

# THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER

Established 1955

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Museum Hours: Wednesday & Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm

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### ANNUAL SOCIETY DINNER & PROGRAM

A Tribute to Clemente's Restaurant

led by Ed Clemente

Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:30pm-8:30pm



Photo showing a part of the museum's 2014 Clemente's exhibit

**Society members are cordially invited** to the return of the annual historical society spring dinner (after three years of pandemic). We will also be returning to the Lincoln Park High School cafeteria, where the catering department has provided wonderful past experiences.

The evening program, led by Ed Clemente, will take a loving look back at the history of Clemente's Restaurant which closed in 2010. Ed is the son of Ettore (Eddie) and Mary Clemente and the grandson of Joseph and Natalina Clemente, of Roca Pia, Italy, who founded the 80-year business in 1930 - at the onset of the Great Depression and during the days of Prohibition. Clemente's began that year as a pool hall serving light refreshments. In 1933, following the repeal of Prohibition, Clemente's was the first local tavern to receive a beer license.

Society members, note you will receive a separate mailing with your invitation to the dinner, where you will learn more about this multi-generation Lincoln Park landmark. The public is also invited to attend.

Reservations are due by Saturday, April 22 - members and guests are \$20; non-members pay \$25. For additional information, call the office at 313-386-3137 or contact [lpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lpmuseum@gmail.com).

### Heritage Plaza Paver Orders and Dedication

The Lincoln Park Heritage Plaza paver orders for 2023 are due in to the museum office by Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available at the museum or by request from [lpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lpmuseum@gmail.com), or 313-386-3137; copies of the form can also be picked up at city hall and the LP public library. The cost of the pavers includes engraving: a 4 inch by 8 inch paver is \$100, and an 8 inch by 8 inch paver is \$150. The new pavers will be installed in the plaza on the museum grounds in May and will be dedicated at the Memorial Ceremony and Bell-ringing held on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. For more information, contact the office at the info above.

### The New Corner



**The lobby is taking on a new look** with a visual presentation on the history of Cranbrook artist Zoltan Sepeshy's post office wall mural "Hauling In The Net", installed here in 1940. The mural reproduction was installed in 2021. The display can be seen in the former post office's bulletin case. To its left is a newly-mounted map of Lincoln Park Postal routes from 1976, color coded for all 37 mail routes. On the same wall is an original blueprint of the post office building's first floor plan, dated 1938. Stop by when you can and take a look at the new corner.

**As the Lincoln Park Historical Society & Museum looks back across the past year,** we take this opportunity to recognize those who have been a great support to us -- and, to commemorate those friends we have sadly lost.

**GREAT THANKS TO**

Our members and benefactors who continue to support with their memberships and generous gifts.

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- Sal's Barber Shop
- Emily Solomon
- Mike Suchy
- Maureen and Patrick Tobin
- Paul Zatyko

*For the gift of new park benches:*

- Ed Clemente
- Jim and Linda Mixer

*2022 CENTENNIAL FUNDING*

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A & R Music                         | A & W Drive In           |
| Accounting Plus                     | Al Petri & Sons Bicycles |
| Aleks Funeral Home                  | Celebrity Silver         |
| Detroit Salsa Co                    | Ed Zelenak               |
| Family Care Pharmacy                | Flowers By Lobb          |
| Hands of the City                   | Hello Records            |
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| Lincoln Park City Council           | Lincoln Park DDA & EDC   |
| Lincoln Park Community Credit Union |                          |
| Lincoln Park Exchange Club          |                          |
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| Lincoln Towne                       | Maureen Tobin            |
| OK Shoe Repair                      | Park Tire                |
| Sal's Barber Shop                   | Solosy Funeral Home      |
| Tint Pro                            | Tom & Mary Karnes        |
| Veterans Glass                      |                          |



2022 Memorial Wreath

Jerry Blessing Jim Fox Nadine Grady Mary Meyer  
Don Wallace Geno Muzzin Jim Magyari

**We welcome the society's newest Life Member**

**Robert Jenkins** of Nancy, Kentucky

LPHS class of January 1954 alumnus

Robert is founder and editor of the *Senior Railsplitter* for LPHS alumni of the '40s, '50s and '60s.

Those who would like to contact Bob can reach out to our museum office.

## CURRENT CALENDAR

**Current exhibit, extended through March: “50 Years of Collecting”** We continue to observe the 50-year anniversary of the Historical Museum with a representative display of gifts made to the museum’s collections from our members and other local residents during the past five decades.

**Next up: Exhibit of “Recent Acquisitions”** added to the museum’s collections.

**Saturday April 8**, museum closed for Easter weekend.

**Saturday, April 15** is the deadline for submitting Heritage Plaza paver orders for 2023. (see front page; these will be dedicated on May 20.)

**Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Historical Society Annual Dinner and Evening Program, “Clemente Family Restaurant: An 80-year Legacy”, L.P. High School cafeteria. (Reservations are necessary, please contact museum office.)

**Saturday, May 6**, Museum grounds workday, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Bring yard gloves.

**Saturday, May 20, 12 noon**, Annual Memorial Ceremony and Bell-ringing on museum grounds; the Dedication of new Heritage Plaza pavers.

### “Project Mondays”

A new program was recently started at the museum enlisting volunteer help for a few hours on Monday afternoons when the museum is closed to the public. Projects relating to the museum’s archives and collections can use help for a period of 2 to 3 hours. Contact us if you have an interest in volunteering - email [lpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lpmuseum@gmail.com), or phone 313-386-3137.

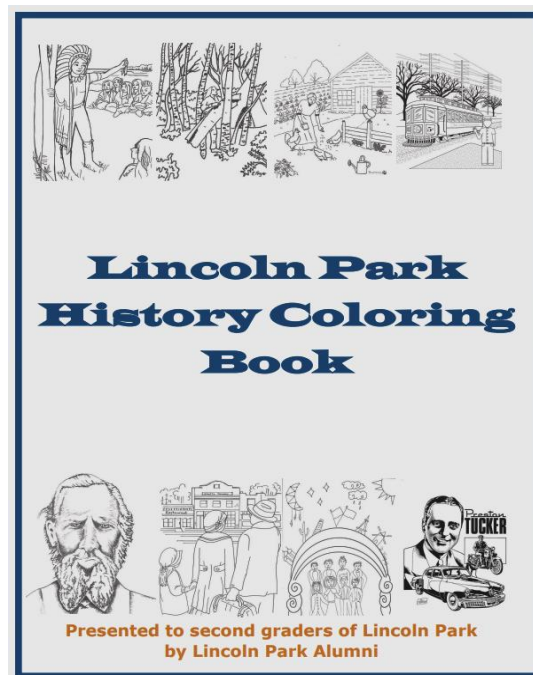
## SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday, May 6 from 10:00am to 1:00pm** is our museum grounds spring workday. Volunteers are needed to help with planting, trimming, weeding, raking, and mulching. Bring yard work gloves. Light refreshments will be provided to the helpers. Thanks to all those who can lend a hand!

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The **Lincoln Park History Coloring Book** has been completed and published and was recently introduced into the school district’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum on local government and history. The project was initiated and supervised by the LPHS class of 1979 alumni, with all alumni artists, and led by Laura Jackson. Many of the funds raised toward the book were so designated through the historical society’s Jack Hinske Memorial Fund, named for the former high school teacher who passed away in 2019. A huge thanks to all those donors who contributed to help the project to its completion, providing young students with a close up – and fun – look at the community’s rich past.

A copy of the new book (cover below) is on view at the museum.



## IN MEMORIAM



**James Fox**

December 29, 2022

**James Magyari**

January 5, 2023

We sadly report the recent deaths of two historical society members, James Fox of Lincoln Park and James Magyari of Taylor. Our deepest sympathies to the families of both these longtime friends.

When you come to visit, look for the most recent additions to the museum’s displays; these are identified with a blue star.



## “What’s that sound I hear?”

Visitors to the museum – formerly the L.P. Post Office building, built by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1938-39 – often ask about that odd sound they hear when visiting during the winter days. The hissing sound comes from the radiator valve. This happens normally as the steam first enters the radiator pushing air out, then shuts off when the radiator is fully heated to selected temperature. Radiated heat – using water or steam – was the most common form of heating prior to forced-air. It is still found in many older buildings and homes, and is often preferred in newer construction due to its efficiency. When the heat temperature is set at the thermostat, the natural gas-fueled boiler below begins to heat water, conducting steam through the pipe system to the radiators located around the building.



One of the museum’s original radiators

### Lincoln Park Historical Society Board and Museum Staff 2022-2023

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

## MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

**Our gratitude to the special donors of Lincoln Park-related artifacts** to the museum’s collections over the past year: former school superintendent Randall Kite; former Mayor Tom Karnes; David Doss; Keith Cloutier; Tim Caldwell; Paul Zatyko; Wayne Woodliff; Sandi and Dan Horst; Jerry Van Hook; Marie & Jane Dean; Linda Kreuger; Michael Coleman; Deborah Ciarlino-Knight; Carolyn Long; John Monaghan; Beverly Toth; Sherice Krzywonos; Jackie Ford Bilborrow; Pam Bagian Beyst; Patti Ford Razo; Laura Grimshaw; Rebecca Derminer; Peter Stram; Mark Gering; Marlene Rinaldi; Paul L’Heureux; Earl Porter Jr; Susan Rhoton; Leslie Allain Emond; Kurt Koch; Carol (Nass) Nikoden Larian; Nancy Flatau Gallagher; Gail Pilkington; Mark Gering; Laura Janoski Jannika; Jerry & Laura Jacobs; Dolores Heyer; Ray Kuzminski; Maggie Schermesser; Larry Krueger; Troy Nicholson; and the estate of Jack Zills.

### William Raupp School to celebrate 100 years



A view of the original Raupp School circa 1940s

**When it opened to students in late 1923, William Raupp School served Ecorse Township School District No. 5 in the northeast sector of Lincoln Park.**

*In recent newsletters, we’ve looked back a century to the formation of Lincoln Park, beginning with its incorporation in 1921. Some views of early developments in the new Village included early church life. Watch for our next newsletter issue for a closer look at Raupp School. The school was named for early school board member and the second president of the Village of Lincoln Park (1923-1925), William Raupp. Raupp was again elected in 1925 to serve as the first Mayor of the new City of Lincoln Park.*

We would like to hear from former students with memories of attending the original school which closed in 1999 and was replaced with the newer Raupp school building that year.