karen Pippen and Max Schweikert and the students discussed environmental concerns and shared ideas on how

to make our Earth a healthier place. Students discussed food waste initiatives and how to stop idling vehicles before and after school on Kemper Place and Geneva Terrace. Alderman Knudsen is working with students on these and more efforts.



Do you live within the boundaries of Lincoln Elementary school? Register your child for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year! K-8 New Student Registration is: Tuesdays-Wednesdays-Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm. Enter through Door 14 located on Kemper Place.



Art on Sedgwick Summer Showcase

Mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, August 3rd from 4-7 pm to meet your neighbors, enjoy refreshments and view art created by students in our Art & Impact program with After School Matters at Art On Sedgwick, 1408 N Sedgwick Street.



Get Painted! - Old Town Portrait Project Be a part of Old Town history by submitting your photo to be painted

by Chicago artist John Bakker. For more information go to: <http://www.artonsedgwick.org/blog/old-town-portrait-project/>.



Spend your summer at Menomonee! Weeklong camps in June, July, and August. RetroActive Sports, Windy City Fencing, and PlayWell TEKologies (LEGO). Learn more at <https://www.menomoneeclub.org/summer-programs/>



MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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The 65th Annual Ginza Holiday Festival, a Japanese cultural festival, will be held at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 Menomonee Street on Friday, August 11th, 5:30 - 9 pm; Saturday August 12th, 11:30 am - 8 pm; and Sunday, August 13th, 11:30am - 4pm. For more information visit <https://mbtchicago.org/>.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We enable all who live and work in the
Old Town Triangle to connect, collaborate
and care for our community.

LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY



MAY & JUNE | LaSalle Language Academy

The students of LaSalle return with examples
of their art from the school year. From takes on
Picasso and MC Escher, to mobile sculptures,
every class grade is represented. We are thrilled
to offer this annual program for a full 10-days
this year.

In addition to the regular exhibit hours, there
will be a special event showing on **Friday, June
2 at 4 pm**. Parents, neighbors, students are all
welcome to visit. Chris Thomas, Art Instructor at
LaSalle, will also include a few of his works.

Note: We will have a "Donation Jar" available
for anyone who wants to support the arts pro-
gram at LaSalle.

EXHIBITION: MAY 24 – JUNE 6

RECEPTION: JUNE 2 4-6 PM



JULY | Susan Wein: Watercolors & Intaglio

Come view a colorful collection of watercol-
ors and intaglio by artist/designer Susan Wein.
Exhibit and reception dates will be announced
in June.



There Are Lots of Good Fish (Intaglio, 1993)



Birthday Roses (Watercolor, 1995)

FOODBYTES | Fare Favorites at the Fair | By Diane Sokolofski

Come for the art! Come for the food! The Old Town Art Fair has a great lineup of food vendors this year, sure to please everyone. Enjoy lunch, dinner or treats while listening to music and viewing all the incredible art.

Thank you to Sara Bosaw, Administrative Director of the Menomonee Club, who has been organizing the Fair food & beverage vendors for 11+ 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 an ongoing successful community event.

Here's a sneak preview of the vendors and some exciting new menu items and returning Fair favorites!



Chicago Doghouse Hot
Dog and Fries



Susie's Sugar Buzz

CHICAGO DOGHOUSE: Chicago
Style Dog \$8, Apple Brandy Duck
Sausage \$12, Wagyu Jalapeno and
Cheddar Banger \$13.

BO'S CONCESSIONS: Funnel
Cakes \$7, Chicken & Waffle, Cotton
Candy \$4

EL CAMPEON: Quesabirrias (4)

\$23. Tacos \$5 each

ADOBO GRILL: Guacamole and
Chips \$8, Cochinita Fare Favorites
at the Fair Pibil (2 pork tacos) \$8,
Chicken Tamales (2) \$8

CEDAR PALACE: Chicken
Schwarma Combo Plate \$15.

SUSIE'S SUGAR BUZZ: Locally

made candies \$5 to \$80.

**INSPIRED CATERING &
EVENTS:** Menu coming.

Pazza Pizza, Glow SuperFood
Vegan Popsicles, and Carolyn's
Krisps are currently pending.