

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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HOLIDAY MIXTER INSTITUTE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT

We are pleased to announce the Mixer Institute of Transition students are providing items for the museum's special holiday exhibit this year. A selection of arts and crafts items specially created by the students will go on display in late November. A museum open house and reception with some of the students is scheduled for the evening of **Saturday, December 2nd**, along with the city of Lincoln Park's holiday tree lighting ceremony held at the Southfield Road median beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Drawing by student David Cruz

The Mixer Institute, part of the Lincoln Park Public School System, provides a post-high school program for young adults with autism that reside in the Downriver/Dearborn communities.

The Mixer Institute has a rich history of preparing students for the work force and to live as independent adults. Among the opportunities offered are student podcast projects, gardening and lawn care, woodworking, operating an onsite resale shop; students are also employed at various job sites throughout the downriver area. For more information about the programs offered by Mixer Institute, please contact the school office at 313-389-0220.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Historical Society Board at its October meeting has confirmed an Annual Giving project for the end of this year.

Contributions to this year's campaign will be used for the historical society's **Oral Histories Digitization Project**. Starting in the 1950s, long ago residents were interviewed via tape recorder to share stories of their life in the still young city, which for many had grown alongside their own families. Emigration for work in the auto industry brought an influx of families to the area; these joined with the pioneering farm families here for a century or more to create an incorporated village molded out of Ecorse Township. With a new community came new businesses (no surprise that real estate was the biggest business among the multiplying population), schools, churches, and a new municipal government. Each of these stories are priceless.

We are preparing to transfer these important recordings for both physical and digital preservation purposes as well as for continued research into our past. Please consider contributing to the Lincoln Park Oral Histories Digitization Project.

The "Lincoln Park Historical Society" is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization allowing for tax deductible contributions.

Donations of items to the museum's Lincoln Park history collections have recently been received from Cheryl Irwin, Tom Parkinson, Susan Mixer DesHarnais, David Doss, Tim Caldwell, Sandra Cunningham, David Cruz, Kathy Carter, LP Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to all these friends for thinking of us with their gifts.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Saturday, November 11th @ 11am - Veterans Day ceremony and bellringing, held on the museum grounds.

Saturday, November 18th - Final day of the Raupp School 100-year anniversary exhibit.

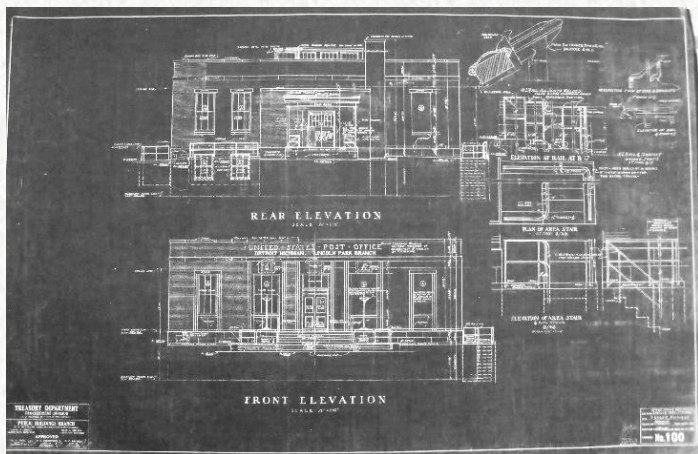
Wednesday, November 22nd - Note the museum will be closed today for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will reopen on Saturday, November 25th.

Saturday, December 2nd - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Holiday Open House and City of Lincoln Park Tree Lighting Ceremony; Also The official opening of the Mixer Students Arts and Crafts Exhibit, will remain on display through the holidays

Saturday, December 29th - the museum will close at end of the day, until February 2024.

The museum will be closed for the month of January, reopening on Saturday, February, 3rd, 2024. Happy New Year, everyone! **See article on January garden classes here sponsored by LP Garden Club**

The Tom Roberts Architectural (TRA) building assessment of the museum/historic post office, was submitted to the Lincoln Park Historical Commission in October. Funds for the assessment were provided by the Lincoln Park Downtown Development Authority. This is the first professional assessment to be completed on the historic 85-year-old building since the Historical Society acquired the post office building thirty years ago.



TRA, of Wyandotte, has provided services to a number of historic restoration and preservation projects. Moving forward, grants will be sought by the LP Historical Society to fund the building's outstanding issues.

Raupp School 100-Year Exhibit Open House



The William Raupp School centennial exhibit, seen above, will continue through Saturday, November 18th.

Pictured below on October 8th is retired 6th grade teacher Ernest Wendt (1966-1984) seated, with two of his long-ago students Elias Moraitis, right, owner of Park Restaurant, and Toula Kratsas, left, along with Lincoln Park's mayor, Mike Higgins. For a look at some of the open house see this link to the city of Lincoln Park Youtube page provided by Don Bilinski. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm2U2Ct366M>



Lincoln Park Garden Club

The Lincoln Park Garden Club will be offering classes in January 2024 on a variety of topics. Each Wednesday from 1-2:30 at the historical museum, we will have an expert present a gardening topic and lead a discussion.

Classes are no-cost. Donations for the museum are greatly appreciated.

ONE OF THE FEW NEWSPAPERS IN OUR COLLECTIONS from one hundred years ago is the *Lincoln Park News* issue of December 6, 1923, donated by early Raupp School teacher Herman Boldt in 1977. The cover story features a lengthy article on the new Raupp School dedication.

Additional December 6th news included: At its December 3 meeting, the Village Commission approved the continuation of sewer construction -- to the great appreciation of the residents of the village -- along with the costs and assessments to pay for them. The Applewood Street Pump Station opened in December of 1923; its dedication plaque - on display here at the museum - is seen at right.

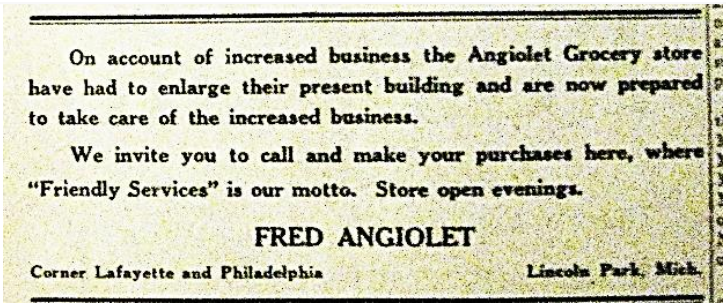
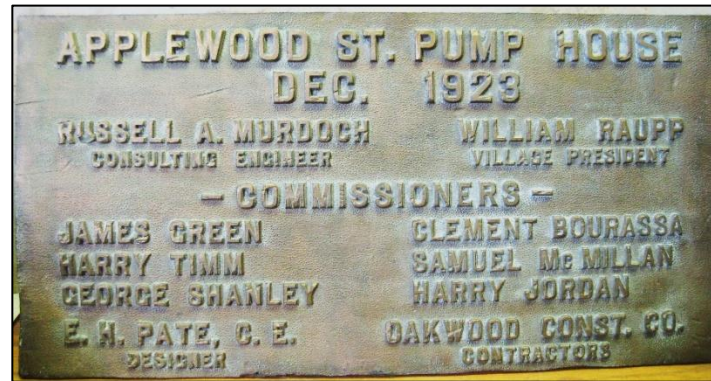
"Fred Angiolet, one of the pioneer merchants of Lincoln Park, has doubled his floor space in his store at Lafayette and Philadelphia [later changed to Russell] and carries an up-to-date line of fresh meats and groceries."

"James Goodell sold 44 acres for \$40,000 [to developers *The Crowley Brothers*]. Last year this property could have been purchased for half the price."

"Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Barney, of Lincoln Park Manor, have purchased a new long distance radio set and request that all the neighbors come in and hear the concerts as they are keeping open house."

"A pedro party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finley next Thursday evening, December 13th for the benefit of St. Henry's Parish." (*Pedro was a popular trick-taking card game originating in the 19th century, from the game 'All Fours'.*)

Ads seen on this page, from the same issue, include Angiolet's Market and the Lincoln Park Hardware. The State Savings Bank, then located at the corner of Fort Street and State Street (Southfield Road, near the present site of Walgreens Pharmacy) was the first bank to open in the village, on November 12, 1923.





Thanks to the folks who gave their time at the grounds cleaning in October. Pictured left to right: Larry Jesue, Lylian Ross, Annette DeMaggio, Kathy Carter, Jacques Ledent, Sandi Horst, Karen Ledent, Robert French.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

At this point in early November, we have received many membership renewals for the coming year (2024). Thanks to everyone who has returned them. In case you haven't yet had time, a friendly purple reminder slip is included with this mailing.

We are happy to share the news of two recent Life Memberships: **Lynne Coles**, and **Sherice and Ron Kryzwonos**. We also welcome new members **Joanne Sherwood** of Lincoln Park, and **Jerry and Pat VanHook** of Taylor.

Our current membership level stands at 151 total: 73 Life memberships; 24 Couples memberships; 50 Individual memberships; and four honorary members. We express a sincere "Thank You" to all our Benefactors for your extra support. Benefactors have contributed over and above their membership level dues.

We'd like to recognize our recent benefactors: Lisa Adkins, Jim and Julie Bademian, Jacki and Jim Bilsborrow, Joseph & Patricia Gall, Robert & Jacqueline Gies, Dan & Sandra Horst, Linda Kreuger, Janice Mclaughlin, Alan Salyer, Richard & Marie Snyder. Membership dues and contributions go far in supporting the mission, the operations, and programs of the Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING – UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

The new museum shirts can be found at the museum's boutique – prices begin at \$20 and range up to \$40 depending on the style and size of shirt. Tee shirts, crew neck and hoodie sweatshirts are available. If we don't have your size, we can order it. The museum also continues to stock a collection of art posters, prints, and books including the Lincoln Park History book for \$20, and the Lincoln Park History Coloring Book for \$10. Stop by and check out our other unique gift items.



Society Members will receive a 20% discount on all boutique sales items on Saturday December 2nd, between 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

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Board meetings are held at 11:30 p.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