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The Seigles: Giving back with style

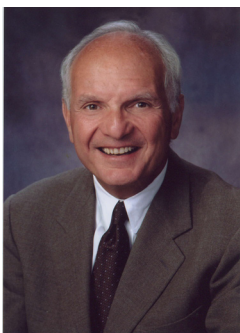
By Tom McGavin

Better to give. A practice LCA members Susan and Harry Seigle have been following pretty much all their lives. A recent example of their generosity is the now (again) sparkling public plaza adjacent to their magnificent new home on Mohawk and Wisconsin*.

The Seigles have lived on Mohawk since 1994, their former home just doors away from the new abode, which they decided to build when the site came up for sale three years ago. They moved in mid-2008. At about the same time, the idea struck Harry that the plaza, a 1960s creation, could use a major facelift. And backed his thinking with a financial pledge that would help to substantially underwrite the project's total cost. He shared his idea with the LCA, Alderman Vi Daley and the Department of Transportation.

Bingo!

Plans were formulated and the new plaza came to fruition. The plaza's glittering aesthetics are evident...new lighting, brick walkway pavers and other enhancements. Not so obvious to the casual observer is some nifty engineering and construction planning that has made a thing of the past some awful drainage problems and consequent stagnant standing water that plagued the area for a very long time.



Harry Seigle

Harry is used to succeeding. In a business that he grew into the city's largest supplier of home building products. In the private investment firm he started a few years back. And in his involvement with such organizations as Steppenwolf and Victory Gardens Theatres, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the American Jewish Committee and Washington University (St. Louis).

Now this latest success affords scores of people the enjoyment each day of the revived plaza at a point where Mohawk and Wisconsin streets meet. The Seigles helped make it happen. Nice to have such nice neighbors.

*Take a tour of the home by [clicking here](#).