

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

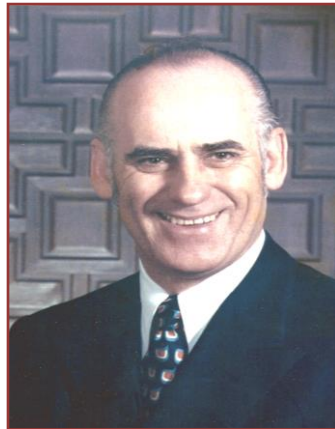
November, December 2014, January 2015
Hours: 1:00pm-5:00pm -- Wed, Thurs, Sat.

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MAX SCHIEBOLD: PUBLIC SERVANT

Max Schiebold's political career began when, as a young husband and father, he was appointed to the Lincoln Park Planning Commission in 1955. Max chaired the commission for five years, during which time the city entered into a major urban renewal project on Fort Street, became home to a stretch of the new Seaway Freeway (I-75), and continued its development of major business and shopping hubs, including the Lincoln Park Plaza and the Sears Shopping Center.

He was first elected to the city council in 1963 and served as its president for six years. His two terms as mayor, from 1971 to 1975 capped a noteworthy career in city politics but it didn't end there. As many know, Max would remain devoted to the city in the ensuing decades and served in a number of capacities after leaving public office. It is his extensive legacy of service, set in place by providence



when the Scheibold family arrived at Ellis Island from Dresden, Germany in 1926 [see photo below] that we are honoring with a special exhibit of personal and political memorabilia along with a number of family photographs. The exhibit is currently on display through November 15.

On Saturday, November 8th the Scheibold family will attend a public reception held at the museum beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please join us if you can.

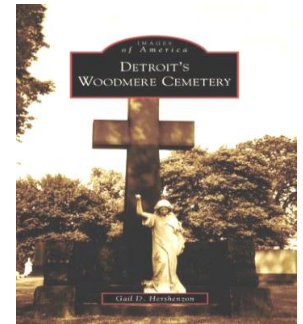


Max is shown here in sailor suit, age 6, with his family: mother Caecelia, baby sister Ruth, and father Theodore (far right with glasses), arriving at Ellis Island aboard the 'SS Deutschland', June 28, 1926.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 P.M.

Historical Society Meeting and Program: "**Woodmere Cemetery**". Author **Gail Hershenson** has written an Arcadia Press book on the subject of the historical Detroit cemetery and will be sharing her knowledge and many stories of this famous Detroit landmark.



Current Exhibit: "MAX SCHIEBOLD: Public Servant", through November 15th.

Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 P.M.

Public Reception for the Max Schiebold exhibit with the Schiebold family, at the historical museum.

Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 A.M.

VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION Bell Ringing Ceremony on the museum lawn, with indoor reception following. All veterans are invited. On special exhibit will be the West Point uniform (1952-1956) of Lincoln Park native **Edward Vallenty**, a recent gift to the museum from Edward and his wife Jo Ellen, also a Lincoln Park native. Edward retired from the U.S. Air Force as Lieutenant Colonel in 1981.

NEXT EXHIBIT "Holiday 2014" featuring the Shirley Temple collection of **Kathleen Bitzer Seitz**, November 22 through December 31.

Sunday, December 14, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members!

John G. Martin of Riverview

Mary Ann & Elvin Reed of Lincoln Park

Anne & Paul Zatyko of Huntington Woods



Holiday Open House

December 14

Join us for our annual holiday open house from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Sunday, December 14

Holiday Quilt Raffle

This beautiful hand-made queen-size quilt is our special raffle for the holiday this year. If you would like to participate, please return your filled-out stubs along with your contribution: just 1 dollar per ticket.



Photo courtesy of Alyce Riggs

The tickets enclosed in our newsletter sent to members are for the raffle of an antique quilt pictured here. **Grace Agnello** hand-stitched the pieces of antique cotton material together, which had been previously cut and pieced by her sister; then the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Quilters quilted the finished product, seen here. We know you will be interested in helping your museum and will send back this ticket (with name and contact information) with your contribution. The winning ticket will be chosen at our Holiday Open House held on Sunday, December 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The DDA-sponsored **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held outside City Hall on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 5:30pm – refreshments and caroling will follow inside the Museum.

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Bob Wittersheim, shown here with a Clippert brick mold from his collection, spoke at the museum in October on the fascinating history of the brick industry in early Springwells Township.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
in 2015 !

2015 is in view

As we approach the new year, plans are being made to celebrate the city of Lincoln Park's 90th birthday in 2015. Many will recall that Lincoln Park celebrated the 90th anniversary of our incorporation just four years ago, in 2011. Lincoln Park was first formed as a village in 1921 with a population of several hundred inhabitants. It was just a quick four years later that the population had grown – exploded, really – to some 11,000 people and to a point where the residents of the young community saw the necessity to re-incorporate as a City, which took place by election in January of 1925. The year **1925** is the period on which we will be focusing with exhibits and special programs here at the museum through the course of the coming year, including honoring our many longtime families and family run-businesses.

We will have further news on these events in our February newsletter, as well as through email and Facebook updates. Along with the city, 90th anniversaries will also be observed by our municipal Fire Department and the LP Exchange Club next year.



The Harrison Building, home to Floyd Harrison's Insurance business was one of the first commercial buildings erected along State Street [Southfield Rd] at Electric, ca. 1925.

.....and another Landmark Anniversary

In addition to the 90 years of city history we will be celebrating next year, we are taking time to mark another significant anniversary: *Is it possible that it's been 50 years since the formation of the legendary rock group 'The MC5' here in Lincoln Park?* For those too old to know, the MC5 were a group of teens mostly out of Lincoln Park High School who met in the early 60s and formed a group

that went through several early transitional stages before emerging as the classic hard-driving rock troupe that we remember today. Beginning in October 1966, the MC5 became the house band for Russ Gibb's Grande Ballroom concert venue in west Detroit through the late 60s and early 70s - and recorded their live debut album, "Kick Out the Jams" there. While the MC5 first made their mark locally, in Lincoln Park and downriver, and later as a major presence in the Detroit-Ann Arbor music scene, they were at the vanguard in cultivating an early alternative style along with Iggy and the Stooges that would later evolve into punk rock. 1970's "Back in the USA" is arguably one of rock's premier albums.

The MC5 have been rock music legends for over four decades, and we are excited to have an opportunity to recognize their contribution to the national music scene with a very special event and exhibit here in Lincoln Park next spring. To this end, we are looking for local folks who have MC5 material and memorabilia (some may be still on walls, some tucked away) that could be temporarily loaned to the museum for this exhibit [if you are able to help out with this project please contact curator Jeff Day, at 313-0386-3137, or by email lpmuseum@gmail.com.]

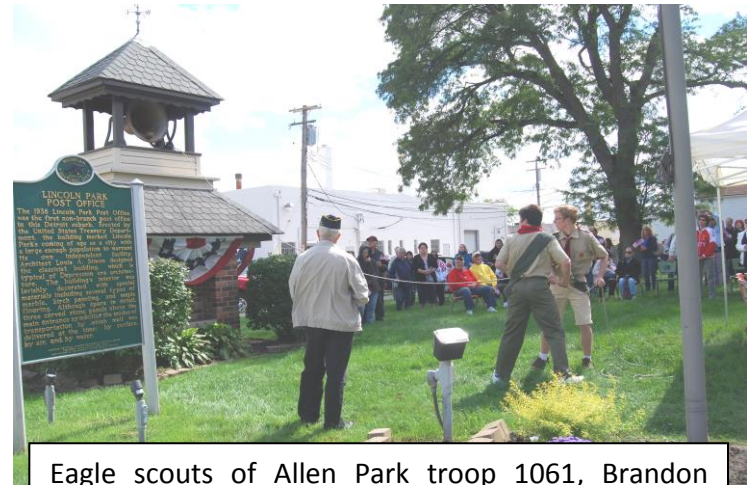
The Grande Ballroom's resident poster artist Gary Grimshaw - another Lincoln Park High student and '63 graduate - would create a stunning collection of psychedelic concert posters that are today considered among the best of the rock era. Gary, who died in January of this year, is being honored for his work in a current exhibit entitled "Gary Grimshaw: Detroit's Counterculture Poster Artist", at the Detroit Historical Museum. <http://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions/special-exhibitions/center-stage>



Left to right: bassist Michael Davis, drummer Dennis Thompson, guitarists Wayne Kramer and Fred "Sonic" Smith, and vocalist Rob Tyner

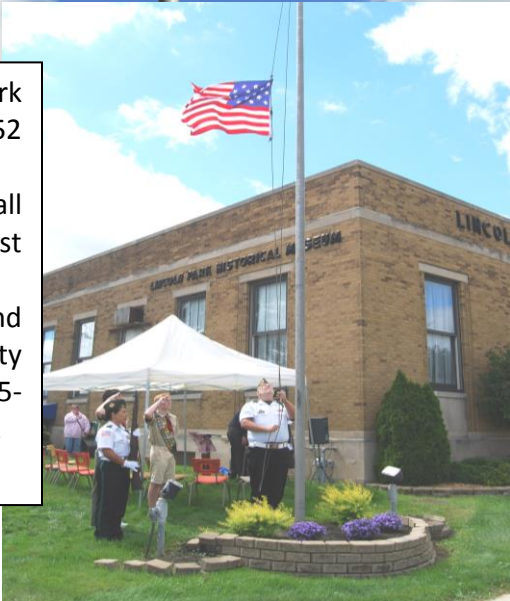
PHOTOS FROM THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER BICENTENNIAL EVENT - SEPT 13, 2014

Courtesy of Pat Kush and Mike Horvath



Eagle scouts of Allen Park troop 1061, Brandon Huffman and Jonah Huffman ring the historic Goodell School bell fifteen times to represent the fifteen stars and stripes on the 1814 flag.

Lincoln Park VFW Post 552 Commander Michael Ball and post members Jennifer and Patrick Heraty raise the 15-star 1814 flag.



Lincoln Park High School Marching Band and choir members under direction of Lee Kraft, performing "The Star Spangled Banner".



Exchange Club representative Mike Horvath, high school student Natalia Carmody, and historical society representative Alyce Riggs assist in reciting the four stanzas of "The Star Spangled Banner" as written by Francis Scott Key on the morning of September 14, 1814.



Historical Commission secretary Sherry Huntington, with VFW Commander Michael Ball, post members Jennifer Heraty and Patrick Heraty