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It's time for the 48th Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk!

BY LAURY LEWIS AND PATTY HAYES

The Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk is the second-oldest garden walk in the Chicago area and one of the largest festivals. This year's event will be held on July 23 and 24. This year, we have over 90 gardens, including 25 new exhibitors on display representing some of the best gardens in Chicago. **Anheuser Busch** will again be our major sponsor this year. The Sheffield Neighborhood Association has partnered with Chicago Special Events to organize the best Sheffield festival ever.

Chicago Craft Beer Festival

This year, the Chicago Craft Beer Festival will again be located in the parking lot between St. Vincent DePaul



More than 90 gardens will be on display.

Church and the DePaul Student Center. There will be over 75 beers available to sample from 11:30 am to 4 pm both days. Admission is \$35 for which you will receive 15, 3-oz. tastes. Purchase tickets online at craftbeerfestival-chicago.com. Some of the breweries will include Uinta, Jolly Pumpkin, Bell's, Moody Tongue, Tocayo, Crossroads, Ten Ninety, and Aquanaut.

Music entertainment

Our headliners on two stages will include Redfoo, The Mowgli's, 7th Heaven, Wedding Banned, Bright Light Social Hour and Stephen Kellogg. The second music stage is located on Sheffield, north of Belden. **Go to Sheffield-gardenwalk.com** for more information about the music entertainment.

Again this year as a special event, 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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There's nothing like Kids' Corner for family fun!

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Photo for SNN by Laury Lewis

Richard Minto has lived in Sheffield for more than 70 years.

Long-time Sheffield gardener honored

BY LAURY LEWIS

This year, the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk is pleased to honor Sheffield resident and gardener Richard Minto of 2225 N. Fremont.

Richard, 92, has been a participant in the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk since its inception in 1969. He has lived in the Sheffield neighborhood for more than 70 years. He is not only an active Sheffield neighbor, but an AVID gardener.

Please visit his garden this weekend to see the unique backyard garden with its fountain, whimsical artifacts and vast array of annuals, shrubs and perennials. He is one of the very few plantsmen that I know who grows many of the annuals planted from seed, resulting in some unusual cultivars.

A **BIG** congratulations to Richard for his achievements.

Laury Lewis is co-chairman of the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk.



A good time is had by all at the Music Festival & Garden Walk.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MALCOLM LAMBE

The Sheffield Neighborhood Association is pleased to present the 48th Annual Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk (the "Music Festival").

Each year, we strive to make the Music Festival even more enjoyable for everyone. This year, as always, we have a great line-up of band for your musical entertainment. In addition, we also have the 3rd Annual Chicago Craft Beer Festival, architectural tours, neighborhood garden tours, St. Vincent de Paul Church tours, and activities for children at Kids' Corner, including a talent show.

Festival, tours and more

The Chicago Craft Beer Festival is a "festival within a festival" and will run from 11:30 am to 4 pm each day. There will be over 80 craft beers available for your tasting. The separate admission price includes 3 (three) ounce samples of any 15 (fifteen) beers of your choosing. Get your tickets sooner than later as there are a limited number available each day at www.chicagoevents.com ... they are sure to sell out.

There will be two architectural tours offered each day. These highly entertaining tours offer interesting insights into the architecture, history and colorful personalities, present and past, who live or have lived in the neighborhood. The tours fill up fast, and the available slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for Saturday's tours will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, and registration for Sunday's tours will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Information Booth located on the lawn of St. Vincent de Paul Church, just west of Webster & Sheffield. Pre-registration for the Architectural and Garden Tours is available at www.chicagoevents.com.

There will be over 90 gardens available for your viewing throughout the neighborhood. So, take a leisurely stroll, view the many beautiful gardens on display, and enjoy the beautiful Garden District of Chicago.

Many thanks

As always, a very special thanks to St. Vincent DePaul Parish, DePaul University, and the many generous sponsors you see listed on page 1 of this newsletter. Their generous support allows the SNA to continue to support the many local charities, schools and community projects we support annually.

Have a great time!

MALCOLM LAMBE
President, SNA

PLANNING REPORT

SNA Planning Committee in action

BY TED WROBLESKI

It has been a busy time for the SNA Planning Committee. The Planning Committee reviews various requests for zoning relief in the Sheffield neighborhood and makes its opinion known to the alderman and, when relevant, other city officials. In cases where the proposed changes are of interest to more than the immediate neighbors, the SNA holds a public meeting, often co-sponsoring the meeting with the alderman's office. In addition, the Planning Committee becomes involved in reviewing developments that are of general interest and will have an impact on the Sheffield community.

Nursery school wants in

On May 18, the SNA co-sponsored a public meeting with regard to a request for zoning changes and parking restrictions by the Park West Cooperative Nursery School in order to relocate the nursery school to the residential building at 2214 N. Bissell. The nursery school has been in operation at St. Paul's Church on Fullerton and Orchard for many years, but has been notified that it must move.

Park West has identified the residence on Bissell as a suitable new location. It has entered into a contract to purchase the residence, subject to being able to obtain the zoning changes necessary to convert the building from a single-family residence to a nursery school. The property is zoned RT-4. Nursery schools are a permitted use in this zoning category. However, in order to make the changes to the building that Park West needs to make the building suitable for its operation, it will need an upzoning to RT4.5. It also seeks some side yard set back variations.

Finally, Park West is seeking parking restrictions on the west side of Bissell Street on weekdays so parents can drop off and pick up children for the morning and afternoon sessions. This would entail creating a drop off/pick up zone from 8 am to 5 pm from Webster to the end of the north lot line of the property, a total of about eight parking spaces.

At the Alderman's subsequent meeting on June 27, Park West reduced its proposed loading zone to three car spaces in front of the building. Also at the meeting, a number of people expressed support for the nursery school and the work that it does. Other residents, particularly those living on the 2200 block of Bissell and nearby residents on Webster and Belden expressed their concern about the suitability of this location for a nursery school. They are particularly concerned about the loss of parking spaces in an area where street parking is already at a premium. The reduction of the number of loading zone spaces, including eliminating a loading zone next to Homeslice Pizza, reduced the concern for some. However, there was still concern about double-parking during drop-off time and the loss of three spaces during the day.

43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith and her staff attended the meetings and heard the comments, both pro and con. In addition, the Alderman and the SNA have received a number of emails and other communications regarding this proposal.

It is clear that there was no consensus on this proposal at the first meeting and that some neighbors, particularly among those living nearby, were opposed to grant-



A nursery school has applied to occupy this residence at 2214 N. Bissell.

ing the zoning changes and parking restrictions, even with a reduced loading zone proposed at the second meeting. The SNA Board has not yet taken a position on this application, wanting to take into account the results of the second public meeting and considering any possible changes in the request before making a recommendation to Alderman Smith.

Zoning change on Clybourn

On May 26, another public meeting was held with regard to a request for a zoning change from C1-3 to C1-5 by the owner of the property located at 2300 N. Clybourn. This property is located in the 2nd Ward and the meeting was co-sponsored by Alderman Brian Hopkins. It was held at the Auditorium at Little Sisters of the Poor.

The property now has a vacant commercial building located on the site, where a Fed Ex/Kinko's was formerly located. The owner wants to build a combined commercial and apartment building on the site.

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Calendar

July 12, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

July 21, Thursday, 7 pm, Movie at Trebes Park.

July 23-24, Saturday and Sunday, 48th Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk.

August 2, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, SNA Board meeting.

August 2, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, Concert at Trebes Park.

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

October 4, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

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

December 6, 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.

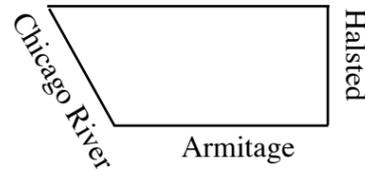


A building proposed for 2300 N. Clybourn.



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A lovely evening at the 2016 SNA Patrons' Party

BY HILLIARY SZANTO

The SNA would like to extend a very special thank-you to Cindy Malone for opening up her beautiful home to host this year's Patrons' Party on Friday, June 10. 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 its genuine appreciation to the following Sponsors, Patrons and Volunteers for their considerable time and contributions:

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2016 SNA Patrons' Party host Cindy Malone is flanked by volunteers Hilliary Szanto and Allison Spriggs at the successful June 10 event.

John and Dale Roberts
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Volunteers

Allison Spriggs
Hilliary Szanto

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.

Planning action

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While he can build such a building as a matter of right under the existing C1-3 zoning, he would like the zoning changed to C1-5 so he can build a larger building with more apartments than would be permissible under C1-3 zoning.

A number of neighbors appeared to hear the presentation by the owner and his attorney. The neighbors expressed their concern about the impact of this building on the already extreme traffic congestion on Clybourn. They also expressed concern about the increased height of the building under the higher zoning category. They did not see any public benefit to the community from the zoning upgrade. The residents recognized that the owner was entitled to build a commercial/residential building on his property under the existing zoning, but did not see any reason to permit the owner to build a larger structure.

Alderman Hopkins, who was present at the meeting, expressed his appreciation for the comments from the community and from the owner. He expressed his thoughts on balancing the interests of owners who wanted to develop their properties and the interest of the neighbors in having development that does not adversely affect their quality of life. The Alderman indicated that he would talk to the owner and discuss whether he would like to reconsider his plans. The SNA indicated that at this point it did not support the proposed zoning change.

North Branch redevelopment

Meanwhile, the City Department of Planning and Development is reviewing the North Branch Industrial Corridor, in which the former Finkl Steel, Lakin Brothers and Guttman Tannery sites are located. As chairman of the SNA Planning Committee, I attended the first of the public meetings regarding the review process. We are following developments, in particular the future of the Clybourn Planned Manufacturing District and possible uses for the Finkl and Lakin sites. The Guttman Tannery site has recently been approved for development for C.H. Robinson in order for it to expand its operations already located on Kingsbury Avenue near General Iron.

The SNA is also part of the community liaison process in connection with the redevelopment of the Children's Memorial Hospital site and is represented on the DePaul Neighborhood Advisory Committee, which is keeping tabs on the construction of the new DePaul School of Music project on Halsted Street.

To let us know your opinion on any planning issue, contact the SNA at info@sheffieldneighborhood.org. Join the Sheffield Neighborhood Association and get on our email list so you get our email blasts about public meetings on planning issues and other meetings and events of local interest.

Ted Wroblewski chairs SNA's Planning Committee.



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COMMUNITY REMINDER



Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016
&
SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**

**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 permit.
- No drinking on the public way. This will be strictly enforced.

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

From 18th District Police Commander Devereux

Dear Property Owner,
The Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th. This letter is being sent to inform you that there will be a ZERO tolerance policy on all illegal activities and 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 home owner, you are obligated to monitor illegal activity on your property. Tenants and property owners will be held accountable and citations will be issued for any violations of the law or municipal code as appropriate.

As always, the police have worked with the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, Alderman Smith, businesses and residents to make the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk a safe and enjoyable event. We try to educate our community by passing out community reminders and simple safety tips. Further, we discuss opportunities to work together at Beat Community Meetings, which are held the second Thursday of every other odd month at St. James Lutheran Church & School at 6:30 pm at 1765 N. North Park. We appreciate your thoughts and ideas and look forward to your continued feedback.

We also encourage you to share your concerns with the Sheffield Neighborhood Association so that it is informed of the impact the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk has on the quality of life in the area.

Sincerely,
George J. Devereux
District Commander

Music Festival weekend reminders

Sheffield neighbors planning parties during Music Festival & Garden Walk weekend, July 23-24, 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 next page*
- *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.

If you have any questions, please contact Alderman Smith's office at 773-348-9500, Alderman Hopkins' office at 312-643-2299 or the Sheffield Neighborhood Association at info@sheffieldneighborhood.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

**43RD WARD ALDERMAN MICHELE SMITH
2ND WARD ALDERMAN BRIAN HOPKINS
SHEFFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

New trees in Trebes Park

BY MELISSA SEILER AND ANABEL SEILER

Last fall, Openlands, one of the oldest metropolitan conservation organizations in the nation and the only such group with a regional scope in the greater Chicago region, donated three trees to Trebes Park. On hand to help Openlands plant the trees on October 13, 2015, were Laury Lewis of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, Max Schneider and Melissa Seiler of the Trebes Park Advisory Council, Brownie Girl Scout Troop #20195 from Oscar Mayer Magnet School, and a handful of other Mayer Magnet School community members.

Michael Dugan, a forestry coordinator with Openlands, explained that the ash trees currently on the parkway on Webster Avenue will need to be removed by the City of Chicago in the next few years, because they are infected with the emerald ash borer, an exotic beetle from Asia that feeds on ash trees.

Out with the old...

The newly planted trees are swamp white oak (quercus bicolor) trees, also called blue oak or swamp oak, a native tree that can live 300 or more years! These trees can grow to 45-65 feet tall with crowns that are broad, irregular, and rounded. They will produce acorns every 3 to 5 years. Although small now, it is the hope that with the care and respect of our community, the three new trees will grow to help replace the void that will be left when the mature ash trees come down.

It was a beautiful sunny fall day when the trees were planted. Participant Anabel Seiler described the process: "We planted the trees at the end of the field at Oscar Mayer Magnet School. Almost everyone in my Girl Scout Troop did it. First we dug, then we put the



Back row, from left to right: Michael Dugan, Laury Lewis, Andrew Donakowski. Front row, from left to right: Ravi Chandra, Anabel Seiler, Isabella Medina, Daphne Peroulas, Carli Choslovsky, Marin Korte, Olivia Schneider, Elise, and Solah Montenegro.

It's a summer of fun at Trebes Park!

The Smoking Fish rocked Trebes Park! Old and new fans of The Smoking Fish enjoyed a June 28 concert at Trebes. The event was jointly sponsored by the Sheffield Neighborhood Association and the Trebes Park Advisory Council. Upcoming events at the park include:

Goosebumps!

Free Family Movie at Trebes Park
Thursday, July 21, 8:30 pm

You'll need plenty of blankets to watch the movie Goosebumps! Bring the kids, friends, family and have a bit of a scare in the park after dark!

Concert at Trebes Park

Tuesday, August 2, 7 pm-9 pm

Join us and enjoy the awesome sound of the band Whiskey Jezebel. Bring family and friends, lawn chairs and blankets, picnic baskets and refreshments and listen to some great music under the stars!

Both events are jointly sponsored by the Sheffield Neighborhood Association and the Trebes Park Advisory Council.



From left: Elise, Solah Montenegro, Daphne Peroulas, Anabel Seiler, Marin Korte, Isabella Medina, and Olivia Schneider plant trees in Trebes Park.

tree in and put the dirt back in. Then we covered it with mulch, and then we watered it. It felt good to be helping the earth."

Please help our new trees thrive by keeping dogs and children from playing on them. Thank you!

Melissa Seiler is President of the Trebes Park Advisory Council; Anabel Seiler is an Oscar Mayer Magnet School student and member of Mayer Brownie Girl Scout Troop #20195.



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8:00 am

10:00 am (choir)

5:00 pm

8:30 pm*

*When DePaul University is in session

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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 Music Festival & Garden Walk.

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.

Community safety update

BY JOHN ROBERTS

Welcome to another great summer in Chicago. This summer is again packed with many activities to enjoy with great music at all the various festivals and concerts, especially the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk. We all should be extra-careful while driving in the neighborhood with all the children out enjoying the weather and summer activities.

Watch your ears

Caution should be taken to ensure that your hearing is protected. Experts say that hearing loss after attending a concert or festival is not a sign of damage, but that the ears are protecting themselves. Scientists in Australia believe that short-term hearing loss after being exposed to loud music may be the body's way of protecting or coping with the problem.

However, these same scientists warn that this defense mechanism cannot help against sustained high-frequency assault on the ears. This also goes for loud music with headphones and in the car. You should especially take caution if you bring your children to the concerts and festivals. I have seen too many parents with their children on their shoulders close to the speakers. Ears plugs are very cheap and can be brought at any drugstore.

Sparklers and firecrackers in the wrong hands can lead to serious injury. The tip of a sparkler can reach 1000C to 1600C in temperature. Children should be cautioned not to touch the tip and keep it at arm's length away from the body. Any fireworks are also a great source of injury—Caution when handling.

"For a question call 311, for a crime call 911"

As I have mentioned before, I am involved in the court advocacy program that gives support to victims of crime by appearing at hearings related to local incidents. By participating in this program, you are showing the court that you, as a neighbor, are concerned about local crime. The latest court hearing was about a peeping tom case on the 900 block of Belden. I urge you to contact the Chicago Police Department to learn more details about this program.

A special shout-out goes to Sgt. Cynthia Schulman, who just retired. She helped run the Beat Program for the 18th District and will be missed.

Crime reminders, bulletins

1. 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.

2. SNA urges you to sign up for crime bulletins provided by the Chicago Police Department. The bulletins advise the community of the area incidents and/or criminals that are operating in this neighborhood. If you have any questions regarding the latest crime bulletins, 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 areas crime incidence down. Please keep up the good work by getting involved with the BEAT meetings and calling **911**.

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 CLEARpath website on the date that material must be submitted for publication. Thus, for this issue, the project tracked crimes from April 25, 2016 through June 17, 2016. This is not every incident but gives a good representation of the activity.

DAY/TIME	BLOCK	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE
April 30/12:02AM	800 W. Belden	Street	Strong Armed Robbery
May 18/7:20PM	1000 W. Fullerton	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
May 20/11:55PM	2400 N. Seminary	Street	Strong Armed Robbery
May 23/2:25AM	2200 N. Bissel	Alley	Strong Armed Robbery
May 24/7:00PM	2200 N. Sheffield	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
June 5/ 2:35AM	2300 N. Kenmore	Alley	Aggravated Assault
June 8/ 2:30AM	1000 W. Fullerton	Sidewalk	Simple Battery

TOTALS

April 25-June 17 (approximately 54 days) x 7 incidents
= 1 incident per 7.7 days

Upcoming dates to remember

BEAT Meetings have been moved to St. James at Fremont & Dickens.

The Chicago Police Department bi-monthly BEAT meetings are helpful in understanding the policing efforts in our district (the 18th). 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 BEAT 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 BEAT meeting program to show community support for the police.

*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 6:30 pm, St. James Church, Fremont & Dickens.

John Roberts chairs SNA's Community Safety Committee.

Market reminders

The Farmers' Market in Lincoln Park takes place on Saturdays in the Lincoln Park High School Parking lot at Armitage and Orchard. Market hours are 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 be open through October 29; 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).

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 <http://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>.

Festivals sponsored by SNA affiliates

Taste of Lincoln Avenue

August 6-7

<http://www.tasteoflincolnchicago.com>

Street sweeping schedule

The City of Chicago's street sweeping program began April 1. To find out when your block will be cleaned, visit https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/streets_san/svcs/street_sweeping.html.

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Sheffield Neighborhood Association

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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!

Vanished tree provided beauty to neighborhood

BY LISA RUSS

You couldn't miss it – tall, majestic, its branches sprawling across Webster between Seminary and Clifton. For many years, this tree provided a source of beauty, shade, contemplation and home to area wild life.

Roberta Garner, Professor of Sociology at DePaul University, lived at 1110 W. Webster from 1971 to 1975. "The tree was a source of beauty and cooling shade to the entire neighborhood. Ours was a Chicago middle-class home on a double lot, which was rather unusual in the neighborhood. Perhaps the people who lived there long ago made room for the tree when building their home."

A sense of wonder

Many, many walks have led people back to this tree – its presence never failing to instill a deep sense of awe and wonder.

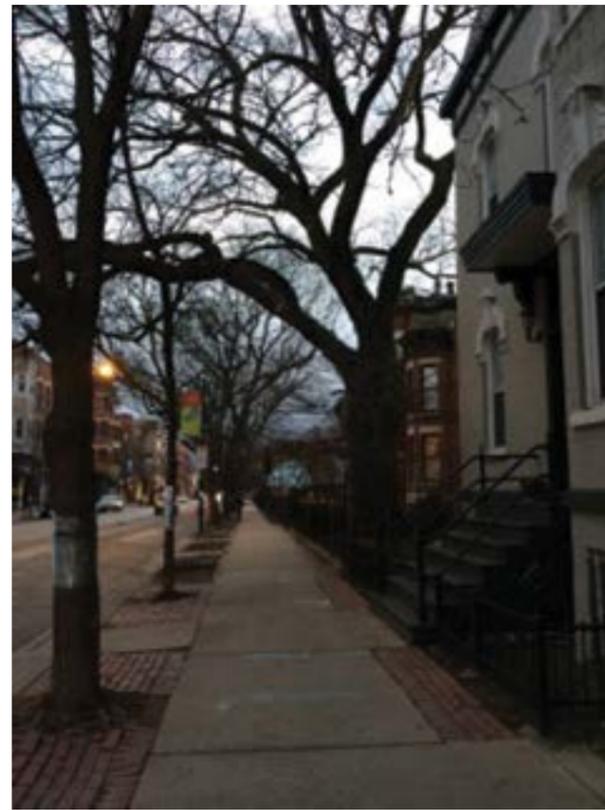
Thank you for the many years of your peace and beauty, and to those who cared for and made room for you and your glorious comrades. You were an integral, irreplaceable part of our neighborhood.

Lisa Russ is a Sheffield resident.

[Editor's Note: The tree was taken down to accommodate a multi-unit building that maxed out the property line.]



The tree in December 2012.



This picture was taken in December 2015.

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Please shop locally and support the following SNA business members:

- Beaumont Bar & Grill
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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-year period.

If you are not now a member, we urge you to join. Membership dues are: Family \$20 1-year; Business \$20 1-year. 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 info@sheffieldneighborhood.org.

How can I....

Get involved with the Garden Walk? Work on the Sheffield Beautification Project? Help out with the Spaghetti Dinner? Make my voice heard? Find out what's going on in MY community?

Join the Sheffield Neighborhood Association!!

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

It's time for the 48th Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk!

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WTMX-101.9, WJMK-104.3, WBEZ-91.5 and US99.

Their sponsorship helps us ensure that the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk will be a financial success, generating funds for the operation of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association and allowing us to make generous contributions to the local parks, schools and other neighborhood charities. When you visit or talk to any of these sponsors, please tell them that you appreciate their participation. ATMs will again be available on site.

Gardens

The heart of the Garden Walk are the over 90 gardens that our residents open for viewing to show off their horticultural skills. This year, there are over **25 new exhibitors**. The **historic Seminary Townhomes** located on Belden, Chalmers Place and Fullerton have 10 gardens on display this year. This is a unique opportunity to view these intimate urban gardens in an historical, landmarked setting. 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 tremendous thanks to the garden search committee of **Jan Bail, Kirsten Villers and Laury Lewis**. A special thanks to the garden exhibitors for helping Sheffield be "the Garden District of Chicago."

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 start at 3:30 pm each day and signing up at the information booth in front of the Church on Webster is required. They will be walking tours of 6 to 7 blocks and will be about 90 minutes in length. These tours fill up quickly every year.

The Sheffield Neighborhood Association was instrumental in helping Little Sisters of the Poor create an award-winning enabling garden for its residents located at Magnolia and Belden. Please stop by and enjoy the 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 **David Zoretic** and his co-chairman **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.

In addition, historic St. Vincent DePaul Church will be offering tours both days. Please sign up at the information desk for both the Sheffield neighborhood tours and the St. Vincent DePaul Church tours.

Kids' Corner

Kids' Corner will be on Belden between Sheffield and Seminary and will be open from noon to 7 pm both days. Kids' Corner will have several rides, carnival games, exotic animals, Pickle's Playroom, Purple Monkey, music, a hands-on activity from Home Depot, programs from Lakeshore Sport and Fitness, kids' yoga and many other popular attractions.

Kids' Corner will be open from noon to 7 pm both days. Friends of Mayer will be selling hot dogs and other treats both days to raise money for Oscar Mayer Elementary School. A \$35 per-day, per-child wristband will be available again this year to provide unlimited entertainment.

Restaurants

This year, the restaurants will include: Blackhawk BBQ, Beaver's Doughnuts, Happy Lobster, La Bomba, Kate and Jam Hot Dogs, Greek Delights, Genoa Italian, and Tina's



Top musicians are a part of SMFGW tradition.

Italian Ice. Popular beer choices will include Budweiser, Bud Light and several Goose Island choices as well as red and white wine.

Neighborhood organizations

Funds raised during the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk go to each of the three schools in our neighborhood and the nationally ranked Lincoln Park High School as well as to neighborhood parks, beautification and other worthy charitable organizations. The donation is \$7 till 3 pm and \$10 after 3 pm. The festival will run from noon to 10 pm on Saturday and noon until 9:30 pm on Sunday. The gardens will be open for viewing from noon to 5:30 pm both days and Kids' Corner will be open from noon until 7 pm both days.

Armitage merchants

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

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

SEE YOU AT THE 48th ANNUAL SHEFFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL & GARDEN WALK - JULY 23-24, 2016! **Laury Lewis and Patty Hayes** are co-chairs of the 2016 Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk.



The Chicago Craft Beer Festival is a crowd favorite. This year's event will offer more than 75 different beers.

A solid spring market

BY CADEY O'LEARY

Positive employment numbers combined with prevailing attractive interest rates have produced a solid second quarter of home sales.

The warmer temperatures that finally arrived in mid May unleashed a flurry of Spring Market sales activity that has persisted through June, creating many multiple offer situations at, above or near asking price.

Through May 2016 (the latest available data), new listings in the city were up 11% for single families but remained flat for condos. Median sales prices of homes increased 9% to \$229,000 while condo prices held steady at \$322,500. A dearth of inventory throughout the city continues to place pressure on the market and was a significant contributing factor to the flood of multi-offer situations, particularly for families trading up to larger homes and condos in the \$400,000 to \$800,000 price range.

Our neighborhood*

In Lincoln Park, sellers of townhomes and larger condos benefited from a high demand while buyers often felt the sting of frustration from being on the losing end. This is especially true of nicely updated homes that were well priced and move-in ready, sometimes generating as many as 12 offers in a weekend.

The hot summer weather and vacation season have cooled the market a bit, but there remains an unquestionable demand for homes and condos in Lincoln Park. As has been the case, lack of inventory presents the greatest ongoing challenge. Following is a look at



The local housing market is strong.

some key sales data:

- New listings of single-family homes are up 11% over same period last year through May 2016 while condos have registered a modest 2% increase
- Closed sales are up 20% for single family homes and just 1% for condominiums
- Median sale prices for single-family homes are up 4% at \$1,750,000 while condo sales prices are tracking a 3% increase at \$462,000

*Courtesy of Midwest Real Estate Data

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