

# Benches on the Avenue 2007



**Zabrocki Plaza, South Side**  
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## Thomas and Friends

Artist: Val Fischer

Val is a self-employed artist and a resident of Tinley Park for 29 years. This is his third year participating in Benches on the Avenue. The artist remarked that even though there are many toys on the market, "Thomas" was an easy choice because it is his grandson Ethan's favorite toy.



## The Happy Chatter Phone

Artist: Nancy & Molly Garbrecht

Nancy is a single mother who lives with her teenage daughter, Molly, in New Lenox. After assisting other artists with last year's benches, they chose this year to depict the classic, pull-along chatter telephone which was a favorite of Molly's as a child.

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**Zabrocki Plaza, North Side**  
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## So Happy Together...

Artist: Nick Schulien

This retired high school art teacher has been a resident of Tinley Park for over 50 years. He has worked on set design and construction and enjoys creating illusions by changing common objects into works of art. Nick's creative depiction of Raggedy Ann and Andy brings back memories of the traditional handmade toys of childhood.



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**17313 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Lincoln Log Fort

Artist: Carolyn & Thomas Warren

Inspired by the artists' (and their sons) favorite toy, this bench features the traditional look of a Lincoln Log fort with a canopy over one-half of the bench. This husband and wife team are five-year residents of Tinley Park. Carolyn is an artist and Tom is skilled in carpentry.



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**17255 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Guitar Hero in Toyland

Artist: Tara Walano

The artist is the mother of four children who enjoy spending their free time playing the "Guitar Hero" video game. This is her first year participating in Benches on the Avenue. She currently takes painting classes at McCord House in Palos Park, and takes pleasure in painting home murals.



**17244 Oak Park Avenue**  
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**17225 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Clue

Artist: Roger Gerencir

Miss Scarlet, Colonel Mustard and Mrs. Peacock inhabit this colorful bench influenced by the artist's favorite board game from childhood. Roger is a retired art teacher and graduate of Illinois State University and National Louis University. He taught in Valley View School District 365U for 34 years.



**17256 Oak Park Avenue**  
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**17332 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Red Viewmaster with Scooby Doo Reel

Artist: Tara Walano

The Viewmaster was one of the artist's favorite toys and the inspiration for this bench which features colorful scenes of Scooby Doo. This is Tara's first year participating in Benches on the Avenue. She currently takes painting classes at McCord House in Palos Park, and enjoys painting home murals.



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## Radio Remembers

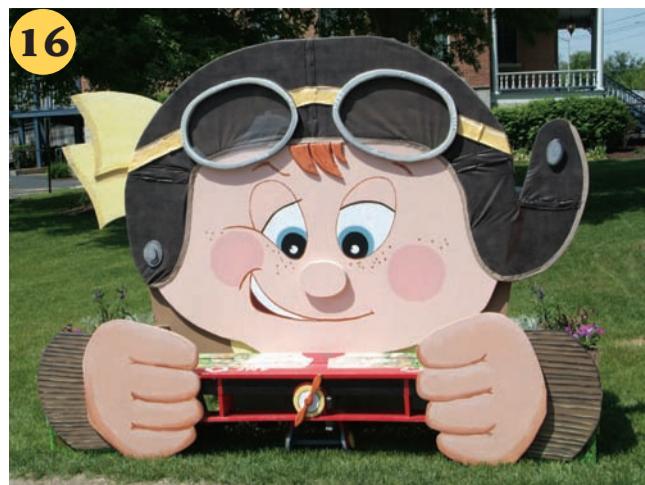
Artist: John & Scott Fleming

In the summer, children pull out their favorite treasures for all to see. Every child expresses a feeling of pride when parading around their beloved toys. A bright red trophy case is the perfect way to appreciate and hold on to the memories. John and Scott are brothers who grew up in the Tinley Park area. Scott is a graphic artist and web designer and John enjoys painting murals.

## Up, Up and Away...

Artist: Nick Schulien

Childhood is full of wonders, from teddy bears to bugs and bug nets, airplanes and bubble gum...What more could a little boy want? No troubles, no worries and lots of mischief to get into! Nick is a long-time resident of Tinley Park and a retired high school art teacher who also worked on set design and construction for many years.



**Oak Park Avenue & Hickory Street**  
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**17424 Oak Park Avenue**  
Sponsor: Tinley Park Park District

## Twister

Artist: Lauren, Morgan & Madelyn Rose

This bench represents the classic game of Twister, the fun and silly game people of all ages and generations love to play. It is interactive, with a real spinner which allows you to play the game. The artists are sisters from Tinley Park. Lauren is a freshman at Tinley Park High School, Morgan is a sixth grader and Madelyn is a third grader.

## Toys in the Attic

Artist: Roger Gerencir

Roger is a graduate of Illinois State University and National Louis University and taught in the Valley View School District 365U for 34 years. This bench illustrates a colorful grouping of toys from years gone by gathered together as in an attic or storage room. The rocking horse, jack-in-the-box, blocks and bears are some of our favorite childhood toys.



**17318 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## This Isn't Brain Surgery

Artist: Don Zak and Marty Rose

A take on the classic Operation game still popular today, this bench is interactive. The patient's nose lights up and an audible buzz is heard when the player attempts to remove body parts. The artists are Tinley Park neighbors who have combined Don's technological wizardry with Marty's artistic talent for several years.



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## Marty's Toy Chest

Artist: Marty Rose

Through creative metamorphosis, this bench appears to be a toy chest overflowing with classic toys and stuffed animals. The planter boxes portray a doll house and toy circus wagon. Marty is a resident of Tinley Park and fourth year Benches on the Avenue artist, whose full-time occupation is respiratory therapy, but enjoys using his artistic talents.

## Kids, Crayons and Colors

Artist: Jennifer Lilly

As a child, this artist's favorite toys were art supplies. There is nothing better than a new box of crayons! These materials are great for using your creativity and imagination. Jennifer has a degree in Illustration and has worked at the Tinley Park Library for 17 years. She enjoys creating the benches with her family.



**17500 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Pow Pow Power Bench!

Artist: Sandra Gross

Sandra is a 46 year old grandmother with a passion for painting who recently returned to reside in Tinley Park after 25 years. This bench is a classic styling of a battery operated 4x4 vehicle, complete with roll bars, wheels, lights and reflectors. This bench provides an opportunity for children of all ages to have a ride!



**17514 Oak Park Avenue**  
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## Monopoly Madness

Artist: Tinley Park High School Fine Arts Department

This bench was designed by the commercial art students from District 228 featuring junior/senior level art students dealing with concepts of graphic design, advertising, multi-media, concept and problem-solution based projects. The artists created a colorful depiction of the popular Monopoly game with property deeds and dice on flower boxes.

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## Candy Land

Artist: Jaclyn Robbins

Jaclyn is a senior student at Columbia College studying Art History. She has painted murals for college, friends and windows for the Tinley Park Block Party. Her design, Candy Land, starts with the game piece in a solid color which then flows into a rainbow road that passes "candy" characters and ends at the castle with a king at the top of the bench.

17541 Oak Park Avenue

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**T**ake a walk through the Tinley Park Historical District to view the wonderful benches...



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## Mr. Potato Head

Artist: Camie Cirrincione

This lively representation of Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head depicts the classic, face-changing friends who have been around from generation to generation. Camie is a stay-at-home mother of three children and has lived in Tinley Park for two years. She has always loved drawing as a hobby.

17501 Oak Park Avenue

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## Toyland in Tinley Park

Artist: Jennifer Lilly

Jennifer has created a whimsical collection of toys for girls and boys...Soft cuddly bunnies, bears and dolls, planes, trains and automobiles. There 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.

6779 W. 174th Place

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## The Teddy Bear Picnic

Artist: Nan Brummerstedt

Teddy bears out for the day enjoying a picnic under the apple trees. This very colorful creation was painted by Nan Brummerstedt who is a designer and illustrator. In addition to visual arts, Nan enjoys jewelry design, quilting, pottery and creative writing. This is her second time participating in Benches on the Avenue.



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## Vintage to Infinity and Beyond

Artist: Raye Ann Saunoris

This bench recaptures how our vintage toys evoke happy childhood memories all the way to the future and beyond (even if you sell them at a toy sale)! Raye Anne was formally instructed by artist Lois Hrejsa and studied for two years at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. She has worked for several years as a graphic artist and wall muralist.

Oak Park Avenue & South Street  
(Front of Train Engine)

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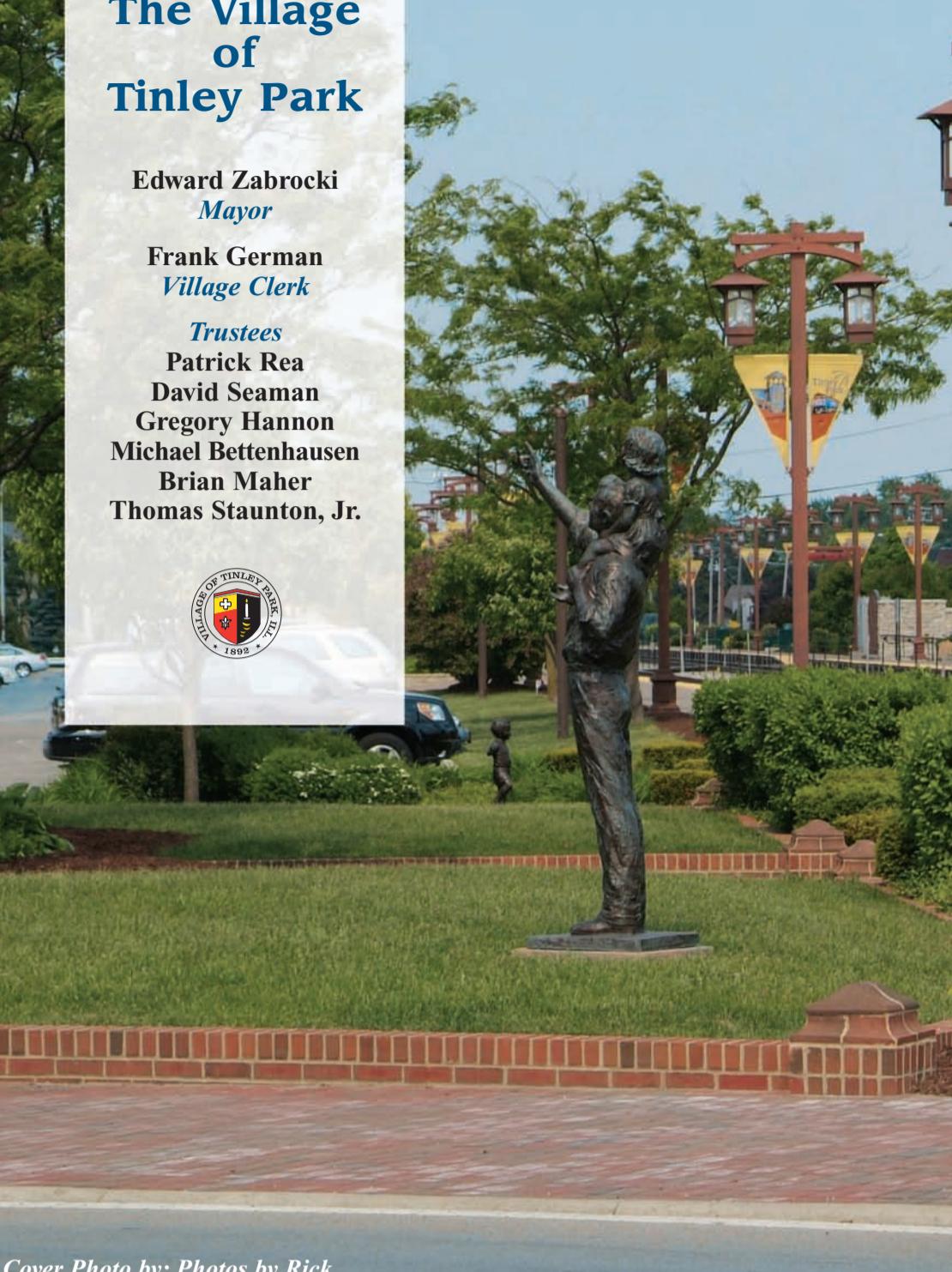
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# Benches on the Avenue

May thru September, 2007

Winners will be announced at the Music in the Plaza Concert

at the Oak Park Avenue train station on August 25, 2007  
Most Creative, Best Theme, Best Use of Materials and Best Young Artist  
and vote for your favorite in the following categories:  
Log on to [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org) to view a slide show of the benches

**Vote for Your Favorite Bench!**

Enjoy!

- The Village of Tinley Park Garden Club for maintaining the flowers throughout the summer.
- Becky Nichols of Evans Trophies & Awards for donating and installing the flower beds.
- Club Scouts Pack #400 from Cardinal Bernadini School and their parents for planting the flowers.
- Rick Burkus of Photos by Rick for donating the photography of all of the benches.
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- Our 25 sponsors for their financial support of this project.
- Each and every artist who generously shared his or her incredible talent and creativity with the residents of and visitors to the Village of Tinley Park.
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