



# The Bridge

## THE NORTHSIDE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The shelves are in the space but not up. They are waiting for the space to be waterproofed and painted. Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association made an initial donation of \$100 which was later matched by Enos Park and Oak Ridge Associations for the committee to purchase books from the city's sale of books from the West and East branches. It would be great if you could look around your homes to see if you have any children's books to donate to the library, gathering books at garage sales would be wonderful too! If anyone is interested in volunteering at the library or making a donation should contact Sally Millichamp at 971-1211 or [millichamp@aol.com](mailto:millichamp@aol.com). The projected opening date is September 1st for The Children's Library.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISER FOR THE LIBRARY:** Barnes and Noble June 12th. There will be vouchers that a person can use when making a purchase that will help to get books for the library. More details to come.

## LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars and start cleaning out your closets--LPNA Garage Sale is set for **Saturday, June 11!** LPNA will organize the garage sale by advertising and putting up signs. We need you to participate (the more the merrier!) and spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. If we have enough interest to include a Friday evening sale we can do that too, otherwise families are more than welcome to start their sales Friday afternoon/evening and the neighborhood garage sale will be Saturday beginning at 8am. If you have any questions please contact Katherine Galloway 553-3958, [galloway.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:galloway.katherine@gmail.com).

## A FEW FAREWELL POINTS

On June 1st I should be adding another little guy to our testosterone filled home of Todd, Luke, Logan, Gage and our dog Eddie. I realized with my 15 month old that I can do a lot of things, but it does not mean I can do a lot of things well, thus I have decided to pass along the responsibility of this newsletter to our LPNA secretary, Jen Ausmus. Over the past years of getting this newsletter together I had intentions of sending strong messages when needed, building a sense community, inform everyone of LPNAs progress, send pleas for volunteerism and involvement and generally to share information with each of you that call the Lincoln Park Neighborhood "home." Anyone that spends any amount of time talking with me knows that I LOVE this neighborhood. I do hate to see when some of our neighbors may not respect the look, feel and experience of living within our boundaries. I would like to think they have a lot on their minds....so in true Jen form, here is my reminder to be a little more courteous.....1. Mowing your grass should be done regularly, if you have been letting it get so long you could bail it, then bail it but don't blow it into the streets and on the sidewalk (this goes into the drains which affect our drinking water!) 2. If you have a dog then be mindful of how much and how loud it barks, we do not live in the country. 3. Again if you have a dog, pick up the poop, do not throw it into the drains or the alley! 4. Gumballs are frustrating, but they are also ankle breakers and gutter cloggers, please try to put them in the trash (yes, you can put them in your trash.) 5. The more we keep up our homes the less likely the criminal element will find opportunity and the higher our home values will become. 6. If you are the criminal element or the criminal element is living on your couch, please note that we watch and we will call on suspicious behavior. 7. If you need the neighborhood associations help for anything, please ask, but do not EXPECT it, especially if you never volunteer or come to a meeting. 8. Waving at your neighbors will not hurt you. 9. Parking in your front yard is never okay. 10. Just be a good neighbor, we have some of the most amazing people and personalities here, get to know them! ~ Jen Aholt Gedaminski is a past president, social chair and current zoning and development chair for LPNA. She can be reached at [Jenniferra74@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenniferra74@yahoo.com) or 725-3228. ~



**Saturday, May 21st 11am - 3pm**

Grab your kids and join us at Lincoln Park for a **FREE DAY** of family oriented games and activities. Spin down the Giant Slide, climb the 30 foot tall rock wall, create your own discovery bottle, try out your golf skills on the putting green and enter a free raffle to win a variety of prizes including FREE passes to Park District Facilities! There will be Concession Vendors and Park District Staff will be on hand to help answer questions and provide information on all of the following areas: Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Nelson Center Ice Rinks and Pool, Summer Camps, Henson Robinson Zoo, Veteran's Memorial Pool, Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park, Special Olympics, Leisure Education and Adaptive Programming and information on our four Golf Courses!



**Springfield Park District**

### Free Activities:

- Face Painting
- Announce our Geo-Cache Coordinates at Jamboree!
- Zumba Demonstrations
- Park District Exhibits
- Meet Zoo Animals
- Create a Discovery Bottle
- Giant Inflatable Play Areas
- Win Fabulous Prizes
- Golf Putting Green
- Tons of Giveaways!
- Springfield Sliders Speedy!
- Senior Programming



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The **Annual Lincoln Park Neighborhood Picnic** will be held Sunday, June 26th. Our pot-luck picnic will begin at 3pm. There is a different band this year, the classic rock music comes to you from the band **Rewind**. LPNA will furnish the chicken, non-alcoholic drinks and cake. We would love to see you there! Picnic area 1(one).

## Work day in Lincoln Park

Our first "Friends of Lincoln Park" workday for the 2011 season will be held Saturday morning May 21st at 8am. We will have the Springfield Parks Foundation Volunteer Tool trailer, so just bring yourself and gloves. Please consider helping the namesake of our neighborhood and jewel of the Springfield's north side, Lincoln Park.

Special thanks to the Red Team, especially Doug Williams, ordering and planting the 23 planters we have around our neighborhood as well as for organizing the perennial plant sale!! All over 2 weekends!!

### Salon ten31 Joni Romiti - Esthetician



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*Hi, I'm Joan Romiti, a charter member of the LPNA and a practicing Esthetician. I specialize in therapeutic facials, masks, peels and body waxing, using new organic natural products. Come see me! LPNA members receive a 10% discount on any service with this Ad.*

### NEXT MEETING INFORMA- TION

Thursday, May  
**19th sat 6:30pm**  
at St. Joseph's  
Cafeteria 1344 N.  
5th Street

Due to some of the recent break-ins we will have our Neighborhood Officers back to the meeting.

This will be our last meeting together until the September meeting. We will however be together at the annual LPNA picnic.

### LPNA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## City of Springfield Service Directory

Branch pickup .....789-2246  
Trash and garbage service complaints..789-2327  
Landlord tenant disputes .....789-2270  
Barking dogs .....788-8325  
Traffic sign issues .....789-2260  
Public health concerns .....535-3100

Recycling .....789-2327  
Weeds, alley clean-up .....789-2167  
Building & zoning violations .....789-2171  
Housing & environmental violations .....789-2167  
Fire safety violations .....789-2170  
Loud music .....788-8311

Starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.....788-8390  
Contact my neighborhood police officer.....788-8322  
Trimming trees around power lines .....757-8520, x2207  
All other tree questions .....789-2428



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

WWW.LPNASPRINGFIELD.ORG



The Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, Springfield, Illinois was founded in 2004 to help maintain and improve the quality of life for residents in the community by making people aware of the issues affecting the neighborhood and working as a group to effect positive change for the neighborhood. Our borders are 3<sup>rd</sup> to the West, 8<sup>th</sup> to the East, Black to the North and the north side

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If you are not a member of the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, please take the opportunity to join now. Individual and Family dues for 2011 are \$15.00 and Business dues are \$25.00 (please send the link to your website or a business card so the business information can be loaded to the LPNA website).

Please fill out the form and send to:

**Jennifer Ausmus**

**631 Black Ave**

**Springfield, IL 62702**

(Please make checks payable to LPNA) Your dues can also be paid online with [www.lpnaspringfield.org](http://www.lpnaspringfield.org)

**VIEW FROM CITY HALL**

By: *Sam Cahnman Alderman, Ward 5*

Thank you very much for reelecting me as your Alderman April 5th. I am humbled by your vote of confidence, and will work hard to justify it. I am impressed by the new Aldermen, Doris Turner, Cory Jobe and Joe McMenamin, all of whom have expressed a desire to help our older neighborhoods. I am very optimistic about our new City Council, and new Mayor, Mike Houston!

Although turnout in Ward 5 increased from 15% in the primary to 25% April 5th, our Ward was second lowest, followed only by Ward 2 with 16%. The highest turnout Wards were 10 with 45% and 7 with 43%.

Although our turnout is understated because of the large numbers of persons on the registered voters list who no longer live here or are dead, even if the real turnout was 30% that's still too low. We need to do a better job of getting to the polls in city elections.

I thank my Ward 5 Aldermanic opponent for giving voters a choice. Our democracy works best when there is robust competition for elected office. Only 4 of Springfield's 10 wards had 2 or more candidates on

the ballot. Our highly competitive race will make me a better Alderman.

As I walked through our ward in the campaign, I encountered far too many abandoned buildings. Neighbors told me that many were in foreclosure, some for years. Generally, nobody was taking care of these properties.

In addition to bringing the neighborhood down, the abandoned properties are a drain on city resources because the burden to maintain them falls on the city, plus they generate police and fire calls, draining even more resources.

House Bill 1109, The Lender Responsibility Act, addresses this problem. It would empower cities to enact ordinances to hold lenders responsible for maintaining and securing vacant properties upon which they are foreclosing. In many cases, the "owner" has walked away from the property because they can't make the mortgage payments and owe more on the house than it's worth. In those cases it makes sense to compel the only entity with a real interest in the property, the mortgage holder, to take care of it.

Our Representative, Raymond Poe, is uncommitted on HB 1109. You can reach Poe to urge him to vote Yes at 782-0044 or [poe@housegopmail.state.il.us](mailto:poe@housegopmail.state.il.us).

Saturday, May 21st is the day to recycle

your glass Glass. The collection is from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the State Fairgrounds, Parking Lot 21. Enter Gate 11 at 8th Street. Colored & clear glass will be accepted. For more info.: 789-2327, or the City's website: [www.springfield.il.us](http://www.springfield.il.us).

You can't get any better fruits and vegetables than at our farmers markets, plus the money you spend stays in central Illinois. The downtown market on Adams, between 5th & 2nd, starts Wednesday, May 18th & runs Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The other market, Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m. is at the State Fairgrounds in the Commodities Pavilion, across from the grandstand. Illinois wine is sold there too!

The City is taking applications for new Firefighters. June 9th is the deadline. You must be between 20 & 34, with certain exceptions, and have a high school diploma or GED. Pick up and applications in Room 309, Municipal Bldg. south, or [www.springfield.il.us](http://www.springfield.il.us). Good luck!

Finally, a big Congrats to former Ward 6 Alderman Mark Mahoney on being appointed Public Works Director. Bringing his perspective as a 2-term hands on alderman to the job will be a big plus in re-vamping our deteriorating infrastructure.

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