

ABC Streets Neighborhood Association  
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## Keeping a Watchful Eye on the ABC's Street Trees

... Vicki Brown

When ABC board member Esther Brill walks the streets of our neighborhood she's often paying attention to street trees. Or more specifically, looking for missing street trees or trees that need replacing.

Brill, a longtime ABC resident, has been paying attention since 2017, ever since Dave Burnet, a fellow board member, told the board he'd noticed a significant number of Beverly Street residences lacked street trees on their City-owned "tree lawns." Soon after that discussion, Brill and the neighborhood association began working closely with the City's Forestry Division, which is responsible for providing a tree-lawn tree for every house location that has a viable planting site. As a result, 30 new trees have been planted by the City in our neighborhood since 2017, replacing trees that over time have been removed.

In fall 2021 and spring 2022, because of Brill and the association's outreach, the City is scheduled to plant an additional eight street trees in the neighborhood. A new development is that six of the eight are for sites that, to date, have not had trees. Brill explains, "a while back, I had studied the City's online Tree Map and realized there were several Ok'd 'planting sites' in the neighborhood that had never had trees." On behalf of the neighborhood association, she asked City Forestry for trees for the designated locations. The sites are on Darwin, Harvard, Park, Homer and Ericsson Streets.

Property owners who need a tree replaced have a list of trees – "a palette" – from which to choose. Initially, the City contacts the homeowner when a tree is taken down about choosing a replacement. If the owner doesn't respond, the neighborhood association requests the palette from Forestry staff and follows up with the owner via email. "Being pro-active," Brill adds, "is the reason we no longer have missing trees in our neighborhood."

You can contact the neighborhood association at [abcstreets@gmail.com](mailto:abcstreets@gmail.com) to request a link to the City's Tree Map where you can identify the kind of tree you have in your tree lawn. You can also get information on ordering an ABC Streets TREE TAG to attach to your own tree-lawn tree.

### Interesting Quick Facts...

The City's Forestry Division manages about 70,000 trees located along City streets, parks and cemeteries. Services provided include tree pest management, pruning, planting, removal, inspection and responding to public requests.

The City has 3,500 ash trees and 22 of them are in the ABC neighborhood. The City provides an ongoing treatment program to prevent the Emerald Ash Borer.

The most unusual tree-lawn tree in the ABCs is the Amur Cork Tree on Darwin Street, due to its unique bark.

See order form on Page 2 . . .

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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***The ABC Streets Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization serving a vibrant neighborhood of approximately 600 households bounded by Culver Road, Harvard Street, Park Avenue and Colby Street. We are owners and renters who take pride in our urban neighborhood, value diversity, inclusivity and celebrate community.***

*The boundaries of the ABC Streets Neighborhood are the east side of Culver Road (between Harvard & Park), Audubon, Beverly, Calumet, Colby, Darwin, Ericsson, Faraday, Girard, Harvard, Homer and Park Avenue (from Culver Road to East Avenue).*

# Tree Tag Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to be made payable to: ABC Streets Neighborhood Association and mailed or dropped off (with this form) to:

51 Calumet Street

Tree Tag (spike mount): \$17

Tree Tag (wire or screw mount): \$15



Spike Mount



Spring/Screw Mount



Wire Mount

# Become A Member!

The Neighborhood Association relies on membership dues for upkeep of our gardens, website fees, insurance, social events, newsletter printing, holiday decorations at our gardens and other board-approved expenses.

Dues are \$10 this year (will increase to \$15 in 2022), per household, and can be paid via PayPal (visit our website at [www.abcstreets.org](http://www.abcstreets.org)) or use the membership form and self-addressed envelope included in this Newsletter.

Please note that payments via PayPal are \$12 (to cover PayPal fees).

## Why Should I Join the Neighborhood Association?

Your membership in the neighborhood association, helps to:

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empowers residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals. (A unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood.)
- Work toward a safer neighborhood by reducing and preventing crime and keeping neighbors up-to-date on crime trends via weekly emails.
- Promote friendship, reduce conflict, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Provide a means of communicating with neighbors.
- Organize neighborhood improvement projects.
- Promote and celebrate diversity in the neighborhood.
- Preserve the unique historical heritage of the neighborhood.
- Solve problems that exist/arise within the neighborhood.

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### Membership Fee Increase in 2022!

Membership fees have been \$10 since 2007.

The board of directors has voted to increase the annual household membership fee to \$15, effective January 1, 2022.

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**GET READY TO  
VOTE**

## Neighborhood Board Elections Soon

In October, we will hold elections for President, Vice President and “at large” positions. Paid members will receive ballots via email. Anyone who has joined the association by paying annual dues (\$10 per household) may vote.

The residents elected will each serve two-year terms, and the Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed by the President after the election.

Election results will be announced at our upcoming  
Neighborhood Meeting (on Zoom)  
Wednesday, October 27th  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

## To Our Neighborhood Landlords, Renters & Tenants

Homeowner participation in the neighborhood association has always been great. We'd like to have increased participation from landlords or renters in our neighborhood.

This is your neighborhood too, and everyone values your participation.

Whether it's a lost pet, suspicious activity or an upcoming neighborhood-sponsored event, our weekly email will keep you updated on what's going on around you.

Become a member! It's only \$10 per year and that includes everyone living in your home/apartment.

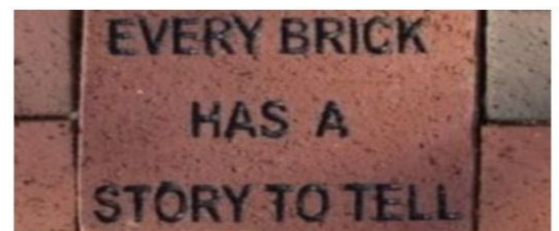
A membership form is included with this Newsletter.



**Order Yours Today!**

We have space remaining in the Garden @ Calumet for a brick with **YOUR NAME** on it!

Contact us @ [abc.streets@gmail.com](mailto:abc.streets@gmail.com) to place your order!

An advertisement for Esther Brill & RJ Ruble, Personal Dance Trainers. It features a photograph of a man and a woman dancing. The text reads: "ESTHER BRILL & RJ RUBLE Personal Dance Trainers 'Can-Do' Dancing!<sup>SM</sup> esther.brill@gmail.com 585 721-8684". The background is a colorful, abstract design.



### PAC-TAC comes to the ABC Streets!

PAC-TAC visibility in other neighborhoods has proven to put the word out to criminal elements that they are “under watch.”

Volunteers are required to submit an application and to attend a short training course, which we'll do as a group.

There is no set schedule and walks are held Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., dependent upon volunteer schedules.

The holidays (*and porch-pirate season*) are fast-approaching . . .

Contact us: [abc.streets@gmail.com](mailto:abc.streets@gmail.com) if are able to volunteer a few hours a month to help your neighborhood remain the safe & beautiful place it is!

### \* \*Upcoming Events! \* \*

### Neighborhood Meeting October 27 via Zoom

*Zoom invites will be emailed to paid members prior to our upcoming Neighborhood Meeting on*

Wednesday, October 27th  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

The results of our Neighborhood Association Board election will be announced at this meeting

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**ATTEND IF YOU DARE!**

Join us for the Annual Kids Halloween Parade!

Saturday, October 30th \* 3:00 p.m.

*Meet us at 929 Harvard Street . Our ghoulish gang will walk up Harvard Street for photos at the Beverly Street Graveyard and then on to the Haunted Hasman Hotel for treats!*

### LOOKING FOR A REAL ESTATE AGENT?

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