



# MID-NORTH ASSOCIATION

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## From the President



**“You Can’t Keep a Down Man Good”**

**Artist: Ted Sittling Crow Garner**

**2008 Sponsor: MNA**

**Location: Dickens & Lincoln Park West**

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*“I invite residents, area businesses and institutions to join us as we work together to promote the wonderful spirit that is Mid-North”.*

Our President, Barack Obama has asked all Americans to make a renewed commitment to serving your community and your country—to find service projects in your community or even organize your own around the issues you care about. Our Mid-North Association was established in 1950 and has been granting funds to service organizations and institutions within our area. We are able to do this by holding

our annual Chicago Summerfest in Lincoln Park. As President of Mid-North Association, I am putting a call out for your service by volunteering for our two day festival June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We can work together, neighbor to neighbor, getting to know one another, and feel pride in our efforts. Being a volunteer is fun and easy. Your admission is free; you get a Summerfest 2009 T-Shirt, drink and food coupons, and a chance for a great raffle prize. See: Volunteer Party info in the calendar of events.

Other volunteer opportunities within Mid-North are:

Lincoln Park Village  
[www.lincolnparkvillage.org](http://www.lincolnparkvillage.org),

Lincoln Park Community Shelter  
[www.lpcsonline.org](http://www.lpcsonline.org),

Green City Market,  
[www.chicagoreencity.org](http://www.chicagoreencity.org);

Lincoln Park Zoo,  
[www.lpzoo.com](http://www.lpzoo.com),

Lincoln Park Conservancy,  
[www.lincolnparkconservancy.org](http://www.lincolnparkconservancy.org)

to name a few.

## CHICAGO SUMMERFEST IN LINCOLN PARK

Get ready, get set, VOLUNTEER!!! After a cold long winter ... think SUMMER!!!

Once again we are gearing up for another fabulous Mid-North Association Summerfest in Lincoln Park-- June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2009. We have teamed up with Star Events, who has already booked some of the sponsors, bands, artisans and advertising.

If you have a business in our area or are an artisan who wishes to participate, contact:

Star Events at 773-665-4582 or [starevents.com](http://starevents.com) for further information and to download applications. We truly wish to keep our event as local and as “green” as possible.

We are excited about expanding the KIDS CORNER and will have Kiddy Concerts and activities for all ages. Our own Melanie Apel ran the Kids Corner last year and says “This year’s Mid-North Summerfest Kids’ Corner is going to be our best yet!” The Corner is FREE to all children attending the Fest and there is no charge to participate in any of the activities provided, all of which are being generously donated by local kid-friendly businesses. Since Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> is Fathers Day, Kids—grab your Dads for a Father’s Day Picnic and some fun and games with the Mid-North Summerfest

Kids are FREE

Adults only \$5.00

How about a Bud brewsky or Goose Island 321, even though we are in 773. .

Please help us. VOLUNTEER. This is such a wonderful opportunity to do something fun that makes such a difference to so many in our neighborhood.

For more info:

773-296-1721

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[www.mid-northassociation.org](http://www.mid-northassociation.org)

## Save the Dates– Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 19, 2009  
5:30-7:30 PM

JOIN US in a fond farewell party honoring Lynn and John Kearney. The gallery is showing John's chrome bumper sculptures and bronzes. This quite possibly may be the last time you can view his work locally in a gallery setting.

Please come and sign a special memory book as our parting gift for all the wonderful years of the rich cultural arts Lynn and John have provided to Mid-North.

Contemporary Art Workshop  
542 West Grant Place

Light Refreshments & Wine

Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
6:00-8:00 PM

Summerfest Volunteer Party

Kelsey's  
2265 N. Lincoln

Bring along friends, family and neighbors.

Enjoy some appetizers and beverages.

Sign up for a shift or two.

Can't join us?

E-mail:

[info@mid-northassociation.org](mailto:info@mid-northassociation.org)  
with your name, e-mail address, and phone number to indicate which date you prefer.

Thanks in advance!

May 13, 2009  
5:30 PM Sharp

MID-NORTH TOUR

ALFRED CALDWELL LILY POOL

MEET at LILY POOL INSIDE GATE—SE corner of Fullerton and Cannon Drive West of Zoo parking lot

Trained docents will guide us and explain the historic and ecological significance of this secret sanctuary designed by Alfred-Caldwell in the Prairie School style inspired by Jens Jensen and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Followed by: "Dutch Treat" dinner nearby Mid-North restaurant. R..S.V.P. by May 11

[info@mid-northassociation.org](mailto:info@mid-northassociation.org)  
773-296-1721

We will have 10 people for each docent, so a head count is needed. For last minute info 773-425-0203 to see if space is available.

## Support Our Local Businesses

Please support these local businesses, institutions and schools:

After School Center  
2335 N. Orchard

Belden Stratford  
2300 N. Lincoln Park West

Books in the City  
2428 N. Lincoln Avenue

DePaul University  
1 E. Jackson Blvd

Ironworks Fencing  
858 West Armitage Suite #205

John Barleycorn  
658 W. Belden

Lincoln Park Community Shelter  
600 W. Fullerton

Lincoln Park High School  
2001 N. Orchard

Kelsey's  
2265 N. Lincoln Avenue

National City Bank  
2021 N. Clark Street

New Leaf Theatre  
2045 N. Lincoln Park West

Park West Cooperative Nursery School  
2335 N. Orchard

Salon Michael  
1939 N. Lincoln Avenue

Superior Properties  
2001 N. Halsted

Val Realty  
2218 N. Geneva Terrace

## Children's Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Update

The redevelopment of Children's Memorial Hospital site has been the focus of three planning meetings that Alderman Vi Daley has hosted. Working with master planners and urban designers from HOK plus traffic and parking strategists, market analysis and financial feasibility consultants and historic structure

researchers, residents are helping shape the future of one of the largest land parcels that will become available in Lincoln Park. Vi has created a blog that includes the presentations, suggestions and discussions regarding this project. Her office is also home to a number of presentation pieces for review and

comment. The display is open on Mondays from 5PM-8PM; Wednesday 9AM-Noon and Friday 3PM-5PM. Feel free to stop by the alderman's office at 735 W. Wrightwood.

## Green City Market/Go Green

Green City Market is Chicago's only sustainable green market and 501(c)(3) organization. Over 45 sustainable or certified organic farmers and thousands of shoppers, Green City Market features chef cooking demos, the "Sprouts" educational program for kids, "Breakfast Club" discussions about the link between well-being & good nutrition, and a membership base that funds outreach and educational initiatives. A partnership has formed with the Zoo to plant the Edible Garden in the Farm-in-the Zoo sponsored by John Deere. Green city Market has morphed into a vital "green" Market at the

south end of the Lincoln Park that Alice Waters calls "the best sustainable market in the country".

Mid-North supports the Green City Market. They make it easy to be green!

Remaining indoor Market Dates:

March 7, March 21, April 4,  
April 18

8:00 am-1:00 pm

at the Peggy Notebaert Museum.

Outdoor Market Dates begin:

May 9<sup>th</sup>

Mid-North offers yet another way to go green! Let us email you this newsletter. To have your paper newsletter stopped and your email newsletter come to you, please email us at:

[info@mid-northassociation.org](mailto:info@mid-northassociation.org).

Save a tree.



## Lincoln Park Village Is Looking for People and Places

As they move toward launch in May, Lincoln Park Village is developing a member outreach program that puts teams of volunteers at as many of the neighborhood events as possible.

Most recently, Village volunteers handed out information and talked to lots of interested folks at the Green City Market—a perfect venue for friendly exchange.

Do you know of an upcoming gath-

ering, a meeting, a block party where participants would benefit from learning more about Lincoln Park Village and what it offers? Are you interested in hosting an at-home informational coffee for friends and neighbors? Would you help inform our community as a team volunteer?

Please e-mail all details to [info@lincolnparkvillage.org](mailto:info@lincolnparkvillage.org). Or call the office at 773.248.8700.

Lincoln Park Village is a pioneering not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to ensure that people who choose to stay in the community as they grow older have the services and support to do so with enjoyment and confidence. Volunteers are building the Village and will provide the skill and talent for many of its programs and services.

## Chicago Landmark Ordinance Challenged

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Illinois Appellate Court ruled that the way the City of Chicago's Landmark Ordinance was written was unconstitutionally vague, and gave overly broad powers to a non-legislative body. However, the litigation applies only to the recently-

enacted Arlington-Deming District and East Village District. At present, the City's Landmark Ordinance continues to apply to the Mid-North District (and all other such Districts, except the two mentioned above). It is expected that the City will appeal this

decision to the Illinois Supreme Court.



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*Mid-North Association (MNA) is a non-profit volunteer organization, established by residents in 1950 to protect and preserve the historical character and charm of our architecturally-rich community.*

*Nestled in vibrant Lincoln Park, MNA's twelve block area is bounded by Chicago's beautiful lakefront park (known as Lincoln Park), Fullerton Parkway, Lincoln Avenue and the Ogden Right-of-Way.*

*Mid-North is surrounded by a cultural wonderland. We're adjacent to the Peggy Notebaert Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo, Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, Lincoln Park Conservatory, DePaul University, Chicago History Museum, Oz Park, and the Victory Gardens Theater is right in our neighborhood, along with wonderful city restaurants and unique shops.*

**Hillary Thieling, Director**, She is the owner of Sparkle Queen, a green residential cleaning service, serving Chicago's lakefront neighborhoods, including the Mid-North neighborhood, since 2003. Hillary is active in the local business community and is member of the Chicago Sustainable Business Alliance and Local First Chicago. She and husband Tom have two children, Ray and Anissa

**Christine Ryan Harland, Director**, and husband Robert and daughter Madison have been in Chicago five years. They painstakingly renovated their beautiful landmark home and added landscaping, which gives a new dimension of beauty to the street. Christine feels it is now time to take an active role in Mid-North's district and looks forward to the future of this unique community.

**Margot Fenech, Director** is our newest board member starting January, 2009. She and husband Ed are residents of Mid-North since 1987. She had careers in retail as a buyer in Chicago and New York, sales and marketing director for a Continuum of Care Community as well as liaison to the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce while working for a local bank. She volunteers for Park West Association, Sheffield Neighbors Association as well as Mid-North Association.

## Meet the Mid-North Board of Directors

**Nada Riley, President**, long-time resident of Mid-North still lives in the house she was born and raised in. Her daughter Kim is a senior at St. Mary's University in Minn. Nada is involved in just about everything in Mid-North and beyond. She works at Park West Cooperative Nursery School, is the Director of the After School Center, and serves on Lincoln School and Lincoln Park High School's Local School Councils.

**Harriet NewDelman, Vice-President**, has worked as a Residential Realtor with Koenig & Strey for 20 years and loves living and working in Lincoln Park. She and husband Barry have two daughters, Chula and Kimberly, a grandson, and grand-daughter. She is a member of the Lincoln Park Chamber, a board member of the North Side Affiliates of the Museum of Contemporary Art and a founding board member of the Lincoln Park Village.

**Marco LaCava, Treasurer**, moved to Mid-North in 1996. Marco is the president of the 601-609 Belden Condominium Association, and has worked in Corporate Food Service sales for over 30 years. Marco became a director for Mid-North in 2006 and Treasurer in 2008. Marco's son, Jason and wife Cari recently made him a grandfather of baby boy Ethan.

**David S. Chernof, Director of Planning**, and wife Loren, have lived in Mid-North since 1976 where they raised two children. David has been council for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and a member of the Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council, a Trustee of the Chicago

Architecture Foundation and an adjunct professor at John Marshall Law School.

**Sue Saunders, Recording Secretary**, has lived in Mid-North for 20 years. She is the General Manager of the Belden Stratford. Sue serves on several Condo boards, and has served on the Lincoln Park Chapter Board of the Infant Welfare Society. Sue has been on Mid-North's Board and served as Recording Secretary since 2004.

**Melanie Ann Apel, Corresponding Secretary**, is a neighborhood native and a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Mid-North member. She is Owner and Coordination Director of the Paintbrush, a children's art studio in Lakeview. Melanie has been a freelance writer of children's books (plus the popular pictorial history *Lincoln Park: Chicago*) since the mid-1990s; her most recent book is *It Happened to Me: Cystic Fibrosis*. Melanie is a single mom of two boys Hayden and Alec. She chairs the Kid's Corner of the Summerfest.

**Barry NewDelman, Director**, and architect serving on Mid-North's Planning Committee. He has his own firm, Barry NewDelman & Associates and his interests include eco-friendly solutions to building, energy deregulation, and riding his Victory motorcycle cross country with the Chaiway Riders. He lovingly shares children Chula and Kim and grandchildren Asa and Zayza with Harriet, his wife of nearly 40 years. (Their first date was at John Barleycorn).