

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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Museum Hours: Wednesday & Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewing historical society members will find an envelope included here with their newsletter for submitting annual dues for 2024.

The rates remain:

Individual: \$15

Couple: \$20

Business: \$40

Benefactor: (added donation above the basic rate)

Student: \$5

Life Member: \$200

New members are always welcome; contact us for details or visit the website.

We rely on the income from memberships to provide the society's programming, events, mailings, cleaning and upkeep, preservation, and collections management.

HERITAGE PLAZA PAVERS DEDICATION

Ceremony held on Saturday September 9th at 1:00 p.m. on the museum grounds, when the eleven new pavers will be dedicated. The community is invited.

The Heritage Plaza legacy continues to honor and memorialize our community members, businesses and organizations that have contributed to Lincoln Park's long heritage. New pavers are dedicated each year. Contact us for information on the Heritage Plaza paver program.

Our thanks to LP High School instructor Mike Suchy for his help with their installation.

WILLIAM RAUPP SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The museum's main exhibit this fall will feature a tribute to William Raupp School, soon celebrating its 100th anniversary. Raupp school was dedicated on Tuesday evening November 27th and opened in December of 1923. A number of items, artifacts and photographs related to Raupp School will be on view, many for the first time, with some on loan from the school. The exhibit's Opening Reception will be held on Sunday, October 8th from 2pm to 4pm.

Pictured here is the Hahl master clock originally located in the school principal's office. This clock controlled all of the classroom clocks with a simple puff of air, through air pressure and a series of pneumatic tubes. The pneumatic clock was a gift to the museum through efforts of School Board member Charles Higgins following the original building's closing in 1998. The new school opened in 1999.

Also seen here is a photograph of one of the earliest Raupp 8th grade graduating classes, from June 1925. School principal Arnold Gregory is seen front row right center, with teacher Hattie Hoy seated to his right.



UPCOMING CALENDAR

Exhibit through September – “100 years of Communications”, see article on third page.

Saturday, September 9th @ 1:00pm – Dedication ceremony for the new Heritage Plaza pavers, 1:00 p.m. on Museum grounds.

October and November Exhibit - “Raupp School turns 100: Taking a look back” Raupp alumni are asked to contact us with memories, photos, memorabilia (possibly on loan for exhibit).

Sunday, October 8th @ 2pm - 4pm – Open House for the Raupp School Exhibit. Raupp School alumni who attended the original school building which closed in 1998 are especially invited to attend. See article on first page.

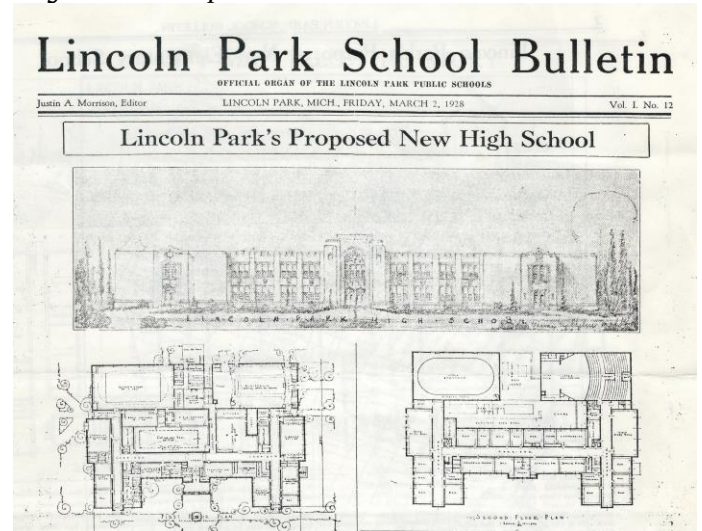
Saturday, October 14th @ 10am- 1pm – Museum Grounds Work Day 10am to 1pm -- volunteers are needed, bring work gloves, light refreshments are provided.

Wednesday October 25th @ 7:00pm – Evening Society Program: “Henry Ford: His Life Timeline” presentation by Mark Campbell of the Henry Ford Heritage Association. Program at 7:00 p.m. As we begin our fall season, we celebrate a return to evening programs here at the museum after a break of more than three years. We hope that many folks will be able to join us for this welcome back ‘reunion’.

Saturday, November 11th @ 11am – The Lincoln Park Historical Society & Museum invites the community to join us in honoring our veterans at the annual Veterans Day bell-ringing ceremony held at 11:00 a.m. on the Museum grounds.

HIGH SCHOOL OPENED 90 YEARS AGO THIS FALL

Plans for a new high school building had begun in 1928 (the March 2, 1928 School Bulletin cover showing its original plans is seen here).



The design had changed by the time construction started in December of 1930; the building with its 36 new classrooms was completed in the fall of 1931. (photo below shows the high school in the 1930s.)



Due to the failure of the State Savings Bank in March 1931 (the early years of the Depression had seen thousands of bank failures), tying up school funds, the building stood empty for two years. It was finally opened to students in the fall of 1933. The school's dedication was held ninety years ago this fall on October 24, 1933. Professor Thomas Reed, head of the University of Michigan Political Science Department at the time, served as principal speaker for the event. Prior to the opening, the first high school classes in Lincoln Park were held at both Lafayette School and Raupp School beginning in 1927.

Long-time residents of Lincoln Park will remember attending the school when it was either the high school, until 1960, or after it became Leo W. Huff Junior High School. Huff was closed in 1982 and the building was later demolished.

Looking Back at a Century of Communications

On view through the end of September is our current exhibit titled, “100 Years of Communications” which takes a look back at how communications have changed since Lincoln Park was incorporated in 1921. We thought it would be fun to see which uses remain today and which have evolved, or disappeared, due to “progress” in technology and invention.

Over the past century or more that Lincoln Park has been a community, the world has seen untold progress in how communication is transmitted, mostly after entering the digital age.

Samples from our collections on view include: pen and ink well, handwritten letter; telegraph key and wire insulators used for transmission; the Instructograph Morse Code Trainer; periodicals and newspapers from the 1920s; newspaper printing plate from The Mellus Newspapers; a Remington Standard Typewriter and ribbon, typed letter/manuscript from the 1920s; ticker tape machine; rotary/pulse-dialing telephone; examples of cameras and photo processing from the 1920s; Edison phonograph cylinders and 78 rpm records, RCA Victrola phonograph; radios of the 1920s; ham radio communications; televisions; mobile phone & “the smart phone”; *what could be next?*



A WORD FROM OUR INTERN

My time at the Lincoln Park Historical Museum has been fantastic. Having the opportunity to work in the community and use my skillset to help with projects and create new ideas on how to help continue to improve the museum is very fulfilling. I love to be a part of my community, gain more outreach, and uplift the organizations within it. I have not been here very long and there are still more plans for the future, but I am very excited to be a part of them.

Adrian Ace

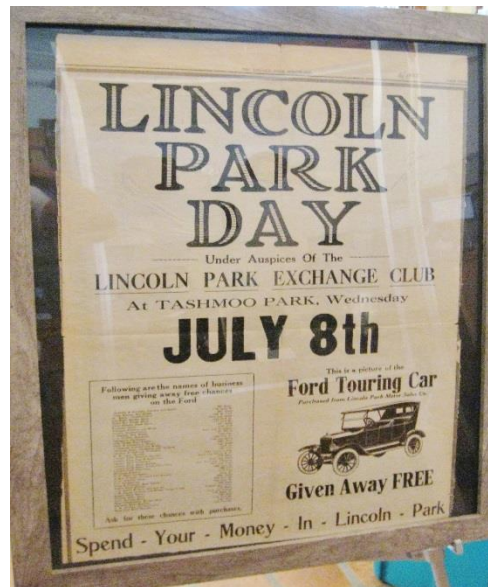
SENIOR RAILSPLITTER UPDATES

Editor Bob Jenkins expresses gratitude on hearing from interested LPHS alumni for help with his biannual newsletter which covers news and contributions from LPHS alumni. We will share new developments on that newsletter soon.



Seen here at the historical museum/society booth for LP Days are from left; society secretary Linda Mixer; Commission chair Jim Goodell; Jason Behr and Jimmy Cargill of ‘Hands of the City’; Commission secretary, Kathy Carter

photo by Jason Nichols



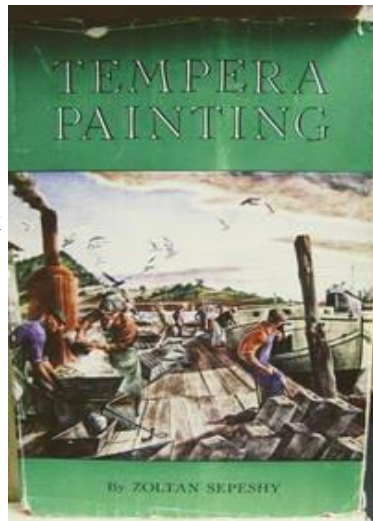
Beginning in 1925, the L P Exchange Club has sponsored the annual Lincoln Park Day(Days) festival, as seen in this ad from the June 1925 *Lincoln Park Westward*. For years, boats regularly traveled north to Harsen’s Island’s Tashmo Park amusement park.

At the end of August, “Lincoln Park Days” was celebrated in Youth Center Park. Since 1925, the Lincoln Park Exchange Club has sponsored the annual festival, first traveling to Tashmo Park on Harsen’s Island, followed by many decades of trips to Bob-Lo Island. The museum & society offered an information-sales booth this week where we connected with many locals, some for the first time. Well worth the efforts put in. Our thanks to all the museum & society staff who pitched in to help over the three days. See photos above.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Our sincere thanks to the following for their recent donations to the museum's collections of artifacts. These will help us tell a part of Lincoln Park's rich and varied story: Noreen Busch Bohn, David Doss, Jim Mixer, Grace Wangbickler, Tom Weschler, Gary Adams, Mike Higgins, Tom Karnes, Leslie Lynch-Wilson, Tim Caldwell, Knox Mitchell, Christopher Bell, the Lincoln Park Historical Society, and anonymous.

Among these is a recent gift from the Historical Society of the 1946 book *Tempera Painting* by artist Zoltan Sepeshy of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.



You'll remember it was Zoltan Sepeshy who painted the egg tempera mural "Hauling In the Net" for the Lincoln Park Post Office in 1940. Sepeshy's book became the standard text on the art medium. Among the illustrations included in his book is a self-portrait of the artist with his wife, Dorothy, seen here.



MUSEUM SHIRTS BY BILL MORRISON

Support local history with the new Bill Morrison designed museum shirts. Available at the museum in standard sizes – larger sizes may be preordered – with cash, check or credit.

\$20 for T-shirts

**\$30 for Sweatshirts (crew or hoodie)
for the coming cooler weather**

Pre-orders: Add \$5 for 2X or 3X, \$10 for 4X



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