

2017 Certified Local Government Annual Report Village of Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission

The Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission was established in 1972 by Village Ordinance (Oak Park Village Code 2-23-1). Members of the Commission are appointed by the Village President and Village Board of Trustees. The Commission's purpose is to help preserve, protect, and enhance the distinctive historic and architectural heritage of Oak Park. As part of its role to preserve the historic integrity of the Village, the Commission reviews exterior alterations to historic properties to ensure that the historic character of the building exteriors is maintained. The Commission also identifies and recommends designation of local historic landmarks and historic districts and seeks to enhance the attractiveness of the Village by educating property owners and citizens about the importance of preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation. The Commission has one full-time historic preservation staff liaison within the Planning Division of the Development Customer Services Department.

This annual report has been prepared in fulfillment of the Village of Oak Park's annual reporting requirement under the National Park Service's Certified Local Government program established under the National Historic Preservation Act. The Village of Oak Park has been a *Certified Local Government* since 1994. A *Certified Local Government* is required to carry out the following responsibilities:

- 1. Enforce the local historic preservation ordinance for the designation and protection of local historic resources.
- 2. Maintain an adequate and qualified Historic Preservation Commission established by local ordinance.
- 3. Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties.
- 4. Provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation program.
- 5. Review and comment on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within its jurisdiction, and, within 60 days of receiving the nominations, submit to the State Historic Preservation Office the written recommendations of the Commission and Chief Elected Official as to whether the property meets the criteria of the National Register.
- 6. Submit an annual report to the State Historic Preservation Officer of the historic commission's activities during the past year, within 60 days of the end of the local government's fiscal year.
- 7. Be represented at one or more informational meetings per year pertaining to the work and functions of the Commission or historic preservation.
- 8. Monitor and notify the State Historic Preservation Office of any actual or proposed demolition or actual or proposed major alteration affecting any property within its jurisdiction listed on the Illinois Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places.
- 9. Be responsible, in the case of nominations for historic districts, for verifying the names of owners of properties within the historic district, and providing for a public information meeting at mutually agreeable times and locations.
- 10. Carry out the general program procedures as outlined in "Certification and Transfer of Local Share of Historic Preservation Fund Allocation to Local Governments."

1. Certificates of Appropriateness

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Historic Preservation Commission and Commission staff review exterior changes visible from the street that are proposed for Oak Park landmarks and properties located within local and National Register designated historic districts. Oak Park Historic Preservation staff reviewed permits for 1,441 projects in Oak Park's historic districts or relating to Oak Park landmarks in 2017. The Historic Preservation Commission conducted reviews of 36 projects requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Certificates of Appropriateness were approved for 35 of those projects. There were no Certificates of Economic Hardship.

2. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Under the authority of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Programmatic Agreement with State and Federal Offices, projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission or staff that meet the qualifications outlined in 36 CFR Part 61, the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for History or Architecture History.

a. Community Development Block Grant

i. Sidewalk Program

The list of properties scheduled for replacement in the 2016 Sidewalk Program was reviewed. A total of 26 addresses on the Sidewalk List were identified as having historic stone sidewalks:

- 546 N East Ave
- 602 N East Ave
- 614 N Elmwood Ave
- 242 S Elmwood Ave
- 301 S Elmwood Ave
- 529 N Euclid Ave
- 600 N Euclid Ave
- 601 N Euclid Ave
- 647 N Euclid Ave
- 500 Fair Oaks Ave
- 540 Fair Oaks Ave
- 601 Gunderson Ave
- 701 Gunderson Ave

- 606 Iowa St
- 722 Iowa St
- 515 Jackson Blvd
- 245 N Kenilworth Ave
- 546 N Oak Park Ave
- 245 S Ridgeland Ave
- 301 S Ridgeland Ave
- 244 S Scoville Ave
- 647 S Scoville Ave
- 801 S Scoville Ave
- 500 Washington Blvd
- 601 Washington Blvd
- 626 Washington Blvd

ii. 1124 N Humphrey Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. There is no permit on file at the Village Hall, but the house likely dates to ca. 1923. The scope of work involves replacing the basement windows and the front and rear doors. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

iii. 134 S East Ave

This property is a non-contributing resource located within the Ridgeland-Oak Park District. It is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. The two-flat building was designed by architect Robert Johnstone and constructed in 1956 for D. Z. Goodman. The scope of work involves replacing the front door and rear French doors. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

iv. 416 N Humphrey Ave

416 N Humphrey Ave is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP. The stucco American Foursquare house was constructed as part of a subdivision by Henry Hogans in 1911. The scope of work involves removing the side-facing front door and widening the opening for wheelchair accessibility. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

v. 206-212 Chicago Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The building was constructed in 1922 as five commercial stores. It was designed by architect Roy Hotchkiss and built by contractor Ture Peterson for owners Ellioth & Reason. At some point in the mid- or late-20th century, a concrete exterior was applied to the front façade. This may have happened in 1979, when a rear addition was built and the store was remodeled. It is likely that if the current concrete siding was removed, any historic siding would no longer be intact. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

vi. 1025 Pleasant Place (Mills Park Tower)

Mills Park Tower is a non-contributing resource located within the Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District. The building was designed by architects Pyskacek & Rosenwinket and constructed in 1974 by William E. Burger Company for the Oak Park Housing Authority. The proposed scope of work involves interior bedroom and bathroom renovations. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

b. Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program is funded by CDBG funds, and all properties designated locally, listed on the National Register or deemed eligible for listing on the National Register will require Historic review. The program includes Rehabilitation Loans and Lead Hazard Reduction Grants.

i. 615 Home Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The brick Chicago bungalow was constructed in 1919 by Chicago builder and developer T. G. O'Conner. The proposed scope of work involves tuck-pointing the front porch and front of house, replacing 21 windows and 2 doors, stabilizing and painting window sills, trim, and under soffits on house and garage walls, replacing sidewalks and parking pad, and variously interior repairs. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

ii. 1026 N Humphrey

This project is within the Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program. The property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The stucco Craftsman bungalow is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The proposed scope of work involves repairing the front door lock and stucco around the front stoop, building a new rear porch, replacing rear yard and alley gates, installing new rear porch storm door and exterior basement door, and various interior repairs. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

iii. 938 North Blvd

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The Mid-Century Modern apartment building was constructed in 1963 by Excelsior Builders and designed by architect Robert Johnstone. The proposed scope of work involves replacing one wall-mounted air conditioner in the same size and location. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

iv. 736 N Taylor Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The stucco bungalow was constructed in 1921 by mason Julius Drutscher for developer Joseph E. Jones Company, and was designed by architects Jerry Cerny and Harry Stevens. The proposed scope of work involves replacing 14 windows, stucco repair, rear porch roof repair, replacing gutters and downspouts, interior remodeling and lead paint stabilization. The project was found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and will result in a finding of no adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(b).

3. Advisory Review

a. 123 Madison St (Oak Park Village Hall)

The Commission reviewed a proposal on June 8, 2017 to install elevators in two locations in Village Hall. Village Hall is listed on the NRHP. The Commission provided comments and recommended design option B to the Village Board. It was noted that as the project will include CDBG funds, it will require Section 106 review.

b. Planned Developments

Section 7-9-10 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance states that for Planned Development projects within historic districts, the Historic Preservation Commission "shall evaluate the anticipated effect of the zoning action requested in the application on the designated historic district and shall consider the long-term compatibility of the proposed zoning action with the character of the affected historic resources and the effect of any proposed zoning action on the long-range preservation of these resources."

i. 1000 Lake Street

The Historic Preservation Commission provided Advisory Review comments on a proposed Planned Development at 1000 Lake Street. The proposed project is for an 18-story mixed-use building within 250 feet of a historic landmark (Nineteenth Century Club). Concerns were raised about the setback and height of the proposed building. Comments were forwarded to the Plan Commission.

4. Local Designations

The Oak Park landmark designation process is initiated by the submission of a nomination form to the Historic Preservation Commission. Upon receipt of a nomination, the Commission makes a preliminary determination of eligibility based on the ability of the proposed resource to meet the criteria outlined in the Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance (7-9-5). The preliminary determination of eligibility is followed by a designation hearing. Following the hearing, the Commission determines whether to recommend designation of a historic landmark to the Village Board based on the criteria in the Ordinance. Landmarks are then designated or rejected by the Village Board.

a. 209 Forest Ave (James T. Hayden House)

The Hayden House was designated an Oak Park landmark on June 5, 2017. The Hayden House is a Queen Anne style house that was designed by architect William K. Johnston in 1893 for James T. Hayden. Hayden was notable as an executive with the Crane Company, a manufacturer of steam powered engines and elevators. Johnston was a Canadian architect who moved to Chicago; he authored a plan book and designed numerous buildings in the Midwest region from his Chicago-based office.

b. 414 Augusta St (Edgar Rice Burroughs House no. 1)

The Burroughs House was designated an Oak Park landmark on December 11, 2017. The Burroughs House was built 1911-1912 and is significant for its association with Edgar Rice Burroughs during his early years as an author. Burroughs and his wife Emma purchased the house on November 2, 1914. The two- and one-half story frame and stucco house is Tudor

Revival in style with Craftsman influences. The house was constructed by local contractor Walter C. Franck. The family lived in the house from 1914 to 1917, and Burroughs wrote 12 stories while residing there.

5. <u>Historic Resource Surveys</u>

No historic resource surveys were conducted in 2017.

6. National Register of Historic Places

No properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

7. Monitoring and Stewardship

a. 127-133 S Harvey Ave

127-133 S Harvey Ave was denied a COA by the Commission in October 2016 to replace 168 wood windows with 84 aluminum windows on the front porches of the apartment building. It was discovered in January that this had been done anyway and that the Village issued them a permit without Historic approval. Investigation was requested to determine how this occurred.

b. Demolitions

Demolitions were recorded of four Oak Park properties: 533 Wenonah Ave, 535 Wenonah Ave, 710 Hayes Ave, and 1040 N Lombard Ave. None of these were located in historic districts or otherwise documented as historic resources.

8. Commission Activities

a. Historic Preservation Awards

The Historic Preservation Commission cohosted an awards program, Celebrating Stewardship: Heritage, Environment, and Design (Attachment A). The Preservation Awards were presented in conjunction with the Green Awards and Cavalcade of Pride Awards; the latter were presented by the Environment + Energy and the Community Design Commissions. The ceremony was held at the Nineteenth Century Club on December 13, 2017.

The 2017 Preservation Awards were presented for the following:

- 215 N Elmwood Ave for Restoration
- 300 N Euclid Ave for Restoration
- 206 Forest Ave for Restoration
- 129 Lake St for Sustainability
- 875 Lake St (Unity Temple) for Restoration
- 509 Madison St for Restoration
- 1132 S Maple Ave for Addition

b. HPC Newsletter "Landmark Link"

The Commission continued to issue its educational newsletter (Attachment B). One edition was released during 2017. The newsletter included the 2016 Historic Preservation Award winners, details about two landmarks listed in 2016-2017 (317 N Euclid Ave from 2016 and 209 Forest Ave for 2017), and information about historic resource records available online through Rustin ARC.

c. Oak Park Historic Preservation Ordinance

The Commission recommended an amendment to the Village Board for the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The amendment (2-8-6) would regard rescission of designation for historic landmarks. Specifically, that designation may be amended or rescinded, only after a period of two years following the designation, upon petition to the Commission and compliance with the same procedures and according to the same criteria set forth for designation.

d. Architectural Review Guidelines

The Commission began use of the revised Advisory Review Guidelines at the February and March meetings in 2017 on a testing basis. The Education Committee planned a public outreach process.

The updates to the Architectural Review Guidelines include:

- New format (Requirements, Educational)
- Minor changes, mostly formatting, some guidelines
- Changes in interpretation—Window replacement meets the definition of demolition and requires a Certificate of Appropriateness. Vinyl windows will not be allowed where visible from the street.

e. Oak Park Guidebook

The Historic Preservation Commission organized the creation of an Oak Park Guidebook to replace the previous guide to the Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture Historic District. The latter had limited copies printed and has not been available since 2015. Production of the Guidebook was delayed due to budget cuts.

9. Attachments

- A. 2017 Historic Preservation Award Recipients and Event program
- B. HPC Newsletter Landmark Link

Welcome and Opening Remarks Dan Moroney, Trustee Village of Oak Park

2017 Preservation Awards
Christopher Payne, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

2017 Green Awards
Nick Bridge, Chair
Environment & Energy Commission

2017 Cavalcade of Pride Awards
Douglas Chien, Chair
Community Design Commission

2017 Disability Access Awards
Amy O'Rourke, Chair
Jennifer Kovar, Commissioner
Disability Access Commission

Thank you to the **Nineteenth Century Club** for hosting the reception.

Food courtesy of
Cucina Paradiso TwoMayToz Catering

2017 Preservation Awards

215 N. Elmwood Avenue

Julie Wohrley & Samir Gupta Studio M Architects AJB Construction Restoration

300 N. Euclid Avenue

Michaela & Khalil Karim John Thorpe & Associates *Restoration*

206 Forest Avenue

Gayle Riedmann Robert Jahn Construction Debra McQueen, Architect Wicklow Development Group Restoration

129 Lake Street

Historical Society of Oak Park & River Forest Garapolo & Associates Kelly Construction Sustainability

875 Lake Street

Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Harboe Architects
Bergland Construction
Alphawood Foundation
Landmarks Illinois
Restoration

509 Madison Street

Madison Enterprise Group Prairie Plus, Inc. Von Dreele-Freerksen Construction Company Restoration

1132 S. Maple Avenue

Guillermo & Alma Cabacungan Mark Zinni Architects G. and G. Improvement, Inc. Addition 528 N. Marion Street

Pete & Wendy Senger Liane Jackson Reliable Decorating Restoration

2017 Green Awards

Henry Griffin

Birding and Bird Habitat Conservation

Hatch Elementary PTO
Hatch Patch Garden

Park District of Oak Park

Ridgeland Common Solar Infrastructure

Sally Stovall *Monarch Corridor*

Seven Generations Ahead

Zero Waste Initiatives

Honorable Mention: Brookdale Oak Park Green Committee

Building Energy Efficiency Improvements

Laura Stamp

Austin Guards

2017 Cavalcade of Pride Awards

~ Residential ~
1147 Woodbine Avenue
Berenice & Pedro Arellano

1020 North East AvenueDede Berdelle

646 North Ridgeland AvenueDeborah & Lee Brown

432 North Grove Avenue *Courtnay & Russell Ainsworth*

145 South East Avenue
Amanda & Noel Massie

313 South Harvey Avenue *Elizabeth & John Hiltscher*

630 South Grove Avenue

Alexander Haussmann

623 Gunderson Avenue *Kim & David Tanner*

1027 South Highland Avenue *Monica DeLaMora & Jerome Capozzoli*

~ *Most Improved* ~ 447 Greenfield Street

Bethany & Steve Cordero

117-119 South Kenilworth Avenue

Nicholas Vizzone

~ Multi-Family ~
171-177 North Grove Avenue
c/o Greenplan Management

214 South Lombard Avenue Erica Cuneen

Prairie Place Condominium Association 6436 Roosevelt Road

c/o ASF Enterprises, LLC

~ Garden ~ 409 North Taylor Avenue Gale Liebman

411 North Taylor Avenue *Lynn & David Duschene*

415 North Taylor Avenue *Kim & Mike Phillips*

946 South Grove Avenue Linda Henson & Richard Rubin

~ *Block* ~ 600 Clarence Avenue

~ Commercial ~ Wild Onion Tied House 1111 South Boulevard

School of Rock 219 Lake Street

Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest

810 South Oak Park Avenue

~ Sign ~
Pilgrim Congregational Church
460 Lake Street

Seed Montessori

500 Madison Street

~ Special ~
Multimodal Intersection,
Chicago & Harvey Avenues
Village of Oak Park

Bike Shelters, various *Village of Oak Park*

~ Good Neighbor ~
301-313 North Austin Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois
Greenplan Austin, LLC

2017 Disability Access Awards

Michelle Mascaro
The Happy Apple Pie Shop

Bill Loutos
Al's Grill

James Salerno

James Anthony Salon

Steve & Laurie Berggren *The Yoga Centre*

Village of Oak Park

Anan Abu-Taleb, Mayor Trustees Deno Andrews, Simone Boutet, Andrea Button Dan Moroney, Jim Taglia, Bob Tucker Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

Historic Preservation Commission

Christopher Payne (Chair), Tom Abrahamson, Jennifer Bridge, Sandra Carr, Adam Engle, Darrick Gurski, Rebecca Houze, Laura Jordahl, David Sokol, Aleksandra Tadic, Noel Weidner Staff Liasion: Douglas Kaarre

The Historic Preservation Commission, established in 1972, is an 11-member body which evaluates proposals affecting the Village's landmarks and historic districts. The Commission also acts as a resource on historic preservation issues to the Village Board and Oak Park's citizens.

Environment & Energy Commission

Nick Bridge (Chair), Townsend Bailey, Thomas Cmar, Erin Daughton, Laura Derks, Scott Friesen, Hanna Kwiecinska, Stephen Morales Staff Liasion: Rob Sproule

The Environment and Energy Commission, established in 1974, is a 9-member body which advises the Board with regard to the best methods of maintaining an environment beneficial to the Village and as free from pollution as is practical and is reasonable; methods to promote energy conservation, environmental sustainability, recycling, waste reduction, water conservation and reduction of air emissions in the Village and for Village residents.

Community Design Commission

Douglas Chien (Chair), Juan Betancur, Susan Ebner, Teresa Heit-Murray, Adam Kallish, Richard Katz, Jonathan Kirk, Lloyd Natof, Mitchell Murdock, Nick Sinadinos, Christopher "Scott" Smith, Aaron Stigger, Cindy Wong Staff Liasion: Craig Failor

The Community Design Commission was established in 1973 with the objective of developing a continuous program to enhance the aesthetic quality of life in the Village of Oak Park. Its tasks and projects include providing design advice, administering the Cavalcade of Pride awards each year and developing resource material to aid in private property development, in addition to hearing requests for sign regulation variations.

Disability Access Commission

Amy O'Rourke (Chair), Stephanie Browning, Jennifer Kovar, Suzen Riley, Alap Shaw, Kathleen Yannias Staff Liasion: Steven Cutaia

The Disability Access Commission was established in 1980 as the Universal Access Commission to advise the Village in its efforts to facilitate full participation in community activities by its disabled residents, to bring disabled persons into the mainstream of Oak Park life by recognizing that disabled persons can lead proud and productive lives, to promote universal access throughout the Village, and to heighten public awareness. The name was changed in 2012.





Celebrating Stewardship:

Heritage Environment Design Access

2017 Preservation Awards 2017 Green Awards 2017 Cavalcade of Pride Awards 2017 Disability Access Awards

December 13, 2017 Nineteenth Century Club 178 Forest Avenue



LANDMARK LINK

The newsletter of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission - Summer 2017

A look at the 2016 Preservation Award winners

The Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) annually recognizes property owners, architects and contractors for their outstanding work restoring and reusing historic buildings.

The Nineteenth Century Club played host

to the 2016 Celebrating Stewardship: Heritage, Environment, Design event last December, when the HPC honored 8 projects around Oak Park for their sensitive and creative restoration projects.

Awards were also presented to other projects

by the Environment & Energy Commission, the Community Design Commission and the Disability Access Commission.

Architects and contractors joined property owners to receive their awards following an introduction from Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb.

227 CLINTON AVE.

Steve Krasinsky+Jani Westcott (owners); Studio R Architecture (architect); Loop Construction and Remodeling (contractor); Amanda Miller Design (designer)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the house.

421 CLINTON AVE.

Kip Adrian+Andrea Kovach (owners); Sherman Construction, Jacknow Construction, Mullins Painting (contractors);





The Award acknowledges the restoration of the siding.

810 CLINTON AVE.

Margaret Prechel (owner)





BEFORE AFTER

The Award acknowledges the restoration of the windows.

145 S. EAST AVE.

Noel and Amanda Massie (owners); Errol J. Kirsch (architect); Hughes Development (contractors)





BEFORE

AFTER

The Award acknowledges the restoration of the house.

317 S. EUCLID AVE.

Pam Mufson and Steve Stein (owners); Technica Design (architects); Wicklow Development Group (contractors)





The Award acknowledges the rehabilitation of the house.

1031 HOME AVE.

Park District of Oak Park (owner), Nagle Hartra Architects (architects), ATP Enterprise Group (contractors)





The Award acknowledges the restoration of the siding and front porch.

149-155 S. OAK PARK AVE.

Oak Park Brewing Company/Hamburger Mary's (owners); Ridgeland Associates (architects); Epic Builders (contractors)











BEFORE

The Award acknowledges the rehabilitation of the commercial building.

AFTER

Converting former office space into a brewpub and lounge.

6806 ROOSEVELT ROAD

Kinslahger Brewing Company (owners); Elements Architecture Group (architects); Heartland Construction Group (contractors)











BFFORF

The Award acknowledges the rehabilitation of this former bank into a microbrewery.

TWO NEW LANDMARKS



317 N. EUCLID AVENUE

Charles Roberts Stable
c. 1896, Frank Lloyd Wright (attributed)
1929 remodel, Charles E. White, Jr.
Designated November 21, 2016



209 FOREST AVENUE

James T. Hayden House Architect: William K. Johnston 1893, Queen Anne Designated June 5, 2017

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to be added to the list.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Planning Division is part of the Development Customer Services Department. Building and demolition permits are reviewed for properties designated as Historic Landmarks or located within a Historic District. There are approximately 4,000 buildings which fall under those categories.

HISTORIC RESOURCES, RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Village of Oak Park contracts with RuskinARC to store all of our historic resource records in one place available to everyone.

The maps and archives are maintained by RuskinARC and displayed online on the Village of Oak Park website, along with information on designated historic districts and landmarks, as well as surveys of historic resources elsewhere in the Village.

Using RuskinARC makes it easy to find and record information about historic properties in Oak Park, and it lets us keep our database up to date without all that paper in multiple binders. Log on and check out the resources available at your fingertips by visiting oak-park.us and searching for "Historic Resources."

If you have questions or would like to include historic information about your property on the site, email historic preservation@oak-park.us.

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