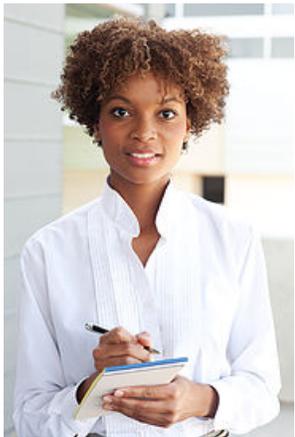


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Russ Gremel

Russ Gremel is a neighborhood fixture, a title comes when you live in the same spot for over 90 years. He's seen a lot of changes in the Jefferson Park neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago. He remembers a time when horse-drawn carriages were the only things on wheels going down Milwaukee Avenue. It was a time when you could walk to the local Woolworth's, the butcher, and baker. When kids played ball in the street while parents sat on their porches socializing with fellow neighbors.



"Everybody knew everybody," said Russ.

Now at the age of 98, Russ is still in his childhood home on Wilson Avenue. He's had his share of health issues, comparing himself to a old car.

"I'm like an old Model T, I still run and can get parts at the dime store."

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Thanks for reading! See you next month. - Nora

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