



Sheffield Neighborhood News

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It's time for the 49th 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-land area and one of the largest festivals. This year's event will be held on July 22 and 23. This year, we have over 80 gardens, including over 20 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 Church and the DePaul Student Center. There will be over 70 beers and 20 wines available to sample from



More than 80 gardens will be on display.

11:30 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$35 for which you will receive 15 three-ounce tastes. This event will sell out, so we encourage you to purchase tickets in advance online at craftbeerfestivalchicago.com. Breweries will include Goose Island, Uinta, Jolly Pumpkin, Bell's, Moody Tongue, Tocayo, Crossroads, Ten Ninety and Aquanaut.

Music Entertainment

Our headliners will perform on two stages, the Main Stage in the DePaul parking lot and the North Stage on Sheffield between Fullerton and Belden. Main Stage music will feature Foxygen and Jessica Lea Mayfield on Saturday night from 6:25 pm to 10 pm and on Sunday, Lucky Boy Confusion and We The Kings from 6:35 pm to



Photos for SNN by Matt Rubinberg.

There's nothing like Kids' Corner for family fun!

10 pm. Admission to the Main Stage will be \$20 per day in advance or \$25 per day at the gate. A sellout is expected. Go to Sheffieldgardenwalk.com for ticket and music information.

The North Stage is included in the \$10 donation and will feature Catfight, Rod Tuffcurls, Wedding

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Photo for SNN by Laury Lewis

Richard Minto lived in Sheffield for more than 70 years.

Long-time Sheffield gardener remembered

BY JAN BAIL AND JIM MCPEEK

This year, the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk is remembering long-time gardener and neighborhood resident Richard "Dick" Minto, who passed away earlier this year. We encourage you to visit his garden at 2225 N. Fremont to honor his memory as the only original Garden Walk exhibitor since 1969. His nephew, Jim McPeek, has decided to continue to maintain this beautiful outdoor landscape.

Dick was a veteran of World War II, a world traveler and a resident of Sheffield for more than 70 years. He was also a talented artist and designer and was the chief window designer for Carson Pirie & Scott's State Street store, including the iconic holiday windows. His garden reflected his creativity, love of travel, animals, classical music and all of the arts. Please note in the garden description the use of several ornamental iron objects collected from his worldwide travels. In his retirement, he started acting and appearing in television, film and theater. In 2016, the Sheffield Neighborhood Association honored Dick for his longstanding commitment to the Sheffield neighborhood.

In memoriam, Dick's garden at 2225 N. Fremont will once again be open during this year's Garden Walk. Please stop by! A corner planter was sponsored this year in Dick's memory by neighbor and Sheffield resident Ray Capitanini.



The Music Festival & Garden Walk is one of the best summertime parties!

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WELCOME, ALDERMAN HOPKINS AND FAMILY — Recently, 2nd Ward Alderman Brian Hopkins bought a new home in our Sheffield neighborhood. "I'm honored to serve as your Alderman, and now I'm excited to call you my neighbor. Colleen, Ryan and I cannot be more thrilled to join this wonderful community. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!" The feeling is mutual, Mr. Alderman.

Calendar

July 11, Tuesday, 7:15 pm, SNA Board meeting.

July 11, Tuesday, 7 pm, Movie at Trebes Park.

July 22-23, Saturday and Sunday. 48th Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk.

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

August 1, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Concert at Trebes Park.

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

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

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

December 5, 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.

PLANNING REPORT

New framework for North Branch

BY TED WROBLESKI

On May 18, the Chicago Plan Commission approved the North Branch Industrial Corridor Framework that was presented to it by the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD). This Framework was developed by the DPD to guide future land use in the North Branch Industrial Corridor area bordering the Chicago River from Chicago Avenue on the south to Fullerton Avenue on the north.

This area has undergone significant changes in recent years. A number of industrial businesses, particularly in the northern part of the corridor, have left and there have been questions about the future of the Clybourn Protected Manufacturing District (PMD) that protected these areas from residential and commercial encroachment.

Outline For The Future

The new "Framework" provides an outline for future land uses in the area. It also provides strategies and policies for implementing improvements in transportation, open space, river uses, infrastructure and design within the area to go along with the anticipated future uses. The Framework divides the corridor into three sub-areas. The South Sub Area near Chicago Avenue is designated for downtown-type transition uses such as office, commercial and residential uses. The Central Sub Area, including most of Goose Island, remains zoned for industrial and industrial support use with no residential development. The North Sub Area, which is most important to Sheffield and our neighboring communities, changes from largely a PMD to mixed-use, including office, commercial and residential uses as well as some existing industrial uses remaining.

This new Framework is not a zoning change in and of itself. It anticipates developers requesting zoning changes and presenting Planned Development proposals for future development. Those zoning changes and PMD's will be considered with the Framework and its strategies and policies in mind. Thus, the future development of the Finkl Steel, Lakin and other sites within the area will be subject to review with the Framework in mind. Any proposals will still be subject to review by the DPD, by the alderman and by the community at large.

Neighbors' Concerns

At the Plan Commission hearing and throughout the public hearing process that preceded the presentation of the Framework, the DPD heard from numerous community groups including SNA, individual neighbors and our aldermen who made it clear that there was a great concern about transportation in the area and the effect new development would have on our traffic burden. There are only a few bridges across the river for traffic. Many intersections are problematic and there is concern about bicycle traffic, the Metra Station, access to the CTA, a connection to the 606 pathway and other issues affecting the quality of life in Lincoln Park, Bucktown and other neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor.

The community and our aldermen, particularly 2nd Ward Alderman Brian Hopkins and 43rd

Ward Alderman Michele Smith, also made it clear that in addition to open space bordering the river, this area needs new recreational park space. As a result of these efforts, the final draft of the Framework acknowledged the need for at least a 10-acre park in the corridor.

Looking Ahead

There is a lot of interest in development along the river. Sterling Bay and other companies have acquired properties and are poised to transform this area from industrial use to mixed use of yet unknown proportions of residential, commercial and office uses. These projects will require zoning changes and approvals of planned developments. There should be great scrutiny by the DPD, our aldermen and of the community of such proposals and how they address the transportation and recreational parkland issues in particular. The SNA plans to be one of the participants in any such review, as these projects will have a great impact on the future quality of life in our area and the city at large.

Ted Wrobleski chairs SNA's Planning Committee.

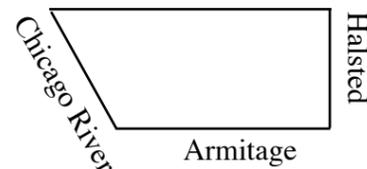
Street sweeping schedule

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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Fullerton



Sheffield Neighborhood News is the publication of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association (SNA), a community organization representing the commercial, industrial and residential constituencies in the area bounded by Halsted on the east, the Chicago River on the west, Fullerton on the north, and Armitage on the south. The address of SNA is 2233 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614; e-mail, info@sheffieldneighborhood.org.

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A lovely evening at the 2017 SNA Patrons' Party

BY HILLIARY SZANTO

The SNA would like to extend a very special thank you to Ryan and Molly Sundby for opening up their beautiful home to host this year's Patrons' Party on Friday, June 2. 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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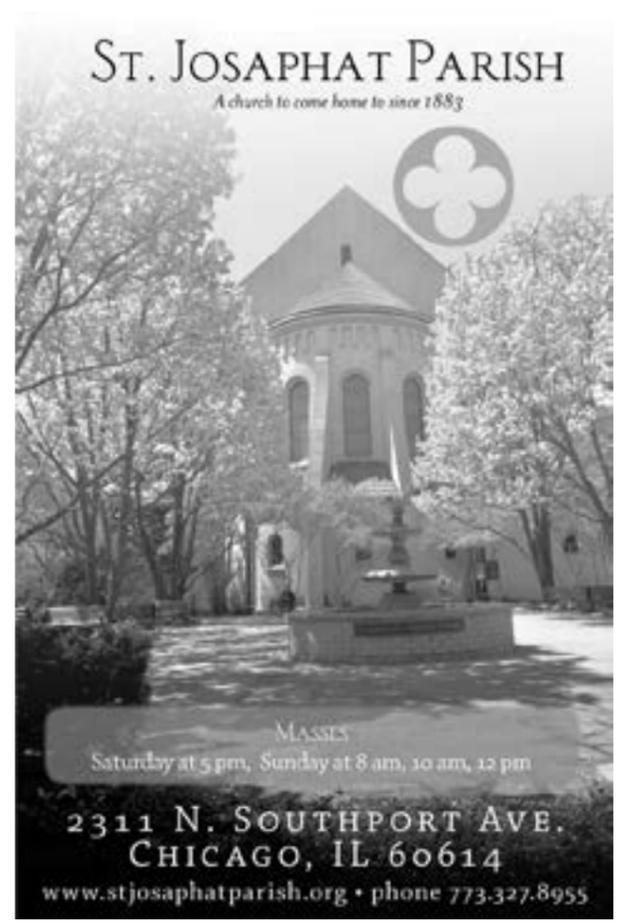
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Hilliary Szanto is a member of the SNA Board of Directors.

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Doing a good turn - sprouting beauty at St. Mary's Home

BY MAUREEN MORAN

Christian Mellon, avid gardener and leader of Bear Scout Den 9, part of Pack 3079 of the Founders District, guided the Scouts to complete one of this year's Fellowship and Duty to God requirements. The Scouts, third-graders who attend Immaculate Conception St. Joseph School, selected the Little Sisters of the Poor's St. Mary's Home to complete their outreach project. Their focus was to plant the Sisters' garden, with contributions from parents and a generous donation by the law firm Sullivan Ltd.

They planted a mix of seedlings (sunflower and

cleome), annuals, perennials and bulbs, including elephant ears, dahlias, mandevilla vines, lavender trees, lilies, marigolds and a variety of sun and shade flowers throughout the garden. The Scouts timed their project to be completed in time for Sister Maria De La Luz's 25th anniversary on Saturday, May 13. Her celebration was planned to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to three little shepherds in the small town of Fatima, Portugal.

The Scouts and the school look forward to collaborating with the Little Sisters of the Poor on planting and other service projects in the future.

Maureen Moran is a Scout parent and Sheffield resident.



Bear Scout Den 9 planted a garden for Little Sisters of the Poor's St. Mary's Home.

Sheffield Neighborhood tree planter program is a success!

BY LAURY LEWIS

Since 2000, the Sheffield Neighborhood Association has installed and maintained over 60 wrought iron planters at many locations throughout the Sheffield neighborhood. Several other neighborhoods throughout Chicago have emulated our planters with similar programs.

The Sheffield planters have been installed at intersections along Armitage, Webster, Halsted, Clybourn and Racine and have added beauty to the neighborhood with summer flowers and winter greens. The cost

for this endeavor was always paid from the proceeds of the annual Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk. However during the past couple of Garden Walks, Mother Nature has not been kind to us with very hot temperatures and torrential rains.

The Sheffield Neighborhood Association Board of Directors decided that for this year and perhaps in subsequent years, it could no longer utilize its reserve funds for this purpose. A Sheffield planter sponsor program was started in February seeking Ambassadors and Friends to contribute to the cost of installing and maintaining the planters for 2017.

The response was overwhelming, with 53 Sheffield residents, businesses and organizations donating to sponsor the planters. A list of our Ambassadors and Friends appears in the box at left. As a result, the Sheffield neighborhood and its visitors can appreciate the beauty of our neighborhood with the summer planting and subsequent winter greens after Thanksgiving.

Laury Lewis chairs SNA's Beautification and Parks Committee.

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BY ALANA G. BAUM

Twenty million dollars for renovations from City Hall and a parent-led campaign to reintroduce neighborhood families to the school will likely mean that Lincoln Park High School (ranked 8th in Illinois this year by *U.S. News and World Report*) may finally get the recognition it's deserved.

And local families are paying more attention.

Already known for its competitive International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program and its Performing Arts and Music Departments, LPHS, which went wall-to-wall IB in 2012, is proving itself to be a top neighborhood school for all of its students. It also boasts the most diverse student population.

Recent statistics have shown that public high schools with IB programs are not only competitive but often the best options for kids. Traits valued most by companies and colleges — collaboration, critical thinking and evidence-based learning — are core tenets of IB and of LPHS.

Two years ago, the parent-led 1school1community initiative set out to spread the word that local families do not have to feel the pressure or panic of finding a great high school education for any of their children.

Its founder, Amy Zemnick, has children who are years away from attending, but says that “families need to know that LPHS is the highest ranked non-selective enrollment school in Chicago, 3rd in the state, and is right in our own backyard.”

Alana G. Baum is an LPHS parent and education activist.



Mayor Rahm Emanuel, 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith and members of the 1school1community initiative at the announcement of a \$20 million grant for school renovations and other improvements.

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; market hours are 7 am to 1 pm. Parking is available for \$10 for the first two hours with validation in the Chicago Historical Museum parking lot off of Stockton Drive. Parking validation cards are available at the GCM information booth located at the Clark St. entrance to 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>.

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COMMUNITY REMINDER



Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk

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&
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017**

**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 Bauer

Dear Property Owner,
The Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd. 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,
Paul R. Bauer
District Commander

Music Festival weekend reminders

Sheffield neighbors planning parties during Music Festival & Garden Walk weekend, July 22-23, 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**

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.

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Community safety update

BY JOHN ROBERTS

Summertime has arrived, and here are a few tips to help everyone enjoy themselves:

With grilling season in full swing, please use caution, especially on a wooden deck or porch. An unattended grill in a high wind can spell disaster. You should also check with your condo association about the rules for grilling and what types of grill may be used.

With the warm weather comes a lot of open windows and unlocked doors. Be very cautious with these two. While you are doing yard work in an unattended part of your yard, a burglar does not take long to seize the opportunity to strike at an unlocked door. Also be leery of a person that is seeking to do yard work; he or she may be a burglar casing your property.

With summer in full swing, it is a great time for all to enjoy all the great music at the various festivals and concerts, especially the Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk. 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 bought at any drugstore.

Sparklers and firecrackers in the wrong hands can lead to serious injury. The tip of a sparkler can reach 1,000°C to 1,600°C 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-Caution-Caution when handling.

Again, remind your children and yourself to take out the ear buds while walking around, especially at night. The total lack of awareness makes them and you a very tempting target for robbery or worse. If you are out and feel uncomfortable or threatened call 911. The police can help but they need to know what is going on.

Open garage doors are still a concern. Objects such as bicycles or tools can easily disappear when the door is left open.

Be A Court Advocate

The "COURT ADVOCATE" program is a helpful tool in making the courts aware that the community is supporting the victim. 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith is a great supporter of this program. The court advocate follows crimes that are of concern to the Sheffield neighborhood. When the various cases are called, I rise when the defendant's name is read to acknowledge that I was interested in the case. The state's attorney usually comes over to me and explains what has transpired. I urge other people to consider this program. It can be both educational and inspiring to see the justice system at work.

Crime has dropped in the city due to increased police presence. To help the police in their jobs, citizens need to report suspicious activities that they might observe. If you feel that a suspicious activity is taking place, call the police. If they do not know about this activity, they cannot help. A new billboard quote sums it up:

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

Crime Reminders, Bulletins

SNA urges you to sign up for crime bulletins provided by the Chicago Police Department. The bulletins advise the community of the area's 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 area's crime incidences 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 6, 2017 through June 5, 2017. This is not every incident, but gives a good representation of the activity.

DAY/TIME	BLOCK	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE
April 06/4:40PM	900 W. Fullerton	Sidewalk	Strong Armed Robbery
April 21/11:05AM	1000 W. Armitage	Other	Simple Assault
April 23/10:50PM	2200 N. Sheffield	Sidewalk	Simple Battery
May 05/11:50PM	2400 N. Southport	Sidewalk	Strong Armed Robbery
May 07/3:00AM	1100 W. Webster	Street	Strong Armed Robbery
May 08/9:25AM	900 W. Fullerton	Street	Simple Assault
May 14/3:15AM	1000 W. Fullerton	Street	Aggravated Assault
May 22/10:15PM	2100 N. Halsted	Sidewalk	Strong Armed Robbery
May 25/1:59AM	1000 W. Armitage	Street	Simple Battery
June 05/7:40AM	800 W. Fullerton	Sidewalk	Strong Armed Robbery

TOTALS

April 6-June 5 (approximately 64 days) x 10 incidents = 1 incident per 6.4 days.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

BEAT Meetings: St. James Church at Fremont & Dickens. The next meeting will be held July 13 at 6 pm.

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 and 1814:
 (1811-North Ave north to Fullerton, Sheffield west to the Chicago River)
 (1812-Armitage Ave 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.

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Happenings: the events and activities impacting the neighborhood today

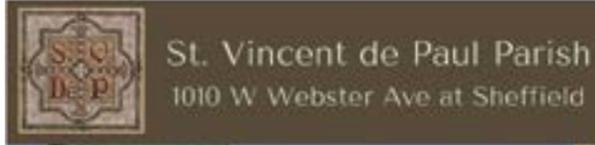
Helpful Hints: information on city services and local businesses

Please visit us today and everyday!

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NEIGHBORS GATHER FOR B-BALL - The Sheffield Neighborhood Association once again sponsored a Neighbor Day at the DePaul University Lady Blue Demons basketball game this year. On Sunday, February 26, neighbors and friends met at Kelly's Pub before watching DePaul beat Georgetown 79 to 70.

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!

If you are not now a member, we urge you to join. Membership dues are: Family \$20/year; Business \$20/year. For your convenience, you can pay the small fee by check or credit card and renew for a one-year period. If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to the "Join the SNA" section on our homepage at www.sheffieldneighborhood.org.

If paying by check, please complete the form below and mail it with your check to the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, 2233 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614.

How can I....

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It's time for the 49th Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk!

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Banned and 97Nine.

This year, as a special event, SNA First Vice-President **Ted Wroblewski** is sponsoring **The Starfall Orchestra with Bob Ojeda on Saturday, July 22, from 2 pm to 4 pm and Barry Winograd and the Alternatives Little Big Band on Sunday, July 23, from 1 pm to 3pm.** These free concerts will be held in the courtyard of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Belden between Magnolia and Lakewood. Please come and enjoy the music and food provided by the Little Sisters.

Thank Our Sponsors with Your Patronage and Goodwill

Additional sponsors this year include: **Green Mountain Energy, FoxTrot, Berkshire Hathaway-Koenig Rubloff Realty-Jennifer Mills Klatt, St. Vincent DePaul Church, Spot Hero, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Wintrust Financial, Treasure Island Foods, DePaul University, Home Depot-Lincoln Park on Halsted, WXRT-93.1, WJMK-104.3 and US-99.5.** 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 80 gardens that our residents open for viewing to show off their horticultural skills. This year, there are over **20 new**

exhibitors. The **historic Seminary Townhomes** located on Belden, Chalmers Place and Fullerton have many gardens that can be viewed by walking through their alleyways as shown on the map in the Sheffield Garden Walk guidebook. This is a unique opportunity to view these intimate urban gardens in an historical, landmarked setting. The gardens can be viewed from the alleyways from noon to 5:30 pm both days. **Berkshire Hathaway-Koenig Rubloff Realty – Jennifer Mills Klatt will be the gardens sponsor.** A tremendous thanks to the garden search committee of **Jan Bail 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 begin 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 four to six blocks and will be about 90 minutes in length. These tours fill quickly every year.

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 The Starfall Orchestra with Bob Ojeda on Saturday from 2 pm to 4 pm and Barry Winograd and the Alternatives Little Big Band on Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm. These concerts are sponsored by **Ted Wroblewski.**

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 is on Belden between Sheffield and Seminary and will be open from noon to 7 pm both days. **New this year will be a Kids Talent Show only on Saturday from 3 pm to 5pm.** Advance signup is required. Please go to the website sheffieldgardenwalk.com and click on Kids' Corner. There will be many rides, carnival games, the Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary, the Chicago Herpetological Society, a hands-on activity from Home Depot and other popular attractions. Kids' Corner will be open from noon to 7 pm both days. A \$25 per-day, per-child wristband will be available again this year to provide unlimited entertainment in addition to individual tickets for certain attractions.

Restaurants

There will be several food selections this year as well as popular beer choices including 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 four 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 \$10. The festival will run from noon to 10 pm on Saturday and noon until 9:45 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 in this newsletter.

SEE YOU AT THE 49th ANNUAL SHEFFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL & GARDEN WALK - JULY 22-23, 2017! **Laury Lewis and Patty Hayes** are co-chairs of the 2017 Sheffield Music Festival & Garden Walk.

A market glance: Lincoln Park and beyond

BY CADEY O'LEARY

Real estate is an interesting business. Interesting because while generalities can be drawn about overall market performance, it is the granular details that matter, particularly to buyers and sellers of homes in a given neighborhood or price point. The Chicago Association of Realtors tracks sales performance across 77 defined Community Areas, of which Lincoln Park is one.

Looking broadly, home prices across the U.S. are reaching all-time highs. In Chicagoland, median sales prices of Single Family Homes are up nearly 10% year to date through May over the same period last year. New listings, closed sales and market times are all up slightly. The median price of a condo has increased 5% to \$325,000 with new listings and closed sales also ticking upward. Relatively strong economic factors and an unemployment rate under 5% combined with attractive mortgage rates are fueling this activity.

Lincoln Park Market Activity

Granular details paint a slightly different picture. In Lincoln Park, new listings of Single Family Homes are up 27% year to date through May over the same period last year. Closed sales are down 9% and median sales prices down 11% over the same period. Market times are hovering at an average of 188 days. Condos, which factor everything from one bedroom vintage units to luxury five bedroom homes, have seen a median sales price increase of nearly 8% YTD at \$498,250. Market times are averaging 73 days with closed sales registering double-digit increases of 11%.

The top end of the market's activity is a bit more tepid. We who serve this market are experiencing it in our interactions with clients, other agents and developers. New construction projects are continuing to push the market to achieve higher dollar sales in Lincoln Park and beyond. Sometimes, those prices aren't translating to buyers, and developers are growing more wary of rising land and labor costs with less certainty of the market's willingness and ability to absorb them.

The Illinois budget crisis and corresponding jump in property taxes are influencing decisions about how much home to purchase and when it makes sense to downsize. We are witnessing longer market times and more price reductions before securing contracts that close. Despite some market inflections, Lincoln Park remains one of the city's most desirable neighborhoods, compelling young professionals, growing families and



affluent empty nesters to call it home.

Market Information Courtesy of Midwest Real Estate Data
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