

Sherman Garden Cooperative Apartments

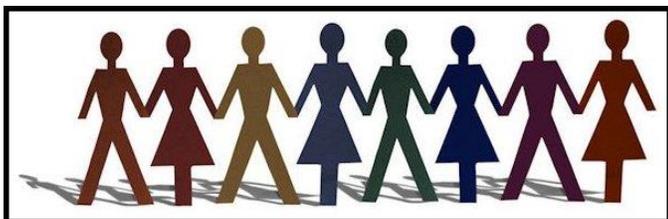
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JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



December 22nd from the front doorway of 1860.

Photo by Diane Petersmark



ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Allen Feuerstein (1856), SGAA President

Happy New Year, I hope that this year will bring lots of adventures and new opportunities for all of us. The Sherman Garden Apartments Association officers and Building Coordinators are busy trying to make Sherman Gardens an even more wonderful place to live. We are starting a few initiatives and hope everyone will participate.

Starting some groups is a priority for the SGA Association. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are looking for owners to help organize some groups, such as an artist club, movie club, and walking club. If you are interested in starting a group, please email me (allenfeuerstein@gmail.com). Check out the groups starting up!!!

Our First group is: The Saints (saintschicago.org), which is an amazing organization that enables you to see for *free* many plays, and concerts at theatres around metro

Chicago. All you have to do is volunteer to usher and tidy up the venue after the event. By volunteering to help, you are entitled to sit in vacant seats in the theatre to see the show. I did *Sainting* and loved it. I met other Saints and enjoyed seeing shows that I could not otherwise have afforded to see.

Jane Woolley, 1862 SGA owner, and long-time Saint member, has offered to start this group and to give an informational session. If you are interested in learning about this activity, we are having a meeting **Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm at my apartment, 1860 4NC** Please email Jane if you have any questions and let us know if you plan to attend the meeting.

jane.wool@gmail.com.

Walking Group: Lynn Ostick, 1862 #2SW, (lynnostick@gmail.com), has offered to start a walking group. Yes, I know it's winter, but give it a try. Please send her an email to let her know you would be interested. Lynn wants to get out and enjoy Evanston and the lakefront. This is one reason we live here, and Lynn is excited to meet other people and make 2023 a breakout year of adventure.

Winter Doldrums Wake-up Party- Sunday, February 26 at Reza's Taproom at 3 pm to 5 pm. This is the rescheduled Holiday Party that had to be unfortunately postponed. By February, we can all use a snap out of the doldrums party.

February 15 Wednesday, SGAA Fall Presentation- we are exploring a few topics to present. Please reserve this date. Please check your emails and community bulletin boards for flyers. We will know more soon.

Welcome new owners to Sherman Garden Community:

- Anna Hope Williamson and Rowen Murphy Strange -1860 1SE
- Rainer Huemer and Marsha Smith - 1866 5NE
- Hasha Perman - 1856 3SC

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FROM THE TRUSTEES

As we kick off 2023, we will be starting the interior common area refresh in the coming weeks. The work to be done will include:

- new lighting fixtures in the hallways and entries
- new carpeting in the hallways
- new tile in the entries
- refinishing of passenger elevator wood panels
- painting of elevator doors and trim, hall ceilings, touch-up painting with new flooring installed, and repainting of the front entry doors (once the weather warms).

We expect that these upgrades will make the experience of living at SGA better for all.

Also, we wish to remind everyone about the importance of proper elevator door treatment by you, your visitors, and any contractors you have that use our elevators.

The damage done to the 5th-floor elevator door in 1860 was extensive and frankly a bit mystifying, as it was the result of extreme negligence on someone's part. It has taken weeks to address and cost us about \$21,000, in large part because replacement parts are extremely hard to find.

We also remind our fellow residents that our dumpsters are for trash only. Contractors are not to put debris in them, and they are not the place to put furniture or electronics. We do issue a fine when there is a violation of the policy and we can definitively attribute it to a resident or someone working on their behalf.

We wish everyone at SGA a peaceful and prosperous 2023.

UNITS FOR SALE

1856 - 4SE - \$75,000
2BR/1B/Balcony
Listing Agent: James Tiernan
Keller Williams North Shore West
Telephone No: 847/383-6600
MLS#: 11489592

1860 - 7NE - \$97,500
2BR/1B/Balcony
Listing Agent: Joe Gerber
Engel and Voelkers
Telephone No: 847/441-5730
MLS#: 11693616

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2023 SGA TRUSTEE ELECTION

Morris Phibbs, SGAA Secretary

Two Sherman Garden Apartments trustee positions will be open for three-year terms that will begin May 1, 2023. John Coughlin's full three-year term will expire and Jim Edgren's one-year interim term will expire.

The candidate nominating committee, which is now being formed by the SGA Association (SGAA), will be responsible for finding Sherman Garden Apartment owners who will run for election. SGAA Bylaws stipulate that the nominating committee may consist of up to five SGA owners and shall include two current trustees. Don Schollenberger did an excellent job forming and leading the 2022 committee's work and has agreed to serve again in that capacity for the 2023 election.

The candidate slate will be announced in early February. Each candidate will be requested to complete a brief survey that will be made available to all qualified voters to consult when they are considering the candidates' qualifications. On Wednesday, March 15, the SGAA will host its "Meet the Candidates" meeting, during which the candidates will answer questions from the attendees.

Ballots will be distributed to all SGA owners by Heil, Heil, Smart & Golee during the first week of April. Completed ballots must be submitted by noon on May 1, on which day the ballots will be counted and the elected candidates will be announced.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO FROZEN WATER PIPE BREAKS (EXCERPT FROM EFD PRESS RELEASE)

The Fire Department responded over the Christmas weekend to many broken water pipes throughout the city due to the frigid temperatures and wind chills causing substantial damage to many properties. To avoid these problems, be sure to leave your under-sink

cabinet doors open when the temps drop, especially if you are going to be away from home for any length of time. The Evanston Fire Department wants to remind you never to use an open flame device/ torch to thaw frozen pipes in your property.

William Munro, Deputy Fire Chief

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SPRING BIRDING MOMENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

(Excerpts from Birds & Blooms article at

<https://tinyurl.com/u3zebcrv>

By Diane Petersmarck (1860)

It sure already seems that winter will never end, right? Well, here are a couple of things to look forward to!

THE TAP, TAP, TAP OF WOODPECKERS

Spring is the season for attracting a mate, and this will translate to the drumming of woodpeckers. Most of us rejoice at the sound of strumming woodpeckers—as long as they aren't tapping on our downspouts. This is just one sign of spring mating season, though. Keep an eye out around your backyard and try to spot other rituals—a male bird feeding a lady friend, courtship dances, males fluffing up their feathers for females. These are all signs that new life is ahead.

REDWING BLACKBIRDS SING

Optimists might mark spring with the arrival of [red-winged blackbirds](#). These folks fully accept there might be another snowstorm or two, but the sight of these early migrants gives them hope that winter will eventually thaw out the marshes and spring will return. Male red-winged blackbirds start staking out territories in early March, and the females follow eventually. It's hard to miss the arrival of these blackbirds in spring. They perch high up on the tops of cattails and belt out raucous calls. If you want to see them, head to marshy areas, but be wary, or at least wear a hat. They have a [bad reputation](#) for being strong defenders of their territory.

HUMMINGBIRDS AND ORIOLES SIP SUGAR WATER

It's a true sign of spring when you hang the first batch of sugar water for the season. I have to relearn the [sugar water recipe](#) every spring, so let me save you that step—it's four parts water to one part sugar, and that's for both hummingbirds and orioles. As these spring birds march northward from their winter homes in Central America, many fly directly across the Gulf of Mexico. They reach the Gulf states in early March and

hit their more northern breeding grounds by April. Like the blackbirds, males arrive a week or two before the females.

ROBINS DIG FOR WORMS

Though a few hardy robins can overwinter in some pretty harsh conditions, these birds are still one of the ultimate signs of spring for many people. Just imagine that first robin scampering across the backyard—you know sunny days are around the corner. This doesn't necessarily mean robins were in the South and are just now migrating. After all, we've seen plenty of pictures of robins hanging out in the snow. It's more about the timing. April showers bring May flowers, but that's not all. The rain brings thawing and worms to the surface, and that's why you start to see them plucking up the plump morsels of nutrition.

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EVANSTON POLICE LAUNCH ONLINE NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENT REPORTING

EVANSTON, IL - The Evanston Department has launched online non-emergency incident reporting. This self-reporting system is commonly referred to as P2C - Police to Citizen. It efficiently and conveniently allows a citizen to file a report from virtually anywhere with a computer or mobile device. If a citizen does not have access to a computer or mobile device, there is a workstation available for public use in the police department lobby at the Records Bureau window. The following are reports that be made using online non-emergency incident reporting:

- Lost Property
- Lost Driver's License
- Burglary to Motor Vehicle
- Theft
- Attempted Theft
- Criminal Damage to Property
- Accidental Damage to Property
- Telephone Harassment

Once a citizen completes a report it will be reviewed. If the report is rejected during the review process, a follow-up email will be sent to the citizen requesting follow-up information.

Reports can be made by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) for a flyer that includes a QR code. Online non-emergency reporting should not be utilized for 311 requests.

Dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

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FUNNY FOR 2023

Phil Osborne (1856)

*Public Service Announcement:
Never yell into a colander.
You'll strain your voice.*

Brace yourself for the next one...

*Someone sent me an email that supposedly explains
how to read maps backward. I'm not going to open it
because I already know. Its spam.*

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JANUARY ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

[HTTPS://SWANCC.ORG](https://swancc.org)

WEEKLY ELECTRONICS DROP OFF

GLENVIEW TRANSFER STATION
3 PROVIDENCE WAY
DES PLAINES
SATURDAYS: 9 AM TO 11:30 AM

DON'T BAG RECYCLING!

LEAVE MATERIALS LOOSE INSIDE CART



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CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

As a reminder, City crews will [pick up Christmas trees](#) for recycling through Fri., Jan. 27 on residents' regular refuse pickup day, (SGA neighborhood day is Wednesday). **No decorations, no plastic bags.** Pickup will be on the parkway on Emerson. And [holiday string lighting](#) can be dropped off for recycling at the Levy Senior Center, Ecology Center and Robert Crown Center through January 31.

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Thank you to Phil for his contribution this month, but he was the only one, other than Allen and the Trustees. We NEED resident contributions – stories and photos both. This is the SGA Association newsletter and it shouldn't be written by one or two people

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, Rie McGarry
1866 – Pat Rolfs, Walter Henebry

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Submissions encouraged!!!