

# ***PUBLIC PHENOMENA***

*Informal modifications of shared spaces*



*compiled by **Temporary Services***

JAN 15 1945

TED LEE HENDERSON JR.

AUG 16 1947

WE LOVE YOU  
WE MISS YOU  
ALWAYS  
TED

382  
766

# **PUBLIC PHENOMENA**

## *Introduction*

Since Temporary Services' inception in 1998, we have taken an active interest in the vernacular culture found in publicly trafficked space. We have built a large archive of compelling phenomena that we photographed outdoors around Chicago and in other cities.

All of the photos in this booklet were taken in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin between 1998 and 2005.

The photos in this booklet show:

**Roadside Memorials:** These are constructions that appear alongside interstate roads, intersections, and on sidewalks at the site of car accidents, murders, and other violent events. Though frequently erected in a temporary manner without permission, they often stay in situ for months or even years.

**Parking Place Savers:** It is a common behavioral trend in Chicago for many car-owners to place objects in the street to save their parking spaces after shoveling them out following snowstorms. This practice is illegal, however, even our current mayor has suggested that citizens respect the crap that their neighbors use to hold their spots. According to legend, those who move their neighbors' old chairs and junk to take their cleared parking space may risk extensive vandalism to their cars.

**Block Club Signs:** These striking signs appear largely on the West and South sides of Chicago and exist in numerous variations. Each sign welcomes visitors to a particular block and then outlines the things visitors are not permitted to do. These signs are often found in neighborhoods where police patrols may be ineffective or where it is hoped that people might respect their neighbors more than they respect the police.

**Basketball Hoops:** One often finds basketball hoops in Chicago alley ways and nailed to trees. These are primarily located in neighborhoods that are underserved by playgrounds and other recreational facilities for kids. A popular design features a plastic milk crate with its bottom removed in place of a hoop and a net.

**Truck in Tree:** The photo on the back cover is an anomaly. It was taken near Beloit, Wisconsin and we cannot explain what compelled a person to take their truck apart and rebuild it in a tree by the side of the road.

### *What is Temporary Services?*

Temporary Services is a group of three: Brett Bloom, Marc Fischer, and Salem Collo-Julin. We are based in Chicago. You can find out more about our varied activities by writing us below, or looking at our website: [www.temporaryservices.org](http://www.temporaryservices.org). You can also email us at: [servers@temporaryservices.org](mailto:servers@temporaryservices.org)

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SPEED  
LIMIT  
**65**

MINIMUM  
**45**









In Loving Memory of  
 James Pruitt

May God  
 be with  
 J. Pruitt  
 Bruce

We lost one of our OWN!  
 R.I. PEACE  
 J.P.  
 Bruce  
 Love

DATE: 11/20/11  
 Muhammad









Steve C. Glazer Jr.

1962 - 1999

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**Steve C. Glazer**

1962 - 1999



Steve C. Glazer, Jr., 37, of Forest Park, Illinois, died Sunday, April 25, 1999, in Chicago, as the result of an auto accident caused by a drunk driver.

Born March 6, 1962, in Chicago, Mr. Glazer graduated from Foxwood High School in Oak Park, Illinois. He also attended Loyola University. He maintained an avid interest in computers and electronics, and was the owner of CSI in Forest Park. He also worked as the Operations Manager for Thin Security/ENT Training in Chicago, and was a former police officer for the Forest Park Park District. While fleeing various mistakes in the Chicago area, both Walter Horn, and Oak County Pet lead Mr. Glazer for society details.

In Loving Memory of  
STEVE C. GLAZER, JR.  
Born  
March 6, 1962  
Died  
April 25, 1999

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 26, 1999, at the Forest Park Community Church, 11111 Forest Park Drive, Forest Park, Illinois. Burial will be in the Forest Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the home of the deceased, 11111 Forest Park Drive, Forest Park, Illinois, on Sunday, April 25, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NO  
PARKING  
THANK YOU?



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DEAN FOODS COMPANY  
DARTMOUTH



















- 1 NO DRUGS
- 2 NO GANG ACTIVITIES
- 3 NO LOUD MUSIC
- 4 NO MAJOR CAR REPAIR
- 5 NO SOLICITING
- 6 NO CAR WASHING
- 7 NO BALL PLAYING
- 8 NO SPEEDING, NO GAMBLING
- 9 NO WALKING DOGS ON LAWNS
- 10 NO DRINKING ALLOWED



WELCOME TO 900 BLOCK OF  
\* MONTICELLO \*  
WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT THE  
RULES OF OUR BLOCK.

- NO DRUGS
- NO SPEEDING
- NO MOB ACTION
- NO LOUD MUSIC AFTER 10:00 PM
- NO GAMBLING
- NO LOITERING
- NO CAR REPAIRS ON FRONT STREET

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ANY  
PIECES  
\$100  
Pants Sh  
Skirts SW

Welcome  
To  
900 N. CENTRAL PARK  
AVE  
**NO**  
1 DRUGS  
2 LOTTERING  
3 SOLICITING  
4 LOUD MUSIC  
5 BALL PLAYING  
6 CAR REPAIR  
SPONSORED BY SP





**Welcome**  
TO THE 1000 S 2100  
SOUTH ST. LOUIS MO  
**BLOCK CLUB**

LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
CLEAN - SAFE & RESPECTED

**NO** DRUGS  
LOITERING  
CAR WASHING  
CAR REPAIRING  
SPEEDING  
LITTERING  
BALL PLAYING



**Welcome**

TO THE 1000 N. RIDGEWAY BLOCK CLUB  
ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**NO** DRUG DEALING  
LOUD RAINOS  
SPEEDING  
ALCOHOL DRINKING  
ABANDONING CARS  
HORN BLOWING  
REPAIRING CARS

RESPECT OUR HOMES  
HAVE A NICE DAY/GOD BLESS YOU  
Sponsored by SF 772-6270



**81<sup>st</sup> & LANGLEY  
BLOCK CLUB**

*please*

- KEEP OFF THE GRASS
- NO CAR WASHING
- NO BALL PLAYING
- NO CAR REPAIRING
- NO SPEEDING
- NO LOUD MUSIC
- NO HORN BLOWING
- NO DOG CURBING

Welcome To The  
800 N. HARDING BLOCK  
*The Original Super Block*

1. BALL PLAYING ON FRONT GRASS!
2. LOUD MUSIC!!
3. LITTERING!!
4. DRUGS !!!
5. DRINKING!!
6. LOITERING!!
7. CAR REPAIR!!
8. CAR WASHING



**NO**



*Thanking You In Advance.*

YOU ARE NOW LEAVING  
the 8100 ST. LAWRENCE BLOCK

WE ARE PROUD OF  
OUR BLOCK  
PLEASE KEEP IT CLEAN

*Thank you* 8100 ST. LAWRENCE  
Block Club







Dean Foods

