

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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100 Years, plus 1 A Centennial Saturday October 1st

So... the intention was to hold an appropriate community celebration for Lincoln Park's 100th birthday way back in 2021. The coronavirus pandemic - as it did for many things - forced a postponement. While we can all agree that distress and disappointment have plagued the past couple of years, there is definite relief that we can, again and with less risk, gather together under one roof. Which means that a centennial commemoration celebrating Lincoln Park's 101 year anniversary can now be held!

Please join us on **Saturday, October 1st**. The festivities will take place at Lincoln Park High School, 1701 Champaign Road. The celebration reception and program will be held in the Lincoln Park High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be on hand; a highlight of the evening will feature the presentation of special honors and recognitions; a slide show of early Lincoln Park history will be shared by museum curator Jeff Day, and live musical entertainment will be provided. Reservations are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. We hope that many of you can join us for the anniversary!

FREE FILM SCREENING

To extend the celebration of Lincoln Park's founding in 1921, a FREE showing of the classic silent film, **Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid"** released the same year will be held in the Lincoln Park High School auditorium, also on Saturday, October 1, and prior to the evening program. The screening is offered to the public free of charge, no reservations are needed. Doors will open at 4:30p.m. with a **5:00 p.m. movie time.**

Guest parking is available in the rear/south lot of the school building with theater entrance off the parking lot. An accessible entrance is at the school's front circle drive off of Champaign Rd.

"The Kid" is known for being Chaplin's first feature-length film, in his trademark role of the Tramp, and co-stars a six-year-old Jackie Coogan as The Kid. For the film's 50th anniversary, in 1971, Chaplin composed a musical score to accompany his 53-minute film. That is the version we will see and hear.

The free film screening is a separate event from the evening reception which does require advance reservations -- See article at left.



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At a Crossroads

Lincoln Park becoming a Village in June of 1921 was part of a period of massive social change. In the years after the first World War, the whole country in fact was transforming, with emphasis on vast immigration movements, new voting rights for women, and the passage of prohibition laws. It was also called the Jazz Age and the Roaring Twenties, reflection of the transformation from rural to urban/suburban territories.

Lincoln Park emerged as well. This change as any community, while also dealing with its own early growing pains. This special anniversary of our early history was reflected in the very real concerns of the Governor's report from 1921. The report which stressed growth from urban Detroit and St. Clair River (later to be State Street and later changed to Southfield Road) an old property line running from the Detroit River and across west to Taylor Township and beyond. It was both later and circumstances that gave form to a community here.

LIVE POULTRY

Come and get your Thanksgiving dinner. The best is of birds in addition you will get...

Books, Toys, Children, and Old Toys! Thank You!

SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 19th

Come and bring your household items. Plenty of...

at QUANDT'S HALL

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This 100-year-old ad ran in the November 17, 1921 issue of the Lincoln Park News, Vol. 1, No. 26, published by Edward B....

librarian who also published the Lincoln Tribune and others.

The earliest existing newspaper in the Museum's collection.

These former Quandt's business, built in 1887 on St. Clair...

County Road, was variously known as Quandt's Hall, Quandt's...

early train center dubbed "Quandt's Corner".

A lot of the first bridge officials built operated in the space...

in fact the Lincoln Park Motor Sales of below, for the first...

year anniversary is known owned by Herbert Quandt and Debra...

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CHEVROLET \$525

Lincoln Park Motor Sales

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To avoid redundancy and reissuing the 2021 SPECIAL CENTENNIAL issue of the newsletter from last year, readers can look for it at our website here:

<https://www.lphistorical.org/newsletters>

Please Note: Reservations for the 6:30 p.m. October 1st Centennial Anniversary program are due by Monday, September 26. Reservation forms are included in the member mailing along with your membership renewal envelopes and the current newsletter.

Reservation Forms are also available at Lincoln Park city hall, the public library, and at the Kennedy Senior Center/Parks and Rec office on Ferris St., as well as at the museum.

Little League Celebration held

For the 70th anniversary of Lincoln Park Little League this year, celebration events were recently held on August 20th. It was thrilling to have four of the original Lincoln Park players on hand, who played the first year 1953 (after the league was officially chartered here in 1952). Now barely octogenarians, **Joe Charney, Don Oboza, Bill O'Donnell, and Ken Lavictoire** were anxious to pick up bat, ball and glove and join the alumni ballgame held at Quandt Park. The game proved to be a multi-generational effort with real sportsmanship and camaraderie; several youngsters helped to give us enough players to put together the two teams. Mayor Tom Karnes served as the honorary game coach.

We are indebted to LP North President Dave Cruz for his support and offering the field and equipment for use. And, thanks to Dave, we also had an experienced umpire for the game!

In addition to those mentioned above, these former players also joined for a memorable fun game: Bill O'Donnell's younger brother John O'Donnell who started playing in '54, Holly Ivey-Couch, Nicholas Walls, Anthony Jesue, Ray Kuzminski, Alexandria Cruz, Jim Goodell, Rodney Ritter, Eric Anhut, Juston Gerbo, and the four youngsters, Cole Matteini, Nolan Gerbo, Jayden Anhut, and Ryker Karasinski. Others who showed for the alumni gathering include Virginia Mondon, a former coach and a Lincoln Park institution in her own right; players Larry Krueger, Billy Sims, Dan Addison, Larry Jesue, Sarah Perry, John Fields, Vic DeMaggio, Jim DeMaggio, and Andrew Dobrovalski. Andrew was the youngest alum, having played with LP North from 2020 to 2022.

See photo at top right for the entire alumni squad who appeared for the game, including the four younger boys who took care of the outfield – well played, boys! Thanks to all for their spirited participation!

We additionally thank our friends at **Detroit Salsa Company**, 3464 Fort Street, for generously donating chips and salsa for the alumni reception held at the museum in the afternoon.

The day's activities were well attended. The successful event has led to talk of making the Little League alumni game an annual affair, probably held earlier in the spring. More news to come.



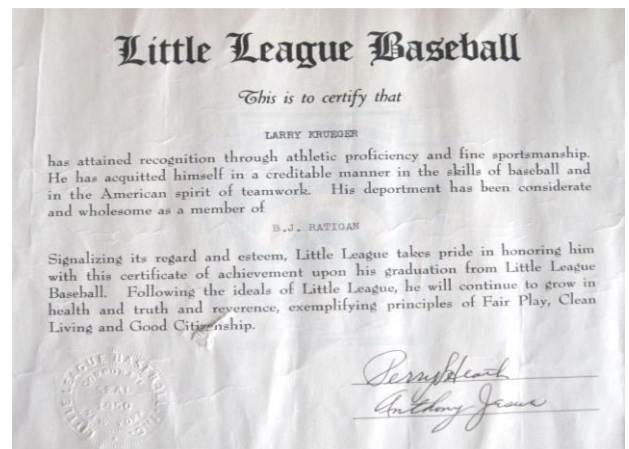
The alumni L.P. Little League squad who played in the Aug. 20th ballgame, including the four younger boys.



Three of the original 1953 Little League players are seen here (L to R): Bill O'Donnell, Don Oboza, and Joe Charney.

COLLECTIONS NEWS

Recent donations of Lincoln Park-related artifacts to the museum's collections have been received from David Doss, Carol (Nass) Nikoden Larian, Nancy Flatau Gallagher, Tim Caldwell, Gail Pilkington, Laura Janoski Jannika, Dolores Heyer, Ray Kuzminski and Larry Krueger. Our sincere thanks to all these donors for helping to keep Lincoln Park history alive.



Larry Krueger's 1955 Little League certificate of recognition signed by Perry Heath and Anthony Jesue

CURRENT CALENDAR

Saturday October 1 Centennial Anniversary Events

5:00p.m. "The Kid" 1921 silent film, Free admission
LP High School auditorium, doors open at 4:30pm

6:30p.m. Lincoln Park Centennial Anniversary
reception & program with recognitions, live music, at
the LP High School Cafeteria;

\$10 for members and guests; \$12 non-members
Advance reservations necessary

Sunday October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Halloween offering: "Invasion of the Saucer Men" a
1957 film featuring Lincoln Park's own Lyn Osborn;
Bandshell building indoors; Free Admission, doors
open at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, today we celebrate a
return to the Historical Society's evening
programming after an absence of more than two
years! Historical Society member **Paul Zatyko** will
give a presentation on "The Crafts of Tinsplate, Pewter
and More," at the 7:00 p.m. program. We hope to
see many of you back with us here at the museum.

Friday, November 11 at 11:00a.m. The annual
Veterans Day bell-ringing ceremony is held on the
museum grounds. All are welcome.

GARDEN TOUR

The revamped Lincoln Park Garden Tour, held on
August 6th was sponsored by the LP Garden Club under
the auspices of the Community Improvement
Commission. We were pleased to be selected as the
recipient of the contributions given for the tour maps
which were picked up that morning at the museum.
Total donations from the walk came to \$164 for the
museum. Our Thanks to the Community Improvement
Commission !

Business ad space is offered for the special
October 1, 2022 Centennial Anniversary printed
program. Deadline for submissions is Monday
September 26. Please contact the museum office
for details and rates.

WELCOME!

to our newest Historical Society member

Larry Krueger of Ocala, FL
(formerly of Lincoln Park)



The two new park benches were installed this summer on
the museum grounds near the Heritage Plaza, dedicated
to Kenneth and Charollet Mixter, and to Clemente's
Restaurant. Thanks to custodian Robert French and
Historical Commissioner Larry Jesue for their hard work.
Now we are waiting for the green grass to return.



We are saddened to share the news of the passing of
our friend **Jerry Blessing** on July 26, 2022. A native of
Lincoln Park, Jerry visited us often and had made
significant donations to the museum's military
collections from his time serving in the U.S. Marines
during Vietnam. Our deepest sympathies are extended
to Jerry's family.

THANK YOU, DONORS

A Big Thanks to recent donors, Jim and Linda Mixter,
Maureen Tobin, and Roy Horton.

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
member page:

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

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

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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

Hello Society Members!

You will find your annual membership renewal envelopes for 2023 enclosed in this mailing, please return with your level of payment: **Individual \$15; Couple \$20; Business \$35; student \$5; and a Life Membership is \$200.** (Life members will not receive envelopes; newly signed-up members will also not receive renewal envelopes until next year. **Benefactor Level** is a donation amount you wish to include over and above your membership dues.

Also, feel free to use the same convenient envelope to enclose your reservations for the October 1st Centennial Anniversary event. The cost for members and their guests is \$10. Thank you in advance for choosing to continue with your vital support.

TUCKER: THE MAN AND HIS DREAM

The Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA will present several screenings of Francis Ford Coppola's 1988 award-winning film "*Tucker: The Man and His Dream*" on the weekend of September 16-18. The creation of the ground-breaking Tucker automobile in the 1940s - when Preston Tucker and his family lived in Ypsilanti following their earlier years in Lincoln Park - and the struggles that he encountered along the way is a riveting story. Check DFT website for more info. <https://dia.org/events/tucker-man-and-his-dream>

ALIENS LAND IN LINCOLN PARK!



To celebrate *Halloween* this year, the museum will present a special screening of "**Invasion of the Saucer Men**" (1957), which features Lincoln Park native **Lyn "Buddy" Osborn** (1926-1957) in the role of Artie Burns - also the movie's narrator. (Lyn is the human being in the above advert.) "Buddy," who lived with his family on Lincoln Boulevard, was a 1943 graduate of Lincoln Park High School. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the war, he moved to Los Angeles to start his hoped-for acting career, studying at the Pasadena Playhouse. Osborn is more popularly known for the role of "Cadet Happy" which he played for five years, from 1950 to 1955, on the tv and radio serial *Space Patrol*. Lyn's career was tragically cut short when he died at age 32 following emergency surgery for a brain tumor.



Lyn Osborn, bottom, with Ed Kemmer on the TV series *Space Patrol*.

"Invasion of the Saucer Men" will screen once only on **Sunday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.** inside the Band shell building, accessible from the Memorial Park parking lot. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The movie is offered to the public **FREE** of charge and reservations are not needed. A short presentation on Lyn Osborn's life will also be shared. Donations are accepted and light refreshments will be available; no outside food or beverages, please.