Benches on the Avenue 2007

Thomas and Friends
Artist: Scott Patock
The story of young Thomas Edison and his curious mind that led to many inventions is well known. This bench captures the essence of his early fascination with electricity, inspiration, and discovery. Thomas Edison invented many items that changed the world, and he is a true role model for young minds. The bench serves as a tribute to his remarkable contributions to science and technology.

The Happy Chatter Phone
Artist: Nancy & Jerry Garbrecht
Nancy & Jerry Garbrecht have captured the essence of the classic Red Viewmaster with Scooby Doo Reel. The Red Viewmaster was a beloved childhood toy, and this bench brings back memories of the magic of watching photos and movies through the lens of this iconic toy.

So Happy Together...
Artist: Carolyn & Thomas Warren
Carolyn & Thomas Warren have created a bench that celebrates the joy of family and togetherness. The theme of the bench is “family”, inspired by the artist’s (and their sons') favorite toy, Thomas & Friends. This bench captures the adventurous spirit of pirates and the bond between family members.

Block Party!
Artist: Leslie Linnokken
Leslie Linnokken has created a bench that celebrates the building blocks that are the foundation of childhood. The bench features a colorful depiction of the popular Monopoly game with property deeds and dice on flower boxes, perfect for children who love to play and imagine.

Lincoln Log Fort
Artist: Jennifer Gross
Jennifer Gross has designed a bench that pays homage to the Lincoln Log play set. This bench captures the essence of the traditional best toy of childhood, Lincoln Log Fort, with a wooden post on one-half of the bench. The fort is a symbol of freedom and adventure, capturing the imagination of children.

Mega Toys in the Caribbean
Artist: Alene Samson
Alene Samson has crafted a bench that showcases the joy of collecting and preserving childhood memories. The bench features figurine works of children and animals, including a red rock racetrack and a toy chest overflowing with classic toys and stuffed animals. The chest is a toy box that brings back memories of the magic of making believe.

I Love Dolls!
Artist: Tami Sudduth
Tami Sudduth has designed a bench that celebrates the love of dolls and the creativity they inspire. The bench features a rocking horse, jack-in-the-box, blocks, and legos, all arranged to inspire children to imagine and play.

Radio Remembers
Artist: John & Scott Fleming
Radio Remembers captures the magic of old-time radio shows. The bench features a classic two-way radio, complete with real bars, wheels, lights, and switches. This bench provides an opportunity for children to explore the world of radio and imagination.

Up, Up and Away...
Artist: Nick Schulien
Nick Schulien has created a bench that celebrates the magic of flight and adventure. The bench features a vintage airplane and a rocket, inspiring children to dream of taking off and exploring the world.

Play Time
Artist: Scott Patock
Scott Patock has designed a bench that captures the joy of playing and the laughter that comes with it. The bench features a classic styling of a battery operated 4x4 vehicle, complete with roll bars, wheels, lights, and reflectors. This bench provides an opportunity for children to play and feel like a real driver.

Kids, Crayons and Colors
Artist: Jennifer Litt
Jennifer Litt has created a bench that celebrates the joy of playing and the creativity that comes with it. The bench features a crayon box, complete with real crayons, watercolors, and ink. This bench provides an opportunity for children to explore their creativity and imagination.

Marty's Toy Chest
Artist: Marty Ross
Marty Ross has designed a bench that celebrates the joy of playing and the creativity that comes with it. The bench features a toy chest overflowing with classic toys and stuffed animals. This bench provides an opportunity for children to play and explore their imaginations.

Monopoly Madness
Artist: Tinley Park High School Fine Arts Department
Monopoly Madness is a bench that celebrates the joy of playing and the creativity that comes with it. The bench features a classic Monopoly game with property deeds and dice, complete with rolled paper, wheels, lights, and switches. This bench provides an opportunity for children to play and explore their imaginations.

Paw Pow Power Bench!
Artist: Jordan Groch
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Candy Land
Artist: Jaclyn Chuchers
Jaclyn is a senior student at Columbia College studying Art History. She has painted murals for colleges, friends and windows for the Tinley Park Block Party. This design, Candy Land, starts with the game piece in a solid color which then flows into a rainbow road that features “candy” characters and ends at the castle with a king at the top of the brick.

Mr. Potato Head
Artist: Camie Cirrincione
Camie has created a whimsical collection of toys for girls and boys. Soft cuddly bunnies, bears and dolls, planes, trains and automobiles. These are toys for the young and the young at heart. Now an Oak Forest resident, the artist lived in Tinley Park for 25 years until she got married.

The Teddy Bear Picnic
Artist: Nan Brummerstedt
Nan is a designer and illustrator. In addition to trees. This very colorful creation was painted by Nan who is a designer and illustrator. To add to visual arts, Nan enjoys jewelry design, quilting, pottery and creative writing. This is her second time participating in Benches on the Avenue.

Toyland in Tinley Park
Artist: Joyce Leppe
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Vintage to Infinity and Beyond
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