



# Sheffield Neighborhood News

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## The 44th Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival showcases Sheffield

BY LAURY LEWIS AND RICHARD ASHBECK

Everyone knows that an outdoor summer event is subject to Mother Nature, let alone conflicts with other festivals and the economy. The Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival had fabulous weather in 2007 and 2009. Unfortunately, like last year, this summer has been substantially warmer than normal. Add to that the continuing economic downturn and it would have been anyone's guess as to the chances of success. The weather this spring and summer has caused the plants to be weeks ahead of schedule as to bloom times.

Still, despite the warm weather, more than 4,000 people viewed the gardens and all of the specialty garden tours and architectural tours were filled. Taking this into account with the large number of kids enjoying Kids' Corner, the diverse assortment of food and beverages, and the great line-up of music, the Garden Walk was successful. This success simply was not possible without great planning by the managers and the diligence of our 400 volunteers. As a result, the Sheffield Neighborhood Association can continue to maintain its beautification program and provide benefits to schools, parks, and other community organizations.

Over the years, monies from the Garden Walk always have been used to improve Sheffield, from its public spaces to the organizations and schools serving our community. For example, the playground area at Trebes Park was rebuilt and the balance of the park totally renovated, including the baseball field, walkways, the wrought-iron fencing and the garden beds. Similarly, the beautification planters throughout the Sheffield neighborhood would not be possible without the financial support from the Garden Walk. Finally, our community schools and other social service organizations receive much-needed support, especially important with governmental financial support dwindling. The beneficiaries of this year's Garden Walk earnings will be announced at the end of the year.

### Thanks to Our Sponsors

Tom Lawson, in his fourth year as Chair of Sponsorships, did an unbelievable job of selling our

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### Parks meeting to focus on playgrounds

The Trebes Park/Clover Playlot Advisory Council will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, October 16, at 6 pm in room 116 of Oscar Mayer School. The main focus of the meeting will be the improvement and renovations of both playgrounds, which not only serve our community, but our elementary schools. Everyone in the community is invited to attend; if you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Laury Lewis at [LBL1948@yahoo.com](mailto:LBL1948@yahoo.com) or Tom Lawson at [tom.lawson@att.net](mailto:tom.lawson@att.net).



There is no better summertime fun than the Garden Walk.



At Kids' Corner, the youngsters did everything from riding ponies...



...to chug along on the pig train...



...to create exciting crafts projects.

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Sheffield's gardens and architecture are prime attractions.



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Opening the 44th Annual Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival were SNA Board members Ted Wroblewski, Patty Hayes, and Laury Lewis, Congressman Mike Quigley, SNA President Dan Hermann, 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith, SNA Garden Walk co-chair Richard Ashbeck, State Rep. Ann Williams, SNA Board member David Bassin, and 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack.

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## Update on Children's Memorial decommissioning plan

**O**n August 24, Children's Memorial Hospital issued the following update:  
Dear Neighbors –  
When our hospital moved its operations to Lurie Children's in Streeterville in June, we reviewed with you plans for how we will decommission the property safely and in a manner that respects the neighborhood. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you an update on this process to date.

Currently, we have completed 35% of decommissioning, including removal of equipment, furniture and other items not permanently affixed within the building and final cleaning of all interiors. Our plans are on track to complete all necessary decommissioning work by October 2012, subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen delays.

The hospital will continue basic building maintenance – heat, boilers, lights and fire protection. It will continue its ongoing contracts for exterior maintenance, pest control, and landscaping until we turn over the property to McCaffery Interests.

Three security officers continue to be on site 24/7. One officer is inside the hospital in the control center, monitoring the video surveillance on site. The other two patrol both interiors and perimeters of all buildings which are vacated.

In response to community and business concerns raised since our move, we have or will soon be implementing the following initiatives to maintain a safe environment for the community:

1. **Lincoln Avenue Garage:** On July 2, we began offering temporary, free parking for up to 5 hours, to end on November 1. The garage is blocked off to allow parking on the first two floors only (approximately 100 spaces). Our security detail provides close monitoring of the garage usage. Local business owners recommended exploring the possibility of adding additional security services in the evenings from Thursday through Sunday, as well as temporary valet services. We are currently looking into these suggestions.

2. **Julia Porter Park:** Lately there have been increased reports of loitering and intoxication in the park. It was also brought to our attention that people were camping in the north end of the park, hidden from sight by the overgrowth. On August 20, our landscaper trimmed all of the trees to create better sight lines through the park. We are also in the process of installing signs stating that the park closes at dusk. Finally, working with the 19<sup>th</sup> District Community Policing Office, we have sent a letter that provides official approval to any officer to sign the hospital's name on any complaint within the park. The patrolling security officers have been instructed to call 911 if they witness illegal activity. If anyone sees illegal activity in the park, you are strongly urged to call 911 and report the crime.

3. **Orchard Street Benches:** Due to increased usage of the benches along Orchard Avenue for loitering, and the unsafe environment that creates, we have removed the park benches.

4. **Shuttle Parking on Lincoln Ave.:** Three of the large shuttle buses have been sold, leaving only two remaining shuttles, which will be sold in the coming months.

5. **Shuttle Service:** You will continue to see our shuttles in the neighborhood, as they provide transportation to/from the Research Center on Halsted, and our Clark/Deming Outpatient Center.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Ken Labok  
Community Relations Manager  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

## PLANNING REPORT

# Children's redevelopment plan opposed

BY TED WROBLESKI

**A**fter a series of meetings and review, 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Michele Smith has announced her opposition to the present version of the proposed redevelopment plan for the Children's Memorial Hospital site. In an email to the community, she expressed her concerns about the overall density of the project and the problems relating to the impact of the development on local school overcrowding. She has requested that McCaffrey Interests go back to the drawing board and revise the project to address community concerns. (Go to [http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Statement-on-the-Current-Proposal-for-Children-s-Memorial-Hospital.html?soid=1103700524419&aid=9UK7X\\_11lw1](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Statement-on-the-Current-Proposal-for-Children-s-Memorial-Hospital.html?soid=1103700524419&aid=9UK7X_11lw1).)

In addition, the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development has indicated in a letter to the developer's attorney that it would not approve the plan as presently constituted and explained some of the elements that the City would look for in arriving at an acceptable plan. In an email to the SNA membership on August 18, the SNA provided an update with links to the Alderman's email and the DHED letter as well as the letter that the SNA sent to Alderman Smith and McCaffrey Interests expressing our concern with the plan. The text of the SNA letter is as follows:

"Dear Alderman Smith:

After reviewing the proposed plans and the presentations to the Sheffield Neighborhood Association (SNA) board of directors at our July board meeting and at the subsequent general community meeting as well as soliciting comments from members of the SNA board as well as other members of the SNA, the SNA board discussed the proposed plans at our August meeting, we have the following observations and comments regarding the revised plans:

1. As currently presented, the SNA cannot support the proposed plans of McCaffrey.

2. The plans contain a number of elements that are appealing and positive for the neighborhood. The retention of the parking facility, the retention and re-use of older buildings, the retail elements along both sides of Lincoln Avenue, the open space entrance off Lincoln Avenue in particular are positive elements of the plan. However, there are serious concerns with other aspects of the proposal.

3. The comments at the community meeting made it clear that there is a serious potential problem with the impact of the development on overcrowding at Lincoln School and possibly Alcott School which needs to be addressed. This is an issue for the city and CPS, not only for the developer. While this may not affect the Sheffield Neighborhood directly, it could have an indirect impact on students in our area.

4. The three residential towers far exceed the height of any buildings found nearby.

This is driven by the number of residential units the developers hope to include in the project. Nothing has been put forth to explain how many residential units are needed to make the project financially viable. We do not believe that three towers and about 1000 residential units are justified for this site. The floor area ratio for these buildings would be far in excess of

anything else found in the area. Also, there is no breakdown as to how many one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and other size units are included in the plan, making it difficult to judge what the mix of residential uses will be.

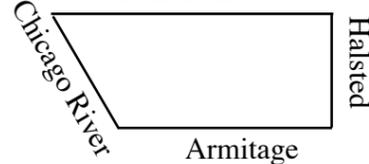
5. We are particularly concerned about the 14 story building proposed for the west side of Lincoln Avenue. While the two taller towers are set back from the street and on a large triangular parcel where a tall hospital building was located for many years, the third tower of 14 stories planned for the west side of Lincoln Avenue stands alone on a comparatively small parcel of land. While not as tall as the two other towers, it is still almost as tall as the old hospital building. The drawings show it with a frontage of about 76 feet along Lincoln Avenue, just about three standard Chicago lots in width. This is a very small base for a 14 story building. It is unlike anything comparable in this part of Lincoln Park. In addition, the driveway to the south for picking up and dropping off people is very problematic. It is too narrow for a turn around which means that all of the traffic will be directed through the very narrow alley behind the building to either Halsted or Belden. Exiting from the alley on Halsted will be a challenge. It will be exacerbated if vehicles also try to enter into the alley from Halsted. The driveway will have the bare wall of the parking garage to the south which will make it unappealing. Assuming that residents in this building park in the parking garage, it will be a very round-about route to get to the garage after dropping someone off. Furthermore, no renderings showing how this building will look from Halsted have been presented. It will loom over the corner and the existing residences on Halsted and on Belden Avenue nearby. This building is very oversized and inappropriate for this location. Moreover,

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**September 4**, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

**October 2**, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

**November 6**, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

**November** (date TBA), SNA Spaghetti Dinner.

**December 4**, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

**July 20-21, 2013**, Saturday and Sunday, 45th Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival.

Check *SNN* or visit the SNA website at [www.sheffieldneighborhood.org](http://www.sheffieldneighborhood.org) to learn more about these and other neighborhood events.

# 44th Garden Walk showcases Sheffield

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festival and its benefits to a great group of sponsors, given the state of the economy. Thanks to all of our major sponsors which included: Coors Light and Blue Moon, McGee's Tavern and Grille, Roy's Furniture, WXRT-FM, Finkl & Sons, Lakeshore Sport & Fitness, DePaul University, Dentistry for Children and Families, Treasure Island, Home Depot - Lincoln Park, Christy Webber Landscapes, Christy Webber Farm and Garden, Wintrust Financial/First Chicago Bank & Trust, Fifth Third Bank, and St. Vincent DePaul Parish.

Our festival simply does not exist without their support.

### Patrons' Party

Hilliary Szanto, Allison Spriggs, and Patty Hayes did an outstanding job of organizing this year's successful Patrons' Party, generously hosted by Malcolm Lambe and Linda Usher.

### Kids' Corner

Shannon Gehringer and Crissy Lucado, as Kids' Corner organizers, assembled another terrific mixture of activities for our neighborhood kids. These included the petting zoo, rides, face painting, athletic demonstrations from Lakeshore Sport & Fitness and Roy's Furniture, and hands-on crafts from Home Depot-Lincoln Park. Special thanks to The Friends of Mayer, who provided the most successful ever food service in Kids' Corner.

### Architectural Tours

We again were overwhelmed with visitors wanting to experience the architectural history of Sheffield. Thanks once again to Polly Kelly for organizing the architectural tours, which were filled to capacity.

### Music

The music festival facet of our event would not be possible without the knowledge, contacts, and dedication of Dan Hermann, Bryan Robson, Malcolm Lambe, and Mike Johnston. Headliners Gomez and Cowboy Mouth drew large crowds and provided great entertainment. Other great music included the sounds of the Ike Reilly Assassination, the Nadas, Michael McDermott, and Mr. Blotto.

Richard Ashbeck and I again were Co-Chairs of the Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival, assisted by our executive committee, Tom Lawson, Patty Hayes, and Dan Hermann. And of course, shouldering the workload were our many managers, some of whom have been involved for over 15 years. They are Randy Royer, Polly Kelly, Dean Savakis, Tim Cichowski, Craig Callen, Randy Hiller, Pat Casey, Malcolm Lambe, Bryan Robson, Wayne, Renee and Nicholas Przyby, John Roberts, Jeannie Lawson, Don and Cathy Breen, Rhonda Emrich, Laurie and Tony Dombrowski, Jeff Bolduc, Heather Heinlein, Sheila Mehigan, Hilliary Szanto, David Bassin, Daniela Pavlova, John Lader, David Carriero, Art Schalk, Shannon Gehringer, Charlotte Osterman, Linda Wadley, Ted Wroblewski, Allison Spriggs, Father Chris Robinson, Therese Anderson, Kathy Bathhurst, and Bob Beatty.

See you next year for our 45th Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival, July 20-21, 2013.

**Laury Lewis** and **Richard Ashbeck** are co-chairmen of the Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival.



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## Children's redevelopment plan opposed

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there is no study as to how this building and the traffic generated by it will interact with the traffic from the new DePaul Music School planned for the east side of Halsted Street. There is no information as to how the use of the garage for music events or for the DePaul education students who will be using the Belden Halsted building acquired from CMH would interact with and affect the traffic generated by this building. Finally, a 14 story building could be seen by DePaul as a precedent for DePaul building a dormitory or other building of similar height north of the new Music School or elsewhere on its campus, something that could begin a big transformation of the character of the Lincoln Park campus. In sum, the proposed 14 story building on the west side of Lincoln Avenue appears to be poorly conceived and should be reconsidered.

6. The affordable housing concentrated in the renovated Nellie Black building has some challenges. Members of the community have questioned whether it is advisable to put all of the affordable housing units in one building. The parking for this building is also an issue. Presumably, the parking for these residences is considered to be in the parking garage. The lot on Lincoln Avenue is a considerable distance away from the Nellie Black building and probably is not a practical place to expect the residents of this building to use for their day to day parking.

7. If and when an acceptable plan is developed, there will need to be a Community Agreement between the developer and the community groups in the area that details all of the various undertakings that the developer is to be bound by that are not

specified in the PD. The Community Agreements with Children's Memorial and with DePaul that have been entered into previously should serve as examples.

8. Most people in the community who have taken a close look at these plans see the three residential towers that are proposed as simply being too tall for this area and the density of the project as far too great. While it is not unreasonable to expect that a development on a parcel of this size would contain buildings of somewhat greater height than in the surrounding area, the size of these buildings far exceed anything that the members of SNA would find suitable just to the east of our border.

We look forward to working with you and the other community groups as well as McCaffrey Interests in developing a better plan for this very important part of our Lincoln Park community.

Ted Wroblewski, Vice President and Planning Chairman of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association  
**Ted Wroblewski chairs SNA's Planning Committee.**

## The history of Sheffield is one click away

Interested in the history of your neighborhood? Ever ponder where Sheffield got its name? Curious about who Clybourn was? Wonder when institutions, schools, and churches became part of Sheffield? Contemplate the effect of public transportation on Sheffield? Think about how the Sheffield Garden Walk and Festival started?

You can find all this information and more on the SNA website. Visit [www.sheffield-neighborhood.org](http://www.sheffield-neighborhood.org) and click on the tab, "History of Sheffield."

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### Eligibility

Residents must reside within these boundaries: Altgeld on the north; Armitage on the south; Halsted on the east; and Wayne on the west. Proof of area residency is required at the time of registration. Participation is limited to one permit per household. A DePaul parking hang tag is required to park in all DePaul facilities. A DePaul access card is required for entrance to the Clifton garage. A parking permit does not guarantee an available space in the parking facilities.

### Term of Parking Permit

September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

### Available Parking Times

#### In student surface lots:

Monday through Friday - 4 pm until 8 am\*  
Saturday and Sunday - available all day

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Monday through Friday - 4 pm until 8 am\*  
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\* Subject to change if necessary

### Registration

Area resident parking permits are available at the DePaul University Parking Services office, 2320 N. Kenmore, room 177, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications are available at the Parking Services office and enclosed in this letter.

**Please note: If you already have an access card please bring it with you when you register or include the card number on the application, so that we can program the card to give access for the new academic year. Lost access cards will incur a \$15 replacement charge.**

**Special extended hours**—The Parking Services office will be open from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm on the following days: Wednesday, Sept. 5; Thursday, Sept. 6; Friday, Sept. 7; Monday, Sept. 10; and Tuesday, Sept. 11.

**Note:** Parking permit applications can be mailed to the Parking Services Office. Mail the completed application and a photocopy of two IDs with current address (e.g., driver's license, state of Illinois ID, etc.), or a photocopy of one ID and one proof of residency such as a utility bill with your current address.

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## Sheffield Neighborhood Association

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*Helpful Hints:* information on city services and local businesses

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# Time to get involved, recognize the spirit of involvement

**S**NA seeks candidates for board of directors  
Over the years, the Association has striven to maintain a board composition that reflects the entire Sheffield neighborhood, including businesses and institutions along with residents and property owners. At the same time, the Association has tried to maintain a mix of experienced board members and newcomers; and a mix of long-time Sheffield neighbors and recent arrivals.

At its Annual Meeting in February, the Association members elect five (of the 15) directors along with each of the six officers. Directors serve three-year terms; officers serve one-year terms. The Nominating Committee soon will begin to review candidates for the 2013 SNA Board in anticipation of presenting a slate to the current board at its December meeting. (Per the Bylaws, members also may nominate candidates by submitting the name of an eligible member to the Secretary 45 days before the election.)

Any person who is a member in good standing is eligible to be elected as a director or Secretary, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer. A director in good standing who has served on the board for one year is eligible to be elected President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President. Any member in good standing is entitled to vote for directors and officers; new members' voting rights begin 30 days after joining the Association.

A member must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the Association's boundaries, or own property or a business within the boundaries, or represent a religious organization or institution within the boundaries. A membership form is included in each issue of this newsletter and is available on the SNA website, [www.sheffieldneighborhood.org](http://www.sheffieldneighborhood.org);

forms also are available upon request by calling or sending an email message to the Association.

*If you are interested in serving or know someone who would be a valuable addition to the board, please contact the Association by sending an email message to the Association.* Those interested should provide a brief resume that includes a description of any volunteer experience. Keep in mind that ours is a "working" board, i.e., we need nominees who can offer both their experience and time.

If you are unable to spare the time commitment required of an officer or director, or simply want to learn more about the Association before making that commitment, consider committee work. Much of the work of the Association is accomplished via the committees, which make recommendations to the board. Spreading the work of the Association beyond the board through its committees eases the burden on directors and officers and, more important, creates opportunities for broader participation of SNA membership.

### SNA seeks nominations for Star Award

SNA established the Sheffield Star Award to build community spirit by publicly recognizing someone who embodies that spirit. The Association presents the Award at its Annual Meeting in February.

Help SNA acknowledge someone special: nominate someone who made a unique contribution to the Association in 2012, generated exceptional work in the community in 2012, or has provided long-term service to Sheffield. The recipient can be a resident, a business owner, a group, a student, a public official, or anyone who positively contributed to the neighborhood; the recipient need not be a member of the Association.

To submit a nomination, please provide

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### SNA to consider 2013 donation requests

**D**uring the annual budgeting process, a subcommittee of SNA's Budget Committee will evaluate the donation requests that the Association received throughout the year. To be eligible for a donation, the applicant must be a not-for-profit group that meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. It offers programs that provide a needed or useful service to residents of the Sheffield neighborhood.
2. It is located in or near the Sheffield neighborhood and has a history of being a good neighbor.
3. It offers programs or services that the board of the SNA believes contribute substantially to the betterment of the larger community or meet a specific need targeted by the board.

In addition, requests must be in writing, offer some background about the applicant, explain how the request fits the criteria, and describe how and when the applicant will use the funds. These are neighborhood funds: help the board determine how best to support your neighborhood.

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# Community safety update

BY JOHN ROBERTS

Summer is almost over, so let's review some hot topics as we head into fall.

## Burglary

At the last C.A.P.S. meeting at St. Michael's Church, the police had some interesting guests to educate the public on burglaries: four paroled burglars. This program was created to educate the public on burglaries and the burglars participate as a condition of their parole. The meeting had an unusual turnout due partly to a rash of burglaries in the Fullerton, Ashland, and Clybourn triangle. The men started out by introducing themselves and stating what crimes of which they had been convicted. As the conversation continued, the burglars offered insight into ways they planned and executed their crimes; also, everyone explained how fast they could enter a house, go through it for valuables, and be gone [under 10 minutes]. Some stated that they would go to the bedrooms and bathroom to find loose jewelry lying around. They were asked about dogs and the consensus was a piece of bologna or a hot dog could entice the animal into a bedroom or den and then they would be free to roam the residence. They also ex-

plained a high fence or tall shrubbery helped them, since there were no prying eyes to notice them. Keeping the shades open only made it easier to observe what was in the house to steal.

One burglar said that he specialized in garage thefts and the most likely people to get rid of items were friendly neighbors not far from the crime scene. Another burglar stated he would simply kick the door in; one suggestion was to install a good solid wooden or steel door with a strong metal frame would help to deter crime. A steel storm door in the rear entrance should also act as a preventive measure. Security systems were somewhat of a deterrent, but most stated they still had plenty of time due to the response time of alarm companies. All the burglars stated that the best defense was a nosy neighbor. Do you know the people who live next door or live above or below you, or across the alley? Neighbors checking the area or noticing someone suspiciously lurking can be the game-changer in stopping burglaries in the neighborhood. When in doubt, call 911. Never confront a suspicious person.

## School is starting

Everybody — students, teachers, and especially drivers — has a responsibility to make this school year a happy and rewarding one. Parents should remind their children of the rules for crossing the street at intersections only. Tell them not to trust that all drivers will come to a complete stop. At all intersections, take extra caution and let the driver come to a complete stop before proceeding to cross.

As the days get shorter and the weather worsens, even more caution is needed at all intersections by drivers and pedestrians to ensure everyone has a safe day.

Drivers, children are not always thinking about safety and will test your patience, especially DePaul students, so use extra caution in the morning and in the evening. You will feel good knowing that you have had a safe commute.

Parents should caution your children against MR. STRANGER DANGER. If your child is approached by anyone, he or she does not know, running away and screaming is a good start. Going into a store and asking the clerk to call 911 is also a good tactic. Caution your child that if anyone asks him or her to look for a lost pet, to say "no," then call you or go home to tell you about the incident. Encourage your child to tell you of any incident that made him or her feel uneasy or threatened. Call 911 if these concerns seem to be warranted.

## Crime Track

The SNA has tracked the major incidences of crime, to keep the neighbors informed. Your vigilance has helped the police to keep this area's crime incidence down. Please keep up the good work by getting involved with the CAPS meetings and calling 911.

This is the ninth installment of a pilot project to track certain crimes. Initially, the project will track crimes to persons that occur on the streets, sidewalks, and alleys, as

well as in residential garages, parking lots, and parks. The statistics will be somewhat dated in that they are based upon what is available from the Chicago Police Department's CLEARpath website on the date that material must be submitted for publication. Thus, for this issue, the project tracked crimes from June 15, 2012 through August 13, 2012. This is not every incident, but gives a good representation of the activity.

DAY/TIME	BLOCK	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE
June 24/2:15AM	900 W. Belden	Sidewalk	Robbery(strong armed)
July 3/11:50PM	900 W. Fullerton	Sidewalk	Robbery(strong armed)
July 29/2:17AM	2200 N. Magnolia	Alley	Criminal Sexual Assault
July 29/1:45AM	900 W. Dickens	Street	Criminal Sexual Assault
Aug 3/1:15AM	800 W. Webster	Sidewalk	Robbery(strong armed)
Aug 8/4:10PM	1100 W. Fullerton	Street	Robbery(strong armed)

## TOTALS

June 15 – August 13 (approximately 59 days) x 6 incidents = 1 incident per 9.83 days  
 April 12 -June 13 (approximately 60 days) x 7 incidents = 1 incident per 8.55 days  
 January 6- February 25 (approximately 50 days) 6 incidents = 1 incident per 8.33 days  
 October 19-January 5 (approximately 74 days) 22 incidents = 1 incident per 3.36 days  
 August 9-October 16 (approximately 70 days) 19 incidents = 1 incident per 3.68 days

At the last CAPS meeting, the police handed out the crime incidents as reported on ClearPath for the previous month. Once again, overall crime is down throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> District, we must continue to support the efforts of the men and women of the 18<sup>th</sup> District to continue this trend. Attend the CAPS meeting and show support.

To track other crime incidents yourself, use the Chicago Police Department's CLEARpath website, [www.chicagopolice.org](http://www.chicagopolice.org). The site links directly to CLEARmap, which offers a comprehensive look at crime incidents in Chicago via either a map or a graph. To access this crime data, select Online Services, and then click on CLEARmap. Or go directly to the link at <http://gis.chicagopolice.org/>. A map appears; click on the Crime Incidents icon on the left. Select date parameters (available in two-week intervals), then select to search by beat, and finally choose beat 1811\* or 1812\*. Other options include selecting a particular type of crime and filtering by time and location. Then click GO.

A map will appear that includes icons denoting crime types. For example, a mask denotes a robbery, while a bottle denotes a liquor license violation. Definitions of the crime types can be accessed by clicking on "Details" to the right of "Crime Types."

Another useful option is to search by address rather than by the beat; distance options are 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2 miles.

For other ways to use the CLEARpath website, see the Community Safety Update in the March/April 2009 issue of this newsletter, available on line at [www.sheffieldneighborhoodassociation.org](http://www.sheffieldneighborhoodassociation.org) by selecting the Newsletters tab on the left and then clicking on "here" in "Click here for archived news articles."

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### CAPS Meetings:

The Chicago police department monthly CAPS meetings are helpful in understanding the policing efforts in our district (the 18<sup>th</sup>). The police prepare charts and maps that identify all crimes committed in the last month and discuss their efforts to arrest the perpetrators. They also bring the incident reports if a member of the community wants further details of a crime. In addition, the police bring guest speakers from the various departments to discuss their roles in the prevention of crime and give helpful suggestions on how the community can help. The police have a number of pamphlets pointing out ways to protect yourself and the community, as well.

Attending a CAPS meeting is the best way to communicate your concerns to the officers who patrol your community. SNA members attend the meetings but they need your support. I strongly urge members of the community to take an active interest in the CAPS program to show community support for the police.

\*Beat 1811 & 1813 (North Ave. north to Fullerton, Sheffield west to the Chicago River)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every odd month @ 7 pm  
 St. Michael's Church, 1711 N. Cleveland.

\*Beat 1812 & 1814 (Armitage Ave north to Fullerton, Sedgwick then Clark west to Sheffield)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every odd month @ 7 pm  
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**John Roberts chairs SNA's Community Safety Committee.**

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**SHEFFIELD'S BUSINESSES**

**Fabulous photos and frames await you in our neighborhood**

BY FIONA ROYER

Photography has come a long way since the first photograph was taken in 1816. With a camera now in just about every person's budget and more than one in two Americans owning a smart phone, there are plenty of snaps in everyone's collection. But do you really have that timeless portrait of your loved ones? The Sheffield Neighborhood has several photographers and framers so that you can

record your family looking their best — and in plenty of time for the holiday gift season.

Kevin Hammett Photography provides "heirloom quality portraits of children and their families" utilizing black-and-white photography but adding a modern twist. With more than a decade of experience in the field, this family man likes to share his pictures and passion with clients via his Facebook page.

The Lincoln Park staple *Classic Kids* continues to showcase striking pictures of cute little ones and adorable dogs in its window displays along Armitage. Offering a photo shoot at its studio and a design consultant to advise upon selecting, framing, and arranging your pictures, this is a one-stop option. Add-ons such as photo necklaces and bags can also be purchased.

For those looking to frame their chosen portraits, *Hellman Frame Shop* on Bissell is a neighborhood store that has been in business since 1975. Offering "custom framing and conservation framing," their personal service allows you to select the perfect look for your precious picture that will last forever. Gift certificates and expert repair services are also available.

*Prints Unlimited Galleries* focuses on art selection and installation. Working within a variety of areas such as corporate and hospitality, the Fullerton location is a retail framing facility. With a large inventory of fine art posters and original artwork, this store also offers custom framing of your own pictures and photographs, all under the guidance of highly trained staff.

Boasting the tagline "the largest frame shop in the country," *Artists Frame Service* on Clybourn has a comprehensive selection of options, from traditional to contemporary. Services include residential framing, art restoration, and delivery and installation. A one-week turnaround and ready-made frames accommodate those last-minute gifts.

*Smile, please!*

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1001 W. Webster, 773-697-4903  
www.khammettphotography.com

*Classic Kids*  
917 W. Armitage, 773-296-2607  
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*Hellman Frame Shop*  
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Fiona Royer is a member of SNA's Communications Committee.

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- Milito Car Wash 1106 W. Fullerton
- Milito Mobil 1106 W. Fullerton
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- Nancy Krause Floral Design 1101 W. Webster
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- Webster's Wine Bar 1166 W. Armitage
- West End Dental 2436 N. Lincoln
- Zig Zag Kitchen 2436 N. Lincoln

\*Armitage Halsted Webster Association of merchants.

**In memoriam**

Dee Brody, who for five years was 43rd Ward Streets and Sanitation Department Superintendent, died on August 24 after a long illness. A long-time 43rd Ward resident, Dee served on the staff of Aldermen Edwin Eisendrath and Charles Bernardini before becoming one of the few women to serve as a Ward Superintendent in the City of Chicago. As Ward Superintendent, Dee energetically served Sheffield and the rest of the 43rd Ward and continued to be active in the community after stepping down from that post.

— Ted Wroblewski, SNA Vice President

**Attention, Sheffield neighbors!**

Do you enjoy receiving the Sheffield Neighborhood News? Do you enjoy seeing the planters on corners of our commercial streets? Do you enjoy the neighborhood events? Do you know that the Sheffield Neighborhood Association works with the Aldermen's offices and city departments to help provide guidance on neighborhood needs? Do you know that SNA is a volunteer group of residents and businesses that work together to improve the conditions of life, work, recreation, health, and safety of our neighborhood? Would you like to receive e-mail notices about neighborhood issues and events?

Please support SNA by becoming a member! Just because you receive the *Sheffield Neighborhood News* does not mean you are an SNA member. Read this issue of *SNN* to see all that SNA does for you!

For your convenience, you can pay the small fee by check or credit card and renew for a one or three-year period.

SNA welcomes the following new members: Nate Brochmann and Gabe Horstick.

If you are not now a member, we urge you to join. Membership dues are: Family \$20 1-year or \$50 3-years; Individual I at \$15 1-year or \$35 3-years, Senior \$5 1-year or \$10 3-years, Business \$25 1-year or \$60 3-years. Please complete the form below and mail it with your check to the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, 2233 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614. If you are a member but have not received your membership window decal and would like to display one, please let us know at sheffieldneighborhoodassociation@hotmail.com.

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## Market reminders

**T**he Farmers' Market in Lincoln Park takes place on Saturdays in the Lincoln Park High School Parking lot at Armitage and Orchard, through October 27. Market hours are 7 am to 1 pm.

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Discounted parking is available for \$10 for the first two hours with validation in the Chicago Historical Museum parking lot off of Stockton Drive (for validation, patron must make a minimum \$5 purchase at the market). There is a special Early Bird Parking rate on Wednesday mornings. Arrive between 7 am and 9 am, stay for an hour or less, and your parking is \$5. Stop by the info table for your validated ticket.

The Green City Market offers chef's demonstrations and programs for children.

For more information about the Green City Market and its programs, call 773-880-1266 or visit [www.chicagorencitymarket.org](http://www.chicagorencitymarket.org). For more information about Farmers' Markets, call the Department of Special Events at 312-744-3315 or visit <http://www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us>.

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Or, check out the *SNN* on line by visiting [www.sheffieldneighborhood.org](http://www.sheffieldneighborhood.org); select the News tab on the left and then click on "here" in "Click here for archived articles."

You also can pick up extra hard copies of the *SNN* at one of the many bulk drop locations in and around the Sheffield neighborhood. These include many of our local businesses as well as the following locations:

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St. James	2101 N. Fremont
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DePaul Rec Center	2235 N. Sheffield
DePaul Library	2350 N. Sheffield
St. Josaphat	2311 N. Sheffield
St. Vincent dePaul Church	1010 W. Webster
43 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Smith's Office	2523 N. Halsted

If none of the above locations are convenient for you, contact SNA for the location of a business near you that receives a bulk drop.

## Are there signs of gains in the sales of homes?

BY PAULA ARNETT

**T**he Sheffield Neighborhood\* is seeing signs of gain in not only the number of transactions but also the selling prices for both single-family homes and condos. For the same period, as shown on the accompanying chart, the

average selling price of a single-family home in 2012 has increased by 6%, \$1,516,436 over \$1,432,296 in 2011. The number of closed condos has increased to 106 this year over 56 in 2011, a whopping 89%, and the selling price has increased by 13%, \$493,779 over \$437,452 in 2011.

### Latest FYI

The vacant-lot property at the corner of Dickens and Fremont has signs of beginning new construction; according to the tax records, the property that fronts Dickens sold for \$800,000 and the one fronting Fremont sold for \$1,200,000 in February 2012.

**Paula Arnett** is SNA Membership Chair, and a Broker Associate with Baird & Warner specializing in residential real estate sales for over 25 years.

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	# contracts	# closed	avg selling price	# contracts	# closed	avg selling price
Single Family	28	22	\$1,432,296	25	29	\$1,516,436
Condo	60	56	\$437,452	96	106	\$493,779
Multi Unit	8	6	\$762,667	5	7	\$670,143
Vacant Land	2	2	\$967,500	1	2	\$490,250
Total	98	86		127	144	

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