



Sheil Park raises

One Lake View imately \$250,000 to resident Jill Heise complete the decided to do renova-tion of the

money for playground

The playground equipment at Sheil Park, Southport and Cornelia, consisted of a stationary train, a small jungle gym, and a balance table designed for 3 to 5 year old children and showed its age, since the equipment itself is about 18 to 20 years old. The playground environment was not very cheerful, being squeezed in between brick walls and having wood chips for flooring.

something about it and her determination has led the community to make every effort to renovate the Sheil Park playground.

Rep. John Fritchey (11th District) donated \$50,000 to get the group started towards its fundraising goal, and the Southport business district has offered numerous fundraising opportunities.

The Chicago Park District originally estimated that it would cost approx-

park. Neighborhood organizations, Friends of the Parks and dedicated volunteers are working to get the word out. This project is a great example of how concerned citizens, community organizations, city offices and officials can all work together for one cause.

Their goal is to have a new playground for 2009.