

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER of '23 NEWS

YARD SALE

JUNE 9 AND 10 from 10am - 4pm each day
MUSEUM PARKING LOT

The sale takes place the weekend of LP's city-wide yard sale, Friday and Saturday only. Historical Society members can participate by bringing their own items to sell, situated in spaces on the museum's lawn; reservations are needed asap.

A wide variety of items are offered, including duplicate items from our collections; books and other media; holiday items; discounted gift shop items; as well as donated items from many of our society members towards the sale.

NEW EXHIBIT

"100 years of Communications" Exhibit

We continue to observe Lincoln Park's Centennial anniversary, begun in 2021 when the new Village's incorporation was commemorated and concluding in two years with the City's 100-year celebration in 2025. A new museum display will focus on significant changes in the forms of communications over the last century, with examples taken from our collections of hometown artifacts. The exhibit will open Saturday July 1st and run till the fall.

See calendar on next page for more summer events.

Our March issue went to press prior to the passing of our longtime museum director

MURIEL KNOCH LOBB

on March 2, 2023 at the age of 105

A Memorial gathering was held at the museum on March 26th with members of the Lobb family. Memorial contributions may be made in Muriel's honor by sending to the 'Lincoln Park Historical Society' at the museum address.

Memorial Ceremony held May 20

The annual Memorial Ceremony was held on the museum grounds Saturday May 20th, led by members of the Color Guard of the high school JROTC.

The Lincoln Park High School JROTC color guard gathers prior to the start of the ceremony on Saturday May 20. Lincoln Park's accomplished student corps is led by retired U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Fluharty

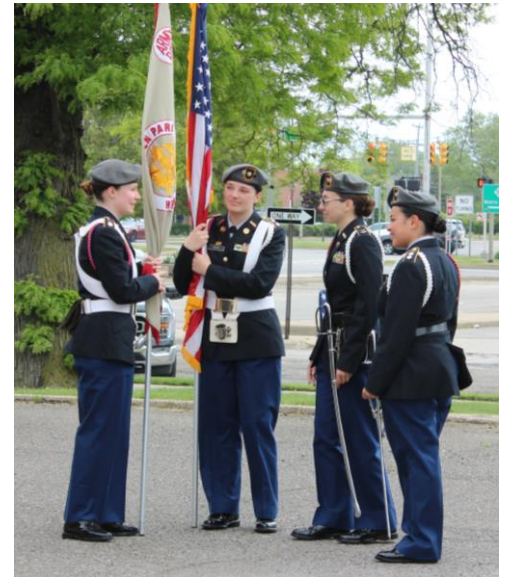


Photo by LPPD Lt. Pat Culter

The photo below shows Lincoln Park Memorial Day Parade festivities from the early 1930s with local veterans of the First World War participating. The parade marched south along the west side of Fort. The buildings seen are on the east side of the street; Kelly Furniture, at right, stood at 1657 near where the Mellus Newspapers building was later situated. Median parking along Fort Street lasted from the 1930s to the early 1970s.



CURRENT CALENDAR

***Friday and Saturday June 9 & 10 Museum Yard Sale, on the weekend of the City-Wide yard sale.** From 10am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday only (no Sunday hours); in the museum parking lot. – see article on front page.

***July & August “100 Years of Communications” Exhibit** (see article on first page) We continue to observe Lincoln Park’s Centennial anniversary, begun in 2021 when the Village of Lincoln Park’s incorporation was commemorated and concluding in 2 years with the City’s 100-year celebration in 2025. The new display will look at significant changes in media and communications over the last century, with examples taken from our collection of artifacts. The exhibit opens on Saturday July 1st, and will run through the summer months.

***The 2023 Heritage Plaza paver dedication** will be rescheduled due to a backlog of orders at the engraver’s shop this spring. The new date for the dedication is **TBA**.

***Don’t forget to catch the Downriver Comic-Con** the weekend of **June 3 & 4** at the LP High School gymnasium.

***Downriver’s Annual Fort Street Cruise takes place on Saturday, June 24th** traversing four communities along Fort from Southfield Road to Sibley Road in Riverview, with entertainment at the LP bandshell.

***On July 28 and 29, Friday and Saturday** look for the historical museum booth at “ART IN THE PARK” at Memorial Park where we will feature a number of gift shop items and posters and our new museum shirts.

Internship & Volunteers

Welcome to our Museum Intern **Adrian Ace**! Adrian is a recent Eastern Michigan University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Entertainment Management. He will be assisting with curating the museum’s many art-related collections and gaining experience in the field. We are extremely happy to welcome Adrian into the fold. While he currently lives in Ypsilanti, he is originally from Woodhaven and knows the downriver area well.

“Project Mondays”

is a new program 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. Please contact us if you might like to volunteer; email lpmuseum@gmail.com, or phone 313-386-3137.

“Mixing it up with Mixer” Autism Podcast

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/kari-thomas2/episodes/Interview-with-a-curator-Jeff-Day-Lincoln-Park--MI-e24murk> The link above will take you to the Mixer Institute for Transition’s podcast site at Spotify where all of the “Mixing It Up...” broadcasts can be heard, including the recent interview at the museum on May 11 with museum curator Jeff Day conducted by six of the Mixer students. They are seen here with their instructors, from left: Kari Thomas, Hunter Ploucha, Luke March, Tyler Mydlowski, Lisa Kroll, Nicole Bateman, Jack Campbell, Devin Miracle, and David Cruz. One purpose of the podcast is to learn technology skills and open up opportunities for the students once they leave Mixer.



FUNDING RECOGNITIONS

We are still glowing from the success of the Annual Dinner held April 27 which raised over \$2,000 to help with the museum’s funding for this fiscal year.

A Big Thanks to our Silent Auction and Live Auction donors: the Clemente family; the Ross family; Students of Mixer Institute; Tint Pro on Dix; Budget Tire on Dix; Park Tire on Fort; Ace Hardware on Fort; Jackie Clark; Mary Jane Fallot; Laura Grimshaw; Bill Morrison; Downriver Comic Con; along with the Lincoln Park Historical Society.

Members of the Clemente family join honorees and matriarchs, **Rose Clemente Jackson** and **Alice Clemente** at the annual dinner which featured a loving tribute to Clemente’s Restaurant by Ed Clemente, seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpMUJY18U4e0>



IN MEMORIAM



Muriel O. Lobb

March 2, 2023

Frank Gary English, Jr.

March 9, 2023

We sadly report the recent deaths of two historical society members, longtime director and museum mainstay Muriel (Knoch) Lobb, who lived to the age of 105. Muriel and her family moved to Lincoln Park in 1921 the year we became a village. Frank English grew up in Lincoln Park where his family operated the English Radio Sales & Service shop at 2178 Fort Street beginning in the 1940s.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to both of their families.

The industrious work crew from the museum grounds cleanup day on May 6 included **Annette DeMaggio, Sandi Horst, Jim Mixer, Merritt Solomon, Holly Couch, and Robert French** (tending the grill). Added thanks to American Coney Island for the donation of hot dogs.



Photos by Jeff Day

The new museum shirts, pictured at right, feature an original design by illustrator **Bill Morrison**. They are being sold at the museum gift shop and by mail order. Contact us for more information at 313-386-3137 or lpmuseum@gmail.com

The T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts (in crew or hoodie styles) are \$30. There is an added charge for 2X and 3X shirts. Order forms will also be available at the upcoming Downriver Comic-Con, at which Bill will be appearing. Proceeds from sales will help to fund the museum.

Thanks to our Donors

Memorial gifts in memory of Muriel Lobb

Linda Kreuger

Grandchildren Amy Brian and Sara

Flowers by Lobb Florist shop

Jean Carnahan

Fred Karn

Kathy and Jeff Clark

Sandi and Dan Horst

Additional recent donors

Ed Clemente

Mike Giordano

Mike Higgins

Anonymous

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Donors to the museum collections in recent months include:

Noreen (Busch) Bohn, David Doss, Tim Caldwell, Paul Zatyko, Kathy Carter, Gary Muzzin, Mike Giordano. Among the latest contributions are a souvenir miniature dinner bell/bottle opener from the old Larson's Café; an article from the April 1960 issue of *True The Man's Magazine* a 16-page excerpt titled, "The Birth and Death of Tucker's Dream Car" by Charles T. Pearson; prior to the publication of Pearson's first-person account of his years with Preston Tucker's automobile enterprise, *The Indomitable Tin Goose*.



William Raupp School celebrates 100 years

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Photo courtesy of Raupp School

Opal (Faurot) Eshleman began at Raupp School as one of the school's first kindergartners in the fall of 1923. This photo shows her attending the celebration of the school's 75th anniversary on May 27, 1998 - the close of an era with the impending razing of the original building and construction of the new William Raupp School which opened in 1999.

(Read more about Raupp School in coming issues.)

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board and Museum Staff 2023-2024

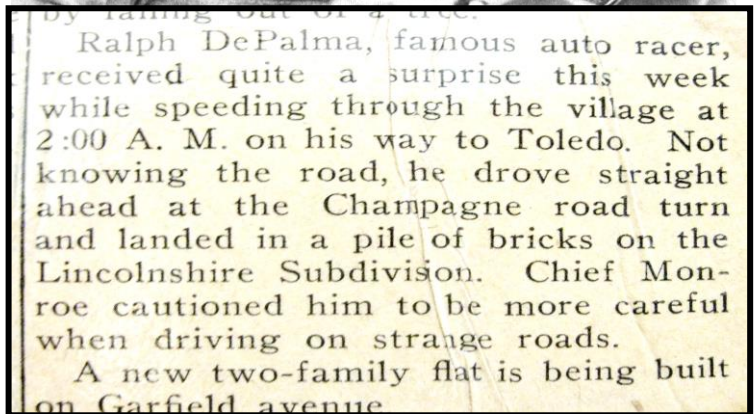
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Board meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. on the THIRD Wednesday of each month. The Historical Society Newsletter is published quarterly. To be added to our email list and help save on postage costs, please email us at: lpmuseum@gmail.com

Famed auto racer Ralph DePalma (1882-1956), below, was caught in the village of Lincoln Park in the dead of night -- one hundred years ago! (The short news item shown appeared in the *Lincoln Park News* of July 26, 1923; from the museum's collections.)

In 1923, DePalma, one of the most successful auto racers in the pioneering years of racing, established the DePalma Manufacturing Company in Detroit to build race cars and engines for automobiles and aircraft. It was not a lasting enterprise and reasons for its lack of success are unclear. Even so, the famous racer obviously made an impression on Lincoln Park's finest.



SOCIETY UPDATES

A Hearty Welcome to new members:

Lilian and Carlos Ross of Lincoln Park

Kathy and Jeff Clark of Brownstown Township

Steve Ammiano of Allen Park

Margaret Roberts of Lincoln Park

Joe Charney of Southgate

Fred Karn longtime downriver businessman and Rotary Club member has joined as the society's newest Life Member

And another big welcome to **Tom Karnes** the newest member of the Lincoln Park Historical Society Board of Trustees. Tom is known in the community as former mayor of Lincoln Park and retired LP Police Chief. We are happy to have Tom share his many skills with us.