

# Sherman Garden Cooperative Apartments

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

## JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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There is life in a stone.  
Any stone that sits in a field or lies on a beach  
takes on the memory of that place.  
You can feel that stones have witnessed so many things."  
- Andy Goldsworthy

Photo by Diane Petersmarck



### ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Allen Feuerstein (1860), SGAA President

This summer is going to be amazing. Please try to join us for the July 2nd Independence Day gathering in the courtyard (see article below) and also admire the beautiful gardens during the Evanston Garden walk on June 26.

A lot has been happening at Sherman Gardens. We have a practically new group of Trustees that were elected, and a lot of hallway improvements have been accomplished.

**Trustee report, cont.**

A note concerning the day of the Garden Walk, June 26<sup>th</sup>: it may be crowded from time to time in the courtyard. Last year they sold around 900 tickets for this fabulous fundraiser for the Evanston Environmental Association. Visitors will be staggered throughout the day but even so, there will be lots and lots of people coming through the courtyard. Please plan accordingly.

I hope you are getting out and enjoying the lakefront and Northwestern activities. For example, the NU Sailing Club is open to the public and they have sailing classes!!!

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### TRUSTEE REPORT

Our updates and reminders are as follows:

### MAINTENANCE ISSUES PROTOCOL.

The trustees respectfully request that when residents observe maintenance issues in their homes or common areas, your first points of contact are to call Rafael (847-864-6887) during working hours and/or to call or email our property management firm, Heil & Heil ([hsd@hsg.net](mailto:hsd@hsg.net); 847-866-7400). We all invest to have full-time maintenance and professional management, let's please use these resources in the first instance!

Of course, if it's an emergency (like a real emergency, e.g., a fire) you should call 911. If it's a maintenance issue that is urgent and it is an odd hour, like a burst pipe on a Saturday night, then call the Heil and Heil number as there is an answering service and there should be assistance provided.

Also, if you have contacted our service providers and aren't getting a response within a couple of business days, you can let us know and we will follow up. We do want to make sure that maintenance issues are getting addressed and that everyone is happy with the service we have. Still, our role is to provide oversight and make management decisions, and the trustee time commitment has historically become overwhelming and

### Trustee report, cont.

led to resignations when we get pulled into maintenance and other situations that can be handled in other ways more efficiently.

### CELEBRATING OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

The garden walk is coming to SGA on June 26th! We are so grateful to have a gorgeous, spacious, and usable courtyard and so many garden volunteers who spend countless hours in the garden during the warmer months. We thank all those volunteers and look forward to building awareness of the special community and garden we have right next to downtown Evanston. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact any garden volunteer.



*The urn at our front entrance is especially beautiful this year because gardener Diane Keely "wintered over" the fern from last year, which grew quite a bit fuller and more luxurious.*

Photo by Diane Petersmarck

### UPDATE ON PARKING AND LAND

We have an update on parking and the potential land swap. The upshot is that, for now, we will not be going ahead without any change in our parking situation. For those of you interested in more detail, please continue reading. As most of you know, the trustees were in negotiation last year and early this year with the Focus group regarding a potential land swap that would have resulted in Focus taking ownership of our current parking lot to build a Link 2.0, and then we would have acquired the land adjacent to ours where the Byline Bank is (and the Las Palmas restaurant was) and Focus would have built a garage. This real estate swap would have been an incredibly complex, multi-year transaction

and would have disrupted parking for our residents, and there were several financial and other risks and uncertainties we would have needed to manage. There would have been additional costs to maintaining a garage relative to our current carport. In addition, upon careful market data analysis and outside consultation, we concluded that the land swap would not have been an even exchange without cash coming to SGA from Focus as part of the exchange. Focus has declined to provide any cash as part of the exchange. So, at this point, the deal will not move forward. The land adjacent to ours is, we understand, to go back on the market. The trustees will closely monitor that property situation and may, now or at some point in the future, consider options for our current land or for the land adjacent to ours, or both. We know that there are strong and varying opinions about both the land next to ours and the potential land swap. If there are further questions about this matter, please direct them to Louise Keely (1866). If there is sufficient interest we will do an update in the next newsletter, rather than responding individually.

### GET INVOLVED TO HELP UPGRADE OUR PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL COMMON AREAS

The trustees are planning to consider some updates to our common areas that were recommended in the 2019 reserve study, and to our website. If there are residents with skill and genuine interest to volunteer and help with gathering information on options and costs to present to the trustees, please let Louise Keely (1866) know as she will be heading any efforts the trustees decide to pursue and will need help.

We hope everyone has a good summer.

With best wishes, the trustees (Marcia Bosits, John Coughlin, Jim Edgren, Louise Keely, Barbara Pearson)

### UNITS FOR SALE

1860 1SE - \$144,000

2BR/1B/Balcony

Listing Agents: Colin Hebson/

Chaya Benhlyoun

Dream Town Realty

312.242.1000

MLS# 11333013

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## LET'S PARTY IN THE COURTYARD! Independence Day Potluck and Games

By Morris Phibbs (1862)

### Mark Your Calendars Now

Independence Day Celebration in the Courtyard  
Saturday, July 2, 2022 •• 11:30am

Please join your neighbors for the annual SGAA Independence Day celebration with a potluck lunch and yard games. Bring a dish and, if you wish, a beverage to share. Dishes could include salad, side, main course, or dessert. You could bring multiple items if you're feeling really festive! The Association will provide plates, utensils, and cups.

We will gather for lunch at 11:30 am. Games will begin around 12:30 pm and will include badminton, croquet, bean toss, ring toss, and others if equipment can be located.



*Pictures from last year's party!*

### Volunteers Needed

Please let Morris Phibbs know if you can volunteer to set up tables and chairs, decorate, set up games, supervise food tables, and anything else that may be needed. It takes quite a few folks to get all of this done, not to mention the need for assistance to strike tables and chairs, games, clean up the food tables, and police the courtyard for anything left behind. **Please email Morris at [morisaphibbs@gmail.com](mailto:morrisaphibbs@gmail.com).** And don't forget to contribute to the donation jar to help support SGAA events.

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### LOST AND FOUND, GARDEN EDITION

By Martha Buzzi (1856)

While maintaining the garden beds, numerous lost treasures have been revealed: buttons, coins, an old credit card, a screwdriver, a scraggly scarf, several empty Starbucks Frappuccino bottles, holographic party confetti, and even a Whoopie cushion! More importantly, some jewelry has been found as well. If you have lost a piece of jewelry, please send a text or email describing the item to Martha Buzzi, at 847.477.6095 and, if she has it, she will make sure it gets to you.

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## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Julie Lamberti, SGAA Treasurer (1860)

As the keeper of the residents' Directory, in July, midway through the year, I will create a page of updates to the 2022 Directory. If you would like this update page, contact me at [lamberti.mershon@gmail.com](mailto:lamberti.mershon@gmail.com) with your name and building number and I will print one for you and deliver it to your lobby.

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## HUMMINGBIRDS!

By Diane Petersmarck (1860)



[Photo Credit](#)

I have noticed several new hummingbird feeders and spoken to several people who have an interest in the tiny jewel-toned birds. So, I thought I'd share some information from the internet.

From the [Cornell Lab Bird Academy](#):

- Take an in-depth look at feeding and attracting hummingbirds with this [downloadable guide](#).
- Enjoy the beauty and variety of North American hummingbird species with this [downloadable illustrated poster](#) from Project FeederWatch.
- [Specifics on feeding](#) with even more links that you may find interesting!

The website has some amazing photography as well!

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## HIDDEN TREASURES IN THE COURTYARD

(Can you find them?)



Photos by Diane Petersmarck

## FROM CSC PAY MOBILE

Our laundry room equipment provider.

It's always important to be a good neighbor, and that applies to sharing a community laundry room too. Here are some tips to ensure an enjoyable laundry experience for everyone.

- DON'T forget to remove your laundry quickly. Emptying machines helps others get started, and helps you avoid having your laundry handled by others. The CSCPay Mobile app alerts you when your laundry is done.
- DO clean out the lint trap, throw away any trash, and wipe down the washer if needed. Leave the laundry room the way you'd like to find it on your next visit.
- DON'T assume a broken machine has been reported. Submit a service request directly from the CSCPay Mobile app by noting the location and machine number.
- DO drop laundry pods into the washer's drum, not the detergent drawer. Otherwise, the degradable wrapper doesn't fully dissolve and can clog the detergent drawer.

While maintaining your community laundry room is a win for everyone, you can win something for yourself, too. As a member of CSC's Laundry Club – you're automatically entered to win in weekly \$100 prize drawings for every wash (and dry) you do.

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## ARMADILLOS????

[Read about it!](#)



Armadillos may not seem like your typical Illinois wildlife, but according to the state's Department of Natural Resources, the creatures most commonly associated with the southwest part of the country are in the state — and may be moving north thanks to global warming, officials believe.”

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## PRINTER CARTRIDGES: NO COST

By Diane Keely (1856)

A couple of months ago, I had to replace my old printer. I bought an HP printer, which didn't do some things I needed it to do. Then I ordered a Brother printer online, but the order was canceled because none were available to ship. I do have a working printer now.

But I also have new, unopened HP and Brother ink cartridges that you can have (no charge) if they will work for you. Email me at [dianekeely@hotmail.com](mailto:dianekeely@hotmail.com) or call 847.491.9144.

- 1 HP 62XL black cartridge
- 1 HP 62XL tri-color cartridge
- 2 Brother LC101BK black cartridges
- 1 Brother LC101CL color cartridge

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### Sherman Garden Trustees

John Coughlin	Term ends May 2023
James Edgren	Term ends May 2023
Marcia Bosits	Term ends May 2024
Barbara Pearson	Term ends May 2025
Louise Keely	Term ends May 2025

### Sherman Garden Association

President, Allen Feuerstein, 1860  
Vice-President, Joyce O'Callahan, 1860  
Secretary, Morris Phibbs, 1862  
Treasurer, Julie Lamberti, 1860  
Building Coordinators:  
1856 – Sherre Brutzkus, Lisa Noble  
1860 – Norman Weston, Eric Mullendore  
1862 – Jack Stern  
1864 – Sarah Vanderwicken, Rosa Alanis  
1866 – Pat Rolfs, Walter Henebry

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**Submissions are welcome.**