

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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A Welcome Back but an unsettling Centennial

Thanks to all of our members and visitors for patiently dealing with the museum's reopening process that began in late June. We were pleased to have folks return to visit our new exhibits, including an exhibit commemorating Lincoln Park's centennial this year. As we move into the fall season, we are mindful of the continuing urgency brought by the pandemic and the newer variants of Covid-19. This has - for over 18 months now - become our way of life. We've all had to adapt to the changes to keep our communities safe.

It's been disappointing to have had Lincoln Park's centennial take place during a year of caution and hesitancy, making it difficult to plan for appropriate celebrations or commemorations and with many city-wide events having been cancelled.



Because of this, we are grateful to the **Lincoln Park Downtown Development Authority** for their beautiful 100-year celebration banners gracing the downtown district -- hopefully, you have noticed these, too.

The DDA project encompasses some 150 banners along Southfield Road and Fort Street, recognizing

local organizations and businesses. Motor City Graphix on Fort Street handled their installation. (The historical museum banner is shown here on Southfield).

CHUCK MILLER'S MOBILE MASTERPIECES

Running from August 14 to September 18, the museum's Chuck Miller Mobile Masterpieces exhibition and opening event has turned into a great success. Our thanks to guest co-curators **Tim Caldwell** and **Jeff Richards** for their detailed work on the exhibition and planning for its opening day event. We were grateful for the perfect weather on August 14th. See photos here take that day; more photos can be viewed on the Facebook page and the museum's website. Among the afternoon's highlights were the "Key to the City" presentation by **Mayor Tom Karnes**; long-time promoter **Bob Larivee Sr.** sharing stories of his long association with Chuck; tunes from **D.J. "Savage" Matt Strickland**; and rocker **Margaret Doll Rod** performing on the Red Baron guitar.



Chuck Miller poses with the Red Baron No. 2 and the limited edition Red Baron guitar from Hallmark Guitars (photo by Matt Strickland)

An immense Thank You to all our generous sponsors who made this a success: *Gretchen and Ethan Davidson, Third Man Records Cass Corridor, Hallmark Guitars, Johnson Tattoo, Speedcult Detroit, Micro Group, MRM Powder Coating, Adkins & Sons Contractors, Rocket Printing, Westside Rods & Customs Club, Motor City Brewing Works, Great Lakes Potato Chip Company, ESP Printing.*

MORE MUSEUM NEWS & DATES

A Fundraising Opportunity –

Cornhole Tournament

Will be held on **Saturday September 25**, with 11:00 a.m. registration and 12 noon start time; location American Legion Post 67, 1430 Southfield Rd. With an aim to raise funds for the American Legion post and the Historical Museum. Raffles and basket auctions will add to the day's festivities. The event is coordinated by Virginia Mondon and Linda Kaiser; entry fee is \$20 per person. For more information or to register please call Virginia (313) 706-0099 or Linda (313) 477-6718. Rain or shine – if it rains, the event will move indoors.



Cornhole Fundraiser
Rain or Shine (Indoors, if it rains)
For the
LP Historical Museum & American Legion

American Legion - 1430 Southfield Rd. Lincoln Park – 313-388-2088
Saturday September 25th - Registration at 11 am - Game Starts at Noon
\$20.00 per person – 2 person team - 2 game knockout
Prizes, Raffles, Booze Basket, Food available

*** Any questions on Event or Pre-Registration (preferred) Cash payments only. ***
Call: Virginia Mondon 313-706-0099 / Steve Carnill 313-443-5580 / Linda Kaiser 313-477-6718
Boards may be different in thickness

The poster features a photograph of a cornhole board decorated with the American flag, set on a grassy area.



Mayor Tom Karnes, left, presents Chuck Miller with the "Key to the City"; Candi Miller, center. August 14, 2021

(photo by Merritt Solomon)

Checkout:

<https://www.facebook.com/chuckmillerstylinetribute>

Three of Chuck's renowned creations were on hand for the festivities: the **Red Baron No 2.**, created for the 50th anniversary of the car's debut in 1969 (pictured on the first page); the **Zinger!Van** (below) and the **Vette Zinger!** (bottom)



Photo by Tex Newman



Photo by Matt Strickland

The Chuck Miller exhibit (see cover article) closes on Saturday September 18. Chuck will be here to greet visitors from 12 pm to 3pm. Following the close of the special exhibit, a smaller permanent display of Chuck's career will be installed here in the museum.

We look forward to having the Lincoln Park High School Agriscience class help with museum landscaping projects this fall. Look for some nice improvements to the grounds from these young people.

Museum Grounds Clean Up Day
Saturday October 23 from 10am to 1pm.

Tree and shrub trimming, weeding, mulching, and fall plantings, minor painting. Volunteers needed to join the fun; bring gloves and garden tools. Light refreshments will be provided.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The Annual Veterans Day bell ringing ceremony outdoors on the museum grounds. Area veterans and their families as well as the public are invited to attend.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
IN MEMORIAM



Robert Ruzzin
August 31, 2021

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Lenette and family. Bob and Lenette have been members and supporters of the historical society for many years. Bob was the son-in-law of the late Max and Ethel Schiebold.

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Robert & Jacqueline Gies of Riverview
Ronald & Sherice (Duchamp) Krzywonos of
Carleton
Ed Pecsénye of Lincoln Park

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER RENEWALS

Historical Society members renewing their memberships for 2022 **will find an envelope enclosed here with the newsletter.**

Please take a moment to complete the form and return with your payment – or drop off at the museum during regular operating hours. Thank you very much for continuing to support the museum by renewing your memberships.

Newer members who joined the society this year and Life Members will not need a renewal envelope.

An Official Dedication Ceremony for the Zoltan Sepeshy 1940 Post Office Mural reproduction, installed this past spring, has been placed on hold until we can safely accommodate a larger crowd indoors. You can find photos at our website, or stop by in person to see the amazing result of the years' long process.

A Special Newsletter

Lincoln Park Centennial Edition will be issued at the end of this year. Due to this past year's pandemic restrictions, we are carrying over the Lincoln Park 100 year commemoration here at the museum into 2022. Appropriate celebration events will be planned for the coming year.

Ad deadline for special issue: October 31, 2021
Contact 313-386-3137; lpmuseum@gmail.com

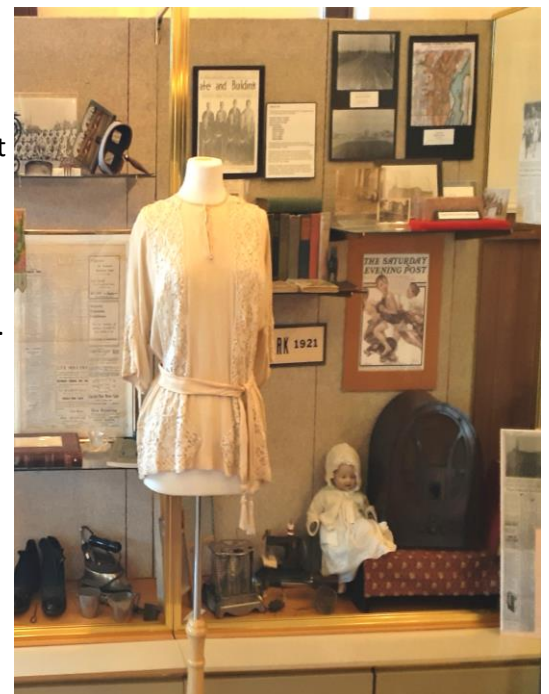
Bill Morrison is creating an original art work incorporating many of Lincoln Park's cultural icons. Sales of the print will help to fund the Historical Museum. Prints will be available before the holidays and will be announced in the next newsletter as well as on our website and our Facebook page.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

A permanent display on Chuck Miller's custom car career will be installed following the close of the current special exhibition on September 18. We are indebted to Chuck and to Tim Caldwell and Jeff ("J.R.") Richards for their individual contributions to the museum's display which shares the exceptional story of a finely skilled artisan and hometown fellow.

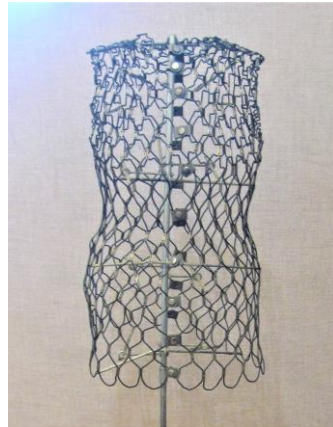
Also for 2022,
are plans for a special exhibit of Lincoln Park Sports Legacies, including an overview of Lincoln Park's 70 year Little League history; and the story of the Lincoln Park Wolverine Parkettes, the AAU-affiliated organized girls athletic competitions (track and field and cross-country) active in the 1960s and 70s, prior to sports for girls being established in public schools.

Our current centennial exhibit commemorating Lincoln Park's founding in 1921 will remain on display into 2022.



COLLECTION DONATIONS

.... Include memorabilia and records from the **Wolverine Parkettes**, AAU-affiliated girls athletic competitions active in the 1960s and 70s, prior to girls sports established in the schools. We are thankful to **Sherice (DuChamp) Krzywonos** and **Jacki (Ford) Bilsborrow** for their recent contributions – and for sharing their stories from their time as members of the Parkettes. Photo below of *Detroit Sunday News Magazine* (“For Kicks, They Run”) February 1, 1970.



Pictured above right is a vintage dress form, a recent donation from the estate of **Amelia Pack** who lived for many years on Champaign in Lincoln Park; the piece was donated by her nephew Joseph Mosolits.

Additional recent donations of pieces received from donors Tony Jesue, Chuck Miller, Paul Zatyko, Tim Caldwell, Jeff Richards, Roy Horton, David Doss, Cindy Davies Wisniewski (for the Carl Davies collection), Elbert Friend (for brother Orlo Friend’s Lincoln Park High School sports memorabilia from the 1920s). Our sincere thanks to all of our donors.

The Historical Society & Museum website continues to be updated with news and additional features covering Lincoln Park history. You will also find virtual editions of our new exhibits on the site.

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Again, we express a huge Thank You to Emily Solomon for her many hours in putting this site together.

We continue to ask that ALL VISITORS, whether vaccinated for the coronavirus or not, please take health precautions and wear face masks when INSIDE the building. We are following the protocol that is recommended by public health experts.

Museum Funding Update

In June of last year, we discovered a need for additional income to fund the museum in light of the City’s financial picture during the ongoing pandemic. Since that time, and with your help, the Historical Society managed to raise over \$11,000 for the museum. Together with the \$7,500 from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), this enabled us to keep paying the bills for the past fiscal year. As for the year 2021-22, we are working with an unclear future. The museum is grateful once again to the Lincoln Park DDA for making a generous contribution to our annual budget. We also thank Roy Horton, Linda Kreuger, Paul Zatyko, and Anonymous for their recent contributions. Donations of any amount will help, and may be made to the Lincoln Park Historical Society, 1335 Southfield Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146.



Prints of the above poster created by artist Glenn Barr for the museum’s Chuck Miller tribute are signed by Chuck, and are available in the museum gift shop -- while they last!

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2021-2022

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Board meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The Historical Society Newsletter is published quarterly. To be added to our email list and help us save on postage costs, please send an email to: lpmuseum@gmail.com