

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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The Story Continues:

In our newsletters over the past year we've looked back on the community's one hundred years, sharing some of the stories of early Lincoln Park. This month we focus on the **beginnings of early village church life.**

Many of the earliest congregations to form in the new village had started by meeting in private homes; this included the Methodists and Lutherans.

First Methodist

..... began as several non-denominational church school groups, one led by village clerk Floyd Harrison among others, meeting in the Goodell School and in the home of Mr and Mrs Elmer Baxter on Chandler Ave. Rev L. F. Rayfield was the first pastor for the new Methodist church which organized in 1922, soon purchasing a building site on Victoria Avenue. Later, the permanent building on Fort Park at Anne was erected in 1925. Their former home on Victoria was then sold to the new Baptist Church. First Methodist and Dix Methodist, established in 1924, went through the attrition of members befalling many main-stream denominations and both closed in 2013.

St Henry's Catholic Parish

.....was led by Father Vincent Toole who in 1923 acquired space in the old Oakwood School (today a part of Melvindale) for the new parish. In the renovated school, Father Toole set up a portable altar used when he served as army chaplain in the trenches of France during the First World War. The first Mass was celebrated on June 3, 1923. The following year, ground was broken for a new building on land just inside Lincoln Park, purchased from village resident Albert Kaier. St. Henry's parish would keep its home on Council Street until it was consolidated in 2014 with Christ the Good Shepherd.

Calvary Lutheran

.....was formed in early 1924 with the construction of the Bungalow Chapel on property purchased at Cicotte and Chandler. Rev. Walter Kleinhans led the new congregation and established the Lutheran School at the same site in the fall of 1924 with a first class of 27 pupils.

First Baptist

The first Baptists in Lincoln Park attended the Methodist church on Victoria beginning in 1923 and attended "cottage prayer meetings" at each other's' homes during the week. The group eventually found rental space in an unfinished home at Cicotte and Fort Street until the congregation was formally organized in 1925.

The Rev. Asa Richardson was called as the first pastor in May and that August the First Baptist congregation purchased the former Methodist church building on Victoria for its permanent church home.



First Methodist Church
Victoria Ave.
(1921)



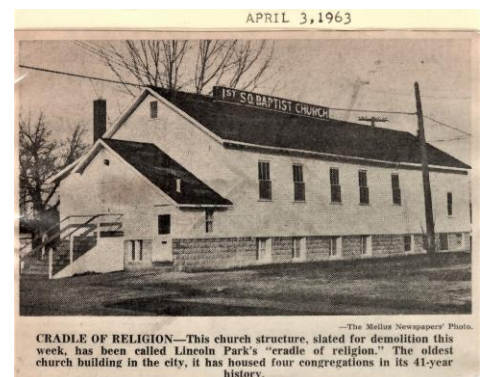
St. Henry's
Catholic Church
Council Ave.
(1923)



CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN

Calvary
Lutheran Church
"Bungalow
Chapel"
Chandler Ave.
(1924)

First Baptist
Church
Victoria Ave.
(1925)



—The Melius Newspapers' Photo.
CRADLE OF RELIGION—This church structure, slated for demolition this week, has been called Lincoln Park's "cradle of religion." The oldest church building in the city, it has housed four congregations in its 41-year history.

A Veterans Day Dedication



The Veterans Day ceremony held on the museum grounds November 11th, was a time to formally dedicate the **Sgt. Craig S. Frank Memorial Highway**, that section of Fort Street, M-85, extending the 2-plus mile length of Lincoln Park, north to south.

Army Specialist Craig Frank, the son of Tim and Linda Frank of Lincoln Park, participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving with the 1775 Military Police Company, Michigan National Guard. He was killed in action on July 17, 2004 while his unit was providing military convoy protection north of Baghdad.

Pictured above are Mayor Tom Karnes, State Rep. Cara Clemente, councilperson Maureen Tobin, councilperson and mayor-elect Mike Higgins, councilperson Lillian Ross, councilperson-elect Jason Behr, and council persons Tracy Duprey and Larry Kelsey.

Thank You, Society Members!

Thanks to all who have renewed their historical society memberships for 2023. Your continued support is critical to maintaining our mission in the community.

Those yet needing to do so will find a friendly reminder slip tucked inside your mailed newsletter.

For convenience, members – **and new members too** – can submit their dues online at our website:

<https://www.lphistorical.org/become-a-member>

Scroll down to the **DONATE NOW** button, fill in the information, and mark your donation as a MEMBERSHIP. Your payment will be acknowledged.

(The membership rates are listed on the same page.)

COLLECTIONS NEWS



Recent donations of Lincoln Park-related artifacts to the museum's collections have been received from Randall Kite, David Doss, Keith Cloutier, Tim Caldwell, Wayne Woodliff, and Mayor Tom Karnes.

In addition, Marie and Jane Dean of Lincoln Park have gifted the museum with items discovered in the attic of their home on Paris. The home was built in 1925 and was originally the home of George Shanley and his family. Shanley was a Lincoln Park Village Commissioner in 1921 and one of the first city councilmen in 1925. He and his wife Velma ran a real estate office from 1356 Fort Street (later the site of North Bros auto dealership.) By the 1930s, their business had evolved into the Shanley & Shanley Insurance agency.

The business sign, above, was stored away in the attic of the home on Paris since that time, along with a framed athletic team photo picturing George Shanley in his younger years. We greatly appreciate having these gems.

Our sincere thanks to ALL of these donors for their help in keeping Lincoln Park history alive.

Museum Donations

Tax-deductible donations of any amount will help us with funding museum operations and programming. Contributions may be sent to the "Lincoln Park Historical Society," 1335 Southfield Road, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Online donations can also be made by accessing our website on the membership page:

<https://www.lphistorical.org/become-a-member>

Here you can simply scroll down to the **DONATE NOW** button and fill in the form.

A THANK YOU!

We express our utmost gratitude to Society Vice-President **Dolores Walker**, who has taken leave from the Society Board for health reasons. All of us here offer a hearty “Thank You!” to Dee for her many years of service and participation, and her years-long dedication to the Board and to the historical society’s mission.

and, A WELCOME!

to our newest Historical Society members
Rebecca Wilson Chamberlain of Oceanside CA
Marilyn Murray of Lincoln Park

CURRENT CALENDAR

Current exhibit, through Saturday, December 31: “50 years of collecting”; celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the Historical Museum which opened in May of 1972. We close out the year taking a neat look back in time at a wide selection of gifts made to the museum’s collections from each of the past five decades. Stop by and check them out!

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Historical society member **Paul Zatyko** presents a program entitled “**Crafts of Tinplate, Pewter and More**”; raffle prizes, and hand-crafted items are featured for sale. (This program has been rescheduled from November.)

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony on Southfield median, sponsored by the Lincoln Park Downtown Development Authority; public reception with refreshments, caroling, and visits with Santa Claus in the warming tent at the Museum parking lot; Museum will be open that evening from 6pm to 8pm.

Saturday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

We have rescheduled the movie event “**Invasion of the Saucer Men**” which had to be cancelled on October 30th. The film will be shown on the anniversary of actor Lyn Osborn’s birthday, Saturday January 21. Same location: the Bandshell building, 3240 Ferris at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. The alien costume contest is also still on!!

The Historical Museum will be **closed for the month of January.**

IN MEMORIAM



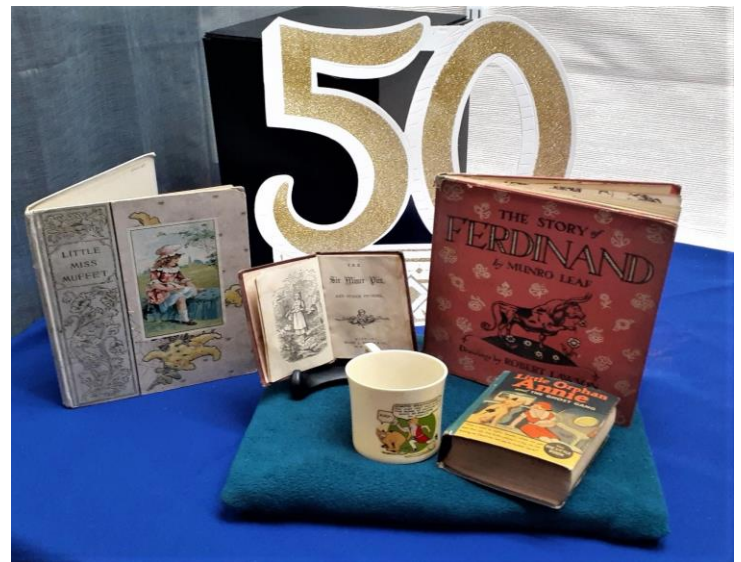
Geno Muzzin

October 8, 2022

Long time historical society member, Geno Muzzin has passed away at the age of 95. All of us here at the historical society and museum extend our deepest sympathies to Geno’s family and friends.

THANK YOU, DONORS

Our thanks to recent donors, Lisa Adkins, Rebecca Wilson Chamberlain, Robert & Jacqueline Gies, Beverly Vincent, Janice McLaughlin, Linda Kreuger, and Jim & Jackie Bilsborrow.



Our current holiday exhibit through November and December includes selections from the museum’s fifty years of collecting, 1972-2022, with a focus on select gift-type items donated from Lincoln Park residents over these past five decades.

We are happy to announce the **Lincoln Park History Coloring Book**, a project of the LPHS class of 1979, is on target to be published soon. It’s projected to be in the hands of 2nd grade classes of the LP Public Schools this January. All art work was created by LPHS alumni. Funds were raised through the historical society’s Jack Hinske Memorial Fund as well as private donors, beginning three years ago, and then the pandemic hit which stalled everything. We are very pleased to see the project moving into its classroom phase. Thanks to Laura Jackson and her ’79 committee!

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

George Gouth, longtime downriver educator, writer, speaker and historian, passed away on November 6, 2022 at age 90 of natural causes. George was a highly-respected friend and mentor to historical groups from many downriver communities, including Lincoln Park, where he had spoken on several occasions over the decades. Originally from Wyandotte, where he began his teaching career, George later moved with his family to Taylor. Both communities continue to benefit from the many years of generous contributions and his help with guiding their respective historical societies.

On October 15, a volunteer crew descended on the museum grounds for a fruitful day of cleaning, trimming, raking, and weeding. Thanks to those who provided an added ounce of elbow grease; seen below left to right: Annette DeMaggio, Sandi Horst, Jason Nichols, Cara Clemente, Holly Ivey, Steve Cargill, Robert French, and Jeff Day (behind the camera).



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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 us save on postage costs, please email us at: lpmuseum@gmail.com



Museum Gift Shop for unique holiday ideas!

While out shopping for holiday gifts for family and friends, remember to stop in at the museum gift shop for a variety of Lincoln Park-related items, including art posters and illustrations (many signed by the artists), books, ornaments, and a selection of distinctive vintage pieces. (see photo at left.) The shop is open during regular hours of 1pm to 6pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and will also be open special hours Saturday evening December 3rd from 6pm to 8pm. We now accept credit cards for payment as well as checks and cash.

