



NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Headquartered in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House

Upcoming Events

Indoor Rummage Sale

Fri. Oct. 16th @ 5pm-9pm
Sat. Oct. 17th @ 9am-4pm
Sun. Oct. 18th @ 9am-1pm

Pet-acular Halloween Costume Contest

Details TBA

General Meeting {VIRTUAL}

Wednesday, Oct. 21st @ 7pm
Login details will be emailed

Craft, Crochet & Knit Night

Fri. Oct. 30 @ 6:30pm

Landscaping Work Days

Every Weds. & Sat. @ 10am

Landscape Planning Meeting

Sat. Nov. 14th @ 10am

Panera Fundraiser

Sat. Nov. 14th 4pm-8pm

*Please check our website/
facebook for continued updates
about programs and events.*

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October newsletter submissions
due by Weds., October 21st.

Indoor Rummage Sale

Friday, October 16th - Sunday October 18th

The NPHS will be holding an indoor sale in the house and the new barn on the 3rd weekend of October. Dates and times listed to the left. In addition to the usual household items there will be antique/collectibles dealers, craft items and the Museum Store will be open for business. Admission is free. We still want donations of smaller items (can fit in a banker's box) so please no furniture, books, clothing or appliances. Donations can be left near the ramp door to the rear of the Crippen House. Call us with questions at 773-746-6363 or 773-631-5644. ~ Tom & Diane Spenny, Chairpersons

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2020
PET-ACULAR
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME CONTEST



Pet-acular Halloween Costume Contest

Get ready for Halloween! Enter your pet in the NPHS 2020 Pet-acular Halloween Costume Contest. Pets large and small are invited to wear their best Halloween garb for this virtual costume contest. For full contest rules, watch www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org and www.facebook.com/norwoodparkhistoricalsociety

Welcome New Members!

Bridget Davidson
Norman Caraher Sands

Can our neighbors save the world?

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed neighbors to become more than just neighbors

Most of the news over the past six months has centered on one thing: the COVID-19 pandemic. And, as much as the public wants a new story to follow, the coronavirus has remained on a low, rolling boil ever since it hit the United States.

Other hot topics have popped up to challenge – and even dominate – the news cycle for one or even several days. Right now, politics and the election cycle tend to take over reports of overworked doctors or vaccine trials. But it's nearly impossible to get away from the thing that consumes us: COVID-19.

The pandemic is an international problem. It's being tackled from various angles on the medical front. Reports abound about a vaccination on the edge of being ready, or about countries vaccinating their essential workers, or a drug that seems to cure the virus's ills.

The medical and research communities have been racing to help in any way possible. Social media groups have given doctors a forum to share best practices. Pharmaceutical companies have pledged to "stand with science," and place research and clinical trials ahead of any external pressure. Diagnostic companies and state departments of public health are pushing the limits of what they can do with virus testing.

But as of this moment, there don't seem to be any easy answers. People are still dying. Virus rates are going up in some places and down in

others. Some countries are barring international visitors. Educators are wringing their hands over making the right choice for school buildings and students. We won't know the results of all of these efforts until many years from now.

It remains a fact that, unless you live completely "off the grid" and require no other human interaction, neighbors and the community are important. While many people have drawn within and are focused on their own immediate families, we still need our neighbors. Whether it's a package delivery that needs to be checked on, an extra hand to shovel the walkway or someone to commiserate over a pesky neighborhood critter, neighbors are often the people we see every day.

Many people are working from home or have kids home all day, so that connection to others is important to keep us grounded. And it's vital to stay in touch with the community to ensure wellbeing for friends and neighbors.

So, can the neighbors save the world? Can they help ensure we're all safe, secure and sane? Can they offer that extra insurance to help get us through these tough days?

I encourage you to invite your neighbor to join the Norwood Park Historical Society community, and stay connected to each other. Whether you're involved in Historical Society events, contests, volunteer groups or otherwise, please be sure to reach out a hand and help save the world by helping keep your neighbor linked.

~ Amara Rozgus, President

What's New at NPHS? Join the virtual meeting October 21st

We will host our monthly meeting online on Wednesday, October 21st at 7 PM. Members will receive an invitation to join this meeting to learn about what's new at the Norwood Park Historical Society. You and your family are invited to join us for an hour-long presentation about the upcoming 2020 Pet-acular Halloween Costume Contest, the new Museum Store and much more. Login details to come!

Landscape Renewal

We have almost completed the path through the new prairie garden and our prairie garden expert volunteer, Frank Lantz, will be spreading some native wildflower seed donated from his own stash! Big thanks to Frank. Also thanks to Marge Kiewicz, an NPHS member, who donated some great prairie plants as well as seed! Board member Carmine Fantasia also donated native seeds as well as some really nice sturdy benches that she bought from the Danish Home. Come try them out by the fountain! Thanks, Carmen. Thanks also to Board member John Kwasinski who has joined our landscape team and has volunteered to be our lawn supervisor. He will be in charge of lawn feeding and weed control as well as the outdoor underground watering system. I'm sure our lawn will be in tip top shape next year. John and his wife, Marlene, also continue to manage the garden surrounding our front yard sign. Our landscapers have put in a lot of time in September and will continue through October every week on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 AM. We will be working on the North Side garden next. If you feel inclined to help, just show up! We have tools available in our new landscaping closet in the barn, thanks to Tom. Our next planning, rather than planting, day is November 14th at 10 AM in the meeting room. All are welcome. ~ *Diane Spenny,*

Grounds Chairperson

Sign-Up for a volunteer hour or two!

NPHS currently has the need for two groups of volunteers. For additional details and to sign on for specific dates, please contact us at: volunteer@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org

Refuse management: Calling all kids!! One person or a small team is needed each Sunday and Monday evening to move trash bins from the back of the Norwood Park Historical Society to the curb. Approximate time over two days is one hour. This is a great option for someone who wants to help out close to home for a short time each week. This volunteer opportunity is open to students or those who need community service hours.

Winter shoveling: Ssshhhh!! Don't use the "s" word just yet! We are gearing up for winter, and we need help shoveling the front porch and back entry area each time it snows 1 inch or more. Scout groups, fitness buffs, school groups, religious organizations or kids who just need to get out of the house will enjoy this. This volunteer opportunity is open to students or those who need community service hours.

Journal Update

The Fall Journal will arrive this month, and in it are featured the Barn Building story and an index of all the Journals edited by Amara Rozgus over the past 14 years. We are postponing the Mid-Century Businesses of Norwood Park until the next Journal which is due to come out in January. Please let us know if you have memories and wish to submit an article for publication. There have been some requests to have the Journal in paper as opposed to the electronic version that many of you receive. For those who live locally, we will publish extra paper copies that can be picked up on Saturdays during open house hours. Hope that will work for those who like having a magazine to read. ~ *Diane and Tom Spenny, editors & Janette Spenny, layout artist*

Panera Fundraiser

Give your kitchen a rest on Saturday, November 14th, between 4 PM and 8 PM and order dinner from Panera Bread at 39 S. Northwest Highway in Uptown Park Ridge to support the Norwood Park Historical Society! Be sure to use code **PRFUND** for online orders or present our flyer in person at checkout (which will be included in the November newsletter). All fundraising proceeds will go towards upkeep and restoration of Chicago's Oldest House - The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House!



HELP SUPPORT

NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHERE 39 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068

WHEN Sat, Nov 14th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

We're committed to your safety.

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