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It's time for the 45th Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival!

BY LAURY LEWIS AND RICHARD ASHBECK

The Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival is the second-oldest garden walk in the Chicagoland area and one of the largest festivals. This year's event will be held on July 20 and 21. This year, we have over 80 gardens on display representing some of the best gardens in Chicago. **Blue Moon and Coors Light** will be our major sponsors this year.

Music Entertainment

Sheffield's concert master music gurus Dan Hermann, Malcolm Lambe, and Bryan Robson have put together the best lineup ever. **Our**

headliners include Poi Dog Pondering, JC Brooks & The Uptown Sound, Gaelic Storm, Big Sam's Funky Nation, Carbon Leaf, and Funkadesi. Go to Sheffieldgardenwalk.com for more information about the music entertainment. Again this year as a special event, SNA First Vice-President Ted Wroblewski has arranged for **Barry Winograd and the Alternatives Big Band** to provide two free concerts on the grounds of the Little Sisters of the Poor located at Magnolia and Belden from 2 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and from 1 pm to 4 pm on Sunday.

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Gardens

The heart of the Garden Walk is the more than 70 gardens that our residents open for viewing to show off their horticultural skills. The gardens will be open from noon to 5:30 pm both days. **Christy Webber Landscapes and Christy Webber Farm and Garden** will again be the gardens' sponsor. A special thanks to the garden exhibitors for helping Sheffield be "the Garden District of Chicago." Jeannie Lawson and Cathy and Don Breen have worked hard to find the best and most

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High-energy bands to take the Garden Walk stage

The Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival is proud to present another amazing lineup of music on the main stage, including seven bands that have headlined Chicago festivals and four high-energy national/regional headliners to close out both nights this year. The entertainment committee, consisting of myself, Bryan Robson, and Malcolm Lambe, has been working diligently for the a number of months to assemble the best possible lineup for what has become Chicago's best single-stage original music festival. On Saturday, Gaelic Storm (6 pm) and JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound (8 pm) will be our two featured closing bands as well as Carbon Leaf at 3:45 pm. On Sunday, New Orleans' own Big Sam's Funky Nation will be on at 6 pm followed by a fourth return visit by Poi Dog Pondering at 8 pm.

The overall lineup is a mix of bookings that continues our reputation of bringing up-and-coming local and regional bands to the SGW&MF as well as national bands with large Chicago followings. The music will kick off Saturday at 12:15 pm with three Chicago-based bands, starting with The Outfit, followed by Vintage Blue, which will bring a blend of straight on rock and folk with a blues flavor at 1:15 pm. At 2:30 pm will be Archie Powell & the Exports from Wicker Park, who we had in 2011 and have since grown to touring regionally. At 3:45 pm, appearing at the SGW&MF for the fourth time in 12 years, we will have Carbon Leaf from Virginia. With its unique blend of rock, folk, Celtic, and pop, Carbon Leaf continues to gain fans across the country through its extensive national touring and high-energy live shows. The Saturday headlining set will begin at 6 pm with Gaelic Storm, which is also appearing at the Garden Walk for the first time. Gaelic Storm tours worldwide and is an award-winning and highly entertaining world beat/Celtic band with a large Chicago following. We are excited to have as our closing headliner for Saturday, appearing at the Garden Walk for the first time, JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound, which will come on at 8:15 pm. This group emerged from Chicago in 2007, generating an exciting and explosive garage, funk, and soul sound fronted by the soulful and dynamic JC Brooks. The band just released its third CD, "Howl," to strong reviews with the song *Rouse Yourself* showcased in a full-length video and landing in the regular rotation on WXRT-FM.

On Sunday, we will continue our tradition of starting off with a family/all-ages act. At 12:30 pm, returning for the sixth consecutive year, School of Rock, an educational program for kids ages 9 to 17 who want to learn how to play music and to play in a rock band, will showcase their "touring" group. This is always a show that the whole family is sure to enjoy. At 2 pm, we are fortunate to have Funkadesi, which typically headlines Chicago-area festivals and was just voted the #1 world beat band in Chicago for 2013. At 3:45 pm, Flow Tribe will appear at the SGW&MF for the first time, bringing its New Orleans rock-funk-Caribbean high-energy sound to the SGW&MF. Flow Tribe has come on the New Orleans scene quickly in the last few years has become a favorite on Tulane & Loyola/overall New Orleans music scene as well as touring extensively in the South and East. The Sunday headlining set will begin at 6 pm with Big Sam's Funky Nation, also from New Orleans, who is appearing at the SGW&MF for the first time. Led by Sam Williams on trombone, BSFN brings an explosive sound of urban funk-rock that that has been gaining significant attention nationally as BSFN relentlessly tours the country. Finally, Sunday night will close out at 8 pm with Poi Dog Pondering. Returning to the Garden Walk after unforgettable, electrifying shows in 2007, 2009, and 2011, Poi Dog has a local following unmatched by any other Chicago-based band that looks forward to Poi's world beat/folk/funk rock sound led by their high-energy leader, Frank Orrall. Poi Dog is sure to put on another great show in the tradition of Sunday closing bands at the Garden Walk.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the music stage for an outstanding two days of musical celebration. For more extensive write-ups on each band and links to their websites, click on the Entertainment section at www.sheffieldgardenwalk.com.

—Dan Hermann, SNA President

Volunteers needed for the Garden Walk

Volunteers are needed for this year's Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival. There are openings in Beverages, Gates, Ticket Sales, and Architectural Tours.

Volunteer with your friends and family. Every volunteer will receive a commemorative Sheffield Garden Walk T-shirt and be able to enjoy all of the music, gardens, and other events of the 45th Annual Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival.

If you are interested in volunteering for "Summer's Best Festival", please sign up online at sheffieldgardenwalk.com or use the insert in this issue of SNN. If you have questions, please contact volunteer coordinator Hillary Szanto at hszanto@gmail.com.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DAN HERMANN

It is that time of year with summer in the air, which means the Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival is just about here! One sign that it is that time of year is the annual Patrons' Party for the Garden Walk, which was held on Friday, June 14. It was another wonderful event which enabled neighbors from Sheffield to get together in a comfortable and beautiful setting. Thank you to Allison Spriggs and Hilliary Szanto and their committee for organizing another very successful Patrons' Party and to Malcolm Lambe and Linda Usher for opening their home for the event. Allison, Hilliary, and their team solicited contributions from neighborhood merchants. You'll find a complete list in the article on page 3 of this issue.

Also, with summer's arrival, please notice the beautiful sidewalk planters throughout the Sheffield neighborhood. As our street banners declare, Sheffield is the "Garden District of Chicago." Some of the proceeds from the Garden Walk are used to install and maintain these planters during the summer with flowers and during the winter with greens. These planters are located along the business streets in Sheffield, adding to the shopping experience for our residents, visitors, and merchants. A special thanks to Laury Lewis, chair of SNA's Parks & Beautification Committee, for his historical and continuous leadership in this effort.

Please be sure to read the overview on page 1 of the Garden Walk by Laury Lewis and Richard Ashbeck, Garden Walk co-chairmen. This celebration would not be possible without the significant efforts of the two co-chairs as well as the executive committee of Patty Hayes, Tom Lawson, and me, as well as all of the volunteer managers and their helpers. This is the largest festival in Chicago that is truly run by volunteers. The 45th Annual Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival is a volunteer effort, with more than 40 committee managers and hundreds of volunteers, all of whom are dedicated to showing you a good time and celebrating our neighborhood. I want to give special thanks to Phil Piazza of McGee's, Ryan Marks from Derby, The Little Sisters of the Poor, and St. Vincent DePaul Parish for hosting the various Garden Walk executive committee and manager's meetings. In addition, I want to thank all of our sponsors for supporting this very worthwhile event. Also, if you would still like to volunteer, please see the SNA website; we would love to have you.

This year, I hope everyone has an enjoyable Garden Walk weekend. Please come out and enjoy one of the many aspects of the festival – the gardens, walking the neighborhood streets, the Kids' Corner, the bands, the food and beverages, and the neighborhood camaraderie. Yes, there are those that might be inconvenienced for a day or two, but remember that the event is a celebration of what makes our neighborhood the best in the city, with all of the proceeds returned to the community. Have a great summer and enjoy the Garden Walk!

DAN HERRMANN

Calendar

July 2, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

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

July 25, Thursday, 6:30 pm, SNA Concert, Trebes Park.

August 6, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

August 13, Tuesday, "Hotel Transylvania" screening, Trebes Park.

September 3, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

October 1, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

November 5, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

November (date TBA), SNA Spaghetti Dinner.

December 3, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

Check *SNN* or visit the SNA website at www.sheffieldneighborhood.org to learn more about these and other neighborhood events.

It's time for the Garden Walk!

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interesting gardens. There will be a Master Gardener representative from the University of Illinois Extension at the garden information tent in front of the Church on Webster available to answer all of your gardening questions from 1 pm to 4 pm both days.

Additionally, there will be two garden tours each day given by landscape professionals Brian Shea of Voltaire's Gardener and Laury Lewis of Foliage Fantasies to several gardens, providing a wealth of information as to plant selection, design, and maintenance. The tours will be at 3:30 pm each day and signing up at the information booth is required. Every year these fill quickly. The Sheffield Neighborhood Association was instrumental in helping Little Sisters of the Poor create an award-winning enabling garden for their residents located at Magnolia and Belden. Please stop by and enjoy their garden as well as the music of Barry Winograd and the Alternatives Big Band on both days.

Architectural Tours

Did you know that part of the Sheffield Neighborhood is an historic district? Learn more from Polly Kelly, who was one of the founders of the Sheffield Garden Walk in 1969 and continues her efforts to show off the neighborhood by once again this year offering free, guided architectural tours. Sign up early each day, because the tours always fill up. Tours start at 2 pm and 4 pm on Saturday and 1 pm and 3 pm on Sunday from the information booth on the Church lawn along Webster.

Kids' Corner

Shannon Gehringer has again assembled a wonderland for young kids. Kids' Corner will have a flying airplane ride, a petting zoo, pony rides, music, a hands-on activity from Home Depot, programs from Lakeshore Sport and Fitness, kids' yoga, a photo booth, activities from My Corner Playroom, and many other popular attractions. The Friends of Oscar Mayer School will provide food service in the Kids' Corner. Kids' Corner will be open from noon to 5:30 pm both days.

Trebes will be rockin' in July

Sticky Fingers, Chicago's Rolling Stones cover band, will be rockin' the park on Thursday, July 25. Pack a picnic and be there from 6:30 pm to 9 pm for the show. Don't forget your dancing shoes.

Mark your calendar for a screening of "Hotel Transylvania" on Tuesday, August 13, at dusk.

Thanks to all those who attended the St. Jams' concert on June 11. The Sheffield Neighborhood Association continues to provide family-friendly entertainment in Trebes Park; please support this effort. If you have suggestions, please contact us at www.sheffieldneighborhoodassociation.org.

—David Bassin, Chair, SNA Events Committee



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Restaurants

This year we are pleased to have Robinson's Ribs, Quang Noodle, St. Vincent DePaul Church, Derby Bar and Grill, Beyond Border food truck, and Harmony Catering. All food and non-beer beverages will be on a cash basis at each vendor's tent. Popular beer choices will include Coors Light and Blue Moon.

Neighborhood Organizations

Funds raised during the Sheffield Garden Walk and Music Festival go to each of the three schools in our neighborhood and the nationally ranked Lincoln Park High School as well as to neighborhood parks and beautification and other worthy charitable organizations. The donation is \$7 until 3 pm and \$10 after 3 pm. The Garden Walk & Music Festival will run from noon to 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The gardens are open for viewing from noon to 5:30 pm both days and the Kids' Corner will be open from noon until 5:30 pm both days.

Armitage Merchants

Please support the merchants on Armitage Avenue as they have their fabulous annual sidewalk sale during the Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival.

Please go to our website, sheffieldgardenwalk.com for more information. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form in this newsletter.

SEE YOU AT THE SHEFFIELD GARDEN WALK & MUSIC FESTIVAL — JULY 20-21, 2013!

Laury Lewis and Richard Ashbeck are Co-Chairmen of the 45th Annual Sheffield Garden Walk & Music Festival.



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A lovely evening at the 2013 SNA Patrons' Party

BY HILLIARY SZANTO

The SNA would like to extend a very special thank-you to Linda Usher and Malcolm Lambe for opening up their beautiful home to host this year's Patrons' Party on Friday, June 14. It was a terrific night to visit with neighbors and friends, old and new. It gave all who attended an opportunity to share stories, spread laughter, and come together as a community.

The SNA would also like to acknowledge and extend their genuine appreciation to the following sponsors and volunteers for their considerable time and contributions:

Beverage Sponsors

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Patty Hayes
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If you are interested in hosting a future Patrons' Party, please contact us at info@sheffieldneighborhood.org.

Again, our sincerest gratitude to all who made the evening such a great success!

Hilliary Szanto is a member of the SNA Board of Directors.

Porch and deck safety measures

The City of Chicago warns residents of the danger of overloading porches or decks with people, grills, or heavy lawn furniture. The warning emphasizes that porches are designed to provide ingress and egress to dwelling units and not to serve as storage areas or venues for large parties. Property owners, landlords, and tenants share the responsibility of maintaining a safe environment.

This warning is especially important for those of you who plan summer parties, especially during the upcoming Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival.

The warning enumerates signs of a structurally unsound porch or deck system:

- Decks pulling away from the exterior wall
- Weak footing at ground level
- Extensive exterior peeling paint
- Loose handrails
- Cracked or rotted members (e.g., steps, handrails, decking)
- Leaking roof structures, gutters, and downspouts above the system
- Loose and rotting decking and floor joists
- Improper connection of structural members (e.g., upright and lookouts)
- Balusters improperly installed and maintained

The Chicago Building Code establishes the standards for porch and deck construction. The city recommends hiring a licensed contractor with extensive experience building or repairing porches and decks. The building owner bears the ultimate responsibility for obtaining a building permit to install or repair a porch or deck, however. Architectural drawings may be required: porch and deck prototype construction guidelines and standards are available.

For additional information about porch and deck safety, including a guide to maintenance and evaluation, guides to design, and Porch FAQs, visit www.cityofchicago.org, or contact the Department of Buildings at 312-744-3600 or buildings@cityofchicago.org. Most important, report signs of structural problems to 311; a building inspector then will investigate.

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For more event information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Coileen Sacks at csacks@svdpc.org or 312.278.4218 or visit our websites at www.svdpc.org or www.marillachouse.org

Proceeds benefit over 600 children of low-income families, the homeless, and at-risk seniors served by Marillac St. Vincent Family Services.

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COMMUNITY REMINDER!



SHEFFIELD GARDEN WALK & MUSIC FESTIVAL SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 & SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

In cooperation with the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, we urge you to help keep this weekend safe:

- ❖ The Chicago Police will be highly visible.
- ❖ Use common sense with house parties; i.e., music, parking, litter.
- ❖ You are responsible for guests at your party.
- ❖ Keep the number of guests manageable.
- ❖ Be mindful of porch occupancy.
- ❖ Be attentive to excessive noise.
- ❖ Blocking the public way is prohibited; this includes sidewalks.
- ❖ Placing of furniture (sofas, tables, etc.) on the public way is prohibited without a license.
- ❖ No drinking on the public way. This will be strictly enforced.

Remember! This is a residential community. Please celebrate responsibly!

For further information, contact the 18th District Community Policing Office at 312-742-5778.

Excessive Noise:

- Sound cannot be louder than an average conversational level between 10 pm and 8 am if it can be heard at a distance of 100 feet or more from the property line.
- Sound cannot be audible from a distance of 200 feet or more from the point of generation.

No person can operate a radio or tape recorder or similar device on the public way if the sound generated is audible at a distance.

Excerpted from the City of Chicago's warning regarding danger of overloading porches/decks with people, grills, and heavy lawn furniture:

"Porches are not designed for large parties or as storage areas. Their purpose is to provide access and exits to a dwelling unit."

Building owners and tenants should be aware of the following signs of a structurally unsound porch/deck system:

- Decks pulling away from the exterior wall
- Weak footing at ground level
- Extensive exterior peeling paint
- Loose handrails
- Cracked or rotted members (i.e., steps, handrails, decking, etc.)
- Leaking roof structures, gutters and downspouts above porch systems
- Loose and rotting decking and floor joists
- Improper connection of structural members (e.g., upright and lookouts)
- Balusters improperly installed and maintained

If you notice any signs of structural problems with an exterior porch system, please contact 311 and a building inspector will investigate the property."

From 18th District Police Commander Dunn

Dear Property Owner,
The Sheffield Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 2013. This letter is being sent to inform you that there will be a ZERO tolerance policy on all illegal activities/behaviors; drinking on the public way, public urination, moving of indoor furniture outside blocking the public way, or to accommodate overcrowded house parties, loud music, littering and overcrowded porches will not be permitted. As a landlord or homeowner, YOU are obligated to monitor illegal behavior on or in your property. Tenants and property owners will be held accountable and to the letter of the law. Property owners will be cited for any violations of the law or municipal code as appropriate.

As always, the police have worked with the Sheffield Neighbors, the Alderman, businesses, and residents to make this a safe and enjoyable event. We try to educate our community by flyering simple safety tips/reminders in an effort to be pro-active. Further, we discuss opportunities to work together at Beat Community Meetings which we invite you to attend on the second Thursday of every odd month at the Old Town Triangle, 1765 N. North Park Ave., from 7-8 p.m. We appreciate your thoughts and ideas and look forward to your continued feedback to help "measure our successes."

We also encourage you to share your concerns with the Sheffield Neighborhood Association so that it is aware of the impact its event has on the quality of life in this area.

Sincerely,
William Dunn
District Commander

Garden Walk weekend reminders

Sheffield neighbors planning parties during Garden Walk weekend, July 20-21, should remember that the following are prohibited by city ordinance:

- **Drinking on the public way**
- **Blocking the public way, including sidewalks**
- **Littering on the public way, including parkways**
- **Excessive noise:**
 - **Sound cannot be louder than an average conversational level between 10 pm and 8 am if it can be heard at a distance of 100 feet or more from the property line**
 - **Sound cannot be audible from a distance of 200 feet or more from the point of generation**
 - **No person can operate a radio or tape recorder or similar device on the public way if the sound generated is audible at a distance of greater than 75 feet**

And don't forget to:

- **Be safe:**
 - **read the city's porch safety info on the other side of this notice**
- **Be courteous:**
 - **to neighbors – residential and business – and to Garden Walk visitors.**

The Police Department is aware of the numerous complaints lodged regarding parties in this area and intends to closely monitor the situation. Please read the attached notices from the 18th District.

If you have any questions, please call Alderman Smith's office at 773-348-9500, Alderman Waguespack's office at 773-248-1330, or the Sheffield Neighborhood Association at 773-929-9255. Thank you for your cooperation,

**43RD WARD ALDERMAN MICHELE SMITH
32ND WARD ALDERMAN SCOTT WAGUESPACK
SHEFFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

RIP Jeanne P. Gray

Former SNA board member Jeanne P. Gray, who died on April 19, was remembered at a memorial service at the DePaul University Student Center on May 18. Jeanne, who in her professional life was the director of the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility, was, together with her husband Paul Gallagher and her three children, a longtime resident of Sheffield on Magnolia. She was a member of the SNA Planning Committee and had also served on the Garden Walk Committee, as Schools Committee chair, and Special Events chair.

Jeanne was also active at Lincoln Park High School, the St. Vincent de Paul Center, and the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. At the memorial, remembrances by her friends, professional colleagues, neighbors, and especially her husband and daughter celebrated her life and her intelligence, kindness, generosity, and unique sense of humor. The Sheffield Neighborhood Association was privileged to benefit from her service and grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate her life.

— Ted Wroblecki, SNA First Vice-President

SNA sponsors local sculpture

BY TED WROBLESKI

The SNA is once again one of the sponsors of the Chicago Sculpture Exhibit, formerly known as the Lincoln Park/Lakeview Sculpture Exhibit, which is now in its twelfth year, having expanded from Lincoln Park to Lakeview and beyond. Each year, the SNA sponsors a sculpture placed in a location in Sheffield for a year.

This year, the sculpture, located on the south side of Dickens just west of Halsted, is titled "Limits." The artist is Joey Manson from Columbia, South Carolina. He is currently on the faculty at Clemson University. The blue sculpture is made of forged steel, fabricated steel, paint, and concrete and is 12 feet tall. This is the second year that Manson has exhibited in the CSE.

For more information about this sculpture and the others, visit www.chicagosculptureexhibit.org.

Ted Wroblecki chairs SNA's Planning Committee.



"Limits" is on Dickens just west of Halsted.

Local school helps children discover the joy of gardening

BY ANASTASIA HINCHSLIFF

The Oscar Mayer Magnet School Garden Project began in spring 2008. Fourteen teachers signed on to introduce their students to the joys of working in a garden. Parents and volunteers prepared a 100' x 16' plot just south of the school's main entrance on Clifton Avenue. The students of Mayer started seeds, created worm bins, tilled their plots, and watched as their little garden grew.

Six years and four award-winning gardens later, Oscar Mayer is also now home to two honeybee hives and a chicken coop, where we are raising six beautiful hens right in front of our school. Through the Garden Project, the students are learning about where our food comes from, the importance of hard-working pollinators, and the full circle of how these pieces all connect in our environment. Our goal is to continue to create awareness about sustainability, environmental stewardship, and to help other Chicago Public Schools start their own schoolyard gardens. We also want to shout from the rooftops that playing in the dirt is fun!

The honeybees

Thanks to a \$2,000 Whole Foods/Food Corp. grant, the Wellness and Sustainability Team (WST), who oversees the Garden Project, were able to hire Jana Kinsman, a full-time beekeeper, to manage our two honeybee hives. Oscar Mayer parent Chuck Linebaugh graciously donated all the hive materials and, lucky for us, is leading the project. He has over 20 years of beekeeping experience and 50 beehives on his farms in Indiana and Minnesota. Between Chuck and Jana, our 6,000 bees are happily adapting to their new home. It is exciting to watch them leave the hives to forage and pollinate within a five-mile radius of the school. If you have a garden near Oscar Mayer Magnet School, chances are some of our bees are helping to pollinate your plants.

Honeybees, by nature, are remarkably gentle creatures. Most of the fear associated with them comes from their relatives: yellow jackets and wasps. But you might be thinking, why honeybees at an elementary school? As you may have read, honeybees have been disappearing in droves. Forty percent of the world's food sources depend on pollinators. If we lose our pollinators, every third bite of food we eat every day will disappear: no more fruit, coffee, chocolate, seeds, nuts, or honey, to name a few. Establishing hives at our school teaches our children and the community about the importance of protecting our pollinators and becoming stewards of the environment.

The chickens

And what about the chickens? Yes, we now have six curious, gentle chickens living in a deluxe coop in our front garden on Clifton Avenue. Thanks to a substantial donation by local tavern and music club The Hideout, we have been able to engage our entire student body, teachers, administration, parents, and neighbors in the



Five of Oscar Mayer Magnet School's six chickens gather for a snack.

beauty of raising urban chickens. These hens will live at the school year-round and all students will be able to participate and help with the chicken duties. Families volunteer over the summer and come autumn, the eggs that our chickens lay will be up for grabs: the first offering will be to our great neighbors right across from the school, who have been extremely supportive.

All six of our chickens are hens (female), which means no rooster, so no crowing. We chose their breeds based on three criteria: they must be winter-hardy, continue to lay eggs during the cold months, and be kid-friendly. In the coop you will find two Buff Orpingtons, two Plymouth Rocks, and two Ameraucanas, who lay pale blue and green eggs. We held a school-wide chicken-naming contest and the winners were announced at an actual Chicken Pep Rally, where each chicken was paraded through the halls of the school to the cheering and fist pumping of the entire student body. It was beyond amazing. Millie Mariposa, Big Blue Nugget, Sugar Cookie, Sly Buttercup, Chicken Serious, and Lady Cluck Rose are all very happy in their new coop, eating bugs and playing keep-away with the occasional feather.

So the question is raised again: why have chickens at an elementary school? This opportunity allows the students of Oscar Mayer (and anyone passing by) to witness first-hand where our food comes from. Eggs don't just appear at a grocery store and chicken nuggets just don't fall from the sky. Chickens are also a wonderful addition to any garden. The chickens eat bugs off of the plants, including bugs that could endanger our honeybee hives, and their poop is a great asset to our compost, which is then added back into our garden soil in the fall and the cycle continues. The bonus is that our free-range, all-organic chickens will produce gorgeous, tasty eggs unlike any you can find in your local grocery.

If you'd like more information about the Garden Project at Oscar Mayer Magnet School, please visit our website at www.oscarmayergardenproject.com or email the WST directly at oscarmayerwst@yahoo.com, or just head over to 2250 N. Clifton for a visit.

Anastasia Hinchliff is a parent volunteer at Oscar Mayer Magnet School.



Two honeybee hives have been built outside the school.



The school's chickens live in this coop.



Another view of the honeybee hives.

Community safety update

BY JOHN ROBERTS

Summer is finally here, a little wet, but warm and loaded with fun. To make the fun enjoyable, let's go over a few familiar safety tips:

- Grilling with friends is always enjoyable. A few helpful hints will make it safe. Always vent the grill before you light the burners. This will let any leftover gases that might have accumulated escape. Do not use a charcoal grill on a wooden deck, even after the night is over and you think the fire has died. Embers can escape and fall on the deck and possibly start a fire. Always use your grill in a well-ventilated area to avoid fumes and smoke damage to your dwelling and/or garage. Enjoy the summer and have a beer on me.
- Biking — Helmets, helmets, helmets — an essential part of safe biking. I see a lot of adults riding with their children; the kids have helmets, but Mom and Dad seem to have forgotten their helmets. A sudden fall can really put the joy of summer on hold. Helmets are essential to a safe and enjoyable summer. As usual, all bikers are supposed to follow the rules of the road, but a lot of bicyclists tend to ignore the rules, resulting in many near-misses and a few unwanted hand gestures. Always be on the lookout for bikers, both on bicycles and motorcycles/scooters, especially in the early morning and twilight. Scooter riders should follow the helmet recommendation also.
- Sheffield Garden Walk and Music Festival — a wonderful family event to benefit the community. We can all enjoy the event by respecting our

fellow patrons and the neighborhood. Parents who bring small children to the music part of the festival should consider hearing protection. I know that over the years of going to concerts, I have lost part of my hearing. Give the children a chance and protect their hearing. Everybody enjoy themselves and have a great time.

- Crime — Reports of serious crime recently in the neighborhood has raised concerns. Be aware of your surroundings; take the earphones out, especially when walking alone. You must be aware of who is approaching you in either direction. The buddy system of walking at night or early morning would be helpful. Call 911 if you think someone is following you or you feel uncomfortable. The police are there to protect, but without citizen input, their job is harder. Also, a nosy neighbor is a thief's worst enemy. If you look out and see suspicious activity or a suspicious car/person, call 911.

Crime Reminders, Bulletins

- Always remember when something seems suspicious or you witness a crime, do not hesitate to call 911. Without your help, the Chicago Police have a harder time protecting the neighborhood.
- SNA urges you to sign up for crime bulletins provided by the Chicago Police Department's Sergeant Schulman. The bulletins advise the community of the area incidents and/or criminals that are operating in this neighborhood.

Sign up by sending a request via email to Cynthia.Schumann@chicagopolice.org. If you have any questions regarding the latest crime bulletins,

you can call the 18th District Community Policing Office at 312-742-5778.

Crime Track

For some time, 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. Initially, the project has been tracking non-domestic crimes to persons that occur on the streets, sidewalks, and alleys. The statistics will be somewhat dated in that they are based upon what is available from the Chicago Police Department's CLEAR path website on the date that material must be submitted for publication. Thus, for this issue, the project tracked crimes from April 1, 2013, through June 19, 2013. This is not every incident, but gives a good representation of the activity.

DAY/TIME	BLOCK	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE
April 11/5:50 PM	800 W. Armitage	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
April 12/2:10 AM	900 W. Webster	Street	Simple Battery
April 19/1:58 AM	2100 N. Halsted	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
May 9/1:55 AM	2200 N. Sheffield	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
May 16/12:55 PM	2200 N. Halsted	Street	Aggravated Battery
May 25/2:10 AM	2200 N. Bissell	Sidewalk	Armed Robbery
May 28/9:31 PM	2200 N. Kenmore	Street	Aggravated Robbery
June 1/12:02 AM	1900 N. Racine	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
June 2/10:10 PM	1000 W. Webster	Sidewalk	Armed Robbery
June 14/8:45 AM	1900 N. Bissell	Street	Aggravated Assault
June 15/3:30 AM	2000 N. Halsted	Street	Simple Battery
June 17/2:25 PM	2100 N. Seminary	Sidewalk	Armed Robbery

TOTALS

Apr. 1 – June 19 (approximately 80 days) x 12 incidents = 1 incident per 6.66 days
 Jan. 14 – Feb. 22 (approximately 39 days) x 6 incidents = 1 incident per 6.65 days
 Oct. 12 – Jan. 8 (approximately 89 days) x 12 incidents = 1 incident per 7.41 days
 Aug. 14 – Oct. 8 (approximately 55 days) x 13 incidents = 1 incident per 4.23 days
 June 15 – Aug. 13 (approximately 59 days) x 6 incidents = 1 incident per 9.83 days

Upcoming Dates to Remember

*Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 & 1814:
 (1811 - North Ave north to Fullerton, Sheffield west to the Chicago River)
 (1812 - Armitage north to Fullerton, Sheffield east to Sedgwick)
 (1813 - North Ave north to Armitage, Sedgwick west to Sheffield)
 (1814 - North Ave north to Fullerton, Sedgwick east to the lakefront)
 2nd Thursday of every odd month at 7 pm, Old Town Triangle Center, 1765 N. North Park Ave.

John Roberts chairs SNA's Community Safety Committee.

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www.sheffieldneighborhood.org

History: the roots of our neighborhood and its evolution to the present.

Happenings: the events and activities impacting the neighborhood today

Helpful Hints: information on city services and local businesses

Please visit us today and everyday!

A half-century of growing things

BY BRUCE HUNT

A typed sheet fell out of the gardening book that I pulled off the shelf. The page announces: "Welcome to our Green Room." Green crayon outlines the type. We signed our names at the bottom. The sign had been posted at the entrance to our garden on the 2000 block of Bissell Street, on display for the Sheffield Garden Walk in the mid-1970s.

We were growing things in those days: bulbs and wildflowers in the spring; astilbe and hosta in the summer; apples, grapes and plums in the fall. Chinese elms lined the north fence, ensuring a bit of privacy when a family with 11 children lived next door.

We were growing young children of our own as well. Our three daughters delighted in noticing the

changes through the seasons, especially when the Jack-in-the-Pulpit appeared near the bottom of the stairs. They joined us reluctantly in our effort to defeat the slugs. Nearly 40 years later, our oldest daughter has a backyard garden that is the pride of her North Center neighborhood.

In those days, we were also attempting to grow community, finding ways for neighbors to get to know each other and to pool resources for strengthening the schools and for making the streets safe. The relatively new Sheffield Neighbors Association, which we supported, and its Garden Walk enhanced those efforts.

In 1969, when 16 gardens were on display, the Sheffield Garden Walk received an unexpected burst of publicity. Journalists and TV cameras were in the neighborhood to cover the occupation by a local street gang of several administrative buildings on the McCormick Seminary campus (now part of DePaul, near Fullerton and Halsted). Stories appeared in the newspapers and images on TV, and to many viewers the surrounding community looked interesting, even appealing. As a result, attendance at the Garden Walk received a substantial boost.

Over the years, the tradition continued to grow. A festival was added in the mid-'80s, and in time as many as 100 gardens were open to the ticket-buying public. Proceeds from the Garden Walk, now not just a way of showing off the neighborhood but also a source of substantial income, have gone to beautify Trebes Park on Webster and Racine and Clover Playground on Southport as well as to many other community endeavors.

In 1985, just as the event's reputation and the attending crowds were growing, we moved away and created a lakeside garden in Lake County. We grew some of the same plants we had come to depend on in Lincoln Park, but now we had a larger space. And we did it ourselves--especially after we received an unimaginative and outrageously expensive proposal from a professional landscaper.

For 10 years, we cultivated the land and tenderly cared for the plants that were at home in our soil. We grew flowers, but we were not able to grow community, so we came back to the city.

We came back to the city, but we did not come back to Lincoln Park. Since 1997, we have conducted an experiment in intergenerational living in a building on Irving Park Road that we share with our youngest daughter and her husband, along with a dog, some fish and two delightful teenaged girls. Next to our residence is a

vacant lot, which developers are eager to purchase. (At least they send us regular invitations to consider their "attractive offers.")

We have made the lot attractive in its own right by filling it full of growing things, some of which are descended from our Bissell Street origins. The hosta and the astilbe come up each year and multiply. We are proud of a rose that Anne's grandmother planted nearly 50 years ago.

We are also growing things we can eat. Last year we grew eggplant and tomatoes under lights in the basement, and some of them, though spindly, actually produced when moved out into the uncertain Chicago spring. The Swiss chard and the kale went directly into the ground as seeds and provided colorful plates until fall. The garlic we left in the soil all winter is coming up already. And we are prepared to move the herbs that have been wintering in the basement into boxes on the deck.

We have no aspirations to become self-sufficient food-wise, even though we do have several jars of eggplant caponata on the shelves next to the tomato sauce we salvaged from the late fall harvest. No, it's our sheer delight in growing things and in watching the grapevines--which we have abused by moving them recklessly -- survive and thrive. This year, we promise to provide them with better support, and we will offer the grapes to the birds.

The Sheffield Garden Walk used to provide guidance from master gardeners; perhaps it still does. [Editor's note: It does.] The question of where to look for good advice on gardening is challenging. There are videos all over the Internet. Books and magazines abound. Workshops are scheduled around the city. I still like to talk directly with someone whose judgment I trust and who doesn't make me feel foolish because I haven't figured out the answer to the dilemma on my own.

I haven't yet called the Village office asking for help in growing Brussels sprouts (a notable failure of ours last year), but I suspect I might get some direction if I do. Gardening is, after all, one of the services listed in "The Owner's Manual," one of the benefits that all Village members receive.

Bruce Hunt, a former SNA President, is a Lincoln Park Village member and volunteer.

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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: Bridgeview Bank, William and Camille Jaeger, Lincoln Park Aesthetics, Laura McMahan, Ann Redgate, Alyse Siegel, and Devon and Mike Wiisanen.

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.

How can I....

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Areas of interest (Planning, Garden Walk, Historic Resources, Beautification, Events, etc.): _____

Please mail to: Sheffield Neighborhood Association, 2233 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614 or fax to: 312-592-7565 if using credit card.

SNA, SNN go digital

Have you checked out the new SNA websites? Both the Sheffield Garden Walk and Music Festival website and the association website have undergone a transformation and upgrade.

Everything you want to know about the Garden Walk can be found at www.sheffieldgardenwalk.com. You can volunteer online, look up the bands, and find out about the garden tours, Kids' Corner, and our sponsors. The association website at www.sheffieldneighborhood.org is also new, more user-friendly, and up to date. New content is being added to the site on a continuing basis, so check it out.

In connection with the new websites, the *Sheffield Neighborhood News* is going digital. In the future, the *SNN* will appear in printed form and be distributed throughout the neighborhood twice a year, once in July before the Garden Walk, and once in January in a year-end edition. The other issues will be posted online and emailed to Sheffield Neighborhood Association members. If you would like to be included, be sure to become a member and give us your email address.

The new websites are a result of the great efforts of Communications Committee board members Hilliary Szanto, David Bassin, and Laurie Dombrowski. *SNN* Editor Jay Becker and advertising representative Nancy Bradt worked with them on the *SNN* transition.

Market reminders

The Farmers' Market in Lincoln Park takes place on Saturdays in the Lincoln Park High School Parking lot at Armitage and Orchard from 7 am to 1 pm.

The Green City Market, Chicago's only year-round sustainable green market, takes place near the south end of Lincoln Park between Stockton Drive and Clark on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The market will continue through October 26; market hours are 7 am to 1 pm. 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.greencitymarket.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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Sheffield neighborhood* real estate

BY PAULA ARNETT

The continued price appreciation in the Sheffield* neighborhood is driven by low interest rates, limited inventory, increased consumer confidence, and increasing rents.

As you can see from the attached chart, the limited inventory is shown by total number of properties listed to date in 2013** of 167, a decrease of 15% from 193 in 2012. The price appreciation is shown by the increases in average selling prices: single family by 2%, condo by 2%, and multi-units by 38%.

My 15th Annual 2012 Sheffield Neighborhood Real Estate Market Report has been published, and many

more details and statistics are included. If you would like a copy of this report or a previous report, please contact me at 773-294-1822 or paula@paulaarnett.com.

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

*Sheffield's boundaries are Armitage on the South, Fullerton on the North, Halsted on the East and the Chicago River on the West.

Sheffield neighborhood real estate activity January 1-June 28**

	2012		2013	
Listed	#	avg list price	#	avg list price
SF	47	\$1,883,049	43	\$1,859,549
Condo	135	\$465,305	113	\$448,403
MU	8	\$773,374	9	\$1,050,544
Land	3	\$1,107,833	2	\$1,812,500
total	193		167	

	2012		2013	
Closed	#	avg sale price	#	avg sale price
SF	21	\$1,560,030	18	\$1,594,750
Condo	77	\$478,147	73	\$489,860
MU	6	\$698,667	4	\$965,250
Land	2	\$490,250	0	n/a
total	106		95	

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