# ROUNDING SQUARE PRESERVATION SPRING 2016 EDITION



UPDATE: MEGA MALL DEVELOPMENT



EMOLITION and development of the Mega Mall is soon to be underway. The project has cleared the necessary hurdles with the city and the project should be completed

In 2017. Logan Square Preservation advocated for a smaller project and a design that would complement our historic neighborhood. While we didn't achieve all of our goals, the final design is a vast improvement over the initial proposal. LSP will continue to monitor the project to ensure commitments to the neighborhood are met.

# SAVE THE DATE! 2016 HOUSEWALK

THE 32ND LOGAN SQUARE PRESERVATION HOUSEWALK will be Saturday, September 10. This year's housewalk will focus on Logan Boulevard and the square.



Volunteers needed so please let us know if you can commit to being a docent, ticket-taker, or even a housewalk host. Email us at logansquare preservation@gmail.com for more details.

## MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at:

#### The Minnekirken

(Norwegian Church Hall at the Square)

#### 2614 N Kedzie Blvd

Be sure to mark your calendars
to attend these important and
informative meetings!
May 19 June 16
July 21 August 18
September 15 October 20
November 17

# DEMUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

We will touch up the paint on the remaining Logan Boulevard historic-style lamp posts on Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30 PM to 7PM. LSP members, neighbors and friends will meet at the SE corner of Logan and Campbell and work west. Paint and supplies provided. Rain date for painting is Thursday, May 12. Contact Betsy Elsaesser betsye@oakton.edu if you have questions.



WN A PIECE OF LOGAN SQUARE! This summer, Logan Square Preservation will be selling limited edition replicas of the Eagle Monument for approximately \$50. Though the original monument is made of marble, the miniature version instead will be a marble resin and about 15 inches tall. Proceeds from their sale will go toward renovation and preservation efforts of the monument and the square. The monument was designed by Henry Bacon with the sculptural base by Evelyn Longman and was dedicated in 1918 to mark Illinois' 100 years of statehood.

# MEMBERSHIP BENEWALS FOR 2016

HAVE YOU RENEWED your membership for 2016? Logan Square Preservation needs your support to continue our work to *Preserve*, *Beautify* and *Restore* Logan Square. Please renew today! Use the handy form attached on the back page or more conveniently via our website: logansquarepreservation.org



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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Summer is fast approaching and Logan Square Preservation needs volunteers for 3 major fundraising events, The 32nd annual Housewalk, the second annual Logan Square Arts Festival and the second annual Deschutes Beer Street Pub.

#### HOUSEWALK

Perhaps the most important event of all for Logan Square Preservation, the 2016 Housewalk will be held September 10, 2016. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed to help make this event the success that it has been. The last Housewalk raised over \$20,000 which goes directly to support LSP and all of our ongoing programs and initiatives. Please volunteer for this important event. Contact Jaime Szubart or Bruce Anderson via email at — logansquarepreservation@gmail.com

#### LOGAN SQUARE ARTS FESTIVAL

The second annual Arts Festival will be held June 24-26 at the square. Logan Square Preservation received over \$6,000 in proceeds last year which helped to pay for restoring the Eagle monument in Logan Square. Volunteers are needed to help at the gates. Please spare a few hours and enjoy a fun event at the square. Contact Kathy Tully at — KTully1945@sbcglobal.net

#### DESCHUTES BREWERY STREET PUB CHICAGO

This is the second annual street pub and the first to benefit Logan Square Preservation. The Street Pub is a one day event on August 6 from 2-10pm. Milwaukee Avenue will be blocked off from the Blue Line to Spaulding. LSP volunteers will assist with sales of beer and bartending and the event is expected to raise \$20-30,000 for LSP. Please volunteer for this fundraising event by contacting Andy Thornton at — ajt123@hotmail.com



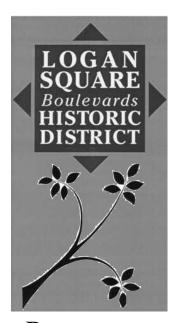
# Let There Be Light!!

OGAN SQUARE PRESERVATION and the MINNEKIRKEN (Norwegian Lutheran Church) are working together to restore several stained glass panes in the church that face out onto the square and the monument. The windows have not been particularly noticeable in recent years as they have needed maintenance and have never been lit from behind.

The windows will be removed and examined by the Colorsmith stained glass company, professionally cleaned, re-leaded and reinstalled. Once the panes are reinstalled, the Minnekirken has pledged to light the glass from behind so the beauty of these windows can be seen and appreciated by everyone.

Besides being the place for our monthly LSP meetings, The Minnekirken is the only church in Logan Square that has voluntarily opted into the Landmark District meaning the exterior of the church will not be demolished or altered. Logan Square Preservation enthusiastically supports the inclusion of this important church into the landmark district and helping to restore the windows is our way of saying thank you to the church for making this decision to support the landmark district. As many of you know, there are many other churches in our neighborhood that are not landmark protected and several of them are in imminent danger of demolition.

A special fund has been established to pay for the restoration and donations from members and the public are welcome. Please send donations to: Stained Glass Fund, Logan Square Preservation, PO Box 47282, Chicago, IL 60647 or donate via our website, www.logansquarepreservation.org and indicate the donation is for the glass fund.



## BOULEVARD BANNER REPLACEMENTS

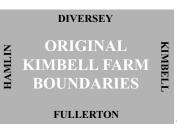
YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED that some of the banners designating the boulevards throughout Logan Square have become tattered, torn and weather-beaten.

Have no fear! As soon as a count is taken and banners recreated, they're are on the chart to be replaced.

# KIMBELL FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPOSED

FTER SEVERAL Amonths of discussions, Logan Square Preservation voted to move forward with the creation of a

**National** Register of Historic Places nomination for the Kimbell Farm and Homestead.



The area in question could include the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Kimball. Bernard and St. Louis as well as the 3400 block of Wrightwood, the heart of what was once the land of the first pioneer family in Logan Square, Martin Kimbell and his wife Sarah Smalley.

The Kimbells (after whom Kimball is named) first moved to the area in 1836 and their claim included 160 acres of land bounded

> by Kimball, Diversey, Hamlin and Fullerton. Several homes that were occupied

by the Kimbells still stand including the Spencer Kimbell mansion on the southwest corner of Kimball and Wrightwood and the Raymond Kimbell mansion at 2524 N. Kimball. The former Kimbell Trust & Savings

Bank, founded by a descendant of the original Martin Kimbell, stands at the northwest corner of Fullerton and Central Park Avenues.

If approved by the Illinois state historic preservation officer, the new historic district would confer a purely honorary status on the district, opening up tax benefits for owners but not restricting modification or demolition of existing structures. It is different from a Chicago Landmark District, which would protect from demolition or modification.

# REMEMBER WHEN



1930-Automotive Row and Theatre District

By 1930, the Logan Square business district is fully built out including Automobile Row, one of the city's great auto markets with every brand represented and a theater district which included the Congress, Rio, Paramount (now Logan), Harding and Rose theaters. To view more historic photos of Logan Square, visit our website www.logansquarepreservation.org

# **HELP MAKE LOGAN SQUARE PRESERVATION** MORE VISIBLE. Example of use on front door.

Logan Square Preservation needs more visibility! And you can help by applying these easy-to-place, easy-to-remove vinyl decals to windows, doors, even your car window — and by

passing them around the neighborhood.

Set of 3. Each measures 6" x 6"

*areserving* 

beautifying

The more people that know we're here, the more we can grow our membership — and make even more of a difference!

restoring

Pick up your FREE window clings at any Logan Square Preservation meeting. Take as many as you think you can distribute. Spread the word!

P.S. Can't attend a meeting? Contact Vicki Logan at vkilgn@earthlink.net for your supply of vinyl clings.

# Just what is Logan square Preservation and what do we do?



City landmark district status achieved in 2005, protecting more than 200 buildings in what is today called the Logan Boulevards Landmark District.

OGAN SQUARE PRESERVATION is a cornerstone non-profit organization working for over thirty Lyears to preserve, restore and beautify the historic square, architecture and boulevards that make the Logan Square neighborhood unique.

You can help support the continued beautification of this magnificent and historical area by becoming a member of Logan Square Preservation where you'll have a voice in important issues affecting one of the most desirable places in the city to live. Informative and topical meetings are currently held the third Thursday of each month. You'll be notified of locations and meeting agendas by email. Join today if you'd like to help keep and preserve Logan Square the acclaimed neighborhood that it's always been and remains today.



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# YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

JOIN VIA OUR WEBSITE

logansquarepreservation.org

Working to preserve, restore and beautify our historic neighborhood.

YES! COUNT III	e in!	
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL*	Annual Fee	
Regular	\$ 20	
Boulevard	\$ 50	
Landmark	\$ 75	
Monument	\$ 100 +	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOS	ED \$	
* All membership levels are per i	ndividual.	
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