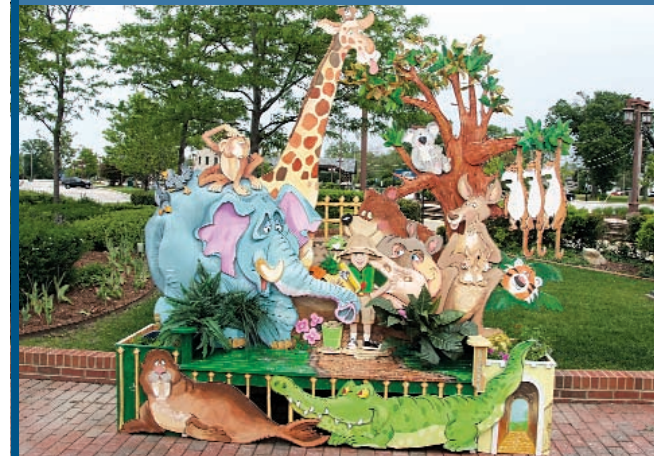


Benches on the Avenue 2010



1 Zookeeper
Artist: Nick Schullen

Nick is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many colorful zoo animals are represented in this animated design and the zookeeper is there to keep it all running smoothly.

Zabrocki Plaza, South Side
Sponsor: James B. Carroll & Associates



2 I Want to Join the Circus
Artist: Jennifer Lilly

Who doesn't love a circus? While growing up it's important to have dreams and to dream big! As a child you think you can do anything – so why not join the circus? Created by Jennifer Lilly, this fifth-year bench artist enjoys using new materials and mediums to create a unique piece of art.

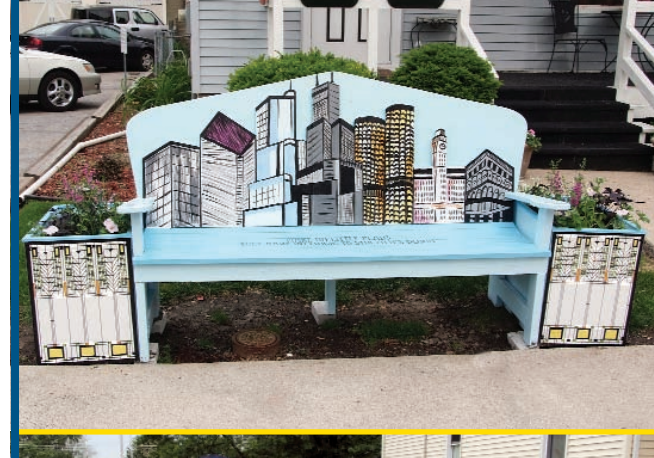
Zabrocki Plaza, North Side
Sponsor: Odyssey Fun World



3 We All Can Be Firemen
Artist: Students of Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School & Oaks Construction, supervised by Holly DeRosa

The students of Easter Seals collaboratively worked on this bench which highlights the occupation of a fireman. The moveable wheels, hose and reflective buttons make this bench a sensory toy for all children. The children of Easter Seals have participated in Benches on the Avenue for several years.

17313 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Available



4 Make No Little Plans
Artist: Lefie Lindokken

Architects are the designers of our world, the selectors of environments and the restorers of our past. Lefie is a high school senior and has participated in Benches on the Avenue for seven years. This bench uses famous Chicago buildings and quotes by well-known architects to show the skill and elegance of those in this profession.

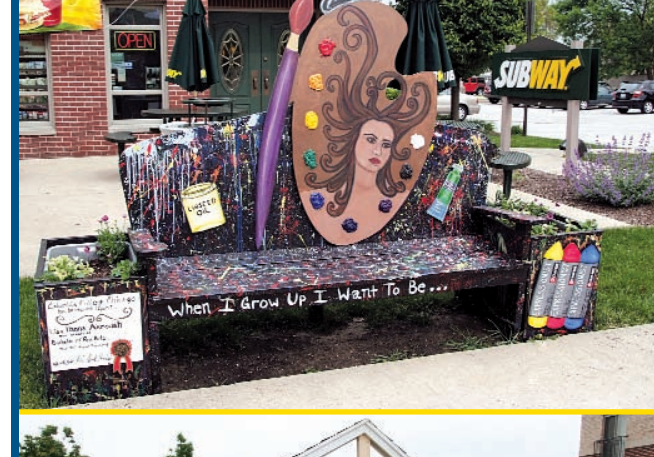
17255 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Midas Auto Service



5 Childhood Dreams
Artist: Raye Ann Saunoris and Family

A colorful collage, this bench portrays a little boy dreaming of being on the top of his game...a leader and athletic legendary hero, inspired by ten-year old Beau and eight-year old Bladen Saunoris' dreams. Raye Ann is a wall muralist and has owned her own painting and interior design company for more than ten years.

17225 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Crossmark Printing



6 "To Be in Art"
Artist: Lisa Hanna Akroush

Art is so versatile with all its different forms. The possibilities are endless with an occupation in art. Lisa produces, production designs, stage managers, directs and instructs for Covered Bridge Studios & Theatres, Tinley Park Community Theatre and Tinley Park Park District. She also performs with Graffiti on the 4th Wall comedy improv troupe and Murder Mystery Chicago Style.

17217 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Available



7 A Builder Like My Dad
Artist: Roger Gerencir

These colorful, yet simple figures portray a day in the life of a carpenter. The artist created this bench in honor of his father who was a carpenter all his life. Roger is a retired art teacher born and raised in Joliet, Illinois, and a fifth-year bench artist.

17200 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Cardinal Fitness & Donlin Builders



8 Your Future is Only a Flight Away
Artist: Tara Deliberto
Easter Seals Therapeutic Day School Staff

An airline jet taking flight is the inspiration for illustrating a career in aviation. The rotating engine blades and revolving tires are entertaining for children. The back of the bench depicts an airport runway with traveling suitcases. This is Tara's first year as a Benches on the Avenue artist.

17236 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Carol's Travel Service



9 The Circus Star
Artist: Maria E. Dobesh

All the excitement of performing in the circus is shown in the 3-D scenes of this bench. The bright colors and sparkling clothes of the performers remind us of the thrill of working in the circus. Maria was born in Mexico and worked as a graphic designer and children's books illustrator. She is a first-year bench artist.

17244 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Available



10 Education Station
Artist: Grissom Middle School Art Club

Created by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Grissom Middle School, the students first brainstormed ideas that related to education and teaching. The images came together to produce an apple schoolhouse where ABC's and 123's are learned. This is the Art Club's first time taking part in Benches on the Avenue.

17314 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Apple Chevrolet



11 Rolling Along
Artist: Mark Mullan

The words from "The Army Goes Rolling Along" were used by the artist as inspiration for this bench. The bench resembles an Army tank including the use of real link treads to depict the tank's tires. Mark Mullan is a Tinley Park resident and a newcomer this year to Benches on the Avenue.

17322 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Gatto's Restaurant and Bar



12 The Mayor of Tinley Park
Artist: Nick Schullen

As a tribute to Mayor Zabrocki, the artist has portrayed the mayor standing in Zabrocki Plaza with his wife and grandchildren. Several historic buildings in town are drawn along the front of the bench. A six-time bench artist, Nick enjoys the challenge of designing and building new and exciting creations.

17332 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: The Zabrocki Family



13 Finding Treasure
Artist: Val Fischer

Digging and shifting through rubble can be dirty and tedious work for an archaeologist, but ultimately a great adventure. Val is a self-taught artist who has created paintings in oil and acrylic for almost 30 years. He is a sixth-year bench artist, and also enjoys working in 3-D to enhance the benches.

Oak Park Avenue & Hickory Street
Sponsor: Bettenhausen Dodge



14 Paleontologist
Artist: Nick Schullen

A discovery is being made without the slightest awareness of being watched by dinosaurs hidden among the rocks. If you're observant, someone familiar may be revealed on the bench. Nick is a Tinley Park resident who has been a bench artist for six years. He does his best to please his greatest critics—his four grandchildren.

17424 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Pronger Smith Medical Care



15 Dream Big
Artist: Madelyn Rose

For their school assignment, two classmates spend a few moments dreaming about what they want to be when they grow up. Madelyn is a sixth grade student in Tinley Park. She previously created a bench with her sisters; however, this is Madelyn's first time producing a bench on her own.

17432 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Aero Rubber Company



16 Got Money?!
Artist: Michele P. Owens

Michele has depicted the "green" world of a banker casually leaning against an oversized coin and standing in front of an open vault filled with sheets of non-circulating bills. She is a professional artist associated with Union Street Gallery Arts Guild and Tall Grass Arts, and a middle school art teacher in the south suburbs.

17500 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: First Midwest Bank



17 Architecture
Artist: Legat Architects

Classical ionic columns supporting an entablature are associated in Western civilization as the first, simplest and purest expression of architecture. In the public's eye, it is the reflection of the profession. This bench was designed and created by Legat Architects as a company project. Contributing team members were Ted Haug, Pete Krupczak, Miguel Tellez and Jose Gonzalez.

17514 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Legat Architects



18 I Want To Be An Astronaut
Artist: 6th Grade Hilda Walker Artists

This group of 11 and 12 year old students from Hilda Walker Intermediate School meets during lunch once a week to expand their knowledge and appreciation for art. Their bench is about the mysteries of the unknown, and depicts an alien stealing an astronaut's spaceship. The flower boxes show their admiration of the NASA astronauts who have searched in the name of the United States of America.

17501 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Available



19 Rock Star
Artist: Jennifer, Caroline and Stewart Lilly

Music is an important part of our lives. From Hannah Montana and the Jonas Brothers to the classics like the Beatles, children idolize these stars. Some even hope to grow up to be rock stars themselves. Jennifer is a five-time bench artist. This is her first year working with her children – Caroline (10) and Stewart (8).

6779 W. 174th Place
Sponsor: Available



20 What's Cooking?
Artist: Roger Gerencir

The artist has depicted his hobby of cooking with these cartoon-like chefs who are fast at work cooking and baking in the kitchen. Roger is a fifth-year bench artist. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and National Louis University, and a retired art teacher.

17401 S. Oak Park Avenue
Sponsor: Ed & Joe's Restaurant



21 The Sculptors of Stone, Iron & Steel
Artist: Marty Rose & Don Zak

This bench employs sculpted plywood to celebrate the artistic and timeless accomplishments of architects past and present in a 3-D appearance. Don used battery powered flood lights to illuminate the structures from below. Marty has been a bench artist since the program's inception. Don has worked with Marty as the technical expert over the last several years.

Oak Park Avenue & South Street
Sponsor: Robinson Engineering and Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins

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 Lunden.
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.



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.



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.



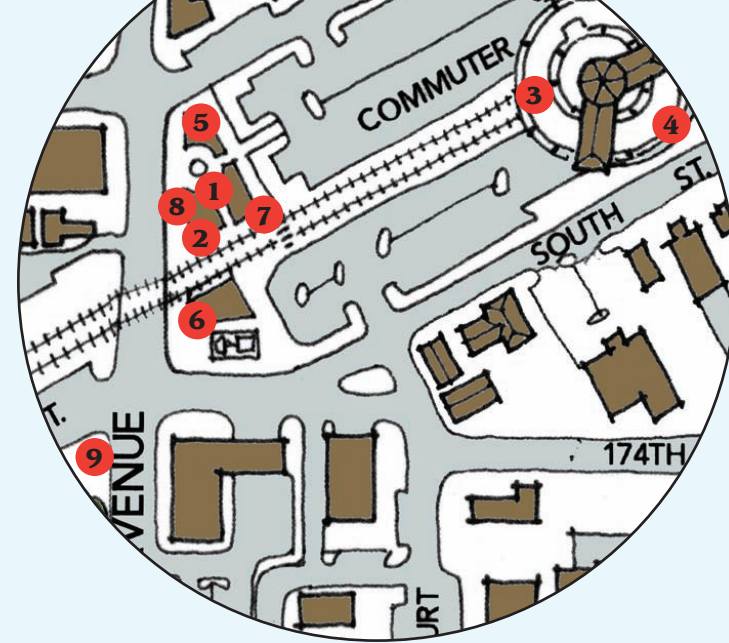
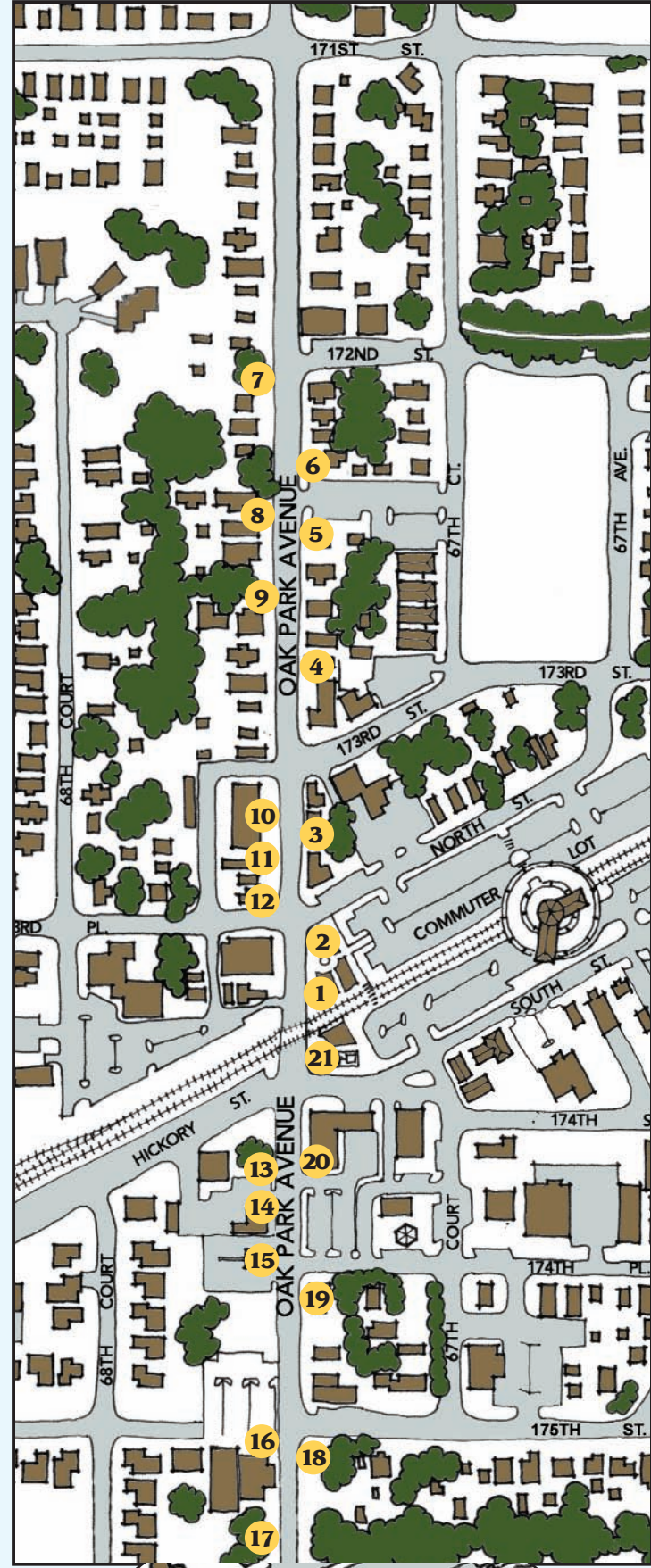
7 Heading Out sculpted by Dennis Smith.
Heading Out is an image about beginnings. Think about the mind and vision of a child; the trial and error—the pure work that accompanies the task of learning to walk. Beyond the falls, the bumps and bruises of the effort, finally those first steps take form, and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



Benches on the Avenue

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Winners will be announced at the Music in the Plaza Concert at the Oak Park Avenue train station on August 14, 2010

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