

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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David LeBlanc's saloon and store located on east side of Fort Street circa 1890s, find this photo at Taqueria El Paisa Mexican Restaurant

FORT STREET HERITAGE PROJECT

For the past year the Historical Society has been working on placing large format historic photos of early Lincoln Park in a variety of local shops and businesses, mostly located along the city's historic Fort Street corridor. This heritage project has been spearheaded by society member Joe Turinsky, who also serves on the Lincoln Park Historical Commission. We are grateful for Joe's time and efforts spent in coordinating this project.

Following is a list of those current businesses and addresses where you can find the photographs. **The original businesses pictured in the photos are indicated by bold type.** Plans are underway to expand the project in the coming year.

1. **The Knoch-Lobb Family Flower shop**, currently "Flowers by Lobb"; the flower shop opened in 1929 and had its first location on the east side of Fort Street. The family-run shop has been at 1382 Fort St. since the late 1930s.

2. Lincoln Park Lofts and Marshall's Boutique, 1583 Fort Street; **Park Theater, 1925**

3. Community Cares' Turning Point Club House, 1605 Fort St; **Lincoln Park National Bank Building, 1926** (later became State Savings Bank, Security Bank & Trust)

4. Refuge Coffee House, opening soon, 1706 Fort Street; **Sims Men's Wear Building and 1700 Block of Fort Street pictured in 1940s**

5. Taqueria El Paisa Mexican Restaurant, 1715 Fort Street; **David LeBlanc General Store and Saloon, circa 1890s**; on Fort Street north of St. Cosme Line Road (Southfield Road today)

6. Walgreens Pharmacy, 1769 Fort Street; **State Savings Bank, 1923**

7. Al Petri & Sons Bicycle Shop (since 1946), 2160 Fort Street; **Vans (1929), Dixie (1933), and C.E. Ford Service Station, pre-1946**

8. Los Arcos Market, 2210 Fort Park; **Chiarelli & Leone's Grocery Market, 1925**

9. Malgonadas de Barrio #3, 2225 Fort Street; **Karol's Grocery, 1928**

10. CVS Pharmacy, 2230 Fort Street; **Joseph Bondie homestead, circa 1900**

11. Lincoln Park Historical Museum/U.S. Post Office, 1335 Southfield Road; **Quandt Field, pre-1938**

A HUGE THANK YOU TO GRACE!

We are ever indebted to Grace Wangbickler for her many years of service on the Historical Society Board, not only as a trustee, but for serving many of those years as Membership Chairperson. Grace is retiring from the Board effective the end of December, and we wish her well and good health.

Blessings to you, Grace!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

The public is invited to attend all Society events.

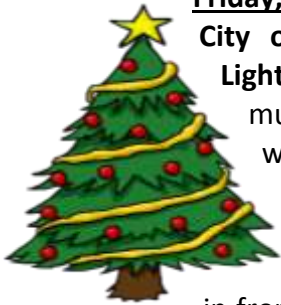
Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.

Our 10th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration & Bell Ringing Ceremony on the museum lawn. Local military veterans and their families are invited to attend. An indoor reception will follow.



Friday, December 8th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

City of Lincoln Park Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony - The historical museum will be open to host a warming center and for refreshments following the Lincoln Park DDA-sponsored tree lighting ceremony held in front of City Hall on the Southfield Road median. Santa and Mrs. Claus and carolers will be on hand.



Sunday, December 10th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Historical Society's Annual Holiday Open House
Join us for refreshments and live music!



PLEASE NOTE The museum will be closed in January for our annual cleaning. We will reopen on Saturday, February 3rd.

Sunday, February 25, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Gary Grimshaw celebration. A special gathering is being planned to remember Lincoln Park native and artist Gary Grimshaw on what would be his 72nd



birthday. Gary's studio exhibit continues here at the museum, now extended through January 2020. See our next February newsletter for updated information and special guests.

NEW A/C SYSTEM

If you have stopped by the museum since we reopened in late October, you will have noticed evidence of the new air conditioning system recently installed while the building was closed for two weeks. Electrical upgrades were also made at that time. The A/C roof unit was put in place with ceiling vents designed to make the building – and our visitors and staff – more comfortable in the warmer summer months. We can't wait to put it to good use!

The Historical Society Annual Giving campaign this year will be used toward helping to pay for the A/C system and related expenses, which came to over \$9,500. Members, please watch for your annual giving letter to arrive in the mail shortly. Thank you for any help you may be able to provide.

Donations may also be made directly to the Lincoln Park Historical Society, 1335 Southfield Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146, with notation "for A/C".

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER



Iconic U.S. recruitment poster from WWI

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held on November 4th at the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge #1665. Our deep thanks to all those who turned out to support this effort to replace the stolen Lincoln Park World War I memorial

plaque. A special thanks to the Moose staff and administrator Vinnie Bruzzese for providing the space and the food preparation and serving. They were all wonderful!

The dinner raised close to a thousand dollars to cover the cost of replacing the memorial and its re-installation on the monument in Memorial Park. The original bronze war memorial was dedicated on May 30, 1938. It was stolen in the spring of 2013. The new plaque will be made from cast aluminum with a bronze patina.

If your ancestors served in the First World War, please plan to join us for the Memorial Day ceremony in May of next year, the centennial year of the war which ended in November of 1918. The new memorial plaque will be re-dedicated at that time.

IN MEMORIAM



Elsie Urban
September 20, 2016
John Urban
October 23, 2017

We were very sorry to learn of the passing of two of our Historical Society life members, **Elsie and John Urban**, of Grosse Ile. John's parents John and Helen Urban moved to Lincoln Park in the 1920s and operated Urban's Market on Fort Park at Champaign for nearly 40 years, making their home in the upstairs apartment, where young John had grown up. Our sympathies are extended to the Urban family.

Trustee Grace Wangbickler's retirement from the Historical Society Board will leave an empty seat until the next elections in April. If any of our members may be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please let us know.

HERITAGE PLAZA

The Lincoln Park Heritage Plaza will have its next dedication of bricks in May, 2018. Brick orders are accepted at any time, with the engravings and installation taking place annually each spring. Order forms are available at the museum, at city hall and at the public library, or call us for more information.

Happy Birthday, Muriel!



Muriel Lobb, left, our retired museum director, who turned 100 years old on October 31, is shown with baseball legend **Mary Moore** at Mary's talk at the Lincoln Park library on September 23rd.

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Board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. The Society Newsletter is published quarterly. To be added to the email list and help us save on postage costs – and receive a color version of the newsletter – please send an email to: lpmuseum@gmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thanks to all those society members who have renewed their annual dues. If you are one of those who may have forgotten, a reminder slip is inserted here in your mailed newsletter. Please take a moment to send in your membership dues for 2018. Check the slip for the current rates.

Note: New members who joined in 2017 will receive their first renewal envelopes in August, 2018.

Our recent exhibit on Preston Tucker and his ground-breaking Tucker '48 automobile ended on September 30th, and was one of our best-attended exhibits.

We remain grateful to the **Tucker Automobile Club of America** and to **John Tucker Jr.** for their generous loans of over two hundred unique Tucker items from their collections.



One of the display cases devoted to the Tucker exhibit this summer.

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