

Benches on the Avenue 2009



1 Yabba Dabba Doo
Artist: Nick Schulien

Flintstone's fans of all ages will enjoy watching Dino's head rise through the car roof as the handle is turned on the back of the bench. Nick is a dedicated, fifth-year bench artist who never fails to surprise all with his imagination. He is also a retired art teacher and long time resident of Tinley Park.

Zabrocki Plaza, South Side
Sponsor: St. George Catholic Church in Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary



2 What's Up Doc?
Artist: Val Fischer & Morgan Kelly

Val's inspiration for the Bugs Bunny and Friends bench came from the Saturday morning cartoons of yesteryear. This is Val's fifth year as a steadfast bench artist. Morgan is 13 years old and a third year Benches on the Avenue artist.

Zabrocki Plaza, North Side
Sponsor: Aero Rubber Company



3 Peanuts
Artist: Jaclyn Robbins

Memories of Snoopy and Charlie Brown are recreated on this enjoyable bench. Jaclyn lives in Tinley Park and is a graduate of Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She currently works as an exhibition coordinator, and helps display activism for human rights through art.

17313 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center



4 Love is All Around: Mary Tyler Moore
Artist: Lefie Lindokken

The front of this bench portrays Mary in her famous hat-throwing stance. This popular 1970's TV show featured the first ever independent working woman as its main character. Lefie is a 16-year old high school student and six-time, committed Benches on the Avenue artist.

17255 S. Oak Park Avenue



5 Meet the Jetsons
Artist: Marty Rose & Don Zak

The artists recreated the futuristic Jetson family cruising around in their jet cars among the skyscape. This favorite series gave us a peak into the future. Marty and Don are neighbors who have collaborated on the bench project since 2006. Don provided the technical expertise for the solar lighting for the bench.

17225 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Robinson Engineering/Klein Thorpe & Jenkins



6 The Royal Goose
Artist: Marty Rose

Spend some time revisiting Garfield Goose and Friends at home in the Royal Castle. This popular TV show was a classic of the 60's in Chicago. Marty has been a loyal Benches on the Avenue artist since the project's inception in 2004.

17217 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Cardinal Fitness/Donlin Builders



7 The Muppet Show
Artist: Jennifer Lilly

Who can resist those soft and colorful Muppet characters? This show has endured time - pleasing children both old and young. Jennifer resides in a neighboring community with her husband and two children. A fourth year bench artist, she enjoys working on the benches because it pushes the limits of her creativity.

17236 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Tinley Park-Park District



8 The Dynamic Duo
Artist: Nick Schulien and Jennifer Lilly

Batman, the true protector of Gotham, and his partner, take care of the "vigilantes" like the Joker, Riddler and the Penguin, among others. Nick worked on set design and construction for many years and enjoys the challenge of creating benches. His daughter, Jennifer collaborated with Nick on the Batman bench.

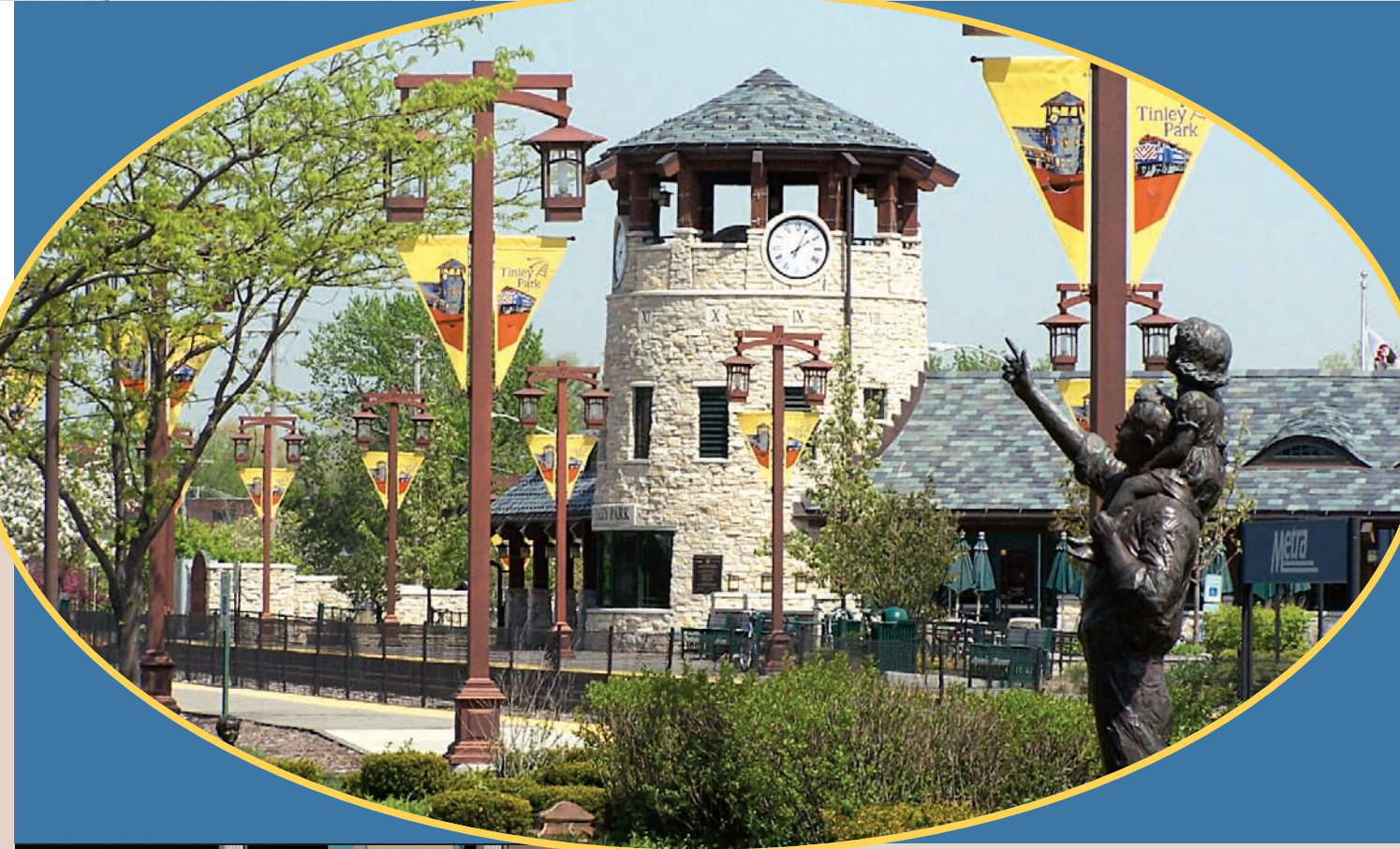
17244 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Mack Industries



9 "Ruh-Roh!"
Artist: Suzanne Bushno

This bench depicts our favorite dog, Scooby Doo, who took center stage in the cartoon series, always coming out a winner for finding the bad guys with a little help from his friends. Suzanne is a new bench artist this year. She has worked in the medical field for 21 years, but being an artist is her passion.

17314 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Ed & Joe's Restaurant



13 "I Yam What I Am"
Artist: Beau & Bladen Saunoris

A colorful illustration, this bench portrays Popeye gaining strength by eating his healthy spinach. The artists - Beau (age nine) and Bladen (age seven), were supervised by their mother, a local artist. They attend school in Tinley Park and enjoy all sports, art and especially spinach.

17432 S. Oak Park Avenue



14 The Last Frontier - Star Trek
Artist: Roger W. Gerencir

The most famous Starship Enterprise is represented in flight through the universe among many different worlds. The back of the bench illustrates a shuttlecraft from the Enterprise. Roger is a fourth-year bench artist and retired high school art teacher who resides in Joliet.

17500 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Apple Chevrolet



15 Kukla & Ollie
Artist: Roger W. Gerencir

This incredibly popular puppet show was created for children in the late 40's and 50's, but was also enjoyed by adults. Kukla & Ollie are illustrated on the front of the bench, along with Buelah Witch and Madame Ooglepuss. Roger received a Bachelors degree from Illinois State University and Masters Degree from National Louis University.

17514 S. Oak Park Avenue



16 "Catches Thieves Just Like Flies"
Artist: Andrew Welch

This design is based off of the 1967 Spiderman cartoon known for its memorable opening theme song. The center represents the birth of a legend. Andrew is a first-year bench artist and a consistent fan of Spiderman since early childhood. He resides in Tinley Park.

17501 S. Oak Park Avenue



10 Tom & Jerry...and Spike
Artist: Nick Schulien

These favorite cartoon characters are friends and adversaries, always finding themselves in predicaments. Though Tom tries over and over to catch Jerry, he is always stopped by a surprise, such as unfriendly and cat-hating Spike. Nick is a retired art teacher and long-time resident of Tinley Park.

17332 S. Oak Park Avenue
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17 Candy Factory
Artist: Val Fischer & Morgan Kelly

Lucy and Ethel's short lived career as chocolate candy wrappers is commemorated on this "I Love Lucy" bench in an iconic scene which has to be considered as one of the top in Classic TV. Val is a 30-year Tinley Park resident, a self-employed artist and a mentor to 13-year old Morgan.

6779 W. 174th Place
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11 Moving Ahead as Thomas the Tank Engine
Artist: Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School & Oaks Construction Services of Hazelcrest, IL

This bench was completed by students of Easter Seals Autism School and was designed and supervised by Holly DeRosa, Art Therapist. The heads of the trains were left open for children to put their heads in. Research suggests that the interactive quality of placing a human head where the train's head would be could possibly help engage children with autism to look at the faces of their friends.

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18 Bozo - 40 Years of Fun
Artist: Matthew F. McCormick

Over the course of 40 years, The Bozo Show was the longest running, locally produced show in the history of Chicago television. The Bozo Buckets remind us of how we longed to be a contestant in the "Grand Prize Game". Matthew is a Chicago Lathing Apprentice and part-time painter, sketcher and artist. He resides in Tinley Park and is a first-year bench artist.

17401 S. Oak Park Avenue
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12 Gilligan's Island
Artist: Jennifer Lilly

"Just sit right back and you will hear a tale - a tale of a fateful trip that started from a tropic port aboard this tiny ship." This colorful depiction of Gilligan's Island calls to mind the TV series so many of us enjoyed as children. Jennifer is a talented, fourth year bench artist who holds a Bachelors Degree in Illustration.

17424 S. Oak Park Avenue
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19 Classic Puppet Theater
Artist: Michele P. Owens

Paying tribute to the many puppets of Classic TV, this bench incorporates an actual puppet stage that allows the public to put on its own puppet shows. Michele is a professional Visual Artist working in several mediums. Her work has been part of an exhibit recently at the Museum of Science & Industry. She is a first-year bench artist.

Oak Park Avenue & South Street
Sponsor: McAuliffe PTO 2009

Bronze Statues on the Avenue

These timeless statues and monuments on Oak Park Avenue add beauty and dignity to our town. Many of the statues typify what Tinley Park is all about – rich in family values, hometown warmth and pride in our neighborhoods. Our village welcomes all of you to take the walking tour

along Oak Park Avenue and see the wonderful bronze sculptures and artistic birdhouses we have on display. A special thanks to Emily Zabrocki for her assistance in selecting the bronze sculptures and for writing the descriptive narratives.



1 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.



2 First Star sculpted by Dennis Smith. Children, being shorter than we adults, see a totally different world. It is probably part of why they love high places that will elevate them above their short world. 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.



3 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!



4 Long May It Wave sculpted by Blair Muhlestein. Three children, recreating 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. We also are reminded that the freedoms we enjoy came about because of the sacrifices of many and that it takes continued vigilance to stamp out hatred, fostering understanding and respect for all the peoples of this world.



5 Tinley Park Firefighters sculpted by A. Joseph Kinkle. The Tinley Park Fire Department was organized in 1901. 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. The base was designed and engraved by Maurice Moore Memorials. 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. Another simple pleasure, reminding us that happiness doesn't need to involve owning the newest, most expensive gadgets, whatever our age. 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.



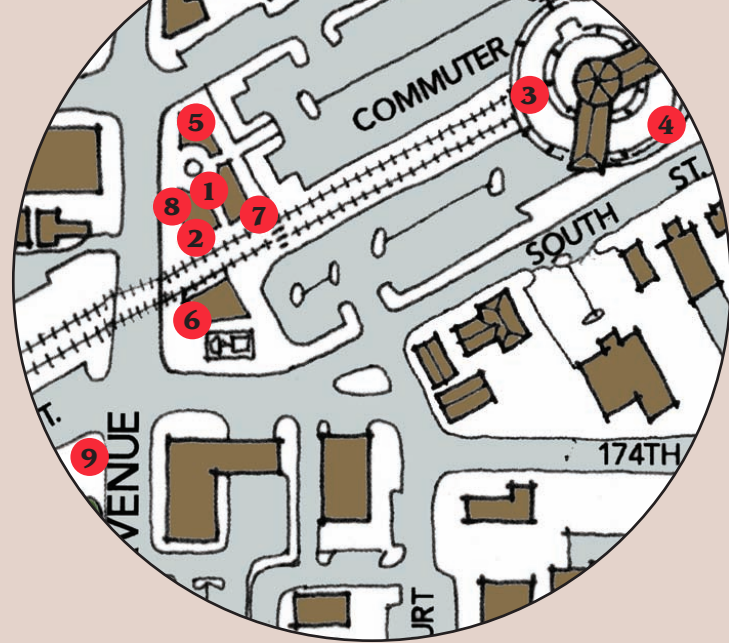
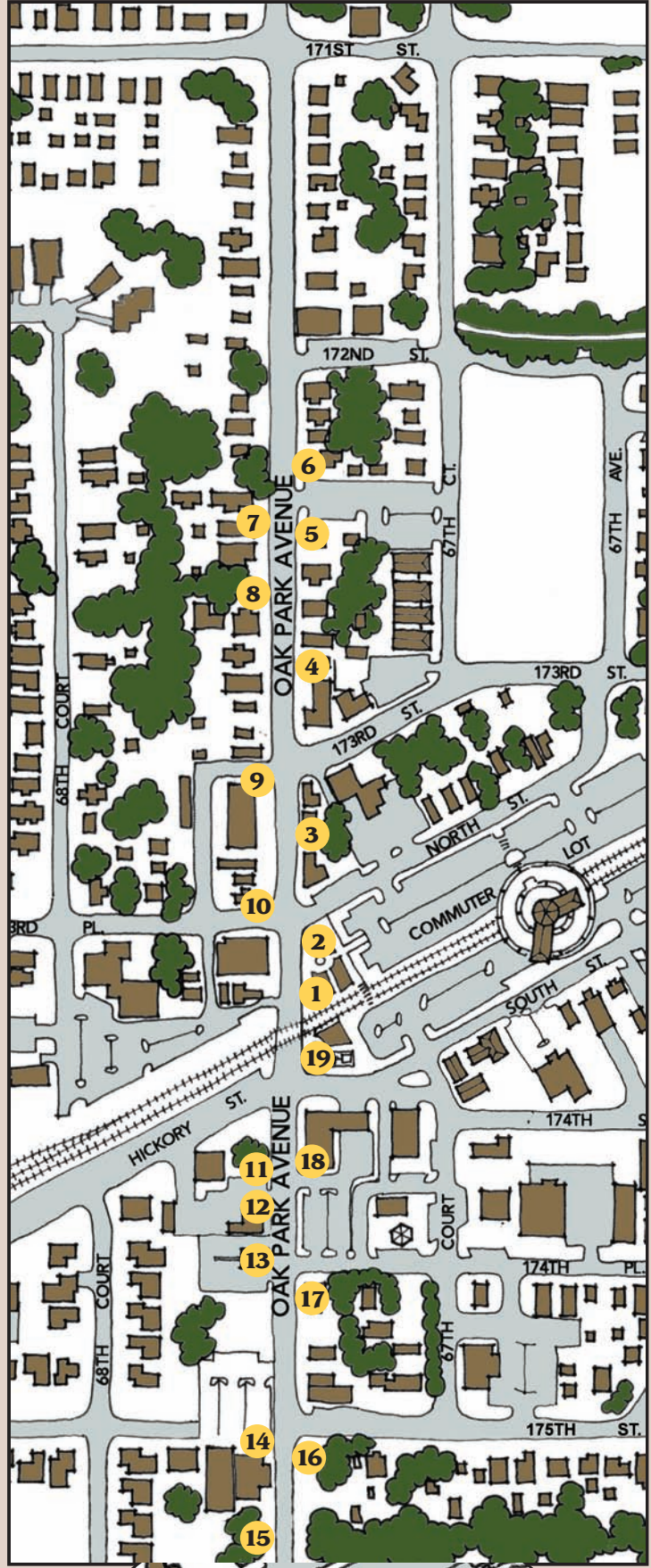
7 Heading Out sculpted by Dennis Smith. Heading Out is an image about beginnings. Think about the mind and vision of a child; the trial and error—the pure work that accompanies the task of learning to walk. Beyond the falls, the bumps and bruises of the effort, finally those first steps take form, and the child heads out into the wide and endless vision of a world filled with new things and endless places to explore.



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. It reminds us of the days you could find us outside, enjoying nature, a good book, and our animal friends.



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. In one arm she holds an infant swathed in a blanket and with her other arm she holds the hand of a young girl with a crutch who is leaning against her. Alongside her is a steamer trunk. 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 for themselves and their families the promise of a better life.



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May thru September, 2009

Theme – “Classic TV”

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Log on to www.tinleypark.org to view photos of the benches and vote for your favorite in the following categories:
Most Creative, Best Theme, Best Use of Materials,
Best Young Artist and Best Group Project
Winners will be announced at the Music in the Plaza Concert at the Oak Park Avenue train station on August 15, 2009

Vote for Your Favorite Bench!

- Village of Tinley Park MainStreet Commissioners: Mike Clark, Tom Kane, Rich Villalume, Jack Cochonour, Rick Butkus, and Becky Nichols
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- Smith Consulting for the on-line contest web design work.
- Crossmark Printing for the design and printing of this brochure.
- The individual property owners who allowed the benches to be displayed on their property.

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Enjoy!