

Sherman Garden Cooperative Apartments

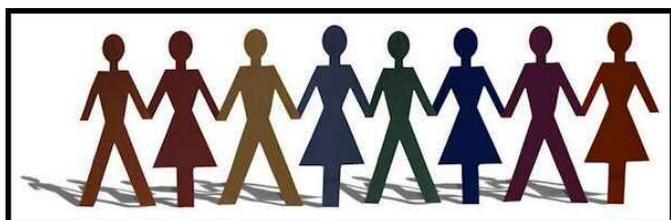
A monthly publication for residents of Sherman Garden Apartments, 1856-66 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



I caught the morning sunlight just right on this lily.

Photo by Diane Petersmarck



ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Allen Feuerstein (1856), SGAA President

Hello Neighbors,

The Independence Day Courtyard Get together was a wonderful success. We had over 50 people attend. I received a lot of thanks, but really I didn't do much. Morris Phibbs was the main coordinator of this event. with Mary Jo Huck recruiting all the volunteers and logistics. Tim Mahoney and Julie Lamberti participated in the planning meetings and helped a great deal. Morris went out of his way to get games and a speaker system to use for the event. We had numerous

volunteers to help set up and break down. It is hard to list everyone, but thank you...

There was an enormous buffet of delicious foods served by our gloved and masked volunteers. We were outdoors with a gentle breeze and managed to keep a nice distance between each other.

We had a VIP guest: Clare Kelly, our new 1st Ward Council Member. She made an impressive effort to speak to most of us and said that she really enjoyed the community atmosphere here at Sherman Gardens.

Many people took part in the games which included badminton, bocci ball, bean bag toss, and crochet. From our donation jar, we received \$40 in donations which I really appreciated and will go toward future events. Remember, the Association does not get money from the assessments. Our funding comes completely from donations; therefore, all donations are greatly appreciated.

Now that we have more yard games...I am envisioning future "Game Days" Now that would be fun!!! So, start working out, get to the gym, because the day is near that each building fields an SGA Olympic team...LOL.

Julie Lamberti is taking over the SGA treasurer position that Linda Young vacated. I am happy Julie is joining the SGA executive team.

I want to thank Linda for all the help and advice she has provided. I wish I took a picture of Linda and her son digging out the roots in the middle area of the courtyard. That was a major task and now we have wonderful flowers.

WELCOME: I would like to welcome Benjamin and Johanna Sheu and their baby daughter, Elena, to our community. They moved to 1860 2NC. They were excited about moving in, but no one warned them about queen sized box springs. LOL (but they figured out the secret)

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FROM THE TRUSTEES

The big news is that there is no news on the plans for the Las Palmas/Bank lot to the west of SGA. FOCUS has given us no information on their plans so we have nothing to report.

The exterior basement walls in 1866 are going to be sealed with the same WaterGuard system that was used successfully in the 1862/64 basement on July 19-20th.

We are very near completion of a new set of Rules & Regulations, which will include a group of helpful "Additional Information" items. Many thanks to Trustee Keith Johnson and then-trustee Marcia Bosits for getting this project started. And also thanks to the members of the Association and residents (Linda Young, Jane Wooley, and Mihir Bhagat) who have worked closely with us on this project.

New policy on kitchen fans - as reported previously, the company who manufactured our kitchen fans is out of business and there is no source for repair or replacement by the Trust. Residents are welcome to explore other options for replacement with the usual renovation notification requirements in place and at their own expense. We will share any successful replacement options with all residents here in the newsletter.

UNITS FOR SALE

1860 - Unit 6/7SC - \$110,000
3BR/2B/Townhouse Unit
Listing Agent: Dana Gerstenschlager
@Properties
Telephone No. 773/432-0200
MLS No: 11147033

1860 - Unit 3NW - \$75,000
2BR/1B/Balcony
Listing Agent: Alex Kricknkov
Fifth Street Realty LLC
Telephone No. 847/920-4309
MLS No: 11059567

1864 - Unit 2SW - \$79,000
2BR/1B
Listing Agent: Barbara Kramer
Coldwell Banker
Telephone No. 847/866-8200
MLS No: 11136192

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This is a stunning double-blooming hollyhock in the patio garden.

Photo by Diane Petersmarck

SGAT TO THE RESCUE

By Blair Laden, 1864

A friend dropped me off on July 5 around 10:30 pm on Emerson St by the 1864 building. Turns out, she had a flat tire. When I got out, Allen Feuerstein, who was nearby, looked at it and told her she should not drive on it - that the rim was damaged too. While she was looking for her AAA card, Azael Alanis stopped and Karen Campbell came by and the three of them decided to change the tire! Talk about AMAZING work and CARING!! The heart of SGAT gets bigger all the time. My friend made a donation to the association and I'm so proud to live here.

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HEARING AID RESEARCH STUDY RECRUITS PARTICIPANTS

Ed: Copied from the Levy Senior Center Foundation Newsletter with permission. Recruiting will continue for about another year.

Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? The information below may be of interest to you.

Last year, Dr. Sumit Dhar, professor at Northwestern University's School of Communication, and the principal investigator of the Auditory Research Laboratory, presented a fascinating Levy Lecture about the societal impact of [hearing loss](#).

Dr. Dhar's laboratory is currently recruiting participants for a research study, the **Patient-Centered Hearing Aid Trial**, which allows adults 50-79 years to acquire premium level hearing aids at a discount, provided they are willing to participate in the study.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 50-79
- Have never worn hearing aids
- Be able to purchase two discounted, state-of-the-art, rechargeable hearing aids for \$650, complete with a two-year warranty
- Be able to attend three, in-person study sessions over a 6-month period

Read about the research trial [here](#), watch a short [video](#) that deals with common questions and answers related to the study, or check out their Facebook [page](#). Participants accepted into the study will be compensated for their time and travel at the conclusion of their participation.

If you are interested in participating, the first step is to take a screening test to see if you are eligible. Click [here](#) to take the screening test. You may contact the group running the study by phone, Monday through Friday, 9AM-5PM (CST), at (877) 884-5242 (toll-free), or reach them by email at p-chat@northwestern.edu.

Hearing loss is a devastating reality for many people as they age. The Levy Senior Center Foundation is providing information about this research study to help increase awareness in hopes that some seniors may benefit.

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FREecycle

<https://www.freecycle.org/>

The Freecycle Network is the largest nonprofit recycling and re-use web community on the planet.

We are a grassroots & entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own Towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free. And now you can *also* set up your own, smaller personal Friends Circle for gifting *and* lending of items with just your friends!

A POPLAR TREE STORY

By Diane Petersmarck, 1860



It occurred to me that we have many new residents in the past few years and some may not know this story. So here is the (mostly pictorial) story of our carved tree stump.

In the fall of 2016, our friends at Woodstock Tree (SGA's arborists for many, many years) told us that the poplar in front of 1860 (pictured here) had to come down. It had developed a hollow core and the strength of the trunk was jeopardized.

The removal took many hours and was quite a show – throughout the day many residents stopped to stare and a few even brought out lawn chairs to watch.

The week before the take-down, two young residents who have since moved (Adam and Norman White) posted this heart on the tree trunk. It says: *"Dear Mr. Tree, Thank you for giving us leaves, shade and juice inside and for being beautiful and always making us happy. Goodbye, we will miss you and hope that you have a good cut--down."*

And so it began. The tree removal service brought in equipment and staged in the Las Palmas parking lot.



The tree was so tall you really couldn't see them working until they got lower, but here is a shot of them bringing down one of the larger limbs from the top.

Continuing down the tree.



Further and further down - until just the stump was left.



One of the last chunks being "airlifted" to the parking lot.

Because this tree had been a part of the SGA landscape for so many years, we decided to "memorialize" it. We asked Woodstock to leave a nice height of stump and found a tree carver who was willing to take it on for a very reasonable price. Eric Widitz from <http://artintrees.com/> designed and executed a "mural" of twisted vines and leaves, leaving us alcoves for garden-type decorative items.



A very talented man – all the tiny details were done using his chainsaw! He even signed and dated it!



The tree when it was just finished.

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AD From Blair Laden: I was a fashion illustrator in NYC and Chicago in the 70's and 80's. I've made cards of these and other illustrations and am selling them at 30% less than in the art store. If interested, please call 847-630-0675.

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HISTORY OF THEATRE OR THE GLASS OF FASHION
M.G.STEPHENS

"M.G. Stephens' *History of Theatre or the Glass of Fashion* is the seasoned work of a pure poet and fiction writer, a marriage of the concise and lyrical, suffused with both moments of keenly observed humanity and flights of luminous rumination."

—Richard Price, author of *The Wanderers* and *Lush Life*

Part fiction, poetry, prose poem, and creative nonfiction: an out of work actor lands the part of Hamlet. What happens next?

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Sherman Garden Trustees

Diane Petersmarck	Term ends May 2022
Keith Johnson	Term ends May 2022
Charles Fisher	Term ends May 2022
John Coughlin	Term ends May 2023
Tim Mahoney	Term ends May 2024

Sherman Garden Association

President, Allen Feuerstein, 1860
 Vice-President, Mary Jo Huck, 1856
 Secretary, Morris Phibbs, 1862
 Treasurer, Linda Young, 1864
 Building Coordinators:1856 – Sherre Brutzkus, Lisa Noble
 1860 – Allen Feuerstein, Tim Mahoney
 1862 – Jack Stern
 1864 – Sarah Vanderwicken, Rosa Alanis
 1866 –Pat Rolfs, Walter Henebry

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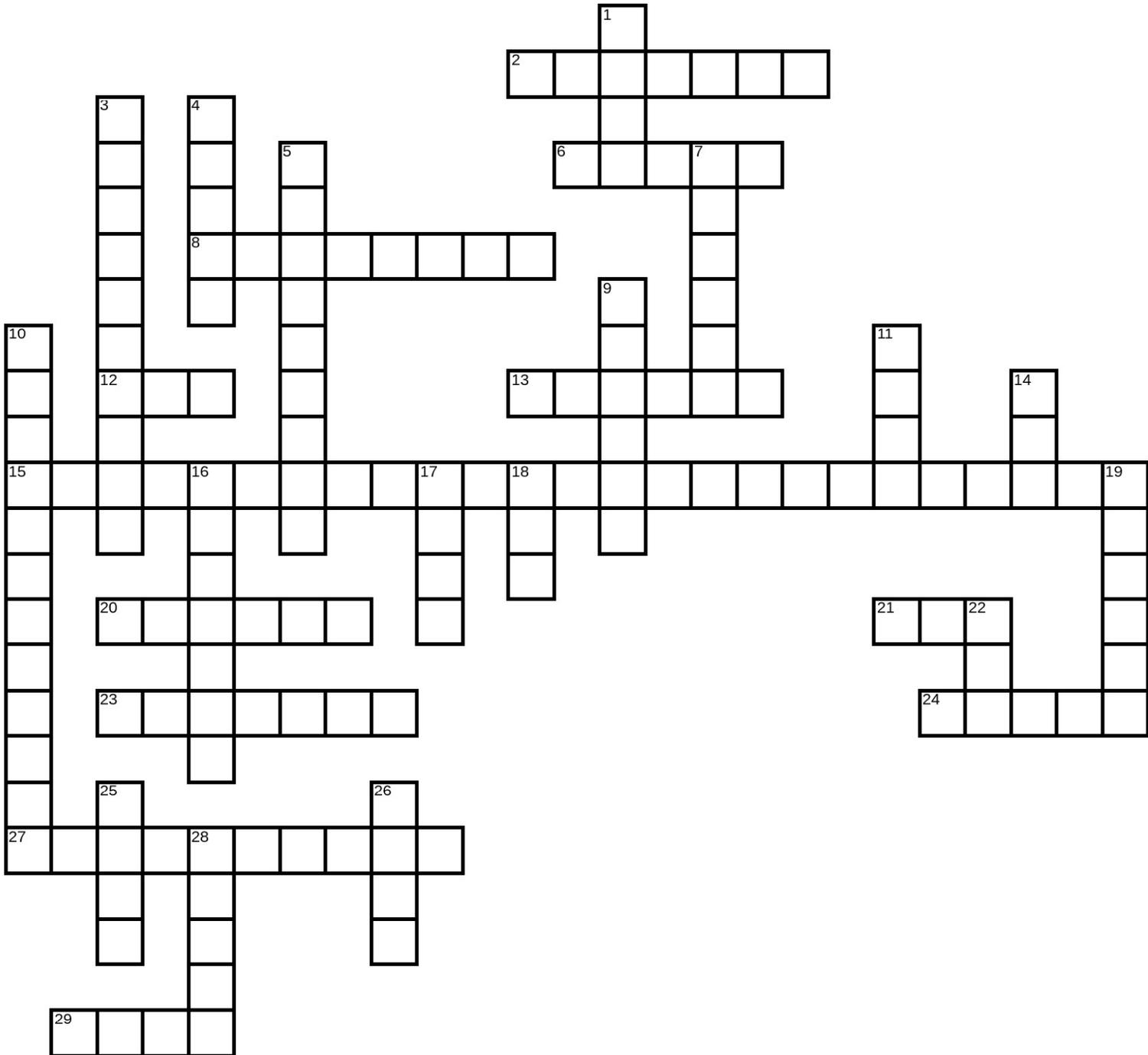
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Boiler Room Phone: 847.864.6887

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**TURN THE PAGE FOR OUR FIRST SGA TRIVIA
CROSSWORD PUZZLE BY TIM MAHONEY!**

SGA Evanston Trivia



Across

- 2 Last name of a Trustee member
- 6 The name of the first beach south of N.U. & closest to SGA is the _____ Street beach.
- 8 Name of the company that handles our laundry machine services
- 12 The thermostat in your unit controls the heat in your floor (ONE - True or TWO - False)
- 13 The train track west of SGA carries the _____ line.
- 15 On our website, what are the words for N.H.N. ?
- 20 A Trustee last name
- 21 Our building numbers run counter clockwise. (ONE - True or TWO - False)
- 23 Oscar's last name
- 24 Evanston 1st Ward Council Member's last name:
- 27 How many units are in building 1860?
- 29 How many SGA Trustees do we have?

Down

- 1 Man's first name most often seen in courtyard with a shovel:
- 3 Last name of SGAA President
- 4 Woman's first name most often seen with a trowel in the courtyard.
- 5 The Trust office in building 1856 has a _____ in the door.
- 7 Del Rio Jr.'s first name
- 9 SGAA Secretary first name
- 10 How many units are in building 1864?
- 11 SGA Management Company
- 14 The 7-11 store across the street is open 7a - 11p, 7 days a week. (ONE - True, TWO - False)
- 16 Architect's last name that designed SGA
- 17 SGAA Vice-President last name
- 18 _____ Malnati's Pizza
- 19 Stinky and _____
- 22 How many building coordinators are in building 1862?
- 25 Evanston Mayor: Daniel _____
- 26 How many garbage dumpsters behind building 1862?
- 28 Our cats are fed _____ a day by volunteers.

