

Benches on the Avenue

HEROES AND **VILLAINS**

May thru September, 2015



This project was created and implemented by the Village of Tinley Park's MainStreet Commission in an effort to beautify our community and showcase downtown Tinley Park.

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Log on to www.downtowntinley.com to view photos of the benches.

Prizes will be awarded to the artists by a panel of judges
in the following categories:

**Most Creative, Best Portrayal of Theme, Best Use of Materials,
Best Group/Family Project, Most Inspirational, Best Three-Dimensional
Bench, Best First Time Participant, Judges Choice**

Winners will be announced at the Music in the Plaza Concert on
August 22, 2015 at the Downtown Tinley Park train station.

September 11th Commemorative Bench by artist Nick Schulien

Fire Station #1 — 17355 S. 68th Court

**A tribute to the innocent victims and their families,
the heroic first responders and those who sacrificed
their lives to save the lives of others**



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– PRESENTS –

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1 Iron Man
 Artist: *Dave, Kim, Ben, Ron & Sam Begeske, Becky Chasteen, Jessica Brookhouse, Shannon Hill*
 Sponsor: *Local 17 Heat & Frost Insulators*
Zabrocki Plaza, South Side

The Begeskes are long-time Tinley Park residents, where they raised their three children – Ben, Ron and Sammy. Being that Iron Man was their first bench they had grand ideas of using several different materials but eventually chose to use wood, glue, screws, paint and the family favorite...solar lights to show the power of their super hero! The bench portrays two of the heroes' special suits of armor and the image of them defending the people of their great city from the explosions of their enemies! On the back are several Iron Man comic books, which formed the basis of their idea.



2 Monsters Inc.
 Artist: *Jennifer Lilly*
 Sponsor: *Pronger Smith Medical Care*
Zabrocki Plaza, North Side

Monsters are scary, right? In this story, monsters use children's screams for energy. Randall is Boo's monster and he scares her, but Mike and Sulley discover that the children's laughter is actually more powerful than their fear. The artist used fur, fabric, paint, a real door, plywood, plastic bags and spray paint to create this oversized representation of "Monsters Inc." Jennifer grew up in Tinley Park and has worked here for 25 years. This is her tenth year as a bench artist, which gives her an opportunity to use her art degree and come up with new and challenging ways to create these unique pieces of art.



3 Slimy Villain
 Artist: *Marty Rose*
 Sponsor: *Rubino's Italian Imports*
17313 S. Oak Park Avenue

Jabba the Hutt, the slug-like villain from the epic "Star Wars" series, is depicted lounging in his lair. Also pictured is Jabba's sidekick, Salacious Crumb, who smirks from behind Jabba's slimy tail. The artist, Marty Rose, constructed this bench of plywood and painted it using acrylics. Rose is a Tinley Park resident and one of the original bench artists from 2004. He enjoys writing and painting murals, and has one published novel.



4 When Heroes' and Villains' Worlds Collide
 Artist: *Students of Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School in Tinley Park*
 Sponsor: *Odyssey Fun Farm*
17255 S. Oak Park Avenue

This bench represents when heroes and villains collide, and Batman and the Joker are two of the artists' favorite characters. The entire bench includes images from Batman and the Joker, including Gotham City, Joker cards and the Bat Cave. The artists are all students, ages 15 to 22 from Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School in Tinley Park. In support of autism awareness, puzzle pieces were incorporated into the design as well. Clients in the Easter Seals Adult Vocational program, along with many of the Easter Seals staff, designed additional wooden puzzle pieces that are scattered along the front and sides of the bench. The entire bench was painted with acrylic



5 Heroes of our Freedom
 Artist: *Babeth Kopf*
 Sponsor: *Bettenhausen Automotive*
17225 S. Oak Park Avenue

Beth is art director at the Garden Gallery in Tinley Park and a fifth-year bench artist. As a tribute to all the men and women who defend our country, she asked the public to provide her with the names of their family members and friends serving in the military. She received information on their ranks, wars fought, medals received and stories of proud loved ones who died in the line of duty. She then painted the names of more than 250 soldiers on her bench. The artist found this to be a heartwarming and humbling experience.



6 Chicago Sports Heroes
 Artist: *District 146 Art Teachers*
 Sponsor: *Durkin Electric*
17217 S. Oak Park Avenue

The six District 146 art teachers who combined their talents to create this bench used acrylic paint and plywood to depict sports heroes from each of the five Chicago teams – Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox, Joakim Noah from the Chicago Bulls, Jonathan Toews of the Chicago Blackhawks, Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, and Anthony Rizzo from the Chicago Cubs. The back and sides feature a wrap-around silhouette of the city with the "L". This group of first-year bench artists was excited to collaborate on a project for the community and their students to enjoy.



7 All Our Heroes
 Artist: *Garden Gallery Artists & the public*
 Sponsor: *Robinson Engineering Ltd. & Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins Ltd.*
17208 S. Oak Park Avenue

Garden Gallery students and community members were each encouraged to paint a square on this bench, which portrays famous and everyday heroes such as Snoopy, Wonder Woman, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Anne Frank, Mother Theresa, Batman, Amelia Earhart, and the Roosevelts. Garden Gallery and Studio in Tinley Park is an artisan training program for adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as a community gallery and gift shop. Art director Beth Kopf inspired the design for this bench and coordinated the work of the artists.



8 Heroes in Blue
 Artist: *Diane Higgins*
 Sponsor: *Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center*
17236 S. Oak Park Avenue

The materials in this bench and the heavy labor provided by Phil and Tony are a very small part of what the bench is made of... love, sweat and tears for the artist's husband, Ed Higgins, the family hero who taught them all how to live and how to die. Ed's daughter, Susan, told Diane about the Benches on the Avenue. Ed's son, Eddy, offered a car bumper. There are dog bowls, a discarded handle from Ohio delivered by their daughter, Seana, on a visit home from grad school, and the donated CPD shirt of Ed's daughter, Lisa, following in her dear old dad's footsteps. Diane Higgins is a first year bench artist.



9 Historic Heroines
 Artist: *Jackie Perell*
 Sponsor: *First Midwest Bank*
17244 S. Oak Park Avenue

The Historic Heroines bench was inspired by real women who did such amazing things that they are practically superheroes. Using wood, plastic, foam, fabric and paint, this bench was constructed to capture the look of super heroines torn from the pages of a comic book. Each woman Jackie Perell, the artist, is a Tinley Park super hero. Jackie Perell, the artist, is a Tinley Park interior designer by trade, offering clients creative solutions to enhance the way they live and work. She loves incorporating personal details in her projects. She is a first-year bench artist.



10 Star Wars
 Artist: *Jennifer Lilly*
 Sponsor: *James B. Carroll & Associates*
17316 S. Oak Park Avenue

Everyone loves a classic hero and villain story, and the "Star Wars" series doesn't disappoint. This bench shows the iconic and epic final lightsaber duel between Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker in "Return of the Jedi," as well as some of the most famous characters from this series such as C3PO, Princess Leia, Han Solo, R2-D2 and Yoda. Creator Jennifer Lilly is a tenth-year bench artist who grew up in Tinley Park. She enjoys the opportunity to use her art degree to design new and challenging ways to create these unique pieces of art.



11 DC's Finest

Artist: *Garrett Gray & Phillip Gerk*
 Sponsor: *SEECO Consultants, Inc.*
17322 S. Oak Park Avenue

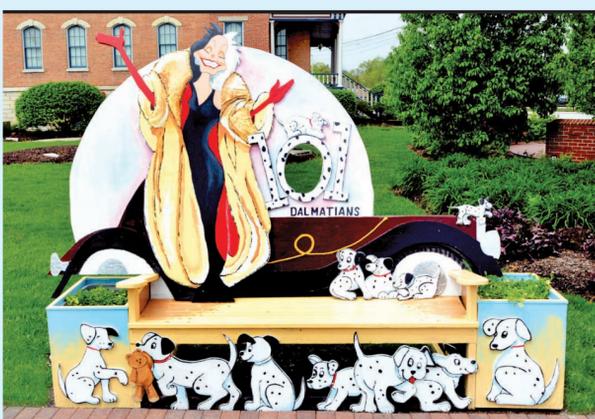
Since 1938, DC Comics has been creating the World's Finest superheroes! The "New Teen Titans"— Robin, Cyborg, Starfire, Beast Boy and Raven — adorn the front of this bench, while the "Justice League" — Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, the Flash and Green Arrow — are on the back. These enduring characters continue to entertain in comics, cartoons, TV and films of today. Garrett Gray and Phillip Gerk are a son-in-law / father-in-law team who enjoy making people smile with their artwork. This dynamic duo has created six benches in five years.



12 King Kong

Artist: *Jennifer Lilly*
 Sponsor: *Odyssey Country Club*
17322 S. Oak Park Avenue

Jennifer Lilly used fur, fabric, plywood, sheet metal, Great Stuff, modeling clay and paint in this representation of King Kong. Is he a true villain? He is perceived as one by many but is really only guilty of being in love. In that case, maybe Beauty is the villain. It is an interesting story to explore these roles. Jennifer grew up in Tinley Park and has worked here for 25 years. This is her tenth year as a Benches on the Avenue artist. This project gives her an opportunity to use her art degree to devise new and challenging ways to create these unique pieces of art.



13 101 Dalmations

Artist: *Nick Schulien*
 Sponsor: *Aero Rubber Company Inc.*
Oak Park Avenue & Hickory Street

This is the story of 99 Dalmatian puppies that are sought after by Cruella DeVil to make a spotted coat. She has them stolen, but their parents help them escape and move to a country home known as Dalmatian Plantation. The artist used wood, canvas, stuffing, upholstery tacks, metal tape and lots of spots in this creation. Nick Schulien is a lifetime resident of Tinley Park who taught high school art in Bolingbrook for 34 years. He has worked on about 28 creations for Benches on the Avenue.



14 Undercover Family Super Heroes

Artist: *Raye Ann Saunoris*
 Sponsor: *Odyssey Fun World*
17424 S. Oak Park Avenue

This colorful, three-dimensional bench displays a suburban undercover family of super heroes who are forced to use their special powers to save the world from evil and villains. The artist has portrayed Bob's strength, Helen's stretch ability and Dash's speed with Buddy Pine and Bomb Voyage on the back. Raye Ann Saunoris is a local professional artist, muralist and owner of A Raye of Color and recently became a published children's illustrator. She is married with two teenage boys and is a sixth year bench artist.



15 Finding Nemo

Artist: *Nadia Hoselton*
 Sponsor: *Ed & Joe's Restaurant & Pizzeria*
17432 S. Oak Park Avenue

Swim under the sea with Nemo and his friends! Watch out for Bruce whose dorsal and tail fin extend from the top of the bench. Dori is fascinated with Squishy, her tiny jellyfish friend, but lurking on the back of the bunch are the swarms of jellyfish waiting! Nemo and Marlin are peeking out of the coral made of "Great Stuff". Don't forget to sit and sway your feet through the yarn seaweed, but watch out for the SHARK!!! Nadia Hoselton is a first-year bench artist and an interior designer by trade who owns Nadia Hoselton Design. She enjoys picking out paint colors for the home and painting furniture, glasses, canvas, and even faces.



16 Lady and the Tramp

Artist: *Nick Schulien*
 Sponsor: *Crossmark Printing Inc*
17500 S. Oak Park Avenue

In the movie "Lady and the Tramp", Lady was a Christmas present. Aunt Sarah came with her troublesome Siamese cats to help with the new baby. Tramp, who didn't have a family and lived on the street, helped straighten things out and became part of the family. The artist, Nick Schulien, used wood, canvas and string to create a realistic interpretation of the film's memorable spaghetti scene. He has lived in Tinley Park his whole life and was an art teacher in Bolingbrook for 34 years. He has been a Benches on the Avenue artist for more than 10 years.



17 Dream a Little Dream

Artist: *Lois Bartolini & Sherrie Bartolini Ordaz*
 Sponsor: *Gatto's Restaurant & Bar*
17514 S. Oak Park Avenue

Dream a Little Dream depicts Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook behind Hook's pirate ship. Salvaged wood from a wheel barrel, bed and trunk were used for the ship. The water texture was created with stucco and rope, and stuffed canvas formed the mast. At the very top, a kitchen decoration and solar-powered lawn light created the crow's nest. Glow-in-the-dark paint was used on characters, clouds and water. Sherrie and her mother, Lois are first-time bench artists and Tinley Park natives who share a passion for creating art using acrylic and oil paints, charcoal, aluminum, treated and raw wood and various recycled materials.



18 Girl Power Rules

Artist: *Rina Briz, Devin Walker, Narita Sharma, Alexis Jannotta, Sarah Keyes, Kathleen DeJong*
 Sponsor: *Apple Chevrolet*
17501 S. Oak Park Avenue

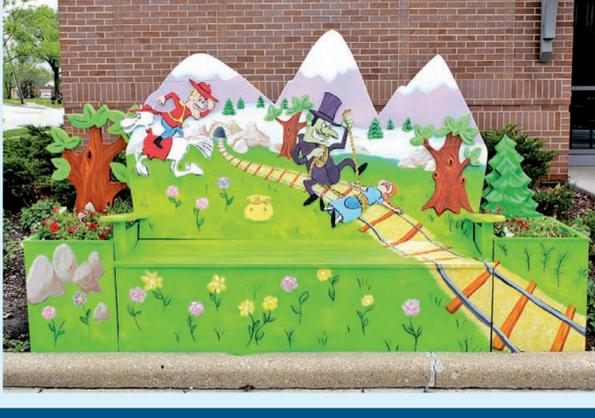
This bench uses the theme of the Power Puff Girls and the anime style of graphic depiction introduced through Japanese comic books, often referred to as Manga. The Americanized version is still popular with youngsters all over the world. The Power Puff Girl cartoon lampoons the typical superhero and re-presents it using five-year-old girls who are crime-fighting superheroes while still maintaining their little girl foibles, insecurities, innocence, courage and love. The color themes of the main characters and the show's heroic iconic opening shot were used on the front side of the bench alongside Tinley Park's clock tower and landmark buildings in Downtown Tinley. These college students are first-time bench artists.



19 Metal Giants

Artist: *John Tamulis and Kristen Price*
 Sponsor: *Rizza Cadillac Buick GMC*
17459 S. Oak Park Avenue

The artists used several layers of plywood to create this three-dimensional representation of Optimus Prime and Megatron from the long-running science fiction series, "Transformers". The bench depicts the classic battle between the altruistic Autobots and the evil Decepticons, both of which have the ability to transform from robot to vehicle. John Tamulis and Kristen Price are local artists who enjoy painting, drawing, sculpting, stained glass and woodworking. They can be found at local craft shows and conventions.



20 The Dim-Witted Hero, Dudley Do-Right

Artist: *Marty Rose*
 Sponsor: *Lawn Funeral Home*
17401 S. Oak Park Avenue

This colorful bench is dedicated to the cartoon that aired in 1969 as part of the "Rocky and Bullwinkle" show. The Canadian Mountie (riding backward on "Horse") must rescue his damsel in distress from the clutches of his evil nemesis, Snidely Whiplash as she lies defenseless tied to the railroad tracks with a train coming towards her. This bench is made of plywood and painted with acrylics. Marty is a respiratory therapist who enjoys painting and writing. He is a Tinley Park resident and one of the original bench artists from 2004.

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 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.



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.



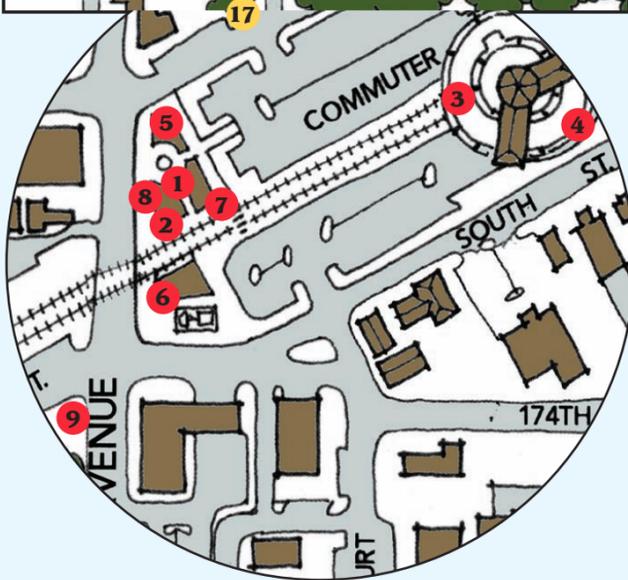
6 Twist in Time sculpted by James Haire. Here we see a young boy, enjoying a fine summer day on a rope swing beneath the branch of a favorite tree. Another simple pleasure, reminding us that happiness doesn't need to involve owning the newest, most expensive gadgets, whatever our age. Most of us remember 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.



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.