



President's Message

It finally feels like summer is here with blue skies and 80 degree days. It does seem like we waited a very long time this year to enjoy the warmth of the sun.

This will be my last year as Lincoln Central President. My second term will be up in December, and it will be time for someone else to assume the role. As with most volunteer positions, this role requires much time and effort – but the rewards outweigh the effort. In one of my first President's messages, I wrote that after I came on the Board as a Director in 2004, I very quickly asked myself “What took me so long to get involved?” For me and many others in our Association, being involved with what goes on in our neighborhood is not an option. It is part of what we feel we should do to influence and protect the community where we live.



In the past three years, I have watched this Association grow and mature in many ways. One of the most important to all of us is our Zoning process. It is now a formal process, held at the same time monthly (go to www.lincolncentral.org for details). Today most projects that ask for zoning variations come before this group to get input and support. Our Zoning Committee is the core of how Lincoln Central influences and protects our neighborhood now and how it will look in the future. Our Board and members also are actively monitoring and participating in discussions on other key issues affecting LCA in the future, including:

- with Alderman Daley, working to draft a new ordinance that would protect open spaces, at grade, in our backyards. City code already calls for open space in the rear yard, between a house and its garage. Lincoln Central seeks language within the code that would eliminate raised structures between a house and its garage, such as breezeways and connectors.
- monitoring the redevelopment of the properties currently owned by Children's Memorial Hospital that will be vacated in 2012.
- monitoring the development of the North, Halsted and Clybourn properties and the effects on traffic in our area.

As the City continues to be a very popular place to live, the area within Lincoln Central Association continues to be in the heart of that redevelopment. Fifteen years ago we were all very surprised as the trend to tear down a property vs. rehabbing hit our area. Now the trend is for two, three and sometimes four-lot developments. What will this neighborhood look like in the future? Please join us: help create and defend how Lincoln Central will look in the future.

Richard Rausch
President

Bauler Park Advisory Council – Community Maintenance Program 2008

Bauler Park

Bauler Park is a tremendous asset and wonderful resource for our neighborhood. For those of you with young children or grandchildren, it is a welcome and frequent stop. For those with school age children, the open space is a valuable sports court. For all of us, this open space adds to the beauty and vibrancy of the neighborhood.

The Park's current appearance is attributable to the generous support of local neighbors. Over the past six years, more than \$50,000 has been raised and spent for such things as new plantings, new benches, a sprinkler system, the restoration of the Wisconsin Street parkway and general maintenance which supplements the Park District's efforts.

Please support this wonderful park! For more information on making a contribution please go to the Lincoln Central Association website at www.lincolncentral.org. To volunteer with the movie/picnic night and a fall party, please contact Elizabeth Samuels at emsamuels@gmail.com or (312) 664-1906. We look forward to neighbors coming out to celebrate the park.

Bauler Park is located on Wisconsin Street, between Cleveland Avenue and Mohawk Avenue.



Safe Running In and Around Lincoln Park

Winter is finally over! Summer is here, the time of year we start our outdoor activities. Many of us will start running after several months of doing little or no physical activity.

The question is: What is the best and the safest way to return to, and enjoy, outdoor running?

As a runner and coach for more than 34 years, let me offer the following suggestions, which will help ensure your safety and health.

1. Annual physical:

Yes, it sounds simple but simple things are overlooked.

This simple exam can save your life. Make sure to get a complete blood test and an EKG – a painless test to check the beat of your heart. Inform your doctor that you plan to start outdoor running workouts again and ask if there is any reason why you should not. Schedule your annual exam today. It could save your life.

2. Wear an I.D.:

Again, a very simple matter but one that's often overlooked. Besides, where do you put your driver's license if your shorts don't have pockets?

The answer is easy. Purchase an I.D. that can be attached to your shoes. Check-out: www.roadid.com.

3. Don't overdo it:

This is the number one mistake of most athletes after their long winter layoff. They begin by thinking they are still in the great condition they were in when they last ran. Pace yourself. Do less. Avoid injury.

4. Keep a log:

Recording the length and time of your runs will keep you from doing too much too soon. Too, a log will encourage you to stick to your workout schedule even when other summer activities interfere.



Children Memorial Hospital is Leaving Us with a Legacy and Land

After more than 125 years in the Lincoln Park community, Children's Memorial Hospital is leaving us. It is a sad farewell. The first children's hospital in Chicago, Children's was founded in 1882 by Julia Foster Porter. It was named the Maurice Memorial Children's Hospital, dedicated to Porter's firstborn son Maurice, who died of acute rheumatism at age 13. The hospital got its start in a small eight-room cottage but it was a pioneer in pediatric medicine, which was non-existent at that time. It continues to forge the way for children's medical care.

From a mother's grief emerged one of the most prominent children's medical institutes in the world, treating children from 33 states and 36 countries.

Why the Move from Lincoln Park?

Children's move from Lincoln Park and its selection of the Streeterville site for the new construction, though a major disappointment to the Lincoln Park community, was based on the hard reality of the current hospital. Children's turns away a significant number of critically ill children each year because of its lack of beds. The new facility will increase Children's capacity by 30 percent and allow a more extensive professional collaboration with Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Its proximity to Prentice Women's Hospital will benefit newborns in need of services from Children's.

Too, the new location will bolster Children's efforts to recruit and retain top physicians and researchers who desire a close affiliation with a prominent school of medicine. The new 288 bed hospital, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, will be completed in 2012 at 255 E. Chicago Avenue.

The Land Children's Will Leave Behind

Children's will be selling the following Lincoln Park real estate:

Main Hospital Building; Parking Garage;
Nellie A. Black Building –
700 W. Fullerton Avenue;

Kohl's House –
2422 N. Orchard Street;

Buildings at 2350 N. Lincoln Avenue,
2356 N. Lincoln Avenue, and
2358 N. Lincoln Avenue;

The White Elephant –
2380 N. Lincoln Avenue.

Children's will be marketing and selling these properties to help offset the almost \$1 billion cost of the new hospital.

Properties Remaining in Lincoln Park

Children's will be retaining the following Lincoln Park properties:

Julia Porter Park – northwest corner of Halsted Street and Lincoln Avenue;

Clark and Deming Outpatient Centers;
Children's Memorial Research Center –
2340 N. Halsted Street;

Belden Place – 759 W. Belden Avenue.

These properties are within the boundaries of Lincoln Central, Wrightwood Neighbors, Park West and Mid-North Associations.

Community Input

Before public hearings begin on the development of the Lincoln Park sites, Alderman Daley and the Dept. of Urban Planning will oversee the selection of a qualified Urban Planning Firm this fall. The selected firm will act as consultants analyzing and addressing such critical issues as congestion and parking. The Planners' findings will be the springboard for public discussion. Alderman Daley will then call a community-wide public meeting in December, 2008. This meeting will allow neighbors and community organizations to offer input on the development of these sites. A smaller committee made up of representatives from neighborhood community organizations will be formed to continue the exploration of potential plans and alternatives before Children's finally markets their properties.

We will be losing a long-time neighbor but gaining the opportunity to help develop an extraordinary site for new neighbors.

– Deirdre Graziano

LCA representative,
Armitage/Halsted Landmark Committee



Zoning Update



During the May LCA board meeting, members voted (10-0-1) to:

- 1) Object to breezeways or connectors within a rear yard space. LCA would not support any city ordinance that codifies breezeways or connectors.
- 2) Support open, permeable space, at grade, in the rear yard as a means to promote green space, permeability and neighborliness.
- 3) Deny the application for a variance at a prospective residence at 2049 N. Mohawk Street. Plans for the proposed residence provides zero rear yard space.

Chicago zoning code requires open space at the rear of a residence. LCA expects residents, builders, developers and prospective residents to live by our shared Code.

LCA asks that Alderman Daley support the code, and deny variances that allow builders and homeowners to eliminate or limit rear yard space. Green, open space between a house and its garage is an urban treasure, unique to Chicago. Let's keep it that way.

Preservation & Change *(continued)*

Take Note: Our Armitage "el" Station

Take a close look at the Armitage "el" station. From the street, you will see a well-preserved 1900 neoclassical brick and terracotta station house that anchors the north side of the station. Looking up to the platform, the new gooseneck lamps and fabricated diamond grid will tell you this station differs from others renovated along the Brown line. These differences support the historic significance of the station and the neighborhood. All galvanized metal (visible from street level) including the lampposts and grid will be painted an appropriate color to match the original standing canopies. These details allow a better blending with the historic elements that grace this shopping district. The new materials will respect and compliment the original. After months of meetings, representatives from the Armitage/Halsted Landmark Committee (including a LCA representative), Chicago Landmarks, Alderman Daley, and with the support of Landmarks Illinois, a negotiated agreement with CTA secured these changes so that some



of the integrity of this unique station could be preserved.

The Armitage "el" station is within the Armitage Halsted Landmark District – one of only two commercial landmark districts in Chicago. Noted for its 19th century streetscape, the Armitage/Halsted District has over 145 buildings, many with exceptional pressed-metal cornices, bays, and turrets. Encompassing residential and mixed-use buildings, this quaint, viable shopping district is especially

pedestrian friendly. People walking the district can discover arches, names, dates and faces on these buildings' facades. Eighty percent of these early buildings are architecturally or historically significant. This commercial district is one of the finest examples of 1870-1930 architecture in the city today. It is bounded on Armitage Avenue from Halsted to Racine and on Halsted Street just south of Armitage to Webster. Neighbors: cherish what is now preserved for us and future generations.

– Deirdre Graziano

Safe Running (continued from inside)

5. Don't run in the bike lane:

The bike lanes are strictly for bikes. No runners allowed. It is illegal, unsafe, dangerous and downright stupid to run in the bike lanes. Runners in bike lanes may be ticketed.

6. Goals / rewards:

Using your logbook, set up weekly or monthly goals. Don't worry about running a certain amount of miles in a certain time. Instead, set a goal of running at least 2, 3 or 4 times per week. At the end of a month if you are successful, treat yourself to a massage.

7. Run with a partner:

This is good idea for several reasons. Once you set a running date with someone, you are more likely to keep it than if you are running by yourself. Second, for safety reasons it is better if you are running with someone, especially in the dark of the early morning or after sunset.

8. iPods:

Criminals are looking for joggers wearing iPods. Be aware. Don't run with an iPod unless it is during daylight hours or you are with another runner.

9. Share the path:

Sometimes we think we are the only people in the world when we are on the running path. Please watch out for others. There are bike riders, walkers, other runners, children, dogs and out-of-town visitors. Be careful and courteous: the official name of the lakefront path is not the running path. It's a multi-use path.

If you have any questions about running, please e-mail me at the address listed below.

Enjoy our wonderful neighborhood and parks. Wishing you safe and healthy running. – Mark Buciak

Editor's Note: Mark Buciak lives in Lincoln Central. He is program director of The Road To Boston, a training and running camp held in Bull Valley, Illinois August 14-17. You can reach him via e-mail: theroadtoboston@rcn.com

Spotlight Quiz
[Answer]

[ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S QUIZ]

Where in LCA's world can you find this architectural detail?

(Answer: 1828 N. Cleveland)



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