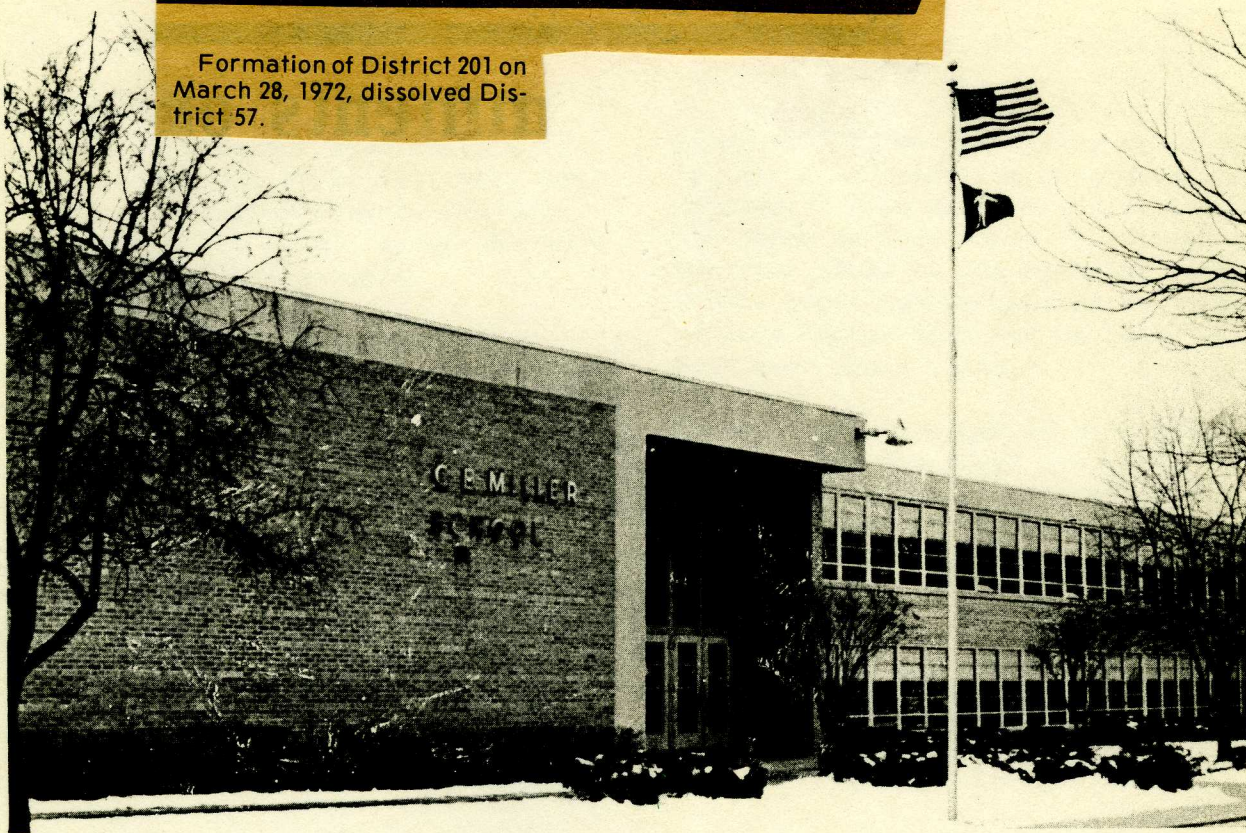


Formation of District 201 on March 28, 1972, dissolved District 57.



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# Your District 201 Schools

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## JUNIOR HIGH UNDER CONSTRUCTION - COMPLETION DATE 1974

### DIVISION OF ASSETS

The division of assets between District #201 and the Downers Grove and Hinsdale High School Districts has been completed. At the regular January meeting of the DuPage County Board of School Trustees an order was entered dividing the assets. Downers Grove High School District and District #201 presented a concurrent resolution which agreed on the division. This resolution was arrived at by the respective districts' administration and attorneys. No additional appraisals were required and no intervention by the County Board of School Trustees was needed. The division of assets with Downers Grove shows \$1,591,000 in the first phase and an estimated \$60,000 in phase two, payable on October 1, 1973. Phase two payment represents District #201's share of taxes still to be collected by District #99.

The division with the Hinsdale High School district required both a new appraisal of the District #86 assets as well as intervention by the County Board of School Trustees. The County Board appointed Real Estate Research Corporation of Chicago to appraise the Hinsdale High School property and other physical assets. This was necessary because all efforts by the school districts were at an impasse.

After reviewing objections from the two districts the County Board awarded approximately \$940,000 to District #201. As a result of the final hearing discussions, Westmont gained an additional \$162,000 by pointing out mathematical errors in the compromise settlement drawn up by the Real Estate Research Corporation of Chicago.

An extra \$12,000 of the \$162,000 was awarded Westmont after altering the appraisal methods used by Real Estate Research in the depreciation of Hinsdale South High School for insurance purposes.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Meyer-Ross, Inc., construction company of Northbrook, Illinois, was awarded the general contract for construction of the new Westmont Junior High School. The electrical contract was awarded to Metro Electric Company of Chicago, Illinois. Heating and ventilating contract was awarded to R. B. Hayward Co. of Schiller Park and the plumbing contract to Wm. B. Soltwisch Co. of Hinsdale. The on site utilities contract was awarded to C.J. Erickson Co. of Chicago. Bids on this work were taken on January 17th and final contracts were awarded to the low bidders upon the recommendation of the architect at the regular meeting of the District #201 Board of Education on January 24th.

The site development and off site utility contracts were awarded in November, 1972 and the site is now ready to accept the construction of the new junior high school. Additional contracts for paving, carpeting and gymnasium equipment will be awarded within thirty days. Additional time was requested by the architect to assess the bids in these areas. Construction is to begin by the middle of February and a firm completion date has been established for May, 1974.

The total cost of the 92,000 square foot building will range between \$1,860,000 and \$1,900,000, at a cost of \$20.12 per square foot. The building will have a capacity of 800 students and is the first step in building adequate secondary education facilities for the District. Planning for the second stage, a senior high school for the District, has already begun. The present junior high school, which shares building facilities with the Central Elementary School, will be used exclusively for elementary purposes upon completion of the new junior high school.

The new junior high school will be built on a ten acre site at 39th Street and Oakwood Drive in Westmont. The site was donated by Miller Builders of Skokie.



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #201

WESTMONT, ILLINOIS

January 24, 1974

Dear Parents:

The District #201 Senior High School will not open until September, 1976. This is a delay of one year from the projected date of opening. The three major reasons for this delay are:

1. The development of assessed valuation has been delayed due to many factors. High interest rates, little mortgage money, declining stock market and a generally muddled national economic picture are but a few of these reasons. This delays completion of the building because all the bonds authorized by the community to build the high school cannot be sold until sufficient bonding power is developed in the District. Bonding power is based on assessed valuation.
2. The passage and implementation of the School Construction Act by the Illinois General Assembly make available to school districts \$100,000,000 per year to aid building construction. Guidelines for applications under this act were made available on December 18, 1973 and the filing date for application was January 19, 1974. District #201 has filed its application. If the District's application is approved, the Capital Development Board, a State agency which administers the program, needs to check high school plans, and then decide on the funding for District #201. Therefore, until this is accomplished all work on the high school project is at a standstill. June 1st is the earliest possible date to resume activity. This will allow the District twenty-four months to complete the building for a September, 1976 opening.
3. You are well aware of the shortages, particularly in the building industry. There are shortages of concrete, steel roofing material, etc. These shortages were unforeseen when a September, 1975 opening date was contemplated. The shortages will affect high school construction. The school architects have told the Board of Education that even if construction continues, completion could not be before January, 1976.

As you know, the Board of Education has always indicated that the students in District #201 would have a comparable educational program to that of our neighboring high schools. Presently, all District #201 freshmen attend Downers Grove North High School. The Board of Education announced its intention that those students would return to the District's new junior high school for their sophomore year (1974-75) and then move on to the Senior High School in September, 1975 for their junior year. The decision to open in September of 1976, for reasons stated above, complicates this plan.

The new junior high school, an excellent junior high building, has no facilities for the sophisticated high school shops, data processing, radio, office practice and programs required by some juniors. Also there are limited athletic facilities for varsity athletics. The building can adequately serve underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores). To house juniors would create program limitations and dilute the Board's commitment of comprehensive educational opportunities.

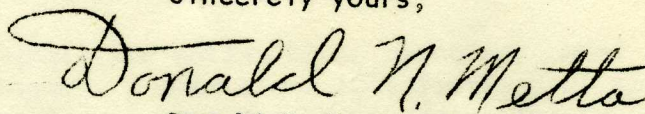
Another significant problem is that in the 1975-76 school year overcrowding at the Central Elementary School would be severe because it would become necessary to return the 6th, 7th and 8th graders to Central in 1975-76. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have filled the new junior high school building. Therefore, the Board of Education invites you to a meeting in the Central School Gymnasium on Monday, January 28, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. to discuss this problem.

Summary of the Facts

1. The Senior High School will not open until September, 1976.
2. If freshmen are returned to the new junior high school as sophomores, they would have to remain there through the junior year (1975-76).
3. The new junior high school does not include some of the facilities required by upper class high school students.
4. If the freshmen remained through graduation at Downers Grove North where they presently attend, a full range comprehensive program would be available.
5. Crowding at the Central Elementary School (K-5) would be severe when once again all junior high students (6-8) would return in 1975-76.

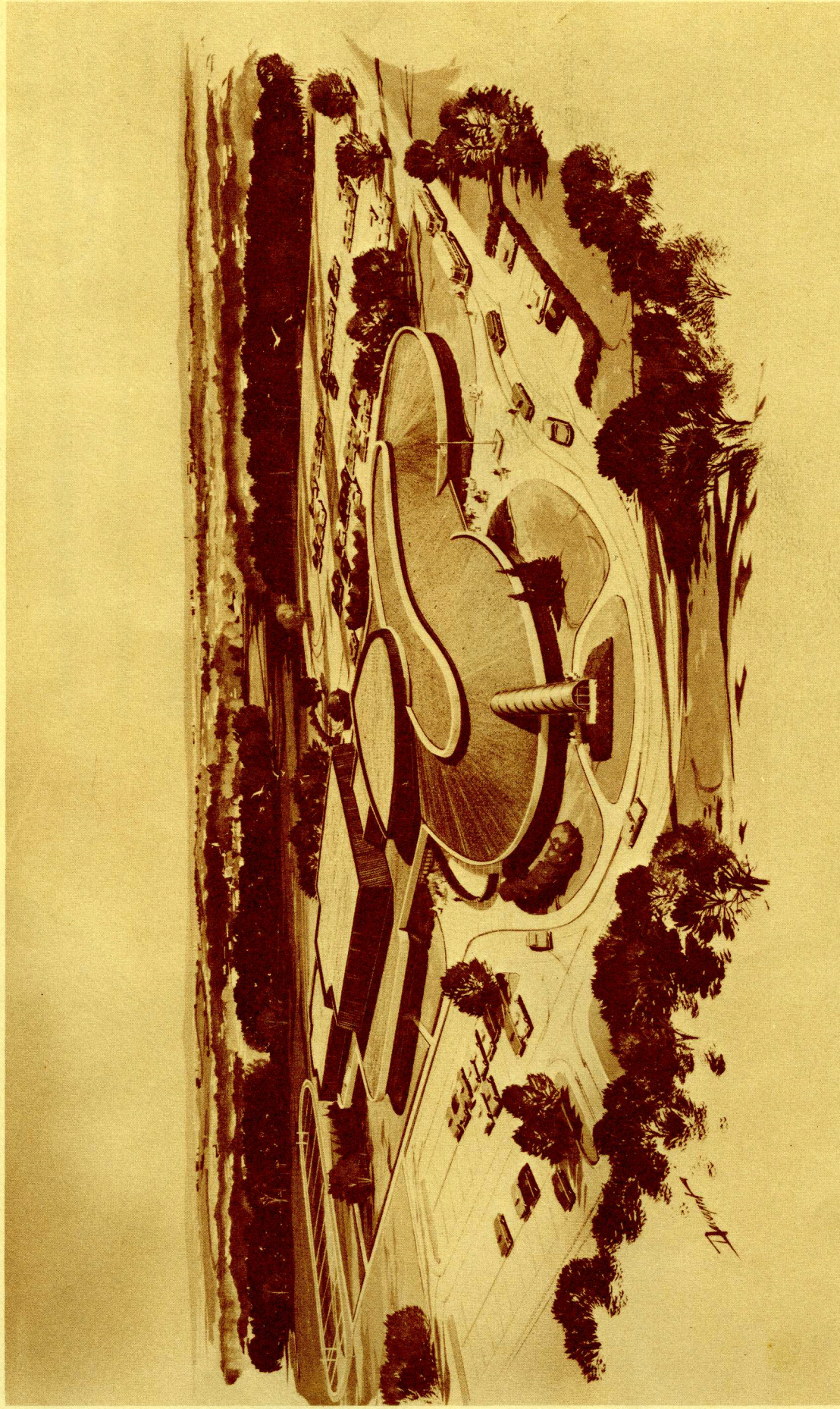
This letter is lengthy, but the facts needed to be explained. The goals established by the District's Board of Education over the last eighteen months have been all encompassing. With such great change in the District's educational organization, unforeseen road blocks must be expected. The decision as to where the Class of 1977 will attend school in the next three years will be made soon. Your input will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Donald N. Metta, President  
Board of Education, District #201

JUST FOR US — OUR VERY OWN



**DISTRICT 201's FIRST AND ONLY HIGH SCHOOL**

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1973

Central School

Miller School

South School

Dear Citizen:

The final phase of the unit district formation which you so highly endorsed is the building and programming of our own high school. We believe that the architect has created a functional, economical building while producing an attractive design. This pamphlet shows in great detail those specifics the citizens of District #201 want to know before they vote.

The school administration is now hard at work developing a comprehensive program to educate our high school students. It has been a tough struggle to bring our unit district to this point. The building of this high school brings to reality a desire which this community has felt for many years. Tuesday, May 15th is a vitally important day.

Your continued support is needed for this final achievement.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Donald N. Metta, President  
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Robert S. Gleason

Gerald J. Brooks, Secretary  
William J. Jones  
Donald J. Phelps  
Newton F. True

# VOTING INFORMATION

## WHO CAN VOTE

Qualified registered voters who vote from a residence located in the school district, 18 years of age or older, and living in the school district and the state 28 days.

## DATE AND TIME

Tuesday, May 15, 1973 from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

## POLLING PLACES

Residents of District #201 south of the center line of Naperville Road and north of the Burlington tracks will vote at CENTRAL SCHOOL. Residents of District #201 living north of the center line of Naperville Road will vote at MILLER SCHOOL. Residents of District #201 living south of the Burlington tracks will vote at SOUTH SCHOOL.

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 201  
200 NORTH LINDEN  
WESTMONT, ILLINOIS 60559

To the Family at:  
4011 Lincoln  
Westmont, Illinois 60559

# VOTE TUESDAY MAY 15, 1973

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LIBERTY PARK - an area of approximately 160 acres. Annexation requires a referendum because of our size. Records show that LIBERTY PARK has strongly resisted annexation since 1940.

#### ANNEXATION ATTEMPTS

In 1958, the Westmont Village Board passed an ordinance for annexation. This was a surprise move. Discussion meetings between the Village and LIBERTY PARK residents were called for by LPHOA. At the January 12, 1959 meeting, Richard T. Evans, Chairman of the Westmont Finance Committee, stated: "It is our opinion and belief, that if LIBERTY PARK votes to come into the Village of Westmont, the residents will have to forego for quite a while, lots of needed changes and improvements, unless the people pay for them directly, out of their own pockets." The LIBERTY PARK residents voted NO to the annexation by a five to one majority on February 21, 1959. Curtis Ferestad, Democratic candidate for village trustee and future Village Clerk, denounced the Westmont village administration for "trying to take the taxpayers for a buggy ride in the LIBERTY PARK annexation referendum. A few landowners in LIBERTY PARK and a few politicians in LIBERTY PARK and Westmont would have benefited if annexation had been quietly put over. This was a barefaced attempt to put over a fast one on the people. Any kind of a straw poll or a check of sentiment in Westmont would have revealed that LIBERTY PARK residents were overwhelmingly against annexation. We didn't need to waste more than \$500. of taxpayers' money to pay for an election."

In 1968, LIBERTY PARK residents fought, on the County level, against the rezoning and the building of apartments on the east side of the 4100 block of Liberty Blvd, an area of approximately 2 1/2 acres. A petition with 499 signatures was submitted to the DuPage County Zoning Board of Appeals. The County Board, on May 16th at the Hinsdale Memorial Building, denied the multi-zoning dwelling request.

In a 1970 pre-annexation agreement with Mr. Belcastro, the Village of Westmont strip-annexed the above property and in so doing, the property owner was granted his multiple zoning permit request. LIBERTY PARK residents continued to oppose this annexation and multiple rezoning. Westmont disregarded LIBERTY PARK'S wishes. The apartment complex was built by Morrissey and Belcastro Builders.

1969/70 - Miller Builders, Inc. of Skokie, developers of the Healy Farm property consisting of approximately 640 acres, (Cass to Highway #83/North of Ogden Avenue), approached Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills and Oak Brook for annexation. Hinsdale had no interest to go West of Route #83. Clarendon Hills wanted more green area and Oak Brook would not approve

the density request. Downers Grove and Westmont were then considered. The proposed development was considered such a prize in the form of tax revenue that both Westmont and Downers Grove courted Liberty Park. For Downers Grove to be contiguous, LIBERTY PARK would have to be annexed. Downers Grove tried to strip-annex Ogden Avenue and properties along 39th Street. This effort proved unworkable and had to be withdrawn. It was learned that Westmont had annexed the right of way on the south side of a section of Ogden Avenue in 1967. It was necessary for the Westmont Board to authorize an ordinance to refile a plat of annexation to comply with the new State Statues that provide that annexation is complete to the farthest side of a street and not to just the center of the street. Stephen Szymiski of Ogden Avenue, aided by Mac Manning, circulated a petition for Westmont annexation to businesses along the north side of Ogden from Park Street to Grant Street and for businesses along the south side of Ogden Avenue between Grant Street and a point 300 feet east of Roslyn Road to be filed January 16th. Westmont had decided to oppose the Downers Grove annexation efforts because annexation by Downers Grove of the Healy Farm would have blocked Westmont's northward expansion. LPHOA officials, representatives of Addition No. 1 and their attorneys met at the Downers Grove Village Hall with the Westmont and Downers Grove Village Managers Mac Manning and Wayne Barfels and Councilman Robert L. Hain to hammer out pre-annexation agreements if annexation should be approved by LIBERTY PARK residents. Mr. Manning left the meeting declining to match Downers Grove's offer of improvements to LIBERTY PARK.

Public meetings to present agreements and answer questions were held at Miller School and Fairview Homeowners Association Hall on 39th Street. The February 5th LPHOA meeting was held at the Downers Grove North High School Auditorium to accommodate all our residents. Attorneys representing LIBERTY PARK were also present. After the meetings, all residents were notified that petition signing would take place at the LPHOA Club House on January 26, 27, and 28, from noon to 9 p.m. Many poll watchers were present. It became apparent that Westmont was not ahead. In a last minute effort, petitions were circulated by Robert A. Arnolde and Edward F. McDermott of Cass Avenue on behalf of Westmont to strip-annex Cass Avenue from Ogden Avenue North to 39th Street and filed by Westmont Village Attorney William Redmond on January 27th. Downers Grove attorneys Guenther Philipp, Robert Wysong and David Cochran with Downers Grove Councilman Robert Hain later told the LPHOA that the filing was in violation of the agreement between both villages on the petition procedure and solely in an effort to block Downers Grove's access to the Healy property no matter which way the vote in the subdivision went.





## Liberty Park Home Owners Meet To Discuss Annexation

The Liberty Park Home Owners Association's president called an executive board meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, at his home, to which the officers of the Lib-

Park Civic Improvement Association were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed annexation to Westmont.

There have been misunderstandings in connection with the proposed annexation. First it was reported that a group of residents had petitioned. Later it was revealed that the Westmont village board had passed an ordinance for annexation. Neither organization had been consulted and this proposal came as a shock to the residents.

The lawyer of the Home Owners Association was present at the meeting and pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of becoming annexed. Of great concern to the Home Owners Association is their water supply system which is valued at from \$80,000 to \$100,000 and is owned by less than 200 families. Also, the area recently formed a fire district, and the question arose as to what disposition would be made of it if annexation were accomplished.

The fact that the hearing has been set for Dec. 29 leaves insufficient time to go into details concerning disposition of the water system, the fire district and many other matters that are of great interest to the electors. It was felt by those present that there should have been more time in which to get information to the residents. On the basis of the information furnished by Mr. Doscotch, a poll taken at the meeting showed eight to two against annexation at this time.

Liberty Park is in a drainage district and a sanitary district, and at present petitions are being circulated for lateral sewer lines. It was felt by most of those present that that project is sufficient to work on for the present.

It was decided that all information available with regard to annexation will be put in the mail with the water bills going out shortly. This information will also be available to residents on the four streets not having water service.

### AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinance passed by the Village of Westmont requesting annexation of the territory or and described as follows:

That part of the Southeast quarter, Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; and the Southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 39 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; all in DuPage County, Illinois, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Cass Avenue and Ogden Avenue; thence South along the East line of Cass Avenue to the South line of Naperville Road, also known as Maple Avenue; thence West along the South line of Naperville Road, also known as Maple Avenue, to the West line of Grant Street; thence North along the West line of Grant Street to the North line of Ogden Avenue; thence West along the North line of Ogden Avenue to the West line of Jackson Street, also known as Williams Street; thence North along the West line of Jackson Street, also known as Williams Street, to the North line of 38th Street; thence East along the North line of 38th Street to the easterly boundary of the Liberty Park Subdivision, being the easterly boundary of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of said subdivision; thence South along the easterly boundary line of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the said Liberty Park Subdivision as extended to the North line of 39th Street; thence East along the North line of 39th Street to the East line of Cass Avenue; thence South along the East line of Cass Avenue to the place of beginning; which said boundaries include the Liberty Park Subdivision and the First Addition to Liberty Park; and Blocks 1 and 8 of Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, and Blocks 1 and 2 of the Resubdivision of part of Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, all in DuPage County, Illinois;

has been filed with the County Clerk of DuPage County, Illinois, being Case No. 2367-58 and that said matter has been set for hearing on the 29th day of December, 1958, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Court of DuPage County in the courthouse, Wheaton, Illinois.

VILLAGE OF WESTMONT

By FRED W. ANDERSON,  
Its Attorney

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, February 21, 1959, a special election will be held to determine whether the following described territory shall be annexed to the Village of Westmont, Illinois:

That part of the Southeast quarter, Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; and the Southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 39 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian; all in DuPage County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the East line of Cass Avenue and Ogden Avenue; thence South along the East line of Cass Avenue to the South line of Naperville Road, also known as Maple Avenue; thence West along the South line of Naperville Road, also known as Maple Avenue, to the West line of Grant Street; thence North along the West line of Grant Street to the North line of Ogden Avenue; thence West along the North line of Ogden Avenue to the West line of Jackson Street, also known as Williams Street; thence North along the West line of Jackson Street, also known as Williams Street, to the North line of 38th Street; thence East along the North line of 38th Street to the easterly boundary of the Liberty Park Subdivision, being the easterly boundary of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of said subdivision; thence South along the easterly boundary line of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the said Liberty Park Subdivision as extended to the North line of 39th Street; thence East along the North line of 39th Street to the East line of Cass Avenue; thence South along the East line of Cass Avenue to the place of beginning; which said boundaries include the Liberty Park Subdivision and the First Addition to Liberty Park; and Blocks 1 and 8 of Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, and Blocks 1 and 2 of the Resubdivision of part of Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, all in DuPage County, Illinois.

The polling places for voting at such election shall be as follows:

- Precinct 1: For all electors residing in that part of said territory north of Ogden Avenue including the north side of said Ogden Avenue:  
208 Parkway  
Westmont, Illinois
- Precinct 2: For all electors residing in that part of said territory south of Ogden Avenue including the south side of said Ogden Avenue:  
13 West Ogden Avenue  
Westmont, Illinois

The polls shall be open from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

CLARENCE V. WAGEMANN,  
County Clerk

## Candidate Blasts Village Officials

Curtis Ferestad, Democratic candidate for village trustee of Westmont, Wednesday night denounced the Westmont village administration for "trying to take the taxpayers for a buggy ride in the Liberty Park annexation referendum."

A proposal to annex the Liberty Park community to the village was defeated by almost a five to one majority last week in a referendum among residents of the area involved.

Addressing a rally at Democratic county headquarters, 2 W. Naperville rd., Ferestad said the referendum was a waste of Westmont taxpayers' money.

"The village administration was taken in by a handful of Liberty Park residents who would have benefitted by annexation," said Ferestad. "Any kind of a straw poll or check of sentiment in Westmont would have revealed that Liberty Park residents were overwhelmingly against annexation. We didn't need to waste more than \$500 of taxpayers' money to pay for an election.

"Why was there so much secrecy about this plan? A few landowners in Liberty Park and a few politicians in Liberty Park and Westmont would have benefited if annexation had been quietly put over. This was a barefaced attempt to put over a fast one on the people."

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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF DU PAGE )  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN DU PAGE COUNTY.  
In The Matter Of The Petition )  
To Annex Certain Territory To )  
The Village of Westmont, Du Page ) Number C-C 70 78  
County, Illinois, an Illinois )  
Municipal Corporation. )

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the annexation of the following-described property, i.e.:

That part of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described by beginning at the center of said Section 4 and running thence North along the North and South Quarter Section line 33 feet to the South line, if extended West, of Block 76 of Liberty Park, a Subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4 recorded September 16, 1924, as Document 182542; thence East along said South line 313 feet to a point of curve in the South line of Lot 1 of said Block 76; thence East, Northeast and North along said curve, connecting Park Street and Ogden Avenue, to the West line of Park Street; thence North along said West line 133.69 feet to the North line, if extended West, of Block 75 of said Subdivision; thence East along said line 366 feet to the West line of Hudson Street; thence North along said West line 187.3 feet, more or less, to the South line, if extended West, of Block 21 of said Subdivision; thence East along said line 119 feet to the East line, if extended North, of Lot 4 in Block 17 of said Subdivision; thence South along said line 200 feet to the South line of said Block 17; thence East along said line 159 feet to the West line of Block 18 of said Subdivision; thence North along said West line and West line extended 200 feet to the North line of Parkway Avenue; thence East along said North line and North line extended East, 278 feet, more or less, to the East line of Washington Street; thence Southerly along said East line 93 feet, more or less, to the North line of Lot 5 in Block 13 of said Subdivision; thence East along said North line 150 feet to the West line of Waterfall's Second Resubdivision, recorded March 6, 1961, as Document 998680; thence Northerly along said West line 100 feet to the North line of Lot 1 of said Resubdivision; thence East along said North line and North line extended 216 feet, more or less, to the East line of Adams Street; thence South along said East line 100 feet to the North line of Lot 11 in Block 1 of the First Addition to Liberty Park, a Subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4 recorded December 9, 1925 as Document 204461; thence East along the North line of Lots 11 and 6, and said North line extended East, 290 feet to the East line of Grant Street; thence South along said East line 213.4 feet, more or less, to the point of curve in said East line; thence South, Southeast and East along said curve, connecting Grant Street and Ogden Avenue, to the North line of Ogden Avenue; thence East along said North line 155 feet, more or less, to the East line, if extended North, of the West Half (by depth) of Lots 19 and 20 in Block 1 of A. T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, a Subdivision recorded September 7, 1920, as Document 144142; thence South along said East line 303 feet, more or less, to the North line of Lot 18 in said Block 1; thence East along said North line 174.5 feet to the East line of said Lot 18; thence South along said East line 120 feet to the South line of said Lot 18; thence West along said South line and South line extended West, 415 feet to the West line of Grant Street; thence North along said West line 120 feet to the South line of Lot 3 of A. A. Starr's Assessment Plat recorded December 12, 1953, as Document 703306; thence West along the South line of Lots 3 and 6 of said Assessment Plat, and the South line of Lot 19 in Block 2 of said A. T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, 698 feet to the East line of Washington Street;

*SUB LIFE 1/31/70*

**JACK T. WILLIAMS,**  
Secretary

S #1-19

STATE OF ILLINOIS }     In The Circuit Court for the  
                              } ss: Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE }     Du Page County.

In the matter of the Petition to Annex Certain Territory to the Village of Westmont, Du Page County, Illinois, an Illinois Municipal Corporation. }     Number C-70 133

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the annexation of the following-described property, i.e.:

Parcel 1: The East 200 feet of lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Fairmont Gardens, a subdivision in Sections 4 and 9, Township 38 North, Range 11, east of the Third Principal Meridian, recorded September 7, 1920, as Document 144142, in Du Page County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: Lots 1 thru 15, both inclusive, in Block "A", lots 1 thru 18, both inclusive in Block "B", Lots 1 thru 13, both inclusive, in Block "C", in the first addition to Liberty Park, a subdivision in the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 38 North, range 11 east of the Third Principal Meridian, recorded December 9, 1925 as Document 204461, in Du Page County, Illinois.

Also: Those parts of 39th, 40th, and 41st Streets adjoining the above described lots, all that part of Cass Avenue lying North of the North line of Ogden Avenue (as dedicated East of Cass Avenue) and South of the North line of 39th Street not now within the corporate limits of any municipality, and any part of Ogden Avenue adjoining the above described parcels not now within the corporate limits of any municipality.

to the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County, Illinois. That said Petition alleges that it has been signed by a majority of the owners of record of land and a majority of the electors residing thereon. That it is not within the corporate limits of any municipality, but is contiguous to the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois.

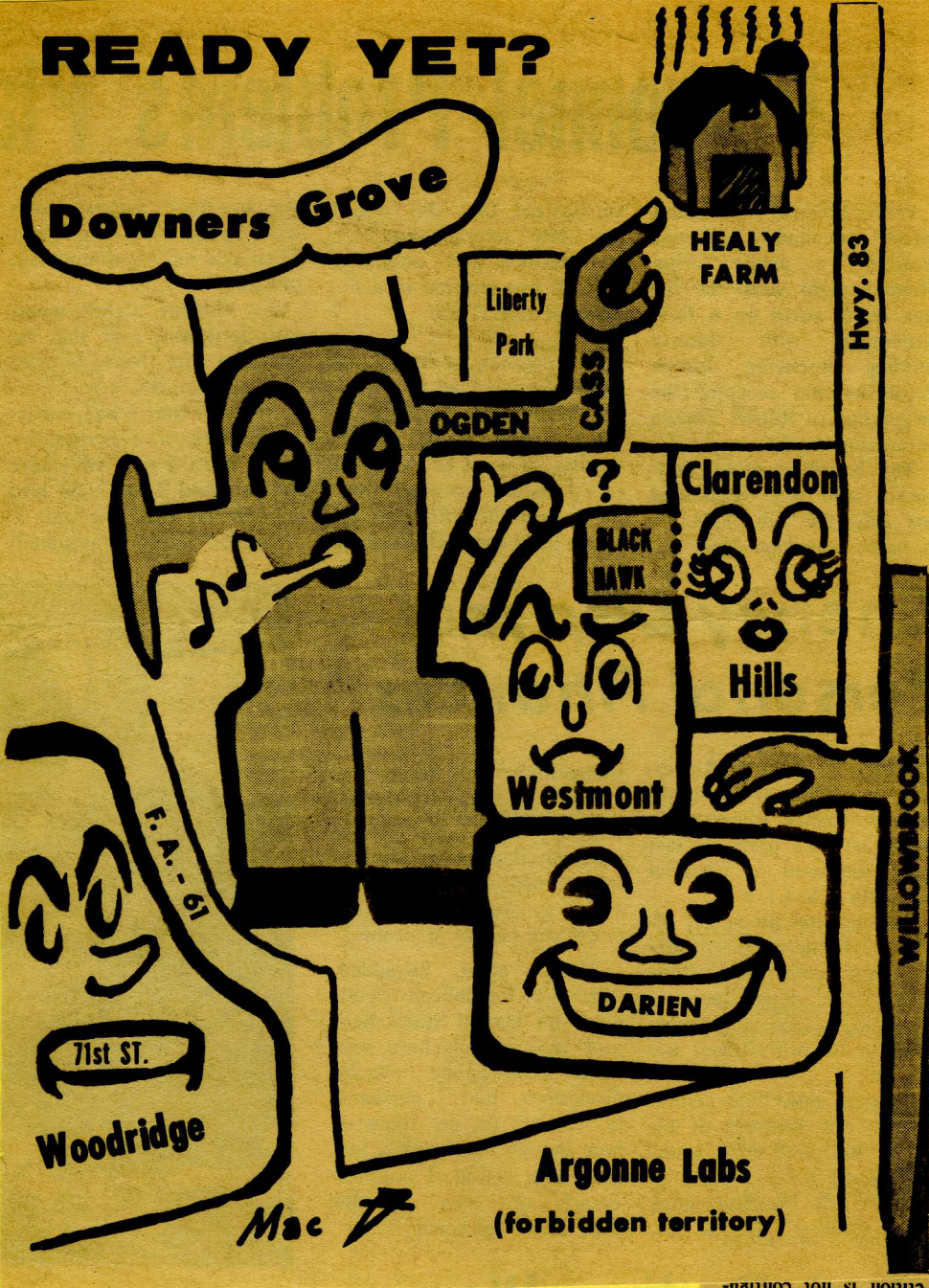
That a hearing on said Petition will be heard on the 16th day of February, A.D., 1970, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., in Room #7 at the Court House in Wheaton, Illinois. That objections may be filed not less than five (5) days prior to the date of said hearing. That only the following objections will be heard:

1. That the territory described in the Petition is not contiguous to the annexing municipality;

2. That the Petition is not signed by the requisite number of electors or property owners of record;

3. That the description of the territory contained in the Petition is inadequate; or,

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 2. That the Petition is not signed by the electors or property owners of record;  
 3. That the description of the territory is inadequate; or,  
 4. That the objector's land is located on territory, that he does not desire annexation of his land will not destroy the continuity of the annexing municipality.  
 DATED this 21st day of January, A.D., 1970  
 Robert M. Haenisch, Clerk  
 18th Judicial Circuit Court  
 DuPage County

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 DATED this 21st day of January, A.D., 1970  
 Robert M. Haenisch, Clerk  
 18th Judicial Circuit Court  
 DuPage County

DATED this 31st day of January, A.D., 1970.  
 EDWARD F. MC DERMOTT, et al,  
 Petitioners  
 ROBERT M. HAENISCH, Clerk  
 18th Judicial Circuit Court  
 DuPage County  
 Wheaton, Illinois.  
 WILLIAM A. REDMOND,  
 Attorney for Petitioners,  
 14 North Center Street  
 Bensenville, Illinois.

to the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County, Illinois. That said Petition alleges that it has been signed by a majority of the owners of record of land and a majority of the electors residing thereon. That it is not within the corporate limits of any municipality, but is contiguous to the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois.  
 That a hearing on said Petition will be heard on the 16th day of February, A.D., 1970, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., in Room No. 7 at the Court House in Wheaton, Illinois. That objections may be filed not less than five (5) days prior to the date of said hearing.  
 That only the following objections will be heard:  
 1. That the Territory described in the Petition is not contiguous to the annexing municipality;  
 2. That the Petition is not signed by the electors or property owners of record;  
 3. That the description of the territory is inadequate; or,  
 4. That the objector's land is located on territory, that he does not desire annexation of his land will not destroy the continuity of the annexing municipality.  
 DATED this 21st day of January, A.D., 1970  
 Robert M. Haenisch, Clerk  
 18th Judicial Circuit Court  
 DuPage County

4. That the objector's land is located on the perimeter or exclusion of his land will not destroy the continuity of such described property with the annexing municipality.  
 DATED this 31st day of January, A.D., 1970.  
 EDWARD F. MC DERMOTT, et al,  
 Petitioners  
 ROBERT M. HAENISCH, Clerk  
 18th Judicial Circuit Court  
 DuPage County  
 Wheaton, Illinois.  
 WILLIAM A. REDMOND,  
 Attorney for Petitioners,  
 14 North Center Street  
 Bensenville, Illinois.



**SPEAKING TO** a crowd of more than 200 Liberty Park area residents Sunday night, Jan. 25, at the North Fairview Homeowners hall were representatives of both Westmont and Downers Grove, urging annexation of the subdivision residents to either town, both of which are interested in the huge Healy farm property, soon to become a planned development. From

left at the speaker's table were: Westmont Trustee John Gradle, Westmont Village Manager Mac Manning (speaking), Attorney Robert Wysong and Councilman Robert Hain, both representing Downers. Below is part of the large crowd who turned out to hear both sides presented.



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# Subdivision Votes On 2 Annexations

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The people of the Liberty Park subdivision have "voted" on whether they want to be annexed by Downers Grove or Westmont.

But which way the decision falls won't be known until a series of steps have been taken.

Electors and property owners of the subdivision, bounded by Williams, 38th, Cass and Ogden, "voted" by signing petitions for annexation either to one community or the other.

**PETITIONS WERE** in the form of preannexation agreements, in which Downers Grove and Westmont put into writing what they would do for the subdivision in terms of road, water supply, street light and park improvements.

And what they plan to do is generally at no expense to the 460-home community and for good reason:

If Downers Grove annexes the subdivision, it would be contiguous to the highly desirable Healy Farm land, some 640 acres at the northeast corner of Cass and Ogden.

On the other hand, if the Liberty Park people want annexation to Westmont, Downers Grove would be cut off from the Healy land, whose ultimate commercial and residential development

would yield the winning community much in the form of tax revenue.

Westmont would then be in a better position to continue its drive to annex the Healy land in competition with other abutting communities: Oak Brook, Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills.

**PETITIONS** were being signed by the subdivision residents Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Liberty Park Homeowners Association clubhouse on Parkway between Washington and Liberty.

Officials of both Downers Grove and Westmont were on hand to oversee the petition procedure as were volunteer members of the League of Women Voters.

The winning community must achieve a "vote" that is the equivalent of 51 per cent of the electors and 51 per cent of the property owners of record.

Before the final decision can be rendered, a research job would be required to determine the actual number of electors and property owners of record in the subdivision in addition to checking the validity of the petitions.

With this out of the way, there would be required hearings on the preannexation agreements, a court hearing on the validity of petitions and the passage of an annexation ordinance by the winning village.



## Vote On Annexation

Electors and property owners of the Liberty Park Homeowners Association have been busy signing petitions indicating their preference for annexation either to Downers Grove or Westmont at the organization's clubhouse. The unincorporated area is a 460-home com-

munity bounded by Williams, 38th, Cass and Ogden. Signing one of the petitions is Mrs. Fred Swiech with assistance from Mrs. Nick Czajka, Mrs. Gerald Bellendir and Mrs. Edward Bartasis. (LIFE Photo)

# Downers Wins "Battle"

Downers Grove apparently won the "battle" of Liberty Park over Westmont Monday afternoon at 1:50 p.m. when the village filed annexation petitions in DuPage circuit court carrying signatures of about 769 Liberty Park residents.

The signatures amounted to 67 per cent of the 1,150 Liberty Park electors...far more than the 51 per cent required by state statutes.

The word "apparently" is used in recognition of two legal hurdles still to be overcome. One is the hearing before Circuit Judge William L. Guild on the Downers petitions set for Feb. 24.

The other is the hearing set for Feb. 16 on a Westmont petition carrying 31 signatures of alleged property owners in a strip on the west side of Cass between Ogden & 39th st.

Downers officials said they feel confident their petitions will be declared valid, and the Westmont "strip" will be declared invalid. DG Councilman Robert Hain commented: "I question not only the signatures on this petition, but that some of them are even signatures of property owners at the address-

es listed."

The "battle" actually was divided into two skirmishes. The first ended Wednesday night, Jan. 28, at 9 p.m. when the deadline arrived in a mutually agreed upon circulation of annexation petitions on behalf of both Westmont and Downers in the Liberty Park subdivision.

In a dramatic scene at the Liberty Park Homeowners hall, where the "balloting" took place, following the 9 p.m. close, DG Attorneys Guenther Philipp, Robert Wysong and David Cochran, with DG Councilman Robert Hain, told the Liberty Park Homeowners officials that Westmont Village Attorney William Redmond had filed petitions for the Ogden to 39th strip the day before, Tuesday, Jan. 27, in violation of the agreement between both villages on the petition procedure and solely in an effort to block Downers Grove's access to the Healy property no matter which way the vote in the subdivision went.

Actually, a majority of the Liberty Park homeowners had voted to annex to Downers Grove over Westmont.

The second "skirmish" developed following a meeting between representatives of Westmont, Downers and Liberty Park



THE LAST person to "vote" for annexation to either Downers or Westmont in the mutually agreed upon balloting in Liberty Park as the 9 p.m. deadline was reached in the Liberty Park Homeowners Hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, was Gerald

Bellendir of 4018 Washington st. Supervising the signatures were, from left, Homeowners Assn. Representatives Mrs. Nick Czajka of 4016 Washington, Mrs. Edward Bartasis of 3805 N. Park and Mrs. Gerald Bellendir.

# "Battle" of Liberty Park

in Downers Grove Thursday evening, Jan. 29. Westmont's representative, Village Manager Mac Manning walked out of the meeting, Liberty Park representatives endorsed annexation to Downers, and a new set of petitions was decided upon, printed and circulated by Liberty Park residents Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday.

These were the petitions filed by Downers Monday in Wheaton.

In return for the annexation of Liberty Park to Downers Grove, the village made certain promises to residents of the subdivision, subject to the eventual annexation of the 800-acre Healy farm property (NE corner of Cass & Ogden) to Downers. The promises were that Downers, within 5 years, would:

1. Hard surface subdivision roads.
2. Install 6-inch water mains in areas not serviced now by mains.
3. Install street lights at intersections.
4. Improve an existing park facility with a shelter.
5. Install playground equipment in the park.
6. Install storm sewer trunk lines.

7. Purchase the existing water well system to be determined by an engineer designated by Liberty Park, one designated by Downers and a 3rd designated by the other 2 engineers.

Downers officials summed up their actions by saying that, "We're trading something for property we need, the Liberty Park subdivision to provide contiguity to the Healy property."

"However," they said, "we in Downers get something too, in addition to the contiguity...a water system already in existence which can service a far larger area than just Liberty Park."

While the "battle" has been won, the "war" is not over. Now it is up to the Miller Co., which plans to develop the Healy farm property, to decide which village it intends to annex to.

The DG village council feels it is a prize worth working for...a development with a valuation somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150 to \$200 million...more than the valuation of the present village of Downers Grove, with all that means in the way of tax revenue.

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After the petition signing was ended, a controversy arose as to the custody of the petitions. Finally, they were photostated at the Downers Grove Police Station that night and copies given to each village. Those in charge returned home about 2 a.m. A majority or 67% of the electors and LIBERTY PARK homeowners had voted to annex to Downers Grove over Westmont. However, on February 16, 1970, DuPage County Circuit Court Judge William L. Guild issued a ruling declaring the strip-annexation of Cass Avenue and Ogden Avenue by Westmont valid ending Downers Grove's quest for Healy Farm. Upon mutual agreement, LIBERTY PARK'S annexation to Downers Grove was dropped. Annexation with benefits was contingent to their annexation of the Healy property. Miller Builders hearing for annexation to Westmont was on March 21, 1970 and was eventually approved. Healy property to be known as Oakwood.

In November 1972, Mac Manning, Westmont Village Manager, requested permission from the Westmont Board to ask DuPage Court to split the LIBERTY PARK area into two referendums to submit the question of annexation to the electors hoping to divide LIBERTY PARK'S cohesiveness. This request was approved. Westmont petitioned DuPage Circuit Court that the question of annexation be submitted to the voters. The original hearing date was December 26, 1972 but it was continued many times. LIBERTY PARK residents were concerned because the Westmont trustees voted unanimously on June 4th to terminate fire protection and ambulance service to the North District effective June 1, 1974. The termination announcement was piggy-backed with a fee hike to the North District from \$3,000 to \$6,000 a year effective June 1. Other options were investigated by LPHOA. The final Court Hearing was on April 6, 1973. The judge denied objections filed by LPHOA attorney and set May 26, 1973 for LIBERTY PARK Addition No. 1 and June 2, 1973 for LIBERTY PARK proper for referendum dates.

The only residents entitled to vote were those who lived in the un-incorporated areas concerned and who were registered voters in DuPage County. There were no negotiation meetings concerning a pre-annexation agreement or information available regarding the balloting. The balloting was held at the LPHOA Club House from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Court appointed Johanna Gudas, Mrs. Henry Baker, Erna Borgemeister, Leona Zikis, Margaret Winters, and Robert Tisen as judges. The May 26 and June 2 annexation votes in LIBERTY PARK combined for a 398-33 defeat of the proposal to annex to Westmont.

For the third time in seven months, Westmont trustees reversed themselves and would now allow fire protection to

the North Westmont Fire Protection District to continue. The Board's decision came after a stormy closed-door recess and a tie-breaking 4-3 vote. Trustees Steven Koruna, Edward Mauzer and Earl Deinert supported the continuation and Trustees Michael Orrico, John Gradle and Michael Hajek voted to stand by the termination notice. Mayor James Wright cast the deciding support vote.

In 1972, A petition to strip-annex 31 homes located on Williams Street 4100, 4000, and 3900 Blocks was circulated and submitted to Downers Grove Council by Williams Street resident, Wayne Soltwisch. Articles in suburban papers under the headline "LIBERTY PARK Homeowners petition Downers to Annex" insinuated that ALL LIBERTY PARK homeowners were informed and involved, which was not the case. LPHOA still opposed checker-board or strip-annexation. This area was annexed to Downers Grove.

Later in 1973 and in March 1974, Westmont again asked LIBERTY PARK to reconsider their annexation decision. This was deferred because of the lack of interest to annex by the LIBERTY PARK residents. During this period of time, there were internal conflicts between Westmont officials.

Over the years there have been a few spot lot annexations that were adjacent to commercial properties and then were granted by Westmont the requested rezoning. In 1974, LPHOA President, George Prescott, expressed alarm by the apparent overall disregard by the village of Westmont of LIBERTY PARK's wishes to keep the area residential especially since they have indicated in the past that they wanted to annex all of LIBERTY PARK to Westmont.

As of January 1, 1998, there are still approximately 140 unincorporated acres in LIBERTY PARK.

77th G.A. 1971

SYNOPSIS (Ch. 24, par. 7-1-13 Amends Section 7-1-13 of Illinois Municipal Code relating to annexation of surrounded territory. Provides for "back door" referendum.

LRB1538-77

AN ACT to amend Section 7-1-13 of the "Illinois Municipal Code", approved May 29, 1961, as amended.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Section 7-1-13 of the "Illinois Municipal Code", approved May 29, 1961, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-1-13. Whenever any unincorporated territory containing 60 acres or less, is wholly bounded by (a) one or more municipalities, (b) one or more municipalities and a river or lake, (c) one or more municipalities and the Illinois State boundary, or (d) one or more municipalities and property owned by the State of Illinois, except highway right-of-way owned in fee by the State, that territory may be annexed by any municipality by which it is bounded in whole or in part, by the passage of an ordinance to that effect after notice is given as provided in this Section. The corporate authorities shall cause notice, stating that annexation of the territory described in the notice is contemplated under this Section, to be published once, in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory to be annexed, not less than 10 days before the passage of the annexation ordinance. The ordinance shall describe the territory annexed. Unless a petition requesting a referendum on the question of annexation is filed within 30 days after the passage of the annexation ordinance, the annexation ordinance shall, subject to the provisions of Section 7-1-1, take effect 30 days after its passage and a copy thereof together with an accurate map of the annexed territory shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county wherein the annexed territory is situated.

If within 30 days after the passage of the annexation ordinance, there is filed with the clerk of the municipality a petition signed by at least 25% of the electors in the territory to be annexed and by at least 25% of the owners of property in such territory requesting that the question of the annexation be submitted to the electors of such territory, the operation of the annexation ordinance shall be stayed and the corporate authorities shall cause the question of whether the territory shall be annexed to be submitted to electors of the territory at a regular or special election to

be held within 90 days after the petition is filed. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of annexation, the annexation shall become effective, subject to the provisions of Section 7-1-1, and a copy of the annexing ordinance and an accurate map of the annexed territory shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county wherein the annexed territory is situated. Unless a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of annexation, the annexation ordinance is ineffective.

# Development plan opposed

Approximately 80 residents of the unincorporated Liberty Park area voiced opposition Monday night at a Westmont public hearing to a proposed planned unit development at the northwest corner of 39th and Cass.

The residents cited possible increased danger of flooding and traffic congestion in the area as reasons for opposing an extension of an annexation agreement between Westmont and the owners of the property.

Guenter Phillip, attorney for the Phillip family, which owns the 27 acre tract with All American Phillip Flowers, Inc., asked village board members for a three year extension of an annexation agreement in effect since September 1, 1970. The agreement will expire in September unless the board acts to extend the pact.

Phillip said that the owners are working out a development plan with the Consolidated Realty Co. for the site. He added that development plans hinge upon a mortgage commitment between the firm and the Illinois Developers Association.

Phillip told trustees that now "is not the time for a concept plan" until concrete plans to develop the property are completed.

"I think it would be a mistake for this village board to put the cart before the horse in considering storm drainage problems before the development can be constructed," Phillip said.

In asking for the three year extension, the owners offered to reduce the maximum number of dwelling units allowed under the original agreement from 28 to 20.15 units per acre. Phillip said that the highest possible number of units would thus be reduced from 779 to 560.

David Dining, 3820 Liberty, president of the Liberty Park Homeowners' Association, called for the board to allow increased input from area residents in the decision and that "a little more thought go into the zoning of this property."

"We do have serious flooding and there are many problems that are to be inspected before this annexation agreement is approved," Dining said.

John Demling, a representative of Community Unit School District 201, said, "Our own interests have been satisfied" about the proposed planned unit development.

Demling defined "our own interests" as alleviating the tax burden on the schools. He said statistics show that an area zoned primarily for single family residential dwellings does not support the schools.

The matter is presently under consideration by the zoning board of appeals, which is expected to act on the extension of the agreement at its August 13 meeting.

Oklepek Milek, secretary of the zoning board, said it was "unfortunate" that Phillip chose to "misrepresent" comments made at the last zoning board meeting as "misunderstandings."

"The matter is before the zoning board and we are going over each and every point in the proposal," Milek said.

John Verija, a Liberty Park resident, showed village board members pictures which allegedly showed the Phillip's property under water.

"Apartment buildings are causing all these problems by all this 67 per cent site coverage crap," Verija said.

**WESTMONT** challenger



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1975 15 CENTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing is scheduled before the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS and will be held on Wednesday evening, February 8, 1978, at 8:00 P.M., at the Village Council Room, 31 W. Quincy, Westmont, Ill., on a request to consider the concept plans submitted by developer (Frank Vigilanted et al.) for 41 multi-family buildings (based on medium density residential planned development district, zoning classification, SEC. 7;1, per annexation agreement dated 9/1/70 amended 8/19/75 on the following described property.

EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL 1. That part of Section 33, Township 39 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian described by commencing at the South east corner of said Section 33 South of the Indian Boundary Line and running thence North 89° 43' East along the South line of Section 34, Township and Range aforesaid, 128.04 feet to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11 East; thence North 14° 08' West along the Center line of Old Cass Avenue, as same was used before dedication and paving; 237.0 feet to the East line of said Section 33, North of the Indian Boundary Line; thence North 1° 30' East along said East line, 109.45 feet to the North line of a tract of land heretofore conveyed to Phillip for a place of beginning; thence South 89° 43' West along said line, 1265.98 feet to the East line of Liberty Park Subdivision; thence North 0° 03' West along said East line, 326.8 feet to the Northeast corner of said Liberty Park; thence West along the North line of said subdivision, 1.2 feet to the West line of the East Half, by proportion, of the Southeast quarter of said Section 33; thence North 0° 01' West along said line, 283.1 feet to an iron stake; thence North 89° 42' East 1284.45 feet to the East line of said Section 33, thence South 1° 30' West along said East line, 610.0 feet to the place of beginning, consisting of approximately 17.856 acres, more or less in York Township, DuPage County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2. That part of Sections 33 and 34, Township 39 North Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described by beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 33, South of the Indian Boundary line and running thence South 89° 43' West along the South line of said Section, 1,192.66 feet to the East line of Liberty Park Subdivision; thence North 0° 03' West along said East line, 339.50 feet; thence North 89° 43' East parallel with said South line of Section 33, 1265.98 feet to the East line of said Section 33 North of the Indian Boundary Line; thence South 1° 30' West along said East line 109.45 feet; thence South 14° 08' East along the Center line of Old Cass Avenue, as same was used before dedication and paving, 237.0 feet to a stone at the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian; thence South 89° 43' West along the South line of said Section 34, 128.04 feet to the place of beginning, containing 10.0 acres, more or less, in York Township, DuPage County, Illinois.

MORE COMMON LOCATION: Northwest Corner Cass & 39th Westmont, Illinois

PETITIONER: James R. Phillip, Russell Phillip, Carol Phillip, & Mary Phillip LaGrange Park, Illinois

All interested parties may attend and will be heard.

WESTMONT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JOHN SENNEBOGEN, Chairman

MEMBERS: Milan Oklepek, Lawrence Blatchley, Jill Rahn, Frank Blaha, Charles Smith, John Plackett, Jr.

VILLAGE OF WESTMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, January 17, 1973 at 8:00 P.M. a public hearing will be held at the Village Hall of Westmont, 31 West Quincy, Westmont, Illinois to consider a request for rezoning from A-Residence District to Business and Commercial District on the following described property:

Parcel 1: Lot 9 in Block "C" in First Addition to Liberty Park, being a Subdivision of part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded December 9, 1925 as Document 204461, in DuPage County, Illinois.

Parcel 2: Lot 10 block "C" in First Addition to Liberty Park, being a Subdivision of part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded December 9, 1925 as Document 204461, in DuPage County, Illinois.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

4118 North Cass Ave. PETITIONER: Lester Lightbody 534 Ogden Ave. Downers Grove, Ill.

All interested persons may attend and will be heard. Village of Westmont

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JOSEPH E. TEE, Chairman

J. J. SENNEBOGEN Secretary

MEMBERS: Lee De Masterson, Edward Mauzer, Raymond Meyer, Mrs. Gloria Kraatz.

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VILLAGE OF WESTMONT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing has been scheduled before the Westmont Planning Commission on Tuesday, July 10, 1984 and will be held in the Village Council Room at 31 West Quincy, Westmont, Il. 60559 commencing at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request for a Zoning Code Amending from R-3 to R-4 Zoning District on the following described parcel:

All of Lot 5 in Block 22, except the North 6.7 feet, all of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 19, except the North 66.7 feet, and all of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 21, in Liberty Park Subdivision, being a subdivision in the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian and in the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 39 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded September 16, 1924 as Document 182542, in DuPage County, Illinois.

**MORE COMMON**

LOCATION: Liberty Blvd. & Parkway (Vacant Parcel) Northeast corner, Westmont, Illinois

**CURRENT ZONING**

DISTRICT: R-3      DESIRED DISTRICT: R-4

APPLICANT: Leonard P. Zick, 111 Acacia Drive Unit #112 Indian Head Park, Il. 60525

reprtd by: Ronald Decasola, Century Realtors 425 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove, Il.

All interested persons in attendance will be allowed to speak.

WESTMONT PLANNING COMMISSION  
Craig Benson,  
Chairman

G-503

# Liberty Park Group Upset at News Story

A petition to annex thirty-one homes, located on three blocks of Williams Street, Ogden to 39th st., in Liberty Park, was recently submitted to the Downers Grove Council.

Wayne Barfels, Downers Grove Village Manager, in conjunction with one of the petitioners, issued a statement published recently in one of the suburban area papers under the title, "Liberty Park Homeowners Petition Downers To Annex." The article intimated that the residents of Liberty Park were unhappy with the services rendered by county and township officials and hinted at "bad feelings" towards neighboring communities.

Mrs. Rita Maconi, President of the Liberty Park Homeowners Association, commenting on the article said that the title was misleading, leaving readers to believe that the entire community of 600 homes was responsible for the statements.

"It does not represent the official position of the Association, nor the opinion of the majority of Liberty Park Home Owners," said Mrs. Maconi.

"The above-mentioned article deploring such services as county

police and township road maintenance was we feel, an unfair reflection on some or the good works performed by these departments.

There are occasions in any community, incorporated or unincorporated, when an individual will have had an experience where they feel the service rendered was not up to par.

In general we feel that we have been served well by these departments."

Miss Johanna Gudas, LPHOA Treasurer, indicated that she had occasion to call on the services of the County Sheriff's police, shortly after moving here, and the service compared favorable with that of both Chicago and Oak Park.

On the whole, service from county and township officials has been excellent, and compares favorably with that of any other area in Illinois.

"As for hard feelings between communities: We think of them as flare-ups that are forgotten as fast as they occur. Differences of opinion are what democracies are made of."

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 21, 1968

AT CLUB HOUSE GROUNDS  
(Parkway between Washington  
and Liberty)

OPEN HOUSE from Noon to 4:00 P.M.

Games with Prizes - Door Prizes

Dancing with Jim Snyder's Band

Refreshments

(With assistance of Women's Club)



"FOR THOSE WHO RESIDE  
MAY RESIDE WITH PRIDE"



The LIBERTY PARK Women's Club entered our history on May 21, 1967. The first President was Evelyn Fox, VP - Jacqueline Bartasis, Secretary - Gwen Thies, Treasurer - Lenore LaGrassa, Welcome Chairmen - Anita King/Marilyn Swiech. The Club was organized for the purpose of promoting the welfare of children and youth in home and community; building and maintaining children's playground, community park property, and any other enterprises for the betterment of the community. They promoted public safety and child welfare, social activity, and encouraged attendance at the LIBERTY PARK Homeowners Association meetings. The ladies sponsored many activities to accomplish these goals including the first LIBERTY PARK Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas gifts collected for the DuPage Convalescent Center, pot luck and spaghetti suppers, bunco parties, Teen night, sponsored junk pick-up, rummage and craft sales, correspondence with service men and women serving in Vietnam, and supported activities and social activities of the LPHOA. The Club dissolved on April 14, 1984. The LPHOA has continued many of the Club's projects including the Easter Egg Hunt.

The LPHOA has for many years sponsored "get acquainted" picnics and activities. Among the most notable was the July 22, 1962 LPHOA Picnic which featured a merry-go-round, games, races, soft drinks and ice cream. The LPHOA 30th Anniversary Celebration Picnic on July 21, 1968, at the LPHOA park grounds, was a grand affair. A decal design was created by Mary Soltwisch to honor the day. Decal donations of \$1.00 each was to be used to further landscape the LPHOA park grounds. A special pamphlet was written to advertise the celebration. The LPHOA delegated authority to the Women's Club to organize and run this affair. The weather was perfect. The popular band of Jim Snyder from Washington Street kept everyone dancing. Another successful affair was the LPHOA Fall Festival which was held on September 11, 1977. Under a big top, refreshments including many home-made treats including crock-dilled pickles were served. The Bohemian-American Concertina Band entertained everyone with many favorites including the Bunny Hop and the Hokey Pokey. There were games, prizes, baseball games and the famous horse shoe tournament. The team of Ed Johnson and Jim Bartasis received a ribbon for their horse shoe throwing skill. The day was full with fun and comradery. LPHOA officers conducted a tour of the LPHOA Community Building and Pumphouses.

On December 21, 1968, LIBERTY PARK children under the direction of Jacqueline Bartasis sang Christmas carols throughout the subdivision, local nursing homes and hospitals. The practice sessions were as rewarding as the actual singing performances. The group made a lasting impression on all who heard them. But for many residents there was little zest for Christmas decorations and

# LIBERTY PARK FALL FESTIVAL

Sponsored by Liberty Park Homeowners Assoc.

1:00 P.M.  
Sunday, September 11, 1977

## MUSIC BY Bohemian - American Concertina Band

### FOOD

Hot Dogs — Potato Salad — Polish Sausage — Sauerkraut

### DRINKS

Beer (Strohs on Tap) — Root Beer (A & W)

**Kids Games**

**Horseshoe Tournament (cash prize)**

41st & Washington, Westmont (Behind Mr. Steak on Ogden)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Team \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_



EASTER EGG HUNT  
LPHOA PARK  
1988







EASTER EGG HUNT  
LPHOA PARK  
1995



DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF  
CANINE DEMONSTRATION



**LIBERTY PARK EASTER EGG HUNT  
1997**

**JANICE ROGERS, LPHOA SECRETARY  
AND EASTER BUNNY**



**DOTTIE LIPE, LPHOA DOMESTIC ENGINEER**

**LIBERTY PARK EASTER EGG HUNT  
1997**

**FRED SWIECH, TRUSTEE  
JANICE ROGERS, LPHOA SECRETARY**



LIBERTY PARK EASTER EGG HUNT  
1997





celebrations. It was a sad time with the country involved in the Vietnam War and our sons, relatives, and friends fighting in a far away land.

During 1968, the U.S. Corp of Engineers proposed an anti-ballistic missile site on the 300 acres Healy Farm, bounded by Highway #83, Ogden Avenue, Cass Avenue and 35th Street. LPHOA members voted on December 5, 1968 unanimously to oppose this project and many letters and petitions were sent to Senators, Representatives and local officials. The site was ultimately changed to an Army base near Libertyville.

Eva Dahlman, LPHOA secretary, and Anne Schanillac, Lincoln Street piano teacher, were community activists. They kept a steady flow of letters going to Congressmen, Representatives, and local officials about any issue that they perceived unfavorable to LIBERTY PARK.

Eva Dahlman died on November 18, 1974. According to their daughter, Carin, Peter Dahlman died on February 1, 1975 of a broken heart. Eva measured each day by the service she rendered to others, rather than by any anticipation of reward for herself. Her life was fashioned of strength and cheerful courage as she worked diligently to make this community a better place in which to live. Many projects benefiting this community were initiated by Eva and Peter with their enthusiasm inspiring others to work beside them.

The Dahlman's were the last LPHOA Charter members living in LIBERTY PARK. The mantle of stewardship was passed to future generations.

There has been much activity and development in the area. WCFL had sold their property bounded by 39th Street, Williams, 41st and Cumnor to be subdivided into residential lots. There were hearings regarding the rezoning of the VanEngers Farm on Cass and North of 39th Street for townhouses and apartments; a K Mart Shopping Mall on Ogden between Williams and Cumnor and a Jewel Tea and Turnstyle, Inc. on the northeast corner of Ogden and Cass Avenue. These completed projects would eventually bring new neighbors to LIBERTY PARK. Since then the Turnstyle would close and the K Mart demolished to allow the building of the Super Dominick's Finer Foods Mall to open in 1997.

As written in an article about LIBERTY PARK in the Towne Times newspaper on Friday, August 20, 1948, AND HOLDS TRUE TILL TODAY:

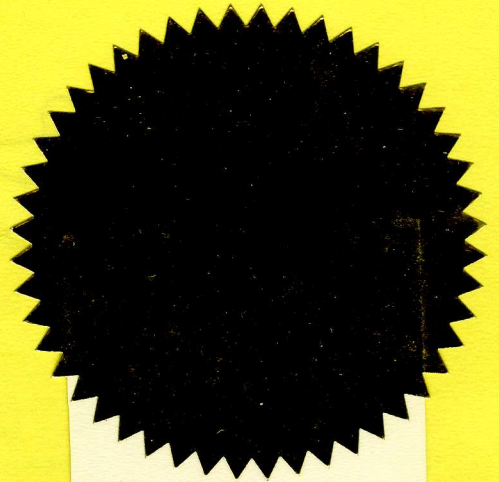
**"THE GROWTH OF THIS GROUP INTO A WELL-ROUNDED COMMUNITY IS A HEARTENING EXAMPLE WHAT A GROUP OF FRIENDLY, THINKING PEOPLE CAN DO. THEY ARE THE REAL PIONEERS OF THE EVER GROWING COUNTRY IN WHICH WE ARE SO PROUD AND GRATEFUL TO BE LIVING".**



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**BITS AND PIECES OF LIBERTY PARK HISTORY TAKEN FROM:  
LPHOA MINUTES BOOK, LPHOA BULLETIN NEWSLETTER, CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION MINUTES BOOK, TOWNE TIMES NEWSPAPER-LIBERTY PARK  
NEWS NOTES, Mrs. C. Scully, Barbara Thompson Correspondents,  
SUN TIMES NEWSPAPER, CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, DOWNERS  
GROVE REPORTER, SUBURBAN LIFE, WESTMONT PROGRESS**

1930'S - LIBERTY PARK children attended North Acres School at Cass Avenue and Traube which had three grades. One room divided by a long narrow closet, one teacher, 2 outhouses, 4 swings and a long, high slide in a stone and grassy playground. Inside the school fenced area grew cherry and apple trees. The school building was demolished in 1969. The Westmont Police Department and #2 Fire Station were built on that site.

1931 - Early depths of the Depression. School situation was very bleak. Teachers were paid in script, which was non-negotiable since tax collections were almost non-existent. School Board members had to personally solicit coal and other necessities to keep schools operating.

LIBERTY PARK resident, Seth David, world's youngest drummer, won 1st prize on May 23, 1943 on the Stars of Tomorrow Show. He had performed over 500 times for the soldiers and sailors and for the Servicemen's Home Folks Club.

On June 11, 1943, the first column called LIBERTY PARK Notes appeared in the Towne Times newspaper.

July 2, 1943 - At the June 28th LPHOA Meeting, it was voted to assess each member \$15.00 for the new water pump to be paid either in a lump sum by July 28th or in three monthly installments of \$5.00 each due on July 28, August 28, and September 28.

The LIBERTY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION will sponsor a party and dance July 3, 1943 at the clubhouse. Come out and have a good time. Phone D.G. 2007, in LIBERTY PARK, if you wish to make an appointment to give blood on July 1,2,3.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Street were the proud parents of their 10th child, a girl born on July 28, 1943.

August 6, 1943 - School Supt. C. E. Miller told of school difficulties during wartime. It is becoming increasingly difficult to provide rooms with meals for teachers and unless arrangements can be made, teachers will not accept positions. The charge for room and meals, or room with cooking privileges for breakfast and dinner must be reasonable and in line with prices being charged in surrounding communities.

March 3, 1944 - "When Our Boys Come Home to Stay", a song written by Mrs. Hildur Atchley, was sung by the members of the Servicemen's Home Folks Club on February 22 at the LPHOA Clubhouse. This song was adopted as the official song of the organization. There are 111 boys on the Honor Board with 1 Gold Star. The Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Johnson Wierstedt, was presented with a gold star pin, a gift from the members. Letters from our servicemen were read and Mrs. Atchley displayed a group of battle souvenirs sent home by a serviceman. There was a German and Italian helmet, several knives and two hand grenades. The Club holds its meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

April 7, 1944 - An Easter Party was held. Seth David played the drums while his father played the bones. A skit called "Strawberry Blonde" was given. Cake and Coffee served to the 50 residents attending.

June 18, 1944 - The meeting opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and a prayer. Community singing was enjoyed by all, new members were introduced and letters from the servicemen were read.

August 18, 1944 - Strangers out for a ride down Ogden Avenue, to escape the sweltering heat, were astonished to see the bright twinkling lights of a Christmas Tree shining through the windows of the Nu Umbrella Tavern on Ogden and Park and to hear familiar Christmas Carols. But the residents all knew that the 7th Annual "Christmas Party" given by the Joseph Jefciks, owners, was in full swing. Mrs. Jefcik sends out Christmas Card invitations. This year, 150 people came to celebrate Christmas in August. When anyone asks Mrs. Jefcik why she celebrates Christmas in mid-summer, she tells them that she is Russian and then adds "rushing the season" and she does it also to help all forget the heat. Usually, the following Saturday New Year's Eve is celebrated with all the glitter of the season but this Saturday is going to be different, for it is a farewell party for the Jefciks who have bought a resort in Wisconsin and are moving up North. The Nu Umbrella was destroyed by fire in December 1957.

September 16, 1944 - The old motor in the pumphouse was taken off line September 15th. Everyone was asked to take enough water to tide them over for one day.

The menfolk ran a dance on October 28th at the Legion Hut. Little Carol Hansen entertained us by twirling the baton, Anne Mae Powers and George Konbek gave us several numbers and Mary Rich sang 3 songs. Mrs. Mary Bullerman played the piano. Refreshments were served.

October 27, 1944 - Mrs. Bretz donated three fruit cakes to the Servicemen's Home Folks Club. Chance books will be sold on two cakes and one cake will be served at the anniversary of the club which will be one year old this month. Pot Luck Supper will be held at the LPHOA Clubhouse.

August 1946 - Fred Hooker made street signs for Washington, Liberty and Park Street. Mr. Ensalaco installed them off of Ogden Avenue. In 1947, Joseph Herrbach made a street sign for Parkway Avenue. Mr. Drew, Downers Grove Township Highway Commissioner, promised to take care of bad spots in the roads.

February 5, 1948 - Plumbers: Krowalski, Miller or Dunlop on call for labor and repairs on watermains under direction of trustees or pumpman.

February 3, 1949 - Boy's Christian Club met on Monday evenings at 7 pm, Mr. Riggenbach, leader.

August 1949 - Ann Deliberto volunteered to circulate petition for sanitary sewers.

October 4, 1949 - LPHOA installed speed limit signs within the subdivision.

1956 - In order to relieve the legal snarls enveloping the Drainage Law of 1878, 69th General Assembly of the State of Illinois enacted a new statute effective 1-1-56 regarding the formation of drainage districts.

1956 was the year "of the 17 year locust" and rapid growth in LIBERTY PARK.

January 12, 1956 - School District 57 decided new building is necessary. Referendum election June 2, 1956 regarding C.E. Miller School to be built at Traube and Washington Street. Referendum also included permission to purchase 1.4 acres in LIBERTY PARK on east side of Liberty between Parkway and 41st. Necessary to purchase now before home building gets underway on a big scale and land prices skyrocket. DuPage County building trend continues to exceed last year's record breaking pace. THIS LAND WAS LATER SOLD BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Apartment building now on this site.

February 16, 1956 - More Northern Illinois natural gas home heating permits will be available for LIBERTY PARK residents when the new pipeline is completed.

March 29, 1956 - The second stage of clearing the Park property has been completed thanks to Messrs. Ingram, Nooner, Johnson, Breck, Cassiman, Jakovich and the machines and time of E. Allen and H. Baker.

April 5, 1956 - Third phase: Digging out stumps of trees. LPHOA allotted \$40.00 toward cost of using Blocker Brothers machines; 150 hours of donated labor to date, 6 evenings of work to remove tree stump 4 feet in diameter. Sunday was the only day machines could be used and with the aid of Hank Wojcik of D & W Trucking, who donated his services, 250 yards of dirt was moved around. Afterward, Lee Sirius with the help of Edward Ingram and Bernard Baloun pushed out trees and started to grade the land. Herb Lieser procured railroad ties and stakes. The basketball court could be converted to an winter ice-skating rink. Additional funds for this restoration project were raised through Bingo night and chance books.

May 31, 1956 - Liberty Belles, 4-H group, under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Hicks. Present project is sewing - portable sewing machine donated by LPHOA.

June 16, 1956 - LIBERTY PARK children sponsored a "neighborhood circus" and a "carnival" on August 23, 1956. Proceeds of \$1.03 and \$2.31 were given to the Polio Fund. LIBERTY PARK children have continued this activity for many years.

1958 - All young men are required by law to register with Selective Service within 5 days after reaching their 18th birthday.

The Pigeon Club was located at 3815/17 North Washington Street. They trained homing pigeons. Their President was Joe Tessone.

September 11, 1958 - A resident's horse was found grazing on LPHOA property.

October 1967 - LIBERTY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION received a 2nd place trophy for our float "Clean Streams" in the Westmont Pow Wow parade on September 23, 1967.

November 1967 - Larry Cuslidge, elder son of Kenneth and Carin (Dahlman) Cuslidge, grandson of Peter and Eva Dahlman, was wounded in action at Quang Tri, Vietman on October 20th. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

February 1968 - New luminous street signs were installed by the Townships.

March 1968 - Many of our boys were called to service during the Vietnam War.

# -what's ahead-

## Corn festival Sun.

The Civic Improvement Auxiliary of Liberty Park will hold its second annual Corn Festival on Sunday, Aug. 17, between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. at the Community House and Park Property located on Parkway between Washington and Liberty sts. just north of Ogden ave.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age. Family rates with four or more children are \$4. This entitles you to all the corn you can eat. Hot dogs and refreshments will be sold separately.

Join in the fun, rain or

shine this event will take place under canvas top protection. Games and prizes for the kids help us celebrate this old fashion Corn Festival during our Bicentennial year. For more information call Mrs. Kathleen Dining, Festival Chairman, at 968-1757.

SUBURBAN LIFE

Saturday, August 10, 1974

Part One

### What's Happening

## Corn festival coming

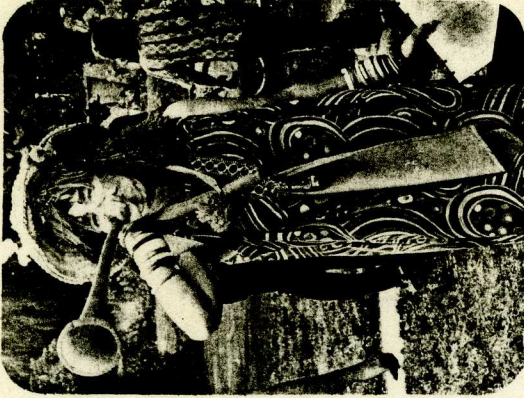
Drouth in the nation's cornbelt may be damaging corn and other crops, but the Civic Improvement Auxiliary of Liberty Park will hold a corn on the cob festival on Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the community house. The facility is between Washington and Parkway, north of Ogden.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age. Ducats for families with four or more children are \$4. Hot dogs and refreshments are not included in the cost of corn.

More data may be obtained

by calling Mrs. David A. Dining, festival chairman, at 968-1757.

# Cob-nobbing



Lulu the Clown, with her Bozo games and antics, entertained a pretty corny crowd Sunday at Liberty Park. The Liberty Park Civic Improvement Auxiliary held its second annual corn festival to the tune of rock music and the smell of fresh corn. To cook the cobs a barrel at a time, they were put in a burlap bag then steamed in a garbage can which was equipped with an exhaust pipe. Money earned by the auxiliary is used for various park improvements, sewer and storm water runoff control and flower planting. Money is also donated to fire prevention districts for their activities.

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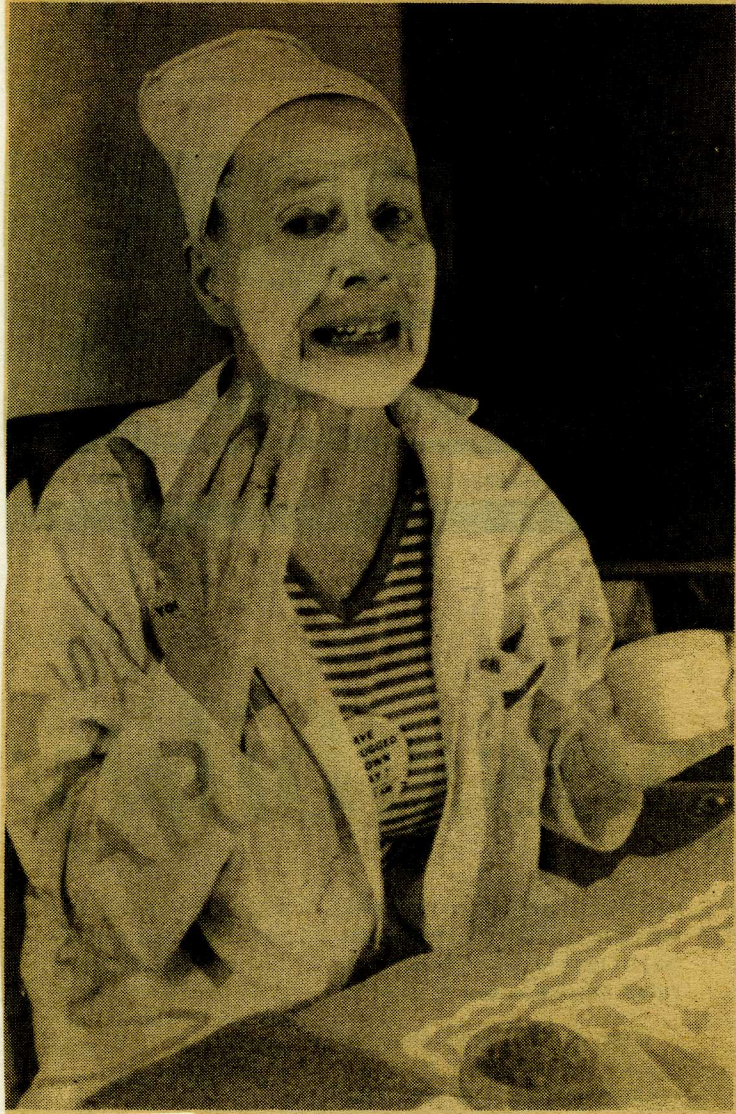


Fun time

A ball toss was one of the various children's games at the second annual corn fest held Sunday by the Liberty Park Civic Improvement Auxiliary.



*She isn't just clowning around*



**THE ART OF CLOWNING — Louise Simundic, also known as Hi Pockets,**



PHOTO BY JIM LEONARDO

**MISS CONGENIALITY** — Louise Simundik recently took home the "Ms. Congeniality" honor from the Ms. Illinois Senior Citizens pageant held in Joliet.

September 1968 - Suburban Life newspaper reported that a study was done regarding the decreasing bird life. Upon examination of dead purple martins, it showed that they died from DDT poisoning.

November 1968 - Results of the November 5th Election, 29th District as reported by Philip Kubala, Republican Committeeman:

- 577 good citizens voted
- 195 voted straight Republican
- 117 voted straight Democrat
- 255 split their votes
- 304 voted for Nixon
- 180 voted for Humphrey
- 81 voted for Wallace
- 333 voted for Ogilvie
- 211 voted for Shapiro

May 1970 - Nick Czajka of Washington Street was appointed Assistant Water Superintendent. He replaced Richard Laursen, who moved to Wisconsin.

January 1971 - DuPage County passed Dog Ordinances and a violation punishable by a fine up to \$200.

April/May 1971 - Rita Maconi, President, Johanna Gudas, Treasurer, and Jacqueline Bartasis made two trips to State Capitol. They presented petitions representing 40,500 persons and also testified on behalf of Senate Bill 221, which protected the rights of unincorporated residents to a referendum vote upon annexation to a municipality. This bill was introduced by Senator Harris J. Fawell. It did not pass.

December 1971 - LIBERTY PARK children carolers sang for Louise Simundic of Lincoln Street, who was a patient at Community Memorial General Hospital in La Grange. Mrs. Simundic is a graduate of Clown College and is known professionally as "HI POCKETS". She is the one who usually entertains US at LIBERTY PARK affairs.

March 1972 - Girl Scout Troop 686 under the leadership of Mrs. Pawley meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

October 1972 - LIBERTY PARK Women's Club sponsored a Halloween Party on Friday, October 27th, 7 - 9 pm. Prizes at 3 levels for most original costume. Winners were Jeff Brown, Ralph Borg and Edward Micaletti.

August 1974/75 - Civic Improvements Auxiliary of LIBERTY PARK plans included two successful "Corn on the Cob" festivals. Chairmen were Kathleen Dining and Kathleen Prescott.

September 1974 - Townships resurfaced LIBERTY PARK roads.

January 1975 - LPHOA voiced concerns regarding only one authorized access road to new Westmont Jr. and Sr. High Schools and this one a long route through Oak Wood Subdivision off of Ogden Avenue. A safer and shorter route off of Cass Avenue for all including emergency vehicles was suggested. This bad situation was not resolved until 1986.

August 22, 1976 - Formal dedication ceremony for Good Samaritan Hospital at 39th and Main Street, Downers Grove.

February 1977 - Joseph Brown was appointed Assistant Water Superintendent. Joe and Ed Bartasis completed intermediate level courses in water works operations offered in cooperation with the IEPA and the Water Supply Operator Certification Advisory Board, at the College of DuPage. In conjunction with these courses, the LPHOA Board was invited to tour the Chicago Filtration Plant near Navy Pier. Joe retired in 1989. Alan Jordan was appointed 1st Assistant Water Superintendent.

March 1977 - LIBERTY PARK Women's Club presented LPHOA with a check for \$314.86, which covered the cost of 50 new chairs and 5 gallons of paint for the newly remodeled garage/community building.

May 1977 - Westmont High School Band was judged "Superior-First Place" along with 4 other schools in the Illinois Band Contest. LIBERTY PARK musicians included Sue McKune, Patti Rand, Kelly Tison, Julie Worch, and Eric Gnat.

September 11, 1977 - LPHOA Fall Picnic's proceeds went toward the remodeling of the east wall of the Community Building. Chairmen were Ed Arenz and Ray Puetts. Music by Bohemian/American Concertina Band. "Mr. Accordion", Ken Juricic, performed.

November 1977 - Westmont Surface Water District No. 1, which services LIBERTY PARK, voiced their written opposition to the Village of Westmont draining water under Cass Avenue into LIBERTY PARK.

January 1978 - The following residents were recognized for their outstanding service to the Community of LIBERTY PARK, at the LPHOA January 5th Awards Meeting:

Mary Mallek and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Soltwisch - original charter members

Edward Bartasis  
Gerald Bellinder

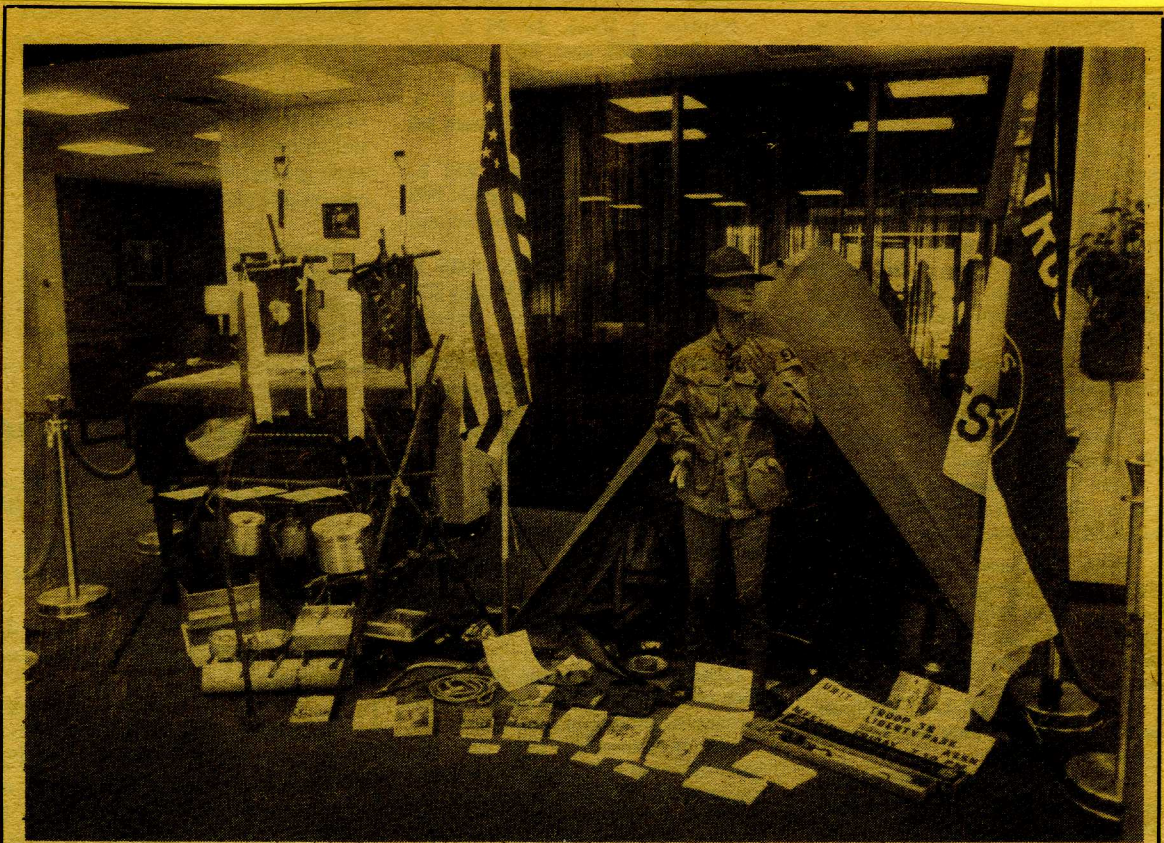
Charlene Frederick  
Johanna Gudas

LIBERTY PARK POW WOW PARADE FLOAT

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**LIBERTY PARK BOY SCOUT TROOP #38 DISPLAY  
1981**



**THIS SCOUT DISPLAY** at the Bank of Westmont on Cass ave. won first place for Boy Scout Troop 38 in Liberty Park recently. Scouts from the Indian Trails District (Downers Grove, Westmont, Darien and Lemont) participated in setting up window displays to celebrate the 71st anniversary of scouting. The display at the bank shows a 1913 scout uniform and was a working display as area boys came in to show different skills.

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HONORED RESIDENTS (con't.)

Ruth Borg	Robert Inghimo
Joseph and Marge Brown	Edward Johnson
John Campbell	Nancy Lane
Robert Carvelli	Gene and Rita Maconi
Ed Claren	Jean Petit
Anthony Curio	George Rickert
Michael Czajka	Karl Strobl
Richard Danelevich	Wayne and Mary Soltwisch
Howard Debold	Fred Swiech
David Dining	George Voightman
Albin Fabian	Tom Wcisel
	Carl and Mary Woolsey

August 1978 - A notification of operating excellence was awarded to the LPHOA from the IEPA/DuPage County Health Department.

Lee Binter, daughter of Sharon and Phil Binter of Washington Street was awarded the highest Cadet Girl Scout Award attainable - 1st Class Scout. Lee received a letter of congratulations from President Carter. She is a member of Cadet Troop No. 139.

November 1978 - LPHOA announces formation of a new Boy Scout Troop, No. 38, in LIBERTY PARK. Skip Shafer will serve as Scout Master. Troop officers are David Shafer, Historian, Jeff Schmidt, Quartermaster, Steve Psyk, Bugler, and Hank Woolsey, Librarian.

October 1979 - Junior Girl Scout Troop 359 meets at the LPHOA Community Building on Monday afternoons. Troop leaders are Dottie Lipe, Jackie Luna and Gale Brooks.

A chilling treat was in store for all who came to the LIBERTY PARK Boy Scout's Haunted House at the Community Building. The boys did a spectacular job.

May 1980 - On Wednesday, May 21, Mrs. Rose Gnat of Adams Street represented the LPHOA and area and presented petitions at a real estate tax revolt meeting at the Wilder Park Library, Elmhurst.

1980 - LIBERTY PARK was officially recognized in the 1980 edition of Rand McNally Road Atlas.

May 2, 1981 - George Rickert, LIBERTY PARK water superintendent for 5 years retired. Joseph Fennell is the new LPHOA superintendent.

July 2, 1981 - In memory of Howard Debold, LPHOA Trustee in office, who died following an automobile accident. He was 63 years old.

February 1982 - Record cold! 26 degrees below zero

April 1982 - The week of April 17 through April 14 has been designated LIBERTY PARK Spring Clean-Up Week, which has been observed every year up to the present time.

June 1982 - Townships sponsor Brush Pick-Up.

July 1982 - LPHOA Public Water Supply System received a Triple "A" Rating in regard to public supply rules, regulations and standards, after a 5 1/2 hour IEPA engineering evaluation.

September 1982 - Community Blue Star children's safety program established in LIBERTY PARK.

December 1983 - The LIBERTY PARK Women's Club and the LPHOA collected Christmas gifts for patients at the DuPage Convalescent Center. This has been an annual event for many years. Now, LPHOA makes a monetary contribution to the Center, so that gifts can be purchased on an individual basis.

LPHOA Helping Hand Committee are residents who have volunteered to take our seniors shopping and to the Doctor's office.

February 1984 - On Saturday, February 18th, the LPHOA Community Building will be open between the hours of 10 am to 1 pm with Deputy Registrars present to accept registration of voters.

March 1984 - Westmont Youth Baseball Association will hold registration and tryouts for PeeWee League, Minors and Major Divisions and PeeWee Basketball. LIBERTY PARK residents have been volunteers for managers, coaches and umpires since the beginning of the league.

April 6, 1984 - LIBERTY PARK Boy Scout Troop No. 38 held a Court of Honor for the presentation of Scouting's highest award - the rank of Eagle Scout, to Robert J. Sayre. Bob is the first scout in our LPHOA sponsored troop to receive the Eagle award.

Davea's new "Super Summer School" for adults and high school students, who want to acquire new job skills and also have time to work on personal interests, begins on June 18th and will go through July 26th. All programs were held at the Davea Center, 301 N. Swift Road, Addison.

Tracy Prescott, 8th grade student, of Liberty Blvd. was named 1st place winner of the John Erlenborn 1984 Heritage Essay Contest, "Why I am proud to be an American".



November 1984 - Over 200 people attending the State of the District meeting held at the Westmont High School were full of questions regarding Westmont School District 201's current drastic financial situation, how it arrived at the problem, the consequences, what the Board has done in the past about it and the current strategies being looked at to balance the budget. The Westmont School Board's Special Finance Committee delivered its report and recommendations which included staff and program cuts along with a tax rate hike referendum to be voted upon on February 26th. An increase of \$0.60 per \$100. assessed valuation was suggested. The group suggested that if the referendum fails, school closings could be necessary in addition to further cuts.

March 3, 1985 - In the evening hours, strong winds, freezing rain and heavy ice caused power outages and heavy property damages in the area. This storm was considered by many to be the worst in memory. The Townships picked up storm related brush.

May 1985 - Midwest drought conditions! LPHOA Water Restrictions regarding outside water use are in effect. LPHOA has always promoted conservation even before it became the rule in surrounding communities. Water conservation is common sense.

November 5, 1985 - Lake Michigan Water Referendum-DuPage County passed \$150 million for General Obligation Bonds to bring lake water to county line, \$0.20 per \$100 valuation - one time - Commission operating expenses, 1/4 cent sales tax increase (total 6 1/2%) to hold back property taxes necessary to back up the General Obligation Bond Sale for Distribution System from county line. Any amount not covered by sales tax would have to appear on property tax bills; increased water rates for those communities purchasing water, 1/2 cent per \$100 valuation property tax - commission expenses passed in Registration - June 1984.

June 1, 1986 - Para-medical services available to LIBERTY PARK negotiated through the Fire Protection District with a \$75 charge per call, which most insurance companies will pick up.

September 1986 - Nation-wide in home asbestos and radon gas warnings issued.

October 1986 - An angry autumn has hit homeowners with wind, never-ceasing rains and storms. Detention ponds were viewed by many as the best gift to LIBERTY PARK and a potential hazard by others. Parents were advised to warn their children not to play near the ponds and teach them not to trespass.

May 1987 - LPHOA attended a Radon Gas Seminar held by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

August 1987 - The punishment unleashed from the sky this past month, with record rainfall, resulting in disastrous flash-floods had LIBERTY PARK residents reporting damages from overflows, sewer backups and seepage.

September 1987 - The Downers Grove Sanitary District received a large grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the construction of major sanitary sewer improvements in LIBERTY PARK. These improvements began in April 1988 and must be completed by October 31, 1988.

December 1987 - Dressed in a brand new coat of paint and sparkling with Christmas lights and decorations, the LPHOA Community Building wowed all who came to the December meeting. To help make the evening special, a holiday treat was prepared by Vice-President Barbara Kossak.

March 1988 - Congress legislated a ban on use of all lead solder and pipe as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986. The language in those amendments requires that ALL public water supplies notify their water consumers of the potential dangers of lead in drinking water, and provide information regarding steps consumers can take to prevent ingesting water containing high lead levels. The LPHOA has no lead piping in its system.

August 1988 - AND THE HEAT GOES ON!! AVOID DEHYDRATION!! The year 1988 was the 7th hottest summer of record in a recorded 116 year history; 47 days with temperatures 90 degrees or higher and 7 of these were 100 degrees or higher.

September 1988 - The DuPage County Health Department Rules state that no garbage shall be burned or buried. All garbage must go to a sanitary landfill, brought there either by the homeowner/tenant or a disposal company.

October 1988 - It's apple picking time at the Wauconda Orchards.  
LIBERTY PARK observes Fire Protection Week.

November 15, 1988 - The LPHOA waterworks was inspected by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a liaison with the IEPA. The written report stated that the LPHOA facility was extremely well maintained and was in excellent condition. Monitoring, reporting, record keeping, and housekeeping were very good.

January 1989 - DuPage County Census