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.

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

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- Each and every artist who generously shared his or her time, incredible talent and creativity with the residents of and visitors to the Village of Tinley Park
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- The individual property owners who allowed the benches to be displayed on their property
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
The Village of Tinley Park

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**Benchen on the Avenue – PRESENTS**

- **Iron Man**
  **Artists:** Robyn Viktor, Fernando Luque, David Zebrowski, Rosanna Rivas. **Sponsor:** Zebrowski's, 20400 S. Oak Park Ave.
  This bench is dedicated to the Marvel Comics character Iron Man. It features depictions of the character's armor and associated imagery, reflecting the iconic superhero's role as a protector of humanity. The art highlights the technological aspects of Iron Man's suit and his ability to fight against villains.

- **Monsters Inc.**
  **Artist:** Jennifer Lilly
  **Sponsor:** First Midwest Bank
  This bench is inspired by the animated movie Monsters, Inc., featuring the characters Mike and Sulley. The artwork includes elements related to the characters' storylines, such as their friendship and the events that unfold in the movie. The bench serves as a tribute to the creativity and humor found in the animated films produced by Pixar.

- **When Heroes’ and Villains’ Worlds Collide**
  **Artists:** Becky Chasteen, Jessica Brookhouse, Shannon Hill, Diane Higgins. **Sponsor:** Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center
  This bench is a collaborative effort among several artists, each contributing a portion of the artwork. It features depictions of various superheroes and villains, showcasing the diversity of characters found in comic books and movies. The bench celebrates the shared interests of fans of different hero and villain universes.

- **Heroes of Freedom**
  **Artist:** Bethenhausen Automotive
  **Sponsor:** Bettenhausen Automotive
  This bench is dedicated to those who have served in the military, with depictions of various characters associated with the armed forces. It celebrates the sacrifices made by military personnel and recognizes their contributions to the nation's security.

- **Heroes in Blue**
  **Artist:** Dave, Kim, Ben, Ron & Sam Begeske, Zabrocki Plaza, North Side
  **Sponsor:** Pronger Smith Medical Care
  This bench is dedicated to law enforcement officers, highlighting their role in protecting communities and ensuring public safety. The artwork includes depictions of police officers and symbols associated with the police force.

- **When Heroes and Villains Meet**
  **Artist:** Jackie Perell
  **Sponsor:** Durkin Electric
  This bench is a tribute to superheroes and their adventures. It features depictions of various characters from different comic book universes, showcasing their stories and the impact they have had on the culture.

- **Slimy Villain**
  **Artist:** Sue Yaros
  **Sponsor:** Lyons Public Radio
  This bench is dedicated to the iconic villain Jabba the Hutt, featuring depictions of the character and his surroundings. The artwork highlights his role in the Star Wars franchise and his influence on popular culture.

- **Heroes and Villains**
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**Autism School in Tinley Park**

**Students of Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School in Tinley Park**

**Sponsor:** First Midwest Bank

The bench is a collaborative effort among students with autism, led by artists from Easter Seals. It features depictions of various superheroes and villains, showcasing the creativity and individuality of the students involved. The bench serves as a testament to the potential of these artists and their ability to express themselves through art.
101. Dalmations
Artist: Jennifer Lilly
Sponsor: DC's Finest
Artist: Nick Schulien

This dynamic duo has created six benches in five years. They are on the back. These enduring characters continue to entertain in comics, cartoons, TV and films of today. Superman, Wonder Woman, the Flash and Green Arrow – this bench, while the “Justice League” – Batman, Cyborg, Starfire, Beast Boy and Raven – adorn the front 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 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 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 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! 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bronze statues on the Avenue

These timeless statues and monuments on Oak Park Avenue add beauty and dignity to our town. 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.

3. Home Delivery sculpted by Blais Malhefstein. 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 duldrum of getting up early and facing those bad weather days.

4. Long May It Wave sculpted by Blair Malhefstein. 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 remember 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 statue 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. 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, doing what she loved best, reading with her dog in the park.

8. 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 the child heads out into the wide and endless vision of a world filled with new things and endless places to explore.

9. Heading Out sculpted by Dennis Smith. Heading Out is an image about beginnings. Thank 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.

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