PUBLIC PHENOMENA
Informal modifications of shared spaces

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WE LOVE YOU
WE MISS YOU
ALWAYS TED
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. You can also email us at: servers@temporaryservices.org

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In Loving Memory of
James Pruitt

We lost one of our own.
R.I.P. Peace.
J.P. Bruce's Co.

[Floral and decorative elements]
Steve C. Glazer
1962 - 1999

Steve C. Glazer, Jr., 71, of Forest Park, Ill., died Sunday, April 11, 1999, in Chicago, as the result of an auto accident caused by a drunk driver.

Born March 4, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., Glazer graduated from Roosevelt High School in Oak Park, Ill. He also attended Loyola University. He maintained an avid interest in computers and electronics, and was the owner of CEC in Forest Park. He also worked as the Operations Manager for Time Simulcast in Chicago and was a former police officer for the Forest Park Park District. While living in various areas in the Chicago area, both in the suburban and city areas.

Glazer for several years.

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Steve C. Glazer
1962 - 1999
NO PARKING

THANK YOU?
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 10pm.
- No gambling
- No loitering
- No car repairs on front street

*Supported by YSP
Welcome to 900 N. Central Park Ave

1. Drugs
2. Loitering
3. Soliciting
4. Loud Music
5. Ball Playing
6. Car Repair

Sponsored by X
Welcome TO THE 1000 N. RIDGEWAY BLOCK CLUB ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

NO DRUG DEALING, LOUD RAGGED, SPEEDING
ALCOHOL DRINKING, ABANDONED CARS
HARASSMENT, REPAIRING CARS

Respect Our Homes. Have A Nice Day. God Bless You

Sponsored by YP 772-6270
WELCOME TO
800 N. LAWNDALE
BLOCK CLUB

NO

DRUG ACTIVITY
LOITERING, LITTERING
LOUD MUSIC
SPEEDING
CAR WASHING
CAR REPAIRS
BALL PLAYING ON FRONT

1000 NORTH LAVERGNE
BLOCK. CLUB WELCOME'S YOU
PLEASE KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE & CLEAN
THIS MEANS

NO

DRUGS OR DRUG SALE'S
LITTERING
SPEEDING
DOUBLE PARKING

Will Call Police
81st & 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

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