

# PUTTING OUR HEART INTO PARKS



Fire Station Park



Bauler Park



Lincoln Central Park



Oz Park



Ogden Mall Parkway

## 2020 LCA PARKS FUND

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP MAINTAIN & BEAUTIFY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$50 Other Amount ☐ Directed donation for specific park (optional)

☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE-IN PARK NAME

LCA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your contributions are both crucial, especially this year, and tax deductible. Please support our neighborhood parks today by mailing a check payable to **Lincoln Central Association** to LCA | P. O. Box 14306 | Chicago, IL 60614.

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# LINCOLN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION PARKS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

For many years, *Lincoln Central Association (LCA)* has helped support the beautiful pocket parks in the Lincoln Central neighborhood. A partial overview of our park initiatives is listed below.

*Fire Station Park & Gardens*, located in the 1900 block of Larrabee behind the Armitage fire station, features the neighborhood's only community vegetable and herb garden and contains native Illinois plantings. Neighborhood residents may harvest from the gardens at no charge. The park, which LCA renovated in 2011, is fully funded and maintained by LCA and our park donors and has been honored with *Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards* 2017, 2018 and 2019—every year of the award's existence.

The park is home to two of LCA's popular annual events, *Summer Sipper* and *Evening in the Garden*, as well as to *Traveler*, a beautiful sculpture LCA is in the process of purchasing through the *Chicago Sculpture Exhibit*. LCA provides space in our gardens for children to plant, including students from *Abraham Lincoln Elementary School* and local *Girl Scout* troops. Each year, we assist the adjacent fire station with their flower plantings which beautify the intersection of Armitage and Larrabee.

With the support of park donors, we hope to further enhance the Park with ambient lighting, a new perennial bed in the northwest quadrant and a new tree in the southwest quadrant. Additionally, we hope to enhance the parkway with raised planters.

LCA funds and maintains lushly landscaped *Lincoln Central Park* at the corner of Lincoln and Dickens. The park offers an ideal venue for neighbors to sit and relax and enjoy the beautiful fountain in the park's central plaza. LCA hopes to add drip systems with timers to help optimize time plant watering and to make power more easily accessible for the Park

Since 1999, LCA has served as fiscal for *Bauler Playlot Park*. The park is a focal point for families and children in the neighborhood. With matching funds from the Alderman's office, LCA recently installed benches and tables in the park in 2018.

LCA donated \$5,000 to Oz Park tennis courts renovation in 2017 and contributed \$1,500 in 2018 toward the park's new security camera system. Together with the *Oz Park Advisory Council*, LCA co-hosted the park's first official holiday tree lighting ceremony in 2017, a ceremony the two organizations now host on an annual basis. Alderman Smith called the tree lighting ceremony "the most amazing thing Lincoln Park has done in decades."

LCA, in 2018 and 2019 oversaw and funded the restoration of *Ogden Mall Parkway* on Hudson. The bricks for this project were generously donated by *Old Town Triangle Association*, LCA and OTTA are planning other enhancements to Ogden Mall Park.

**As an all-volunteer, not-for-profit, LCA needs your support to continue the upkeep and beautification of neighborhood parks. Donations to our Parks Fund are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.**