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**Board of Directors
Monthly Meetings**

All meetings are held
on the fourth
Monday of each
month at 7 p.m.

2010

Monday, October 25
Monday, November 22
Monday, December 27

2011

Monday, January 24
Monday, February 28

Board Meetings are
open to all members
and are held at the
Society's office.

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be called as needed.

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Preserving and Promoting Neighborhood History

Our New Temporary Home

We're moving! As the successful conclusion to a long search process, the Society has chosen 1447 West Morse Avenue as our new home. The new location is one block west of the Red Line's Morse stop. Plans include completing our move in early November.

The Society's directors have been searching for new temporary quarters for over a year. Our plan was to find a suitable storefront to occupy for two years while we search for a larger, permanent home. Each potential location for this move was assessed for a number of criteria, with emphasis on improved visibility in the community. The new office space gives us a highly visible presence in a historic area with lots of foot traffic.

The new location will provide a great opportunity to become more available to our members and any curious passers-by. To accomplish this, the Society will significantly expand hours of operation. Because the offices will be staffed daily, we'll be there to answer questions, provide general information, sell our books and work on our archiving projects: photos, documents, and 3-D objects.

The new space is smaller than our present home by design; the Board's long-range plan includes this temporary facility as a home while the organization continues planning for expanding programs and services to



1447 West Morse Avenue

the West Ridge and Rogers Park communities in the future. Assuring optimal use of the space, current plans include an exhibit space with a video kiosk, meeting areas and flexible work spaces to accommodate our current programs, like the oral history project.

The Board of Directors invites you to visit our new quarters. We will hold an open house for the general public on Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 2 to 5 pm. There will be other special events as we settle into our new home. Watch the media and check out <http://rpwrhs.org> for more information.

Call for Volunteers!

The upcoming move is going to require the focused effort of dozens of people over the next two months.

The Society needs help in almost every area you could think of: Packing, cleaning, painting . . . the list goes on.

To volunteer, send an e-mail to rpwrhs@aol.com or call 773-764-4078.

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In Appreciation to Mary Borke

by Jonathan Dixon

The Society draws its strength from its volunteers. We want to take a moment to acknowledge a giant among our volunteers, Mary Borke. Over the years, when you have received the Society's newsletter, when you have attended one of our house tours, and when you have enjoyed refreshments at Society events, chances are that Mary Borke had a very big hand in making it possible! She has folded, sorted, labeled, and stamped the newsletters; she has organized, arranged, and staffed our house tours; she has scheduled, delivered, and served up hospitality at countless Society events over the years.

Anyone who has worked alongside Mary has probably heard her use the term "helper bee" to describe the Society's volunteers, and that has been exactly what she has been for so long! Where there have been needs at the Society, Mary has been available again and again. Her good attitude and warm spirit have inspired all of us, and we have enjoyed counting her as a friend for so long.

Mary is now going to be dividing her time between Seattle and Chicago, so we won't have the privilege of seeing as much of her as we have grown accustomed to, and we are going to miss her. Nonetheless, we certainly look forward to her returns to us, and are

happy that she is maintaining her home in Chicago!

Please take a moment to reach out to Mary to let her know how much we are going to miss her until we see her again, and how much we appreciate her for everything she contributes to the Society. Her contact information is:

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Mary, we love you, we miss you, we thank you, and we look forward to having you back with us!

Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor,

I remeber the toboggan slide, as does my cousin, Sister Kathleen La Plume, across Touhy Ave. in the Clay Pit. What's worse, I remeber the LaPlumes catching the large carp in the lake at the bottom of the pit and putting them in the bath tub. This caused my asthma attacks, moving to Arizona, and subsequent nightmares. My attorney is still looking into it.

Kevin Sampson
Denver, Colorado



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Have you visited our new web site lately?

New articles are added frequently.

There are Special features available to those that register on the site.

www.rpwrhs.org

From the President's Desk

by Jonathan Dixon

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work."

– Daniel Burnham

This often-quoted line from Chicago's most famous architect is fitting for the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society as we move to a new home at 1447 W. Morse Avenue. We have big plans for new exhibits, new programs, more open hours, more visibility to the public, more membership, and a more dynamic and active Society! And there's more: our plans are that this new home is our interim home, and that we will establish a permanent home with still more exhibits, programs, open hours, visibility, members, dynamism, and activity! Our vision is long and broad. The here-and-now and the future of the Society are our best years ever.

In looking at what we have accomplished in 2010—record attendance at our May house tour, our successful outing to the Illinois Railway Museum and the publication of our book *The Trains That Ran Through Rogers Park*, our amazing website and increased publicity through our print newsletter, *The Historian*, and electronic newsletter, *The Cabbagehead*, the significant headway we have made in cataloging our archives, the planning and preparation for our successful move into such a promising location—we are endlessly grateful to all of our devoted volunteers whose leadership and sweat equity made all of it possible.

Building on this, we reach into 2011. Our new home is truly promising in the opportunities it presents. Now is the time when you will be prouder than ever to be a member of the Rogers Park/West



Ridge Historical Society, and we invite you to join us as we launch our new flagship on Morse! Please join us for our "Grand Opening" open house on Sunday, December 12, 2010 (details in this edition), and then join us each month in 2011 for our new program "Second Saturday at the Society" which will meet (you guessed it) on the second Saturday of each month at our new location from 10:30 to approximately noon. We will feature speakers and presentations on local history and culture, reaching out to the many diverse pockets of our entire community, as we make ourselves relevant to all of our constituents and broaden our membership. Please also plan to come to our annual meeting on Saturday, February 12, 2011 (which will be held in conjunction with "Second Saturday at the Society"). Also, reserve May 1, 2011, on your calendars for our annual house tour, which will feature our new neighbors along Morse and homes in the surrounding area.

Our members and volunteers make everything we do possible. Thank you for being a part of our Society family, now and in 2011 and beyond. We are making big plans, aiming high in hope and work!

Memberships as of September 1, 2010

Welcome New Members!

Individual

Ellen Credille

Senior

Torie Liss

Family

Michael & Angela Morrow

Senior Family

Bill & Marge Johnson

Sponsor

Kristine Westerberg

Thanks for Renewing!

Individual

Stuart Alpern

Jeanne Bloom

Wynne Delacoma

David Gerber

George Glastris

Sharon Hyson

Donald Nyderek

Ivah Urbanski

Senior

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Patricia Meegan

Nancy Nixon Plumb

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Nick Dorochoff &
Joe Beason

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Carol Westerlund

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William Siavelis &
Vicki Curtis

Margo Viscusi

RPWRHS Visits IRM

by Jonathan Dixon

Members and guests of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society “rode the rails” on Sunday, August 8, 2010 in a special trip to the Illinois Railway Museum IRM). Located in Union, Illinois—which is just a quick and scenic hour and a half drive west of Chicago—the IRM harbors the largest operating demonstration railroad showcase in North America.

Our visit was enhanced by an impressively detailed book, *The Trains That Ran Through Rogers Park* which was written by our own resident expert Hank Morris, who also served as our guide through the exhibits.

The IRM had several trains, trolleys, and streetcars actually running on its tracks on the museum campus. When we arrived, a two-car North Shore Line interurban train was waiting to take us over the museum’s 5-mile main line. Later, the museum operated a diesel-powered 1920s-era passenger commuter train over the main line, where we saw that no matter how many years have passed, some things never change. In today’s CTA we don’t have wicker seats or windows that we can open, both of which made for a comfortable ride, but we do still have the occasional wisecracking conductor and a few inexplicable delays while the conductor scurries around to attend to some minor (or not) mechanical failure. Still, we got where we were going, and we enjoyed the camaraderie of our fellow passengers and train aficionados.

It was a thrill for all of us to share the special enthusiasm of the all-volunteer staff at the IRM. Their obvious passion for this slice of our history was contagious!



Tour visitors get information about the museum’s newest addition to the collection. (Photo by Jonathan Dixon)

We want to extend our warmest thanks to S&C Electric Company for covering the cost of printing for our book, *The Trains That Ran Through Rogers Park*. Thanks, also, to Hank Morris for serving as such an extraordinary guide and for “conducting” (okay, “driving”) our van out to the IRM and back. Further thanks to our Events Committee for arranging all of the details, and to Denis and Kathie Paluch and the Greenleaf Art Center for serving as the “depot” where we gathered for the trip, got a “preview” of what to expect, and enjoyed refreshments!

Those that missed this year’s trip can still get a feel for what we experienced by ordering a copy of our book. It’s just \$20 for nonmembers and \$16 for members.

We plan on going back. Try to go with us next time. It’s a lot of fun.

Society Holds First Gangster Tour of West Ridge

by Colleen Sen

On Sunday, October 10, from 1:30 to 4:30, the Rogers Park West Ridge Historical Society will hold its first neighborhood “Gangsta Tour.” Few people know that over the years our LOVELY, peaceful neighborhood has been the setting for some of the city’s most horrendous murders as well as home to some of Chicago’s most notorious crime figures. In the 1920s and 1930s, West Ridge was the stomping ground of North Side crime boss George “Bugs” Moran, Al Capone’s main rival for control of the city’s rackets.

RPWRHS docents will lead the group on a walking tour of major points of interest and provide a commentary on the residences and surrounding neighborhood. The total distance walked will be around 1.5 miles so bring your walking shoes. Details about where we will meet will be sent to those who register. .

Registration is limited, so sign up soon. Registration is \$24 for RPWRHS members, \$30 for nonmembers. Sign up on the Society’s website www.rpwrhs.org or call 773-764-4078.

Some High Points of the Tour:

Home of **Timothy D. “Big Tim” Murphy** on Morse Avenue. Murphy was a Chicago mobster and labor racketeer who controlled several major labor’ unions during the 1910s and early 1920s. He founded an Irish American gang which became one of Chicago’s first organized crime organizations and was one of the few respected by Al Capone. Murphy was involved in many crimes, including murder, and served seven years in Leavenworth. He was shot and killed as he answered the front door of his home on the night of June 26, 1928, and you can see the bullet holes to this day. His murder was never solved.

John U. “Jack” Zuta was an accountant and political “fixer” who lived on Artesian Avenue. He began working for Al Capone in the mid-1920s but later

defected to Moran’s North Side Mob. In June 1930, Zuta supposedly ordered the death of *Chicago Examiner* reporter Jake Lingle after Lingle tried to extort money from Moran’s gambling operations. He was never indicted and fled Chicago for Wisconsin, where in 1930 he was killed by unidentified gunmen. He kept meticulous records which after his death led to the uncovering of widespread corruption among city and state officials.

Giuseppe “Joe” Aiello was the boss of the Sicilian Mafia in Chicago in the 1920s and early 1930s . Aiello and his family owned a food importing business as well as a bakery near Division and Clybourn. He had a longstanding, bloody feud with Al Capone (a Neapolitan) and in the process formed an alliance with Bugs

Moran. The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre was in part a retaliation for Aiello’s activities. Aiello built a three-story fortress-like house for himself and his family on Lunt Avenue but was unable to escape Capone’s revenge. In October 23, 2010 he was gunned down at the corner of West End and Kolmar Avenues.



LEFT, Timothy D. “Big Tim” Murphy; ABOVE, John U. “Jack” Zuta; RIGHT, Giuseppe “Joe” Aiello.



Second Saturday at the Society: RPWR Historical Society launches new monthly series of programs

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is excited to announce our new monthly program in 2011 featuring speakers and presentations on history and culture. Befitting our new interim home, “Second Saturday at the Society” will offer an opportunity to draw in our members and the public for learning, discussion, fellowship, and a fresh opportunity for the Society to expand its mission!

As an appropriate name for the program, “Second Saturday at the Society” will be held on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to approximately noon. The

programs will be held at the Society’s new interim home at 1447 W. Morse.

Our inaugural “Second Saturday at the Society” will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. where our guest speaker will be Teri Embrey, the Senior Librarian at the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago. She will speak about Angel Guardian Orphanage, which played a significant role in our community’s history, and was located where Misericordia is now. Please plan to join us for this engaging presentation from such an accomplished local scholar!

Following that, in February, “Second Saturday at the Society” will merge with the Society’s annual meeting on February 12, 2011. Future meeting dates will follow on March 12, 2011; April 9, 2011; May 14, 2011; and June 11, 2011. The events will be free for Society members and a suggested donation of \$5.00 from non-members to help defray expenses.

We warmly welcome you to join us each month for “Second Saturday at the Society” throughout 2011. Just remember: if it’s the second Saturday of the month, we’re meeting, and you’re invited!

Don’t forget, we have an ***interactive Yahoo Groups website*** where you can pose questions.

All you have to do is register to use it.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RPWRHS>

Upcoming Events at Our New *Temporary* Home

December 12, 2010—Open House, 2-5 p.m. at the Rogers Park/ West Ridge Historical Society, 1447 W. Morse Avenue.

January 8, 2011—10:30 a.m.: Second Saturday at the Society; free admission for members and suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.

February 12, 2011—10:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society at 1447 W. Morse Avenue.

March 12, 2011—10:30 a.m.: Second Saturday at the Society; free admission for members and suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.

April 9, 2011—at 10:30 a.m.: Second Saturday at the Society; free admission for members and suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.

May 1, 2011—Annual House Tour featuring Morse Ave. and homes in the surrounding area (further details to be announced).

May 14, 2011—10:30 a.m.: Second Saturday at the Society; free admission for members and suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.

June 11, 2011—10:30 a.m.: Second Saturday at the Society; free admission for members and suggested donation of \$5.00 for non-members.



Society Now Member of CAPS 24th District Advisory Council

In 1992-1993, Matt L. Rodriguez, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, was ordered by Mayor Richard M. Daley to recreate the Chicago Police Department and to form an active partnership between citizens and the police. Thus began the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS).

District Advisory Council

District Advisory Committees (known widely as “DACs”) are groups of residents, community organization leaders, business owners, representatives of local institutions, and others from the community who meet regularly with the police to discuss district affairs. The first DACs were formed in 1993 in the prototype districts where CAPS was developed (one of these was our own 24th District). DACs were to assist the commander in establishing district priorities and developing strategies to address them, and to bring to the table community resources that could contribute to resolving local problems. They have always operated in a somewhat autonomous fashion. Members are selected in a variety of ways, they have taken on different roles in the various districts and the manner in which they conduct their business

varies a great deal from place to place. This diversity has not always led to success, however. Many express frustration over their ill-defined mandate, their leadership problems and their inaction on many important issues.

Much of the real work of the DACs is to be done through their subcommittees. Each is required to sponsor two subcommittees, court advocacy and senior citizens. Beyond that, they are supposed to organize subcommittees to address local priorities, and most DACs have five or six. Subcommittees are typically focused on domestic violence, youth affairs, housing and economic development. Many districts have clergy subcommittees and beautification or environmental subcommittees. Some sponsor neighborhood or cellular patrol groups.

So, we have joined the DAC of the 24th District Rogers Park in helping to guide quality of life issues and crime prevention issues. Decisions made by the DAC often impact events within Rogers Park and West Ridge which become part of our two communities’ collective history. This is sufficient reason that we should be there.

Once a year the DAC organizes the District’s participation in National Night Out. This occurs on the first Tuesday of August every year. In 2009 the first district-wide event was held at Willye White Park. The second district-wide event was held this year at Warren Park. As you can read on page 11, we donated one copy of each of our two books for the raffle.

From time to time we’ll publish reports of DAC activities on our website and in this newsletter as they pertain to our unique interests.

Quality of life is one of the most important reasons for someone to live in a particular neighborhood. If it goes down, people move out. We don’t want to see that happen, so we’re taking an active part to keep Rogers Park and West Ridge great places in which to live!

For those that would like to learn just how well this program has fared, Northwestern University’s Institute for Policy Research has been following the evolution and has issued two reports to date, one at 5 years out, and one at 10 years out. You can download PDFs of these reports from the page on the CLEARpath website shown below:

For copies of the 5-year and/or 10-year reports on CAPS, download them from:

<https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath/Get%20Involved/How%20CAPS%20works>

To learn what’s happening in your neighborhood and/or to determine in which District you live and on which Beat, go to the Chicago Police Department’s CLEARpath website:

<https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath/>

We're Making a HistoryWiki!

by Hank Morris

What's a Wiki? Those members who have and use a computer have more than likely encountered Wikipedia. This is an on-line encyclopedia which allows anyone to add to it, update it, correct it, edit it, etc. Literally tens of thousands of people have made entries to Wikipedia.

Here's the introduction from Wikipedia's own website:

"Wikipedia (pronounced WIK-i-PEE-dee-ə) is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia project based on an openly-editable model. The name "Wikipedia" is a portmanteau of the words wiki (a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word wiki, meaning "quick") and encyclopedia. Wikipedia's articles provide links to guide the user to related pages with additional information.

"Wikipedia is written collaboratively by largely anonymous Internet volunteers who write without pay. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles (except in certain cases where editing is restricted to prevent disruption and/or vandalism). Users can contribute anonymously, under a pseudonym, or with their real identity, if they choose. The Wikipedia community has developed many policies and guidelines to improve the encyclopedia; however, it is not a formal requirement to be familiar with them before contributing.

"Since its creation in 2001, Wikipedia has grown rapidly into one of the largest reference websites, attracting nearly 78 million visitors

monthly as of January 2010. There are more than 91,000 active contributors working on more than 16,000,000 articles in more than 270 languages. As of today (8/17/2010), there are 3,384,226 articles in English. Every day, hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world collectively make tens of thousands of edits and create thousands of new articles to augment the knowledge held by the Wikipedia encyclopedia."

History is constantly changing. New things are always being discovered, and old ideas are falling by the wayside in the face of newer information. By being electronic, Wikipedia doesn't have to reprint newer volumes like the paper-bound types. It's literally always up to date.

So, we're going to have one, too. We'll call ours the RPWRHS "HistoryWiki." Most folks will just call it the Wiki.

The more information that is put into our HistoryWiki, the more obvious it becomes that we have a lot of data that can be found nowhere else—or is scattered so widely about, that you have to hunt for every piece. This is just one benefit of our having a Wiki; we're amassing all this unconnected data and putting it into a common database that can be extensively searched.

Students can be assigned to research missing information and then upload their findings into the Wiki. We all benefit. Volunteers can research information of particular interest to them and store the results in the Wiki. There are no limits to what can be put into the Wiki, nor are there any expectations that it will ever be finished.

Through the unique capabilities designed into MediaWiki, the software that we're using, individual words or phrases can be used for searching information. When using a Wikipage, you can click on certain words or phrases and be immediately transported to another page in our Wiki, to a page in Wikipedia, itself or to an independent Web page that contains information relevant to the word/phrase on which you clicked. Connection is almost instantaneous. Of course you can use the "back" button of your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, Google Chrome, etc.) to return to the page you were just on.

The compilation of the HistoryWiki, so far, has been a one-man effort. It doesn't have to be such. Thanks to the Internet, anyone with access to a computer can get to the HistoryWiki and contribute, edit, or even create a new entry, from the comfort of their home, office, or mobile computer. But you must register on our Website to use it.

Of course, new entries and corrections will be subjected to verification to ensure accuracy.

Every person reading this has some knowledge that should be stored in the Wiki. You can write it down and send it to the Society or go on-line and enter the data into the Wiki. Nothing is literally too trivial. Unsubstantiated opinions or data will, of course, be withheld from public access. This is yours, to do with it what you will. We will all benefit from our ever-growing HistoryWiki. The more good references, the more valid the results.

Try using "INDEX" as your first search term. You will find HistoryWiki in the left-hand column under "Services" after you log onto our website.

Authors Needed, No Experience Necessary

History happens all around us. What was news today will be history tomorrow. We never run out of projects to write about certain events, people, buildings, etc.

This is your Society and this is your newsletter. We want to hear from you.

Whether it's personal reminiscences from your childhood or something more contemporary, let us hear about it.

The most interesting pieces come from members. What's important to you? Write about it. Did your folks throw you a birthday at Hollywood Kiddieland? Did you ride the fire engine? Did you play miniature golf inside in Rogers Park? Share it with our members.

Contact us at:

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, 7344 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645, or by e-mail at rpwrhs@aol.com

Do We Have Your E-mail Address?

We have begun e-mailing issues of our e-newsletter

The Cabbagehead

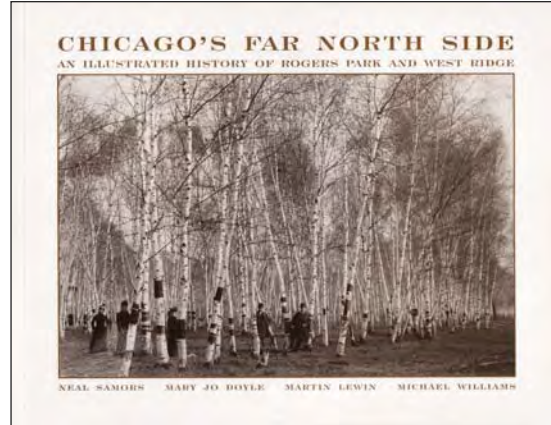
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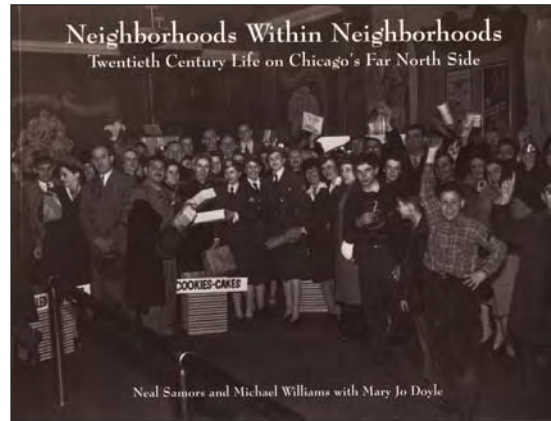
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Chicago's Far North Side: An Illustrated History of Rogers Park and West Ridge

by Neal Samors, Mary Jo Doyle, Martin Lewin and Michael Williams (162 pages, paperback, ©2000–2001)

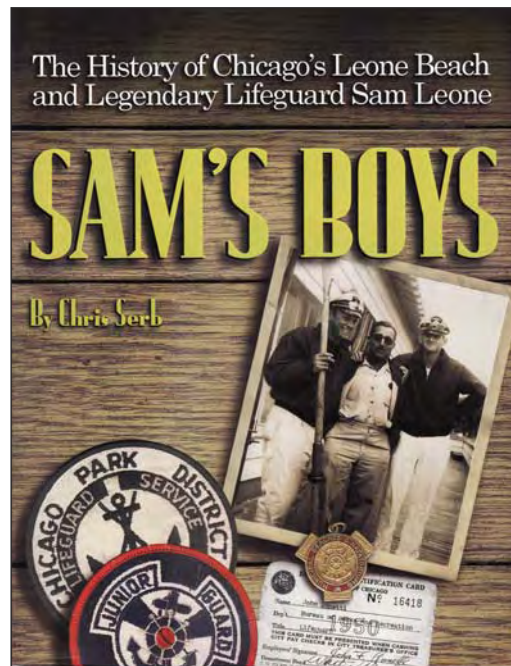
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Neighborhoods Within Neighborhoods: Twentieth Century Life on Chicago's Far North Side

by Neal Samors and Michael Williams, with Mary Jo Doyle (240 pages, paperback, ©2002)

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Chicago, IL 60645

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Miss Our Trip to the Illinois Railway Museum? Buy the Book

The Trains That Ran Through Rogers Park



Rogers Park / West Ridge Historical Society
7344 North Western Avenue
Chicago, IL 60645

Members \$16.00

Nonmembers \$20.00

Thanks to S&C Electric for printing this book for us.

What Happened to the 3rd Book Project?

This question can be answered simply—nothing!!!

We have asked for volunteers to get involved in producing our next society-published book many times. Tentatively, we've decided to call it, *Rogers Park through the Eyes of Marty Schmidt*. Marty was a prolific photographer and was rarely seen anywhere without his trusty camera hanging from his neck. He took literally thousands of photographs of the area we live in and the Society inherited his photographic legacy.

The book can only be produced by dedicated volunteers who will give of their time to get it done. This is how the first two were produced. If we're ever to see it, we need **your** help to make it happen.

You do not have to be a photo critic or epic writer. This will take perseverance and determination, we can show you how to do the rest. Believe it or not, it will be fun!!!

Contact Hank Morris through the Society office to volunteer.

Society Donates Two Books to National Night Out Celebration

by Hank Morris

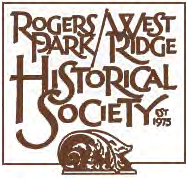
Your Society donated one copy of each of our two books to be raffled off at the 24th Police District's 2010 National Night Out Celebration which was held at Warren Park on Tuesday, August 3.

National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event held every first Tuesday of August. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, CAPS, and other anti-crime efforts.

Initially communities held lights-on vigils. Now, many communities hold block parties, festivals, and other events to help bring neighbors together.

Over 1,600 attendees were estimated by the police.



New and Renewing Members

Please check the appropriate category box for your renewal or new membership.

Member Category	Annual Dues	Member Category	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$750	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student	\$15
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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

New Membership Renewal I would like to volunteer at the Society.

Mail your check to RPWR Historical Society, 7344 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645

To pay by credit card, please call us at 773-764-4078 or use our Web site: www.rpwrhs.org.



**Been in the "hood" a while?
Know somebody who has?**

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is conducting an on-going oral history project. We're collecting the memories of those individuals who remember what life was like in Rogers Park and West Ridge "way back when."

Oral histories are a wonderful way to learn about our neighborhoods before all the complexities of "modern life" settled in.

Memories are precious. Whether they're yours, a friend's or a relative's. Help preserve our community's past through oral history today.

You can reach Nancy Jane Lauren to arrange an interview at: 773-338-5365 or nancyjanelauren@sbcglobal.net

Do you have old photos of Rogers Park or West Ridge?

Our Photo Archives and Cataloging Project is charged with the preservation of our photo collection. In it, we have literally thousands of photographs that have been donated to the Society to be preserved for future generations and today's researchers.

It's one of our most valuable resources. Why not add your old photos to our collection? We will scan them and put them in the Photo Archives. Future generations and today's researchers will thank you for your efforts.

We can scan slides, negatives, prints, whatever. While we would prefer to preserve the originals, we're not greedy. If you want them back, we will honor your request.

It would be most helpful if you could provide notes as to what is being shown in the photographs. We've never met Aunt Martha. Please tell us who is who. Neighborhoods change. Please tell us where the photo was taken and when.

For more information, contact the Society's offices.

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Do You Know?

What building is being torn down? Send your solution to rpwrhs@aol.com. The first person that correctly identifies the building gets a copy of one of our two Society-published books.



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