



Vi Daley

Well, we've gone from a relatively mild fall – with great seasonal events like the Chicago Marathon and Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative Fall Program's Lincoln Park on a Pedestal: The Hidden History of Lincoln Park through the Prism of Its Sculpture and Monuments – to the start of the holiday season!

Halloween in the neighborhood was great. So many of you took the time to decorate your homes which created such community spirit. The night itself was great fun with so many families out enjoying the brisk night air. Also, we heard back from Sergeant Cynthia Schumann, the head of the 18th District's Community Policing unit, that

our donated costumes went to good use. Their Halloween Costume Closet drive benefited children from domestic violence centers who dressed up and had a big party. It was a great success. Many thanks, too, for all of your donations to the District's annual food and clothes drives. We helped make a difference to those less fortunate.

Our second annual Anything But Turkey Potluck Party was also a big success with three "most popular dishes" winners. Linda Sarli came in first place with her amazing Apple Cranberry Crisp. She's already sent us her recipe, which you can find on our website (www.OLDTOWNTRIANGLE.COM). Tied for second place were Kim Penning, for her perfect comfort food (mac & cheese), and Stefani Turken, for her scrumptious vegetarian lasagna. Thanks to everyone who joined in the family fun that night.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee – chaired by Scott Early with Lucy

Baldwin and Corinne Svoboda – for presenting the slate of officers for 2013. All OTTA members are invited to attend the Annual Dinner & Elections on Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. More information about elections can be found in the Committee News column.

Kim Hitchcock is stepping down from the Board and as chairperson of the Events Committee. My special thanks to Kim for her enthusiasm and contributions to the OTTA Board! Her "Music In The Park" Concert Series, especially, was a big hit!

Heartfelt thanks go to the Board of Directors and Leslie Wolfe, our Director of Arts & Operations, who worked tirelessly to balance the budget, produced a successful Art Fair with innovations, initiated and hosted important town meetings and neighbor communications focused on safety, organized the big tree pruning project, replaced pavers, spearheaded the neighborhood clean-up, revamped the newsletter, created and produced stellar events, increased membership, improved the OTTA facility, reviewed and updated our by-laws, addressed Historic District issues, and offered many fine exhibits in the Old Town Art Gallery. It's been a great, busy, productive year!

Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Christmas are times to give thanks for all that we have and a time to remember those who are not as fortunate as us. And the new year is a time for resolutions...so resolve to put your street number on your garage door or alley fence!

It has been my pleasure serving as your President this past year. Enjoy the holidays and have a healthy, happy new year! ❄️

Warmly,
President
Vi Daley, OTTA

P.S. - Don't miss the great brick story in the Committee News column. It's just the kind of thing we Old Towners do!



Potluck Party "Most Popular Dishes" winners (l. to r.): Stefani Turken, Kim Penning, Linda Sarli



The Chicago Marathon, Sunday, October 7th. Vi Daley with Terry Sullivan and Elvis on Wells Street



Halloween at The Weiss House on Menomonee

COMMITTEE NEWS | OLD TOWN ART FAIR 2013

As scheduled, we held a very productive kick-off session on October 16th, attended by approximately 20 people. We presented an overview of the 2012 fair and discussed the status of the current, early-work efforts. We had an open discussion about suggestions we collected from email submissions, plus ones made by the attendees.

We are carefully assessing all ideas and suggestions with an eye on maintaining the balance of the five main (and sometimes conflicting) components of the Art Fair: the artists, attendees, vendors, neighborhood, and First Sight Friday Night.

John Knoche, Chairperson with Debbie Day, Vice-Chairperson

We are pleased to announce the selection of Germania Place and Kenmore Catering for the 2013 First Sight event. The venue has the size, acoustics, and layout to make the event spectacular. For more information about this "National Registry Historic Building, designed in 1888 by the architectural firm Addison & Fielder, [that] endures as one of Chicago's most famous and important landmark buildings" see <http://www.germaniaplace.com/>. We will keep you posted on this exciting event.

We appreciate all of you who volunteer for our community and the Art Fair. Please contact Leslie Wolfe if you'd like to volunteer. ❄️

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | THE HEART OF ART: THE LEGACY OF A. GLEN RESCH

By Amanda Resch Glascott (Glen's daughter and Triangle resident from 1975-1999)



Glen in the early 1990s

My father, artist A. Glen Resch, was born in Old Town in 1929 and lived at 1724 N. Cleveland Avenue, attended St. Michael's grammar school and high school, was married to my mother, Catherine, at St. Michael's Church, and lived here his entire life. Glen was the fifth generation of his family to be born and raised in Old Town and he raised my brother, Ben, and me there as well. In September 2011, family and friends celebrated his life with a funeral mass at St. Michael's.

Glen was an exhibitor at the Old Town Art Fair for 37 years. His medium was watercolors and his subjects were usually buildings, vistas, and historic monuments in the Lincoln Park area and major European cities. His paintings of local scenes were wildly popular with Old Town residents, many of whom commissioned Glen to paint subjects that were meaningful to them – their homes, the churches where they got married, or a restaurant where they met their spouse. My father joked at the beginning of each summer, "I wonder how many paintings of Café Brauer I'll paint this season?" since it was always a popular location for weddings, and newly married couples often wanted one of his beautiful watercolors to hang in their homes.

When Glen passed away on September 3rd, 2011, he left a treasure trove of paintings that my brother and I eventually found unframed in his art cabinet. All were painted in the 1990s, an important decade of creativity for my father as an artist. It seemed like a perfect opportunity when the organizers of last summer's 63rd Old Town Art Fair, Debbie Day and John Knoche, wanted several of Glen's watercolors of Old Town scenes to be included as silent auction items at First Sight Friday Night. As usual, the paintings got a lot of attention. One Old Town Triangle neighbor purchased the image of the street scene at Menomonee and N. North Park, looking east. The Triangle Center is dominant in the painting. Turns out, the neighbor bought it with the intention of framing it and giving it to the Old Town Triangle Association for their "permanent collection" in appreciation of all the fine things the OTTA does for the neighbors and neighborhood. It hangs there today. My father would be very pleased indeed.

For information about Glen's other paintings for sale, contact Amanda Glascott at 773-316-5633 (cell).
By the way, "A" stands for Aloysius. 🧑🏻



In almost every one of Glen's cityscapes painted in the 1990s, you'll see Amanda's red Peugeot 505 parked on the street. In the painting given to the OTTA, there are actually three of them parked along Menomonee!

(L) Vi Daley, Amanda Glascott, and Leslie Wolfe with Glen's painting (R) Close-up showing Amanda's Peugeot 505, depicted 3 times!

IN THE FIRST PERSON | AT HOME AND WORK IN OLD TOWN | By Rich Christian (Triangle resident since 1979)



Rich with Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Judge Debra Walker



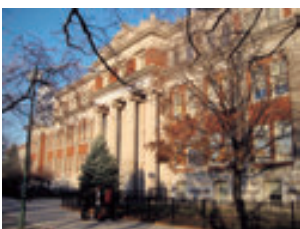
Rich applying make-up to Ernie Banks pre-shoot, 2008

You might already know that the Greek OMEGA sign Ω means the oldest, the ultimate, or the ranking of a star's brightness. Every so often as I look above my front door

I thank my lucky stars to be living and working under that amazing brick Omega. Having spent more than half of my life in Chicago's Old Town, I understand the meaning of the city's neighborhoods, having witnessed much since 1979. That was when I left the North Shore and waved a big thanks to Northwestern University where I learned about politics and cinematography. Never looking back, I moved south to an apartment at 1630 North Wells next to The Second City and across from the Earl of Old Town, Exit Lounge, Treasure Island, and Kamehachi, all of which I patronized. One day in my backyard, I shared a beer with John Belushi, who had emerged from his favorite store, The Old Town Aquarium, which I lived above.

GRANTS AWARDS SPOTLIGHT | LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



(Top) Beth Brown Asst. Principal accepting the 2 Grants for LPHS with Claire Leaman, Grants Committee chairperson, looking on;
(Bottom) Lincoln Park High School at Armitage and Orchard

The Old Town Triangle Association has been a generous supporter of local schools for over 40 years. In 2012, the OTTA awarded grants to Lincoln Park High School, Lincoln Elementary School, LaSalle Language Academy and Franklin Fine Arts Center.

Lincoln Park High School's mission is to develop critical thinking, collaboration and leadership skills, a deep appreciation for diversity, and a world view in its students. They achieve this by providing high quality education in core subjects, world languages, performing and visual arts and through its robust and varied extra curricular programs.

The school – located at Armitage and Orchard and built in 1899 in the Greek revival style, in keeping with the grand architecture style of the 1893 Columbian Exposition – has 2,250 students (enrollment was at its peak 50-years ago in 1962 at 2,350) enrolled in four academic and magnet programs taught by 140 teachers and supported by 60 staff and volunteers. The OTTA funded one academic program and one extracurricular program for the 2012-2013 school year: performing arts and basketball, both impacting a large portion of the student population.

A first-time OTTA Grant Awardee, the boys' basketball program has strict requirements for academic performance, holding each player accountable for passing all of their classes. Player academic success is possible because of the leadership of Varsity Coach Fil Torres, head JV Coach Donovan Robinson and the dedicated basketball staff working with each player to achieve their personal goals. Tutoring and ACT prep are also available and expected to be utilized by players when necessary. Held to higher academic standards than the CPS or Illinois High School Association (IHSA), LPHS basketball players graduate and many go on to college.

On the court, coaches use basketball as a tool to teach good citizenship, discipline, respect and team work. Good sportsmanship in the game plays a part in each player's personal growth. Players are issued practice and game uniforms as well as travel attire for their five conference games in Chicago's suburbs and out-of-state. Travel and away games are key aspects of the program as many LPHS basketball team members have never been outside Chicago. The OTTA grant supports all of these things.

The basketball season runs from late November through February. The team plays 24 games plus the playoffs. Check out the schedule (<http://www.lincolnparkhs.org/>) and stop by one evening to cheer on your team! Of course, winning is not the goal but it happens more than not, on and off the court!

From the proceeds of the Old Town Art Fair, the Old Town Triangle Association gives back to the community each year by awarding several 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 1987, I purchased the property on North Sedgwick. I knew it needed renovation, which can be a challenge in Old Town, so I hired Bill Keck, of Keck & Keck Architects, who had designed the House of Tomorrow at the Century of Progress Exposition of 1933. He helped me understand the value of older buildings and older architects. My 100-year-old building (1888) was originally the home of the American Nurses Uniform Company. In the back at the alley – Fern Court, although it was always a named street, it just looked like an alley – there was a barn with a pulley to bring in the hay. During the renovation, I watched the 40-story Eugenie Terrace replace a neighborhood garden on Clark Street, and wondered why my little project was taking so long!

As a director of photography for decades, I have captured scenes of so many neighborhoods in our great city, but Old Town is still my favorite. In the incredible 2008 Cubs season, I helped produce and capture the feature documentary "The Chicago Cubs: The Heart and Soul Of Chicago." Google it or go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfYPeBoCV6U>. The film is narrated by Gary Sinese and includes interviews with Bob Costas, George Will, Jeff Garlin, Rich Kogan, and Bonnie Hunt. If you watch closely in the beginning, you'll see the City of Chicago wake up, with many scenes from Old Town, the place where I live and work.

Rich Christian is the proud husband of Judge Debra Walker and proud father of two children who attend LaSalle Language Academy. He is the founder, producer, director, and director of photography of Sedgwick Productions, operating in Old Town for 30 years. His commute takes 30 seconds.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Old Town Triangle Association is steeped in history. We came across these facts in our archives from 1962, *fifty years ago*:

- OTTA and other neighborhood organizations object to the re-opening of the tavern at 1746 N. Wells Street (current location of Nookies), destroyed by fire.
- Discussion takes place about changing the name from The Old Town Holiday to the Old Town Art Fair.
- The role of Vice-Chairman is added to the leadership of the Old Town Art Fair to be the "well-oriented second in command who can step in and take over the following year or as necessary."
- It is declared that the OTAF has grown from a small street fair to "big business," with a big organization to handle the big business and increased monies.
- Expenses for the fair this year are \$2,656.05, higher than usual. Admission to the fair is \$1 and 49,000 people attend. Program Books are sold, not given away.
- The Old Town Art Gallery's new Art Rental Program is launched and earns \$30.
- The Garden Walk in August attracts 2,100 people, many of whom pre-register because of signage in the Art School.
- Barnes Bookstore is located at 1628 N. Wells Street and its telephone number is MI2-8005.

By the way, that year:

- John Glenn orbits the Earth, becoming the first American to do so.
- The Cuban Missile Crisis becomes the closest nuclear confrontation involving the U.S. and USSR.
- Marilyn Monroe dies of an apparent overdose at age 36.

These Old Town historic annotations come from the Archive Room of the OTTA, which catalogs, stores, and preserves materials from meetings, events, newsletters, photographs, and collaterals from 1948 to today. Other treasures from the Archive Room are exhibited in the Archive Display at the Triangle Center presented by David Pfendler, Chief Archivist.

COMMITTEE NEWS | NOMINATING COMMITTEE | Scott Early, Chairperson

The Nominating Committee has met and slated the following names for officers and directors for the OTTA Board for 2013:

BOARD – ONE-YEAR TERMS

President, Vi Daley

First Vice-President, Jeffrey Smith

Treasurer, Claire Leaman

Secretary, Karen Pfendler

DIRECTOR – THREE-YEAR TERMS

Director, David Pfendler

Director, Anne Giffels


Additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by no fewer than 35 voting members. Each nomination requires a separate petition. Candidates must have been voting members of the OTTA for 90 days prior to the election. All nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Board by 11:59 p.m. on December 10th, 2012. At that time, nominations shall be deemed closed.

All nominees are currently serving on the Board, with the exception of new nominee Anne Giffels, whose biography appears below. Serving Board member biographies are posted on the OTTA website in the newsletter archives (dated January 2012).

Anne Giffels first came to Old Town in the 1990s when she rented an apartment at Eugenie and N. North Park, then moved to the suburbs for a few years to be closer to her job in Deerfield. After a job change, Anne returned to the Old Town Triangle in 2007 when she purchased a home on Wells Street. Originally from Ohio, Anne has lived in the Chicago area since graduating from the University of Notre Dame, and currently works as a Senior Project Manager at Ryan LLC. Anne is a CPA licensed in Illinois, and lends her skills to various charitable causes, first as a tax preparer for the working poor at Ladder Up, then as treasurer for the Crilly Court Condominium Association. Anne currently serves as president of the Crilly Court Association and is a member of the Membership Committee of the OTTA. One of the best things about the Triangle is the strong sense of community, and Anne is passionate about protecting the things that make Old Town special: the historic character, neighbor support, charitable efforts, and ability to have fun.

Continuing on the Board are 2nd Vice-President John Knoche (2013) and Directors Rick Hyer (2014), Alan Lougee (2014), Lance Hornaday (2015), and Robert Gibbs (2015).

The Nominating Committee consisted of Scott Early, Lucy Baldwin, and Corinne Svoboda.

The **Annual Dinner and Elections** are set for January 31st, 2013. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All members are welcome. 

Get involved.
Be a volunteer.

December

Sunday, December 2nd, 2-5 p.m.
**CHASING LIGHT – THE ART OF PASTELS
GALLERY RECEPTION**

December 8th – 16th
CHANUKAH

Saturday, December 8th, 7 p.m.
ST. MICHAEL'S HOLIDAY POPS

Monday, December 10th, 7 p.m.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 11th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

Ends Saturday, December 15th
18TH DISTRICT'S HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE ENDS

Tuesday, December 18th, 7 p.m.
**HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, December 25th through Tuesday, January 1st
**TRIANGLE OFFICE CLOSED:
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S**

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | Jeff Smith, Chairperson


The Neighborhood Improvements Committee (NIC) usually meets every third Monday of the month. This committee has a large number of members, but can always use more volunteers. In July of 2012, based on an extensive tree survey undertaken by NIC, The Care of Trees was contracted to do approximately \$14,000 worth of tree pruning and trimming of many trees in our Old Town Historic District.

Fifty-seven trees were serviced in this project, including those on Crilly, Concord, North Park, Eugenie, and Sedgwick, and we hope to serve more trees and neighbors this coming year. Obviously, this will be based upon availability of funds in our budget and the existing needs of the trees.

I am very proud to announce that our Committee member Corinne Svoboda was successful in saving many Chicago historic bricks that were being excavated from the sidewalks of The Moody Church. These bricks are estimated to be over 50 years old and meet the criteria of "Historic Chicago Pavers." This is quite an accomplishment and hats off to you, Corinne, for your hard work, perseverance, persistence and caring for our neighborhood that you demonstrated in procuring these bricks for future use in our **Old Town Brick Restoration Program**.

And thank you, Moody Church, for allowing our neighborhood to enjoy these bricks for the future. Kudos to Shannon Raglin (the Brick Chick) in helping Corinne with this project, and special thanks to neighbor Phil Graff

for offering his expertise. Finally, many thanks to retail neighbor A New Leaf for helping the NIC store these old bricks. Fellow neighbors, now is a great time to reach out to Shannon Raglin if you need help in beautifying your brick parkway with original Chicago historic bricks! Remember, OTTA membership has its privileges. As a member, you are entitled to a 20% rebate for the total invoice of beautifying your brick parkway via the OTTA NIC, Shannon, and our brick replacement program. Contact Leslie Wolfe (info@oldtowntriangle.com) for more details.

We are happy to report that the repair of Old Town Triangle Park (Clark and Wisconsin) has been accomplished. We are still awaiting the trellis to be raised, but overall repairs are complete. 

OTTA COMMITTEES

The full roster of OTTA Committees and their chairmen include:

By-Laws – David Pfendler

Capital Improvements – Alan Lougee

Communications – Robert Gibbs

Continuing Education – Karen Pfendler

Events – Kim Hitchcock

Historic District/
Planning & Zoning – Lance Hornaday

Membership – Karen Pfendler

Neighborhood Relations – Rick Hyer

Neighborhood Improvements – Jeff Smith

Nominating – Scott Early

Old Town Art Fair – John Knoche

EVENTS | Kim Hitchcock, Chairperson

There was plenty of good food, drink and fun for the participants of the 2nd Annual "Anything But Turkey" Potluck Party held on November 10th at the Triangle Center. >>

January

Wednesday, January 9th, 3-9 p.m.
HOMEMADE PIZZA CO. "RAISE SOME DOUGH" FUNDRAISER (BENEFITTING THE OTTA)

Wednesday, January 9th,
St. Michael's Annex, 7 p.m.
BEAT 18-13 CAPS MEETING (WEST-SIDE OF SEDGWICK)

Thursday, January 10th, Triangle Center, 7 p.m.
BEAT 18-14 CAPS MEETING (EAST-SIDE OF SEDGWICK)

January 18th – 31st
VINTAGE POSTERS SALE: THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR

Monday, January 21st
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Tuesday, January 22nd, 7 p.m.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 31st
ANNUAL DINNER & ELECTIONS
Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m.



(1) (l. to. r.) Leslie Wolfe, Dina Culioli and Claire Leaman (2) Important cupcake message (3) The buffet table abounds with delectable's (4) Can you smell the lasagna?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, Chairperson

The Membership Committee is pleased to present our new members, people who joined the Old Town Triangle Association in 2012. Our total membership now is just shy of 700. If you have friends or neighbors who have not joined the OTTA, it would be wonderful if you could give them a membership brochure or direct them to OTTA's website and encourage them to join. Brochures are available at the OTTA office.

If your email address has changed recently, we are still working on updating the membership email list and would appreciate your current address. Email us at info@oldtowntriangle.com.

WELCOME OUR NEW OTTA MEMBERS FOR 2012 (as of 11-18-12)

Jack & Jane Barrett
Isabella Bongiorno
Jennifer Boss
John Burcher
Rob & Jennifer Burns
Deborah Chapman
Carolyn Cronin Hughes
Marilyn Duginger
Marc Epstein
Peter Fletcher & Elizabeth Martin
Matthew Focht
Michael & Krista Grasso
Michael Gunderson

Bonnie Haberman
Bonnie & Michael Hagan
Brigitte Hajosch
Antonella Hoag
Hotel Lincoln
Meredith Hudgens
Rachel & Chris Kohl
Peter Kwiatkowski
Stefanie Lavelle
Sharyn Leon
Marianne Luh
Brooke & Bill Mallers

Jorge Manghi
Amy Markley
Lenore Murphy
Kylie Noecker
Patricia Noonan
Mary Palmer
Kim & Rick Penning
Renee LaVerne Rose
Xaralambos Roubos
Jeanne Sanna
Senior Artist Network
Aaron Seybert & Veronica Farley-Seybert

Raj & Diane Shah
Deborah Solomon
Ellen Starmann
Stephanie Sweeney
Christie Tarantino
Miriam Tarrillo-Leary
Thomas Tessler
Peter Thaddeus
The UPS Store #2872
(Ray Baity & Barbara Weary)
Nancy Wingren

COMMUNITY CORNER

The holiday season is upon us. Make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, December 8th at 7 p.m. for the **St. Michael's Holiday Pops**. Visit <http://www.holidaypopschicago.com> for more information.

Lincoln Park Zoo gets into the holiday season with "ZooLights", when it decks itself with lights, Santa's Safari, ice carving demonstrations and more. Visit <http://www.lpzoo.org/> for more details.

Don't miss **The Christkindlmarket Chicago**, the traditional German holiday market featuring vendors from around the world with hand-crafted ornaments, toys, and unique gifts as well as food tents. Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. For hours and more information, visit <http://www.christkindlmarket.com>.

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park is open, now through mid-March.

Please help the **Chicago Police Department's 18th District** with their 2012 Holiday Food Drive, through December 15th. Donations of non-perishable food items can be made at the Community Policing Office at 1160 N. Larrabee Street. Near North homeless and needy families benefit from your generosity. Questions? Call 312-742-5778 or email caps018@chicagopolice.org.

In addition to the holiday food drive, **Warm Hands & Warm Hearts** is the 18th District's drive for donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for men, women and children. Same drop-off and contact details listed above.

On an ongoing basis, the 18th District needs **volunteers** every Monday from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. to distribute healthy food from Whole Foods and Trader's Joe. This is an **MGR Foundation** project (www.mgef.org). You might also want to donate items on their Food Circle Wish List which include assorted paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper), table cleaner, soap, cat and dog food, hot chocolate, coffee & donuts, cups and napkins. For more information contact Dana Dutcher at careteam@mgrf.org.

The 18th Precinct holds **CAPS Meetings** (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the two 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!

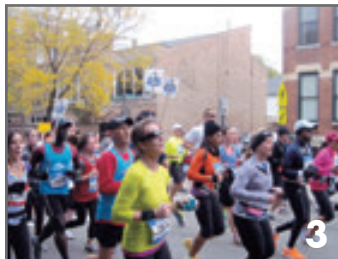
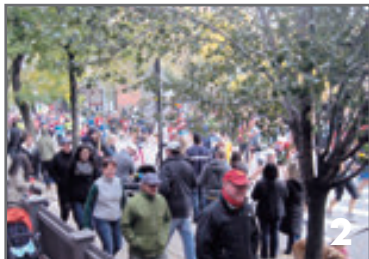
- Beat 18-13 Wednesday, January 9th, 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Community Room Annex (1711 N. Cleveland Street)
- Beat 18-14 Thursday, January 10th, 7 p.m. at the OTTA Center (1765 N. North Park)

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

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

PHOTO GALLERY | WELCOME TO THE TRIANGLE

The Chicago Marathon, Sunday, November 7th. More than 38,000 people ran through the Triangle that day!

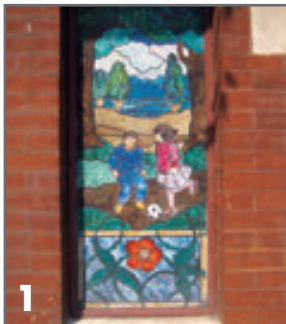


(1) Midwest Buddhist Temple's drummers acknowledging a wheelchair runner (2) Sedgwick Street turned into a "people-scape" (3) Runners running a 4:25 race at Mile 10 – the Old Town Triangle on Sedgwick (4) The Triangle welcomes the Marathon to Old Town (5) (l. to r.) Pat Cassidy, Carolyn Davis and Vince Daley (6) Spectators with signs and in costumes (7) Self-explanatory...



WE LOVE ART

Where have I seen THAT before? The art that surrounds us permanently and everyday in the Old Town Triangle, as seen through dog-walking member Deborah Chapman's lens. Nothing is hidden in a backyard. Can you name each address? (Answers at the bottom of page 7)



iBOT SPOTLIGHT | FIFTY-ONE & COUNTING FOR OLD TOWN GARDENS



(l. to r.) Gerald Cruz (Manager), Geena Javid (Owner), Chris Walsh (Architect Design) Missing: Eladio Ortega (Foreman)

By Ellen Starmann (Triangle resident since 2005)

Old Town Gardens offers an array of plants from the simple flower bed to an intricate landscape design for many businesses, homes and buildings in the area. A family-owned business, everything is done personally with a hands-on approach. Here are a few numbers - 21, 11, 4, & 15.

- 21 is the number of years that Old Town Gardens has been in Old Town. Micheal Javid, a former flower shop owner-turned-restaurant owner-turned-cab driver, returned to his green thumb roots to start Old Town Gardens in 1991. Although Michael passed away recently, Old Town Gardens carries on his legacy as does his wife, Geena Javid. OTG is the colorful and charming stop along Wells Street just south of North Avenue. You'll find that it attracts local residents as well as celebrities – Michael Jordan's mother has been known to shop at there!

- 11 is the number of plots that Old Town Gardens rents to local gardening enthusiasts along the 1500 block of N. Orleans Street. Formerly a dog run, this community garden was the brainchild of Michael. He envisioned a better use of the space that runs parallel to the Brown and Purple Lines and found a way to lease it. The lucky plot-renters enjoy the use of a fenced area, water and the bee colony that is situated nearby for pollination. If plot leases are not renewed, they become available in early March.

- 4 is the number of seasons that Old Town Gardens operates. Despite a short "hibernation time" from January to March, you will find it open and ready to do business year round. A plethora of colorful mums in autumn will fade into to a festive selection of holiday trees and wreaths in December. Springtime will bring a new load of seedlings and starter flowers/plants and in summer....well...just walk by and you'll see how many beautiful options are available.

- 15 is the percent discount that OTTA members will receive through the iBOT program by shopping at Old Town Gardens. If you haven't gotten your iBOT card yet, Geena offers OTTA members a 15% discount by bringing in this article!

If you add it all up, the number is 51. Fifty-one reasons to visit our good friend and neighbor, Old Town Gardens. For more information on Old Town Gardens please visit them at 1555 N. Wells Street or on their website oldtowngardenschicago.com.

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, see Leslie Wolfe at the Triangle Center office.



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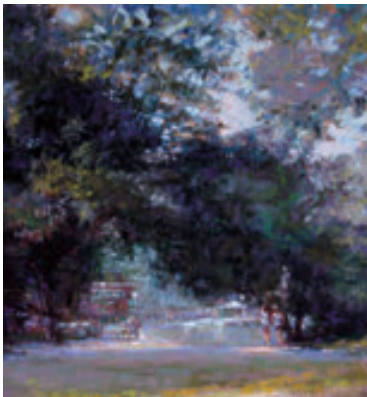
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The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street, and the ghost of Ogden Avenue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

OLD TOWN ART GALLERY | Winter Exhibits



DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 2nd – January 16th Chasing Light – The Art of Pastels

This group exhibit features the artwork of the Wednesday morning students of Kathleen Newman. As an art medium, pastels are convenient for beginners and remain challenging in their application for advanced students. The purity and intensity of dry color lends itself to an extraordinary range of effects on a variety of surfaces. This exhibition explores the many styles and approaches each student brings to their experience of "painting" with this exciting medium. Reception for the artists on Sunday, December 2nd, 2-5 p.m.

JANUARY

January 18th – 31st Vintage Posters Sale: The Old Town Art Fair

Make sure you visit the Art Gallery the last two weeks of January for the sale of vintage Old Town Art Fair posters. These are framed pieces from several art fairs. Unframed posters will be available on limited days. Prices will vary up to \$75. If you are missing an Art Fair poster, or want to start collecting, you won't want to miss this exhibition! While you're at the OTTA Annual Dinner & Elections, check them out! Contact Leslie Wolfe for more details.



COMMUNITY CORNER | SAVE THE DATE

"Let's raise some dough for a good cause" is **HomeMade Pizza Co.'s** good-neighbor slogan. On Wednesday, January 9th – one day only! – a percentage of every purchase made at their 1661 N. Wells Street store will be donated to the OTTA as part of their HomeMade Pizza Raise Some Dough Fundraiser! They will donate \$4 for every large pizza sold, \$2 for every large salad sold, \$1 for every calzone or flatbread sold, and 10% of all gift card purchases. Their regular business hours are Mon.-Fri., 3-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 1-9p.m.

You may already be a customer of HomeMade Pizza Co. so you know that they make your pizza fresh and you bake it at home. Visit them here to place your order: <https://www.homemadepizza.com>.

Tell your friends to buy at HomeMade Pizza Co. on Wednesday, January 9th!

