



MARKTOWN UPDATE

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Howard Van Doren Shaw & Historic Preservation Celebrated With Style In Chicago!

While the concept of celebrating our historic past may have been lost in some cities and towns, it is alive and well in Chicago. Ten years ago the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) wanted to expand their facility and make way for expansion. And yes, there was reason to do so. The Authority is responsible for more than 40,000 jobs in Chicago. But what do you do when you have the R.R. Donnelley Lakeside Press on the north and the Ginn & Co. Press Building on the west? The solution to the problem came after a number of court battles led by none other than Suzanne Carter Meldman of Highland Park, Illinois.

You see, both of these great buildings were designed by Chicago architect Howard Van Doren Shaw and Suzanne Carter Meldman not only lives in a Howard Shaw home in Highland Park, but she is also one of the founding members of the Howard Van Doren Shaw Society.

During the court battles over saving the Ginn & Co. building, the at-

torneys for MPEA referred to her actions as "like a lion nipping at our heels."

And so it was that the decision was made to literally take the front facade of this magnificent four story building apart brick by brick, numbering and recording each and every brick and then reassembling it at the inter-

section of Cermak Road and Calumet Avenue.

The completed project was dedicated on Wednesday, September 13th with well over 100 in attendance. The cost of preserving this building was an even \$5,000,000.00!

Completing the intersection of the two Howard Shaw buildings amidst McCormick Place is an outstanding Chicago Gateway Green project and the restoration of two 20th Century sculptures. John R. Henry's "Aris" and Barry Heheman's "Shark Bench" have both been restored and make this one of Chicago's most unique and frequently visited intersections in all the city. You see **historic preservation truly does WORK!**



Top: On the left is the south elevation of Howard Shaw's R.R. Donnelley Lakeside Press and on the right, the front elevation of the 1907 Ginn & Company Press building.

Below: Calumet Avenue at Cermak Road is now officially known as the Honorary Howard Van Doren Shaw Street.

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2005 Marktown & Pullman Historic District Tours

The first weekend in October found the streets of the Marktown Historic District lined with visitors from across the Midwest as the Marktown Preservation Society held their second annual tour weekend. Where did they come from and why were they here? They came from virtually every walk of life from past Marktown residents like Jim Hozel and his mother to university professors from the University of Chicago. They came to learn of the history of this most unique neighborhood. Some were interested in the work of Howard Van Doren Shaw while others just have a passion for history and an understanding of historic preservation.

The one thing they all had in common was their appreciation for the design and history of our neighborhood. Tours that usually take only an hour or so easily expanded to two hours as those participating expanded their lines of questions.

Marktown is not just affordable housing. It is not just an isolated neighborhood in the Calumet Region. It is by all means one of the most unique and important neighborhoods in the Midwest.

While we always speak of architect Howard Van Doren Shaw, the most important aspect of our neighborhood is that fact that this is a totally intact Garden City neighborhood from the early 20th Century industrial expansion of this great country. What a great place to live!

October 8th and 9th found the Pullman Historic District streets lined with literally hundreds of participants for their 32nd Annual Pullman House Tour. While the weather had changed drastically in those five days between the last Marktown tour on October 2nd and the first Pullman tour on October 8th, it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended in Pullman, in fact they stepped more lively due to the weather.

On the House Tour this year were six homes, five of which were wonderfully restored on the exterior and totally renovated on the interior. One home was a work in progress in that it had been totally gutted and is in the process of being renovated. It provided a good base for what was being done elsewhere.

Also on the tour was the Greenstone Church, Market Hall and the Historic Pullman Center. Mike Wagenbach of the IHPA provided outstanding tours of both the Florence Hotel and the original Pullman factory just north of the residential community.

A portion of the proceeds from the tour will be applied to funding the facade grants which helps homeowners restore the exteriors of their homes. On display at the factory site is the recently delivered clock, steeple and flag pole which will be reinstalled atop the center tower of the Pullman factory. What a great way to end the summer: touring historic districts!



Top: The Sunday afternoon tour of Marktown included approximately twenty guests from across the Midwest.

Center: The Sunday morning tour was relatively small but included Jim Hozel and his mother. The Hozel family made 504 Broad Street their home for decades.

Bottom: The recently delivered replacement clock and steeple for the Pullman factory will be installed soon.

Visit our web site at www.marktown.org for additional articles and information!

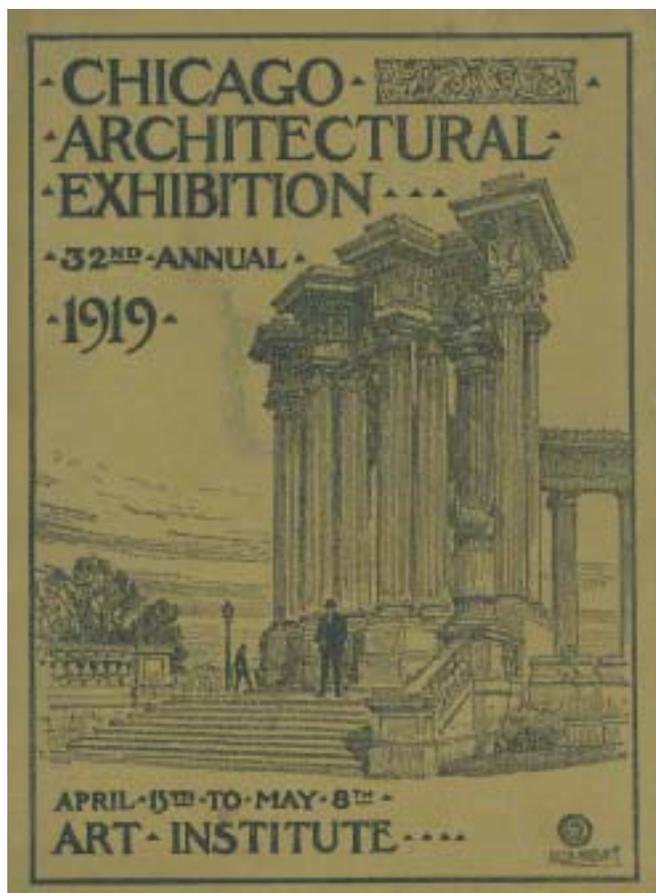
From The Archive Of The Marktown Preservation Society

Finding pieces of Marktown's history is a great deal of fun, but sharing it is the best part of all. In the October issue of Marktown Update we had an article that referred to a new book on the Chicago Architectural Club which included a section on our neighborhood. The photos used in the book came from the catalog of the 32nd Annual Chicago Architectural Exhibition. The exhibit ran from April 15th through May 8th at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Along with the Mark Town Site there were two illustrations of a Howard Shaw property in Lake Forest, Illinois designed for Mrs. Darius Miller.



*Above: The Darius Miller residence in Lake Forest, Ill.
Below: The cover of the 1919 CAC Exhibit catalog.*



500 block of Grove Street taken from Spruce Avenue looking north. Note the Mark Hotel and the last four room duplex on Grove Street already had stucco.



In the foreground are 418 & 420 Riley Road. In the background you can see 520 Liberty Street. In the very early years of the Mark Town Site you could almost see from one side of town to the other.



400 block of Liberty Street taken from Pine Avenue looking north. The photo was touched up to include the street and sidewalks and to actually remove one home. While the photos were published in the 1919 catalog of the Chicago Architectural Club, we know that they were actually taken two years earlier when the Mark Town Site was still under construction. The photos show the clay tile construction and concrete window headers and sills. All of the photos were touched up in the dark room to some extent. Today they would be manipulated digitally using modern computer technology.

With TEAMWORK all things are possible. Let's all work together to make the Marktown Historic District a better, cleaner and safer place to live and to raise our families.

Halloween Martkown Style - 2005



Letters From The Front (OK Photos!) - Iraq Update



Above & left: The children of Marktown have not forgotten the brave young men and women who serve in the armed forces here and abroad. Photos and letters are proudly displayed at the Marktown Center by Ms. Judy and Ms. Maria.



Photo 1: SPC Erendina Ayala from the Marktown Historic District now serves in Iraq with Sgt. Andujar.
Photo 2: Sgt. Andujar poses with his son in Marktown.
Photo 3: Marktown residents pose for a photo with Sgt. Andujar prior to saying farewell before he returns to Iraq.
Photo 4: Marktown children and adults presented Sgt. Andujar with all the bags of donated candy, toiletries, letters, and artwork. The Sergeant will personally carry the items back to Iraq for the troops.

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Marktown Children Participate In City Wide Celebration

Hispanic Heritage Month becomes learning and teaching opportunity!

They say that the best way to learn something is by teaching it, and so it was with children of Marktown this past September when the Parks and Recreation Department announced their Cultural Awareness Program in celebration of National Hispanic Month.

Recreation programs that teach children, especially if they make teaching fun, are great programs for children. Ms. Hilda Aleman of the Recreation Department decided it would be a great idea to have the children from the various centers share their projects with one another. East Chicago was divided into two sections with Marktown Center, Bessie Owens Center, Clemente Center and Penn Center all working together. On the other side of town Heritage Hall, King Center and Roxanna Center would all team up for their programs.

Our own Ms. Maria was asked to make some recommendations as to the themes each of the centers on the Indiana Harbor side of the city would work on. Bessie Owens decided on Honduras. Clemente

Center chose Spain. Penn Center took Puerto Rico and Marktown chose Mexico.

For the next few weeks each of the groups researched their chosen country and prepared a program to share with the participants from the other community centers.

Ms. Maria and Ms. Judy helped each of the participants hand make traditional Mexican pottery and other crafts items for their display. On Tuesday, September 20th all of their efforts came together when the children from Marktown joined with the other participants at Clemente Center in Indiana Harbor.

Six young men and women from Marktown dressed in traditional clothing from Mexico for their presentation, during which they explained the deep cultural heritage found in the flag of Mexico. One participant would explain a detail of the flag in Spanish while another would provide an English translation. First our children learn, then they share that learning experience by teaching it to others. Now that's teamwork. Now that's FUN for everyone!



Above: Traditional Mexican clothing is worn by children of Marktown participating in the program.

Back row: Alaura Gandara, Sylvia Perez, Maria Guadalupe Garcis and Miguel Castaneda

Front row: Lesly Castaneda & Lizabeth Perez

Top right: Mexican craft items hand made by the children of Marktown displayed atop the flag of Mexico

Bottom right: Part of the Mexico display put together by the children of Marktown with the assistance of Ms. Judy and Ms. Maria. What a great project for everyone!



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School Of The Art Institute Of Chicago To Study Marktown

Friday, September 30th found six students and architect Bill Latoza on the streets of Marktown for the beginning of a semester long project from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SIAC). The students are enrolled in the Master of Science in Historic Preservation program at SIAC.

The Historic Preservation Program prepares students for careers in the revitalization of our architectural heritage—preserving and reusing our existing historic buildings, furnishings, sites, and landscape—an important life work. Historic preservation is based on the premise that the past, present, and future have a continuity that is essential to the health of our society.

The field of historic preservation is highly inter-

disciplinary and career opportunities can open up in any part of the profession. For these reasons, the curriculum is designed to give students a combination of theory and practice, to develop all the skills needed to understand and/or to practice in any area of preservation.

The Historic Materials and Technology course investigates the materials and techniques used in North American building construction. The

history and development of materials, their physical properties, and characteristics are studied. Building construction methods are explored including adobe, wood, stone, brick, concrete, and steel construction. Lecture and field trips are included and that's where Marktown came in!



Riley Road Water Main Problem Resolved

Teamwork and cooperation: some just talk about it while others actually make it happen. And so it was this past month when the broken water line on Riley Road was finally repaired. Why would a broken line on Riley Road be important to Marktown you ask? It is but one of four lines that feed all of this side of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, and without its repair we could have had serious problems this next winter.

While we had reported the problem in early summer it somehow slipped through the cracks until Tuesday, October 4th. There was a special meeting of the East Chicago Redevelopment Commission and just before the meeting began Marktown

resident Paul Myers mentioned the problem to fellow board member Frank Ramirez who now serves as the interim director of the Water Department. The very next morning a five man crew was on Riley Road making the repairs. Now that's teamwork.

While this side of the canal can live with three water lines feeding industry and our neighborhood, once we lose a second line we have a drastic loss

of pressure which causes problems for the surrounding industry and makes it difficult to get water to the second floor of Marktown homes.

We thank Mr. Ramirez for realizing the importance of this project and seeing to it that it was resolved before winter gets here. Well done!



A Window To The Past & Present: The Marktown Kitchen



An original 1917 White Star kitchen stove used in a Marktown Home.



A modern built in oven and a counter top range makes cooking easier.



An updated kitchen in a six room duplex. Note the ceiling fixture.

Kitchens are wonderful things and yes, they have changed over the years. As we noted in earlier issues of Marktown Update, the original kitchens were rather simple consisting of just a sink, pantry, ice box (with real ice to keep things cool) and a gas stove. The original stoves vented through a round vent pipe directly into the chimney which meant that they could not be moved around.

The vast majority of the original sinks are long gone and no one is using ice boxes or the original stoves any longer. A modern kitchen is a must in this century and despite popular opinion, the Marktown Preservation Society is not backing the concept that we restore the kitchens to their original configurations. It is however nice to see what they had looked like in years past.

Mail From And To Our Friends

**Lake County Sheriff's Department
Rogelio "Roy" Dominguez, Sheriff**

September 6, 2005

Mr. Paul A. Myers, Director
Cultural Affairs & Historic Preservation
4525 Indianapolis Blvd.
East Chicago, Indiana 46312

Dear Paul,

Just a short note to thank you for the pictures....what great kids! I truly appreciate your keeping me updated with Marktown, seated at the edge of the Steel Mills and Oil Refineries. Marktown's history is abundant. Unfortunately, World War I put a stop to what was planned. Finally, with your foresight, Marktown will be one of East Chicago's finest properties.

Thank you for all you've done and do for the betterment of our community. As always, be reminded that if I or my staff may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Roy Dominguez, Sheriff

An outgoing correspondence on Oct. 8, 2005

Mr. Gregersen,

I once again joined fellow historic preservation enthusiasts for the annual house walk in the Pullman Historic District. For the very first time I took the tour of the Pullman factory, during which Mike Wagenbach noted that their only chance for restoring the factory complex lies in the fact that back in 1973 a young architect named Charles Gregersen took the time and effort to actually recreate the blueprints for the structures that were still standing at that time.

Later, during the tour of the Florence Hotel (which I had taken several times in the past) I realized that what I thought had been original blueprints, were indeed those created by Charles Gregerson - architect.

I am honored to know Charles Gregersen and to consider him a friend and mentor.

Most respectfully,
Paul A. Myers
the amateur among the professionals

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Northwest Indiana Community Action

is pleased to announce the 2005/2006

Energy Assistance Program

E.A.P.

will begin on Thursday, November 3, 2005
for those income eligible who are senior citizens, disabled,
households with children under five years of age or who
have received 24 hour disconnect notices from their utility company.

The program will begin for all income eligible parties on
Thursday, November 17, 2005.

You may sign up in East Chicago at one of the following locations:

**North Township Trustee Office
2105 Broadway
East Chicago, Indiana
397-4783**

**Martin Luther King Center
4802 Melville Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana
397-1992**

**Penn Center
3550 Pennsylvania Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana
391-8485**

(Opens Nov. 17th and only open part of the week)

Please wait until the week of November 3rd to call for the office hours at these locations.

From all indications thus far utility bills are expected to increase between
25% to 60% this winter. This is due primarily to a forecast for a cold
winter and the recent storms in the Gulf of Mexico
which have caused a projected increase in the cost of natural gas.

Please, don't get left out in the cold this winter. If you qualify - apply!

This flyer provided by the Marktown Preservation Society, Inc.

Serving all of our neighbors to make this a better, cleaner and safer place to live and raise our families.

Acción Comunitaria Del Noroeste de Indiana

**Se complace en anunciar
El Programa De Asistencia De Energía
para el invierno de 2005 y 2006.**

Para las personas de la tercera edad, deshabilitadas y hogares con niños menores de 5 años de edad que califiquen y hayan recibido notificaciones de desconectar los servicios, el programa empieza el 3 de Noviembre 2005.

Para las personas de bajos ingresos que califiquen, el programa empieza el jueves 17 de Noviembre 2005.

En East Chicago puede usted inscribirse en las siguientes oficinas:

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El horario para llamar estas oficinas sera la semana del 3 de Noviembre.

Por las indicaciones que tenemos, se espera que los costos en este invierno aumenten entre el 25% al 60%.

Los huracanes surgidos en el golfo de Mexico han proyectado un aumento en el precio del gas natural.

No pierda esta oportunidad, si usted califica; llene una solicitud.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween, the children's night for Trick or Treats . . . Ghosts and Goblins . . . Haunts and Horrors. Unfortunately, some of the horrors are all too real! Every year, on Halloween, many children suffer from auto accidents, fire injuries, falls, cuts, bruises or poisoned treats.

Be aware and be informed so your children can have a safe, enjoyable Halloween. Supervise your children's evening, and stay in neighborhoods that are well-lit and familiar.

RISKY ROADWAYS

- Children become careless from excitement and may run into the road.
- Dusk is the time of poorest visibility for drivers. Try to Trick or Treat while it is still daylight.
- Choose a costume that is easy to walk in, easy to see out of and can be seen by car drivers.
- If the Trick or Treating lasts into the night, wear a light colored costume.
- Use reflective tape on the costume for additional visibility.

DANGEROUS DRESS

- Loose costumes, oversized bags or unsafe shoes can cause falls or accidents.
- Masks reduce vision.
- Sharp or pointed toy weapons are unsafe.
- If wearing a mask, choose one that is cool, comfortable and easy to see out of. Take off the mask before crossing the street. Better yet, wear make-up instead of a mask.

FRIGHTFUL FLAMES

- Billowing costumes are dangerous around an open flame.
- Flowing false-hair wigs are unsafe around candles.
- Wigs and costumes should be of non-flammable materials.
- Use a flashlight. It makes children more visible and lights their way.

TREACHEROUS TREATS

- It's sad, but true, that some people wish to cause harm. Treats must be checked for potential poisoning or unsafe objects.
- All fruit should be washed and cut into small pieces to make sure nothing has been placed inside.
- Unpackaged items such as popcorn or small candies should be **DISCARDED**.
- Candy with loose or torn wrappings should also be **DISCARDED**.

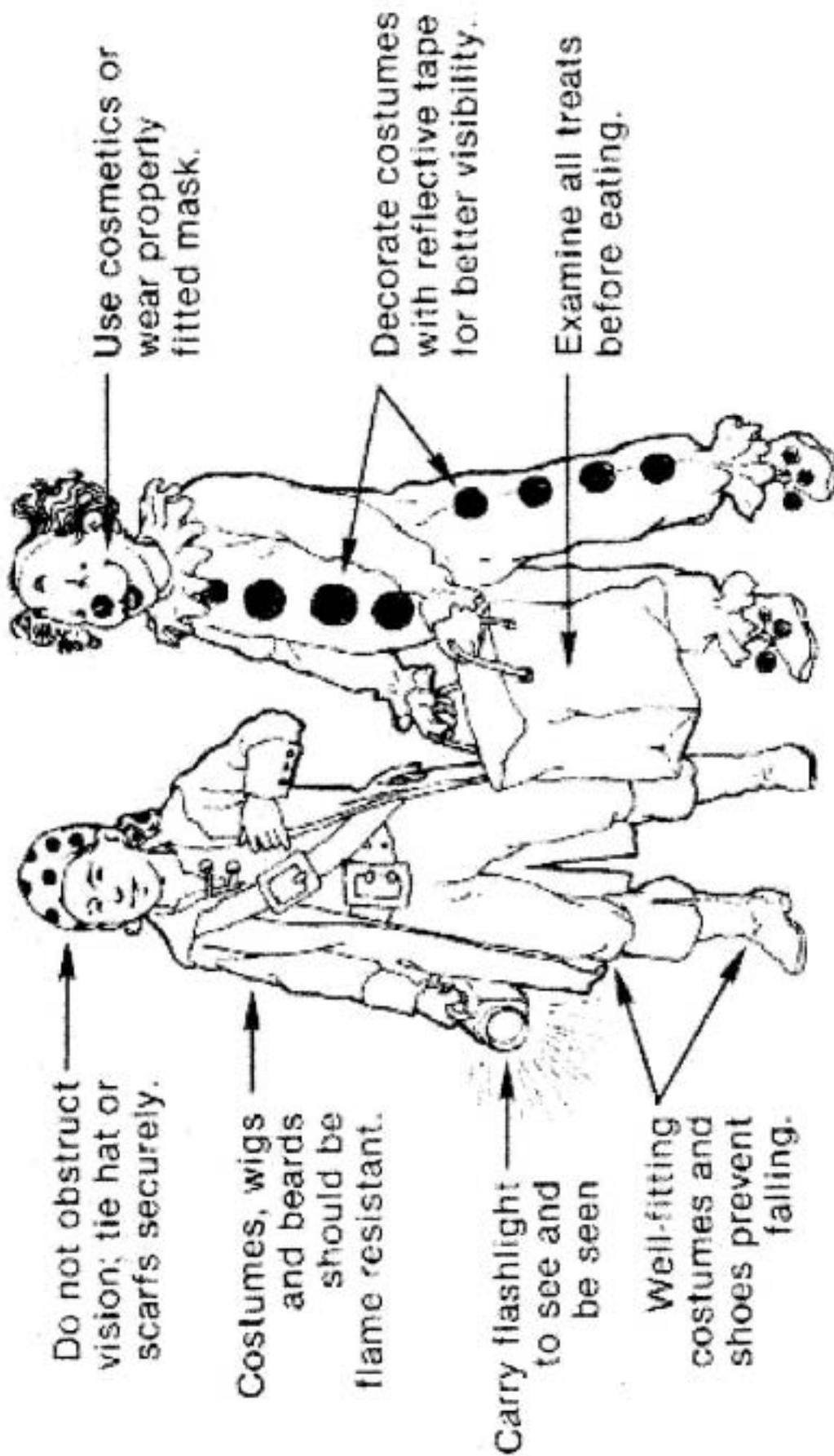
If you should discover anything wrong with the "TREATS" brought home, report it to law enforcement so that other parents may be warned and the people responsible caught.

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Compliments of:

Marktown Preservation Society, Inc.

Working with all of our neighbors to make Marktown a better, cleaner and safer place to live and to raise our families.



Do not obstruct vision; tie hat or scarfs securely.

Costumes, wigs and beards should be flame resistant.

Carry flashlight to see and be seen

Well-fitting costumes and shoes prevent falling.

Use cosmetics or wear properly fitted mask.

Decorate costumes with reflective tape for better visibility.

Examine all treats before eating.

Trick-or-Treat in East Chicago will be on Monday, October 31st from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Let's all work to make this a fun and SAFE Halloween for everyone in the neighborhood.