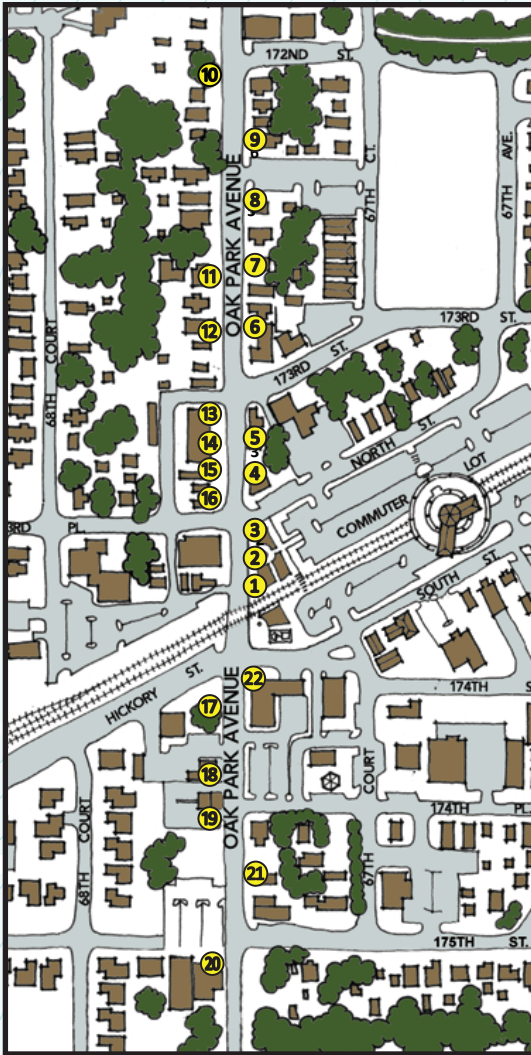


2020
Benches on the Avenue

AROUND
the
World





Take an afternoon and visit the 2020 Benches on the Avenue, "Around the World". This is your passport to explore many travel destinations, iconic landmarks and wonderful places of interest. Starting at Zabrocki Plaza follow the map north down Oak Park Avenue.

Many thanks to the following contributors, without whose help this project would not have happened:

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Destination
NEUSCHWANSTEIN, BAVARIA
GERMANY
Artist
NICK SCHULIEN
Sponsor
ED & JOE'S RESTAURANT

“Neuschwanstein, Bavaria, Germany” is a Castle in the Alps which inspired the Disney castles. This bench is made out of plywood, PVC pipe, canvas, and plastics in assorted ways.

About the artist: Nick is a Tinley Park resident for over 65 years and is a former art teacher. He has worked on Benches on the Avenue for 16 years.



Destination
PARIS, FRANCE
Artist
JENNIFER SCHULIEN

“Paris, France” portrays some of the many sights that Paris has to offer. So many of the world’s most famous treasures can be found in the beautiful historic city. This bench is made out of plywood, paint, cloth, frame, masonite, metal and greenery.

About the artist: Creating benches has become a yearly occurrence in the family. Working with her dad, Nick and having someone to bounce ideas off of is very special and rewarding. Together, they have created many benches and just as many memories.





Destination
EGYPT
Artist
RICK VILLARREAL
Sponsor
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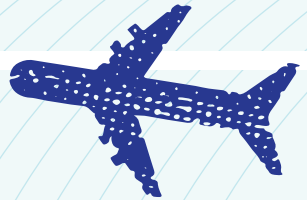
The “Egypt” bench depicts an Egyptian Pharaoh and various sculptures. The bench is made of Palm trees, foam cutouts, and plants of colorful artwork.

About the artist: Rick is an artist for ESPN/Fox Sports and owner of a tattoo studio named Ricasso Art Works.



Destination
THE FRIENDLY CONFINES OF TINLEY PARK

Artists
MICHAEL, LAUREN & BRODY GRUHLKE
Sponsor
GATTO'S RESTAURANT & BAR



Wrigley Field is one of the most iconic stadiums in the United States. This bench is made of plywood with paint and vinyl letters along with decorative pinstriping and imitation and real ivy.

About the artists: Michael studied art at South Suburban College, Western Illinois University, and Governors State. Michael is also a retired union carpenter. Lauren is a Tinley Park resident and Assistant Director at KinderCare and Brody will be going into fourth grade at Fulton School.



Destination
LIFE IS A HIGHWAY
Artist
NICK SCHULIEN
Sponsor
EGGHEADZ CAFÉ



This bench is designed around the movie “Cars” and shows the area of the West now almost deserted after Route 66 has passed them by. It also shows how the area started to be revitalized. This bench is made of plywood, bondo and textured paint.

About the artist: This is Nick’s sixteenth year as a bench artist. Nick is a retired art teacher who has done over 45 benches and says it challenges his creativity.

Destination
THE LUCK OF THE IRISH
Artists
DELANEY & KATHLEEN DILLON
Sponsor
CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.



“The Luck of the Irish” is inspired by the Irish cottages and mountains. This bench is made of plywood, paint and a straw roof for the cottage.

About the artists: Delaney enjoys acting, art and running cross country and track; Kathleen enjoys art, basketball, volleyball, and running cross country and track. The sisters are 8th grade students at Prairie View Middle School and this is their second year participating in the Benches on the Avenue.



Destination
WILKOMMEN ZU BÜDINGEN

Artist
JULIE UCHA



Nestled in Central Germany is Tinley Park's sister city, Büdingen. The bench features the medieval town wall and evokes the images of the half-timbered houses. Flags of Germany and Büdingen are shown. The bench is made with shaped wood pieces, paint and lacquer.



About the artist: Julie is a 2016 graduate of Andrew High School and a senior at DePaul University studying Graphic Design. Julie enjoys guitar, singing, and movies. She also participated in the German Exchange program, hosting a student from Büdingen and visiting Büdingen.

Destination
MUSIC LIVES HERE

Artists
MARY LADUKE & MEGAN EVENHOUSE

Sponsor
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“Music Lives Here” represents all the performers in Nashville, illustrating the lights and music on the four block stretch of Broadway. This bench is made of plywood, metal, guitar picks and putty.

About the artists: Mary and Megan are sisters who grew up in Tinley Park and Mary has just moved back downtown. They are so excited to be part of the community again. Mary is an Interior Designer/Furniture Designer and Megan is in an artist which is a perfect combo to create a unique bench for the first time.



Destination

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Artists

SHELBY O'HARA & KATHLEEN DEJONG



The Sydney Opera House is an iconic attraction located in Sydney, Australia. The bench is made with wood, textured paints and a PVC pipe xylophone for all to play and enjoy.



About the artists: Shelby is an artist and graphic designer. Kathleen is a multimedia artist who wants to make her own illustrated book someday.

Destination

STONEHENGE

Artist

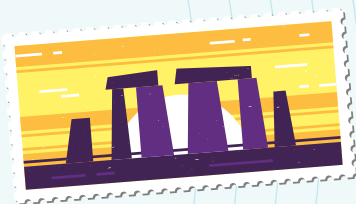
MICHAEL TRAPP

In Wiltshire, England stands the mystical remains of a nearly 5,000-year-old epic stone creation.

Questions of who built it, how, and why, have been a part of our cultural heritage. This bench is made out of wood, polystyrene and foam spray.



About the artist: After sometime away Michael is discovering Tinley Park through new eyes. He enjoys the blossoming of music and art in the village.



Destination
MIDGARD'S BENCH
Artist
TYLER STUCKART
Sponsor
HARALD VIKING LODGE #13



The whole idea of this bench is to shed some light on destinations that teach the culture and history of Vikings from Norse Mythology. Iceland, Norway and surrounding countries of Scandinavia have multiple museums and cultural experiences.

About the artist: Tyler is self-taught in woodworking and fabricating. Tyler has attended some college for art and loves to create.



Destination
ALOHA HAWAII
Artist
CATHERINE TREZEK



“Aloha Hawaii” depicts iconic symbols of the Hawaiian Islands, a beautiful place where people travel to from around the world. This bench is made with acrylic paints and wood cutouts.

About the artist: This is Catherine’s second year participating in the Benches on the Avenue. Catherine has a Bachelor of Arts degree and creates and sells paintings in her regular hours.



Destination
CHEERIO AMERICA
Artist
EMMA KRESAL
Sponsor
REPUBLIC BANK OF CHICAGO



“Cheerio America” represents the lovely attractions famous to London. The bench uses a 3D effect on the back of the bench to represent the flag with acrylic pain. It also incorporates tin tile and galvanized letters.

About the artist: Emma is a graphic design student at Illinois State University with a concentration in studio art. She recently participated in the new Musical Chairs program and likes working in many different mediums.



Destination
FABULOUS VEGAS
Artist
ANGELA SIMPSON
Sponsor
AERO RUBBER COMPANY, INC.



“Fabulous Vegas” features some of the fun sights you can see in exciting Las Vegas. The town that never sleeps, come try your luck or catch a show. This bench is made of acrylic paint and canvas board wood cutouts.

About the artist: Angela is an amateur artist and this is the second year she has participated in the Benches on the Avenue. She enjoys the benches and is happy to participate with her creativity while giving back to the community.



Destination
CHICHEN ITZA
Artist
JACLYN REIDY

One of the seven wonders of the world, Chichen Itza is the most famous Mayan ruins site of Mexico and one of the most visited in the Yucatan peninsula. This bench is made with acrylic paint.

About the artist: Jaclyn is an artist and resident of Orland Park and has exhibited in numerous art fairs in the Chicagoland area. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design from Saint Xavier and a Master's in studio art from Governor's State. This is her first year participating in the Benches on the Avenue.



Destination
SCENIC GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TOURS
Artists
LORIN & LANDON KIRKSEY
Sponsor
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“Scenic Golden Gate Bridge Tours” illustrates the famous Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. The bridge is made out of pine and cedar wood. Chains have created the cables and electrical conductors on the top of the towers allow the chains to move freely. The wood is painted and the sea turtles were created out of printed material.

About the artists: This father and son team enjoys giving back to their community while creating life long family memories together.



Destination

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Artists

AMY FRALE & CARLA ZIDEK

Sponsor

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“America the Beautiful” features distinctive landmarks from all across the U.S., the Gateway Arch of St. Louis, the Picasso sculpture in Chicago and Alaska’s Denali National Park, to name a few. The bench is made of plywood, paint and canvas.

About the artists: Amy Frale and Carla Zidek are residents of Tinley Park, friends and longtime admirers of the Benches on the Avenue. Amy is an art educator and Carla has experience in graphic design. This is their first bench design.

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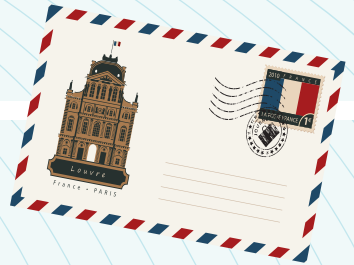
LE LOUVRE’S STARRY NIGHT

Artists

SHERRIE ORDAZ & MICHAEL WOODMAN

Sponsor

TINLEY PARK PARK DISTRICT



This life-size recreation of Starry Night portrait adorns the wall of the Louvre above an oversized ornate couch. Sit back and be transported to where contemplating fine art welcomes you. This bench is made out of recycled aluminum cans, canvas, plywood and upcycled items.

About the artists: Sherrie and Michael love to create thought provoking art. Challenging and unique concepts keep them coming back year after year.



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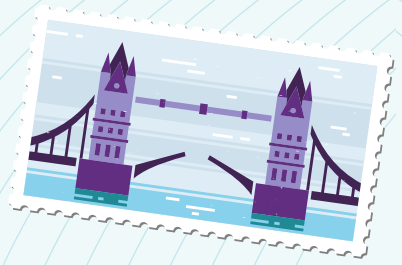
LOOKING THROUGH THE LONDON EYE

Artists

MELISSA & VERONICA ARREOLA

Sponsor

AURELIO'S PIZZA



The eye of London is one of the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheels. It is gracefully located in the heart of the capital opposite of Big Ben. Within some of the iconic landmarks, it gives you an ever-changing perspective of London. This bench is made of plywood, recycled rubber pipes, lights and other materials.



About the artists: Melissa is a college student pursuing her love of art. During her free time, Veronica is a freelance artist, mainly concentrating on murals. The sisters are first time bench artists.

Destination

POSTCARDS OF MY TRIP

Artists

DANTE DIBARTOLO, ALLEN JEBENS, TOM LISTON, BOB RENAUD & TERRY NUGENT

Sponsor

PAYROC

“Postcards of My Trip” is a series of sculptures, travel postcards and items you would use during your trip. The bench is made out of wood and carved with details to create a 3D effect and paints.



About the artists: Dante is a freelance painter and sculptor; Allen is a retired educator; Tom is a retired chemist/amateur woodworker; Bob is a retired environmental engineer/ amateur woodworker; and Terry is a retired engineer.

Destination
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
Artist
JENNIFER SCHULIEN
Sponsor
ODYSSEY FUN WORLD



“Roswell, New Mexico” depicts a playful spin on what they are known for... Aliens. Did aliens crash here? Many sights here show what may have happened. Visit and find out! This bench is made out of plywood, paint, PVC, metal and canvas.



About the artist: Jennifer has participated in this project for many years and created numerous benches. She truly enjoys the challenges that come with the different themes each year.

Destination
NEW YEARS IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS
Artists
THE BEGESKE FAMILY & SPECIAL THANKS TO PAT DURHAM



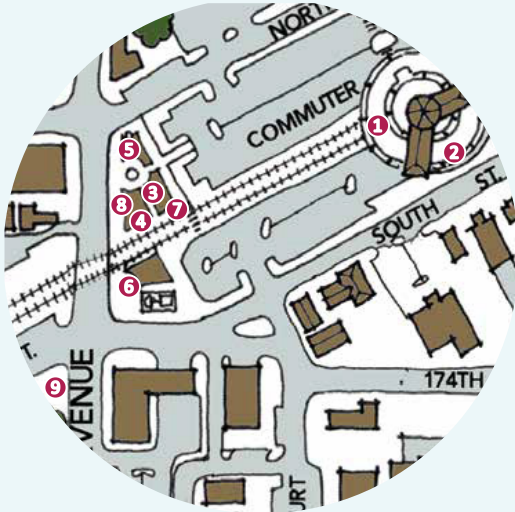
This bench is inspired by the Begeske Family’s New Year’s Eve vacations and is made out of paints, wood and solar lights. It also features photos of Tinity residents who shared how they celebrate their New Year’s Eve.

About the artists: Samantha has her Associates in Art, but the whole family has their own kind of artistic ability. The Begeske family has also participated in the 2015 Benches on the Avenue. Pat Durham is behind the mechanical work!



Statues on the Avenue

Our village welcomes all of you to take the walking tour along Oak Park Avenue and see the wonderful bronze sculptures we have on display. A special thanks to Emily Zabrocki, former first lady of Tinley Park, for her assistance in selecting the bronze sculptures and for writing the descriptive narratives.



Home Delivery

sculpted by Blair Muhlestein

Home Delivery transports us to an earlier time, much like the buildings that we see from the plaza. Here we see a young man, taking pride in his bike and his delivery of papers. Many of us remember the responsibilities of the papers delivered on time, as well as the drudgery of getting up early and facing those bad weather days!



Long May It Wave

sculpted by Blair Muhlestein

Three children recreate the battle-weary flag-bearer and fife and drum players of the Revolutionary War as they play. This sculpture takes on added significance as we remember the events of September 11, 2001. We continue to take pride in our flag and what it symbolizes and remember to rejoice in our freedoms as Americans.



The Good Book

sculpted by Mark Lundeen

This sculpture captures the bond between the old and young. Many of us remember a grandmother, favorite aunt, neighbor or friend reading to us as we sat enjoying not only the story, but the sense of sharing and love that brought us together.



4

First Star

sculpted by Dennis Smith

In First Star, a father, rooted as an observatory, scans the dusky sky of a summer day, searching for that first evening star, creating for his daughter a vision of a broad universe beyond anything her young mind can yet imagine.



5

Tinley Park Firefighters

sculpted by A. Joseph Kinkle

The design of this statue was selected to depict those early days, a firefighter called to duty with a look of determination and concern to handle the task at hand. This tribute contains the names of all firefighters who served Tinley Park during the first 100 years, 1901 to 2001.



6

Twist in Time

sculpted by James Haire

Here we see a young boy enjoying a fine summer day on a rope swing beneath the branch of a favorite tree. Most of us remember the joy of feeling the wind brush across our face as we swoop up and down, up and down, higher and higher on the swings of our youth.



7

Heading Out

sculpted by Dennis Smith

Heading Out is an image about beginnings. Think about the mind and vision of a child; the trial and error—the pure work that accompanies the task of learning to walk. Beyond the falls, the bumps and bruises of the effort, finally those first steps take form and the child heads out into the world.



8

Dorothy and Friends

sculpted by Phyllis C. Beattie

This sculpture was originally commissioned to memorialize Dorothy Vogt, who was a community leader and volunteer in Arapahoe County, Colorado. It depicts Mrs. Vogt as a young girl, doing what she loved best, reading with her dog in the park.



9

Tender Touch

sculpted by George Lundeen

Tender Touch is a life-size sculpture of a young woman dressed in period clothing from the turn of the century. This woman stands between Fulton House and the train station and brings to mind the early settlers who underwent difficult journeys and untold hardships to find promise of a better life.

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		James Erdman	1940
		William Wende	1943
		Robert Berg	1946
		Edmond May	1949
		Leander Pfeiffer	1952