



**ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY  
Downtown Oak Park and  
The Avenue Business District**

**Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission**  
Conducted in 1975  
Updated 1981 and 2005

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## **Preamble**

In 1975, a survey was sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission (then the “Landmarks Commission”) and the Community Design Commission to take an inventory of the commercial buildings in and around what was known as the “Oak Park Mall”, and what is now referred to as Downtown Oak Park. In 1981, the survey was updated by the Oak Park Tour Center of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio and was prepared by Gail Downey. The 1981 update included building permit research for each building and added the Avenue District on Oak Park Avenue.

This 2005 update was prepared by the Historic Preservation Commission and Village staff as a revision of an earlier draft survey issued in 2002-2003. As revised, the survey updated the photographs of each building, added additional information that was not available 20 years ago, and added the commercial areas south of the railroad tracks on South Blvd., South Marion Street, and South Oak Park Avenue. Buildings identified with a rank of Significant were considered to be potential Oak Park Landmarks. The other buildings were ranked depending on whether they were located within an Oak Park Historic District. Buildings both within and outside of a historic district were ranked as Significant, as they identify buildings worthy of Landmark designation. Buildings with no architectural significance that were outside the historic districts were labeled as having No Merit. Parts of this survey were located within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. Those buildings were ranked based upon whether they contribute to the historic and architectural character of the historic district. Buildings listed as Significant were automatically considered to be Contributing within the historic district. Buildings outside the historic district that were considered to have some architectural character, but were not important enough to be considered as potential Landmarks, were referred to as Structures of Merit. The rankings used in the survey are defined below:

Significant: Any property and/or improvement which has special character or significant historical, cultural, architectural, archeological, community or aesthetic value and is worthy of preservation. The property is important enough to warrant individual Oak Park Landmark designation.

Structure of Merit: A building which has historic or aesthetic character but to a lesser degree than a “Significant” building, or that has had alterations affecting its integrity. Such a building may contribute to a broader historic character or provide historic context to a larger group of buildings and is worthy of preservation.

No Merit: A building which is less than 50 years old, or a building which never originally had aesthetic character or significance, or that has had alterations that destroy its integrity. While the Commission is not necessarily advocating the demolition of these buildings, they are not considered worthy of preservation from an architectural standpoint.

Contributing: A property and/or improvement which has retained enough of its original architectural integrity to be able to contribute to the historic and architectural character of an historic district. While it may not be important enough individually to warrant Landmark designation, it is worth preserving as part of the whole. *This rank applies to buildings within a Historic District only.*

Non-Contributing: A property and/or improvement located within an historic district that does not represent significant historical and/or aesthetic characteristics which qualified that district as an historic district. *This rank applies to buildings within a Historic District only.*

### 2005 Revision Notes:

The purpose of updating this architectural survey is mainly educational. It is to educate property owners, Village officials and staff and the public at large as to what buildings in our downtown and Avenue business districts are worthy of preservation. It should be noted that certain buildings within this survey already exist within the *Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District*. This is noted in each case on the survey form.

This survey does not make specific recommendations regarding a future historic district or boundaries. However, the Historic Preservation Commission does recommend that further research be conducted to determine whether a downtown historic district should be designated. It is further recommended that,

with respect to any future development or planning initiatives in Downtown Oak Park, every effort be made to preserve those buildings listed as “Significant” or “Structure of Merit” in the survey.

### **Survey Methodology**

A sub-committee of the Historic Preservation Commission initially compiled and prepared the Downtown Architectural Survey, which was then presented to the full Commission for approval. The sub-committee met numerous times and reviewed contemporary photographs of each building, as well as historic photographs when available. The sub-committee also used building permit archives, historic news articles and other information, where available, to determine changes to buildings over time. An architectural survey does not require intensive research on each building. However, sufficient research was done to determine the state of each building’s current condition. It is possible that additional information could come to light in the future, which may alter the rank of the building.

The following criteria were used to rank buildings located **outside** of existing historic districts. Note that all criteria under each rank need not apply to each building.

#### Criteria for ranking buildings as **Significant**:

- Buildings that appear to meet one or more criteria for designation as an Oak Park Landmark (as listed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance).
- Buildings that have excellent historic integrity (minor exterior changes in the past 50 years). Minor changes, such as commonly found on storefronts, should not have altered the historic character of the building.
- Buildings that are known to have historic significance (site of event, association with a famous person, etc.).
- Buildings that were designed by well-known architects.
- Buildings that are good examples of specific architectural styles or types.

#### Criteria for ranking buildings as **Structure of Merit**:

- Buildings that retain their historic integrity but do not appear to meet the criteria for designation as an Oak Park Landmark (as listed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance).
- Buildings that have historic integrity but which have contemporary alterations that detract from the overall architectural style or type.

#### Criteria for ranking buildings as **No Merit**:

- Buildings that are more than 50 years old, but have no architectural style or any architectural details which give them merit.
- Buildings that are more than 50 years old, but have been significantly altered so that the historic architectural style or type is no longer apparent.
- Buildings that are contemporary or modern; usually less than 50 years old.

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Address: **158-164 Forest Avenue (938 Lake)**  
Present Occupant: Oak Park Parking Garage / Oak Park Visitors Center  
Historic Occupant: **Elks Club Building** (demolished)  
Date: 1975  
Architect: Welton Beckett & Associates  
Builder: W. E. O'Neil Construction Co.  
Original Owner: Village of Oak Park  
Style: Modern  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and the foundation are concrete.



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Address: **178 Forest Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Nineteenth Century Club  
Historic Occupant: **Nineteenth Century Women's Club**  
Date: 1927-28  
Architect: James L. Fyfe (Alfred Allen/Maurice Webster – Associates)  
Builder: Sides Construction Company  
Original Owner: Nineteenth Century Women's Club  
Style: Classical Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 66' x 116'. The foundation is concrete and the walls are brick. The building's restrained ornament includes the front gabled portico with tall, thin columns, wood windows, limestone window surrounds and banding, wood frieze board and a slate roof. A brick elevator shaft was added in 1951 by architect Alfred Allen and is visible on the southwest corner of the building.



Address: **401-419 N. Harlem Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Old Navy / Retail  
Date: 1997-98  
Architect: Stewart-Nosky Architects, Ltd.  
Builder: Osman Construction Co.  
Original Owner: The Taxman Corporation  
Style: Modern  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 183.8' x 96'. The foundation is brick and the walls are brick, metal and EIFS.



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Address: **Holley Court Garage**  
Present Occupant: Parking Garage  
Date: 1986  
Architect: Loeb, Schlossman & Hackl  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: Village of Oak Park  
Style: Parking Garage  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls are brick and the foundation is concrete.





Address: **714 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: SBC  
 Historic Occupant: **Telephone Exchange**  
 Date: 1914-15 / 1920s / 1960  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: Illinois Bell Telephone Company  
 Style: Contemporary  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 4 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The foundation is concrete and the walls are brick. Original Telephone Exchange Building constructed in 1914. 1920's additions by Holabird & Roche. Two-story addition and facade alterations in 1960.



Address: **715 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Medical Arts Building**  
 Date: 1929  
 Architect: Roy Hotchkiss  
 Builder: Harper & Stelzer  
 Original Owner: C. B. Scoville  
 Style: Art Deco  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 10 stories and is 70' x 73'. The walls are brick and stone and the foundation is brick and steel frame.



Address: **720 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Offices  
Historic Occupant: **Postlewait Funeral Home**  
Date: 1927  
Architect: Roy Hotchkiss  
Builder: Charles Lindberg / Mason: Ture Peterson  
Original Owner: C. B. Scoville  
Style: English Gothic Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The brick building is 2 stories with a concrete foundation and limestone trim and banding between the first and second floors. Peaked gables with a slate roof. Arched wood windows with heavy wood muntins. The Historical Society holds the original light fixtures which flanked the front entrance.



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Address: **722 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Restaurant  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1924  
Architect: William C. Presto  
Builder: August S. Caron & Son  
Original Owner: C. B. Scoville  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The brick building is one story with decorative brick-work and limestone trim. Two storefronts were changed in 1942 by owner C.B. Scoville, Jr. and architect Roy Hotchkiss.



Address: **726-736 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1937  
Architect: Samuel E. Bird  
Builder: Adam & Schroter (\$80,000)  
Original Owner: Lake Oak Park Building Corp.  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 1-story and is 150' x 150'. The walls are Bedford stone with black granite base and the foundation is stone. Ornamental frieze at cornice.



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Address: **942-954 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Grocery Store / retail  
Historic Occupant: **A&P Supermarket** / Retail  
Date: 1940-41  
Architect: B. Leo Steif  
Builder: Power Construction Company  
Original Owner: American National Bank & Trust  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 165' x 150'. The walls are brick with Lannon stone and the foundation is brick. The roof is slate.



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Address:	<b>965 Lake Street (100 Forest)</b>
Present Occupant:	Retail / Residential
Historic Site:	<b>Central School</b> (Lowell School) – demolished
Date:	1985
Architect:	Philip Kupritz & James Caron Architects Ltd.
Builder:	N/A
Original Owner:	Rescorp Development
Style:	Modernist
Rank:	NO MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. The 17-story residential tower to the east is part of the same development.



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Address:	<b>1000 Lake Street</b>
Present Occupant:	Office / Retail
Historic Occupant:	<b>Lytton's Department Store</b>
Date:	1956
Architect:	Shaw, Metz and Dolio
Builder:	Klinge & Hartney, Inc.
Original Owner:	Henry C. Lytton
Style:	Contemporary
Rank:	NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 240' x 220'. The walls and foundation are brick. There have been window alterations on the second floor.



Address: **1001-17 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Community Bank  
Historic Occupant: **Forsyth Building**  
Date: 1928-1929  
Architect: Holabird & Root  
Builder: Dahl-Stedman  
Original Owner: Mr. Holmes Forsyth  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 4 stories and is 120' x 140'. The walls are grey stone (originally cast stone) and the foundation is black Benedict stone. Bank lobby includes prism glass, terrazzo floors, original oak doors.



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Address: **1010 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Office  
Historic Occupant: **I.B.M. Building**  
Date: 1968  
Architect: Hausner & Macsai  
Builder: S. N. Nielsen  
Original Owner: Forest/Lake Office Building, Inc.  
Style: Modernist  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 7 stories and is 80' x 206'. The walls and foundation are concrete.



Address: **1018-26 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Lake Theater (1022) / retail stores (1018, 1020, 1026)  
 Historic Occupant: **Lake Theater** (theater and stores)  
 Date: 1935  
 Architect: John C. Schneberger (Thomas W. Lamb, Inc. – NYC)  
 Builder: Avery Brundage  
 Original Owner: Reliance Realty Corp.  
 Style: Art Deco  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 1 story and is 40' x 190'. The walls and foundation are stone. There have been various storefront remodelings. Decorative ornament includes limestone façade with vertical rounded piers, horizontal stone insets at parapet, illuminated marquee sign. Original cost \$100,000.



Address: **1023-27 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Date: 1923  
 Architect: Tallmadge & Watson  
 Builder: Guy & McClintock Co.  
 Original Owner: Lake Street Improvements  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 78' x 80'. The walls are brick on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and stucco and wood on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The foundation is brick and the roof is slate.



Address: **1028-32 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail (formerly 3 shops)  
Date: 1948 / 1996  
Architect: Lowenberg & Lowenberg  
Builder: Kay Construction  
Original Owner: I. Schulman  
Style: Art Moderne  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 60' x 190'. The walls are a modern stone composite. Remodeling in 1979 added 1032 Lake and this building together. Façade created in 1996 in conjunction with the expansion of Lake Theater to the space behind this building.



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Address: **1031 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **Pioneer Building** (shoe store, residential)  
Date: 1890 / 1923  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: C. F. Kannenberg  
Style: Tudor Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories. The walls are brick on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and stucco and wood on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the foundation is brick. The half-timbering was added during a remodeling c. 1923. 1990s storefront rehab.



Address: **1033-49 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **The Hub** – Henry C. Lytton & Sons  
Date: 1927 / 1957 / 2002  
Architect: Talmadge & Watson  
Builder: Guy & McClintock Co.  
Original Owner: Robert Nicholas  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 110' x 80'. The foundation is black stone. There were storefront alterations in 1932. Building alterations in 1957 by owner L.Z. Later Est., and architect Herb Sobel at a cost of \$80,000 consisting of white glazed stacked bond brick façade. Complete façade replacement occurred in 2002.



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Address: **1034-36 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail/Residential  
Date: 1938 / c. 1890  
Architect: Meyer & Cook  
Builder: Meyer & Stelzer  
Original Owner: Pioneer Trust & Savings  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

1034 Lake is 3 stories and is 26' x 140'. The walls and foundation are stone. Additional office space added in 1949. 1036 Lake is 2 stories and is 16' x 78'. The walls and foundation are stone. It appears to have been built at the same time as the addition to 1034 Lake.





Address: **1038 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Mancini's / Vacant  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1939  
Architect: E. P. Furberg  
Builder: Nelson Builders  
Style: Art Moderne  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 1-1/2 stories and is 40' x 190'. The walls and foundation are black granite.



Address: **1040 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Bank One  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1929  
Architect: Holabird & Root  
Builder: Dahl Stedman  
Original Owner: Mr. Holmes Forsyth  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 40' x 190'. The walls are limestone on the second floor and the foundation is black granite. There were façade and interior alterations in 1972 by Sturr Young Associates. Steel windows.



Address: **1044 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: J. P. Morgan Chase/Bank One  
 Historic Occupant: **Oak Park Trust & Savings Bank II**  
 Date: 1923  
 Architect: Theodore C. Vischer & James Burley (per building permit)  
 Builder: Hoggson Bros.  
 Original Owner: Oak Park Trust & Savings  
 Style: Classical Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories and is 74' x 190'. The walls and foundation are limestone. An original 1910 bank building was moved to back of lot in 1923, and was replaced by an addition and drive-up in 1960.



Address: **1053 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Helix Oak Park Camera  
 Historic Occupant: **Oak Park Trust & Savings Bank I**  
 Date: c. 1892  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: unknown  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 3 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. There have been numerous storefront alterations. Decorative ornament includes dentillated brick corbelling and dentils at the cornice level, painted stone trim.



Address: **1057 Lake Street (132-138 N. Marion)**  
 Present Occupant: Cozy Corner Restaurant / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: **Lovetts Building**  
 Date: 1915  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorff (\$25,000)  
 Original Owner: unknown  
 Style: Classical Revival  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 50.8' x 80'. The walls are brick with terra cotta ornamentation and the foundation is brick. There were storefront alterations in the 1990s. Decorative elements include stone piers, horizontal banding at each floor, stone sills, corner medallion at cornice, circular stone ornament between second and third floors, arched brick insets, stone coping. While the upper floors have excellent integrity, the first floor alterations prevent a higher rank. Future first floor improvements could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant.



Address: **1100-14 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Shaker Building / Offices / Retail  
 Historic Occupant: **The Fair Store** / Montgomery Ward's  
 Date: 1928  
 Architect: Thielbar & Fugard  
 Builder: (\$200,000)  
 Original Owner: Robert Nicholas  
 Style: Art Deco  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 164.88' x 208'. The walls are limestone and concrete and the foundation is limestone. There were storefront and second floor alterations in the 1970s. Decorative ornament includes horizontal stone banding at parapet and first floor, medallion at corner parapet. The Fair Store was the first Chicago department store to open an Oak Park branch.



Address: **1101-05 Lake Street (131-141 N. Marion)**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Lake and Marion Building / Bond's**  
 Date: 1924  
 Architect: Koenigsburg & Weisfeld / Garapolo Maynard Arch. (2000)  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorf / Quick Construction Co. (2000)  
 Original Owner: Samuel Koenigsburg  
 Style: Beaux Arts  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 4 stories and is 73.76' x 100'. The third and fourth floors have an elaborate terra cotta façade with circular ornament, vertical piers and cornice with dentils. The lower two floors were renovated in 2000 with Fiberglass reinforced stone panels. The 2000 renovation covered a previous renovation of concrete panels. Other alterations include windows and removal of acroterion at cornice.



Address: **1107 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: **Gregory's**  
 Date: 1956  
 Architect: Robert C. Taylor (1965)  
 Builder: Joseph & Carp Inc.  
 Original Owner: Frank Pebbles  
 Style: Contemporary  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 25.5' x 100'. The walls are polished stone and the foundation is stone. Frank Lloyd Wright remodeled the façade and interior of the building that previously stood on the site in 1907 for Pebbles and Balch, a local decoration firm.



Address: **1109 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1957 / 2000  
Architect: Camburas & Theodore  
Builder: Val Ponetta & Torte  
Original Owner: A. Archambault  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 24' x 100'. The façade was remodeled in 1965. The original façade was wood frame with a gable and cornice. The current EIFS façade was added in 2000.



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Address: **1111 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **Scharf & Oetjen Bakery**  
Date: 1880s  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: George Nordenholt  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 24' x 100'. A new storefront and 40-foot addition were completed in 1935 by builder F. C. Kemp for the Bata Shoe Company. Additional storefront renovations occurred in 1942, 1957 and 1963. Second floor is brick façade with decorative limestone window headers. The sheet metal cornice was replaced with a corbelled brick cornice and the brick façade was repaired and repointed in 1994.



Address: **1113 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Restaurant  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1936  
Architect: Leichenko & Esser  
Builder: A. Marcus  
Original Owner: Max Andree  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 52' x 95'. The walls are brick with a decorative pattern and stone coping.



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Address: **1115 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Restaurant  
Historic Occupant: **Adlerblum & Co. Furs**  
Date: 1928 / 1947  
Architect: Meyer & Cook / Edison Bros. Architecture & Construction  
Builder: Frenod & Snedberg / H. Kaplan Co.  
Original Owner: Mr. Adlerblum  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 25' x 100'. The walls are stone and the foundation is brick. The storefront was remodeled in 1947.



Address: **1112 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Name/Use: **Drechsler Building** (Funeral & Furniture Store)  
Date: 1898  
Architect: E. E. Roberts  
Original Owner: Charles Drechsler  
Style: Queen Anne  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 4 stories and is 23' x 142'. The walls and foundation are brick. The existing storefront dates to a 1933 remodel. There was a building restoration in 1970 by Fred Burghardt. Minor alterations to the storefront occurred in 1975. There is a copper bay at the third floor level. Metal cornice and brackets with imposing brick parapet and coping. Bedford limestone trim. Exterior restoration underway in 2005.



Address: **1117-19 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **Thrift Securities Building**  
Date: 1930  
Architect: White & Weber  
Builder: Adam Construction  
Original Owner: Thrift Securities Co.  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 48' x 100'. The walls are stone and the foundation is brick. There have been storefront alterations to 1119. The 1117 storefront dates to 1935 and was designed by White & Weber. The second floor has original limestone façade with vertical banding, relief panel, decorative frieze and steel casement windows. While the upper floors have excellent integrity, the first floor alterations prevent a higher rank. Future first floor improvements could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant.



Address: **1121 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **Carlson Building I**  
Date: c. 1894 / 1953  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 24' x 100'. The original façade was similar to 1123 Lake. The existing white Indiana limestone façade dates to 1953 for tenant Spaulding Shops by architect Ernest Mandel.



Address: **1123 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: **Carlson Building II**  
Date: c. 1894  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 24' x 100'. The walls are painted brick and the foundation is brick with ceramic tile covering. There have been storefront alterations. Decorative elements include second floor brick façade with metal bay and metal cornice with dentils and brackets. Storefront divided into two units in 1960, likely the date of the existing storefronts.





Address: **1125-35 Lake Street (1144-50 Westgate)**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Arcade Building, Hillman's, Colt Building**  
 Date: 1931  
 Architect: Leichenko & Esser  
 Builder: Borg & Johnson  
 Original Owner: Robert Nicholas (leased to Sol Goldberg)  
 Style: Art Deco (originally on Lake Street facade)  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 124' x 193.5'. The walls and the foundation are stone. Originally two buildings with pedestrian passage to Westgate between. The building has a second façade facing Westgate. The courtyard was filled in 1950. The upper street walls on Lake were covered with EIFS in 1994. Second floor courtyard retains original façade. While portions of the building have excellent integrity, the Lake Street and courtyard alterations prevent a higher rank. Future improvements could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant.



Address: **1132-34 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: **Bramson's Clothing Store**  
 Date: 1933  
 Architect: Ross Henderson  
 Builder: S. S. Kresge (\$50,000)  
 Original Owner: Oak Park Trust & Savings  
 Style: Commercial (French/New Orleans Provincial)  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story with a false second floor and is 50' x 208'. The walls and foundation are brick. There was \$50,000 in alterations to the building in 1955. The façade is painted brick. The building was partially demolished and renovated post 1975. Exterior alterations were undertaken in 2004.



Address: **1136-42 Lake Street**  
Present Occupant: Oak Leaves / Offices / Retail  
Historic Occupant: **F. W. Woolworth Company / Oak Leaves**  
Date: 1929  
Architect: S. N. Crowen & Associates  
Builder: Avery Brundage Construction Co. (\$200,000)  
Original Owner: Pioneer Publishing (**Oak Leaves Building**)  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 5 stories and is 100' x 208'. The walls and foundation are limestone. There were storefront alterations in 1936 and post 1975. The decorative ornament on the building includes vertical banding, inset stone detail on spandrels, medallion at center of cornice , decorative frieze. The interior was later remodeled by Graham, Anderson, Probst & White as an annex to the Marshall Field store.



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Address: **1143 Lake Street / 421-435 N. Harlem Avenue**  
Present Occupant: The Gap / Pier One / Retail  
Date: 1997-98  
Architect: Stewart-Nosky Architects, Ltd.  
Builder: Osman Construction Co.  
Original Owner: The Taxman Corporation  
Style: Modern  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 183.8' x 96'. The foundation is brick and the walls are brick, metal and EIFS.



Address: **1144 Lake Street**  
 Present Occupant: Borders Bookstore / offices  
 Historic Occupant: **Marshall Field & Company Store**  
 Date: 1929  
 Architect: Graham, Anderson, Probst & White  
 Builder: Van Sickle – Wertz Construction Co. (\$750,000)  
 Style: French Renaissance Revival with Art Deco influence  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 5 stories and is 102' x 208'. The foundation and walls are limestone. The building's decorative ornament includes 4-story vertical window treatment, decorative cast iron, stone dentils, ornamental frieze over fifth floor window surrounds, decorative parapet. The building was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places on January 21, 1988. A façade easement was donated to the Landmarks Preservation Council in 1987.



Address: **101 N. Marion Street / 1106-10 North Blvd.**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Dunlop Brothers Bank Building**  
 Date: 1887 / 1890s  
 Architect/Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: Dunlop Brothers  
 Style: Queen Anne (originally)  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 49.5' x 120'. The walls are painted brick. There were many alterations including the removal of corner bay and cornice. Arched window headers. Rear addition added in 1890s.



Address: **102-106 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Date: 1909 / 1931  
 Architect: unknown / Holabird & Root  
 Builder: Guy M. McClintock / Dahl-Stedman Co.  
 Original Owner: Mrs. Leo L. Ball / Holmes & George Forsyth  
 Style: unknown / Art Moderne  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 104' x 75'. The walls are stone and the foundation is brick with a metal face. There were alterations in 1924 at a cost of \$27,000 by owner Shember Bros. and architect L. G. Hollberg & Co. There were alterations in 1931 at a cost of \$60,000 adding the brick and metal face by owner Holmes & George Forsyth and architects Holabird & Root. Alterations to entrance of 106 in 1949.



Address: **105 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: **U. S. Post Office** / coal company  
 Date: 1889 / 2005  
 Architect/Builder: Delos Hull and Company  
 Original Owner: Delos Hull, Postmaster  
 Cost: \$3,000  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 30.5' x 120'. The walls are wood and foundation is brick. There were alterations in 1904 as well as the addition of Lannon stone in 1950s-1960s and the addition of a wood façade in the 1980s. A new façade was added in 2005.



Address: **107-109 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
Date: 1880's  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 45.87' x 120'. The walls and foundation are brick. Historic photos from Barclay Collection show that 2 second floor bays have been removed. Decorative elements include brick corbelling and dentils at cornice. First floor Roman brick remodeling.



Address: **108-112 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
Historic Occupant: **Park Hotel**  
Date: 1880s / 1932  
Architect/Builder: unknown / Holabird & Root  
Original Owner: unknown / Holmes & George Forsyth  
Style: Art Deco  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 3 stories and is 45' x 130'. The walls are brick and the foundation is limestone. There were alterations to stores and apartments, and the cornice was removed, by owners Holmes & George Forsyth and architects Holabird & Root in 1932. Storefront alterations in 1944 and 1963.



Address: **111 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1890's / 1965  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 21.77' x 120'. The walls and foundation are brick. A 1920's photo shows a bay window on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Storefront alterations in 1922, 1931 and 1945. Existing storefront and porcelain enamel panels on second floor were added in 1965.



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Address: **113-115 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
Date: 1890s / 1990s  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Commercial Classical  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 52.34' x 120'. The walls are quarry tiles on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and stucco (EIFS) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the foundation is brick. An office addition and alterations were completed by architect Roy Hotchkiss in 1925. There were storefront alterations in 1927, 1930 and 1933. There were alterations to the front of the building in 1939 by architects L. M. Sanders & Company (Chicago). EIFS façade added in 1990s.



Address: **114-118 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: **Oak Park Exchange-Chicago Telephone Co. / Community Hall**  
 Date: 1902 / 1916  
 Architect: unknown / R. G. Pierce  
 Original Owner: Chicago Telephone Co. / Holmes & George Forsyth  
 Style: Classical Revival  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 50' x 125'. The walls and the foundation are brick. Existing façade dates to 1916 remodeling by George Hemingway. There were storefront alterations by owners Holmes & George Forsyth and architects Holabird & Root in 1932. There was a 2-story addition for the Studio Tea Room in 1937. A one-story rear brick addition was constructed in 1959 by Dahl-Stedman Co. and owners of the Forsyth estate. Storefront alterations in 1968, 1971 and 1979. The building was heavily used as a public lecture and banquet hall for large events. While the second floor has excellent integrity, the first floor alterations prevent a higher rank. Future first floor improvements, or further research into the history of Community Hall, could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant.



Address: **117-119 N. Marion Street (1103-09 Westgate Street)**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: **Wright Elsom Building**  
 Date: 1897 / 1930  
 Architect: E. E. Roberts / Meyer & Cook  
 Builder: unknown / Freevol & Smedley  
 Original Owner: Wright Elsom, Jr.  
 Style: Art Deco  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories and is 31.33' x 120'. The walls are stone and the foundation is brick. The building originally had a Queen Anne brick façade with bays and cornice. The façade was “modernized” in the Art Deco style by owner Robert Nicholas. The back of the building, a two-story addition, faces Westgate Street and is designed in the Tudor Revival style.



Address: **120 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1908  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: Nelson & Wagon  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 21' x 40'. The walls and the foundation are brick. There were alterations in 1924 by owner Gust. Javellas. There was an addition and alterations in 1928 by owner N. Javellas and architect W. A. Reissant at the cost of \$15,500.



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Address: **121 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: **Real Estate Building (George Hemingway)**  
Date: 1909  
Architect: Arthur B. Maiwurm  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: Hemingway Real Estate Co. (George Hemingway)  
Style: Classical Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 120' x 25'. The walls are brick with limestone piers and cornice and the foundation is brick. Decorative elements include stone parapet with dentils, storefront surround, capital relief. Storefront alterations in 1930, 1933, 1946 and 1947. Determined eligible for the National Register in 1996.





Address: **122-124 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: Retail  
 Date: 1910 / c. 1948  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
 Original Owner: Nelson & Wagner  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 42' x 75'. The walls and the foundation were originally brick. The building was remodeled with orange lannon stone c. 1948.



Address: **123-125 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Lyon & Healy / apartments**  
 Date: 1912  
 Architect: E. E. Roberts  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
 Original Owner: Strickland & Hart  
 Style: Classical Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 75' x 120'. The walls are brick with limestone trim and the foundation is brick. The bays were square in a 1930's photo. There were alterations in 1928 by the Lyon & Healy Co. Additional alterations occurred in 1931, 1948 and in 1970. Decorative elements include stone parapet with dentils, storefront surround, capital relief. Determined eligible for the National Register in 1996.



Address: **127 N. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: **Strickland's**  
Date: 1905 / 1915  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: L. M. Jones / Strickland & Hart  
Style: Classical Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories. The walls are brick with limestone trim and the foundation is brick. Determined eligible for the National Register in 1996.



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Address: **159-169 N. Marion Street / 1101-1111 Holley Court**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
Historic Occupant: **Holley Court Apartments**  
Date: 1927  
Architect: Meyer & Cook  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: Robert Nicholas  
Style: Tudor Revival  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories and is 111' x 164'. The walls and foundation are brick with some halftimbering. A courtyard faces north on Holley Court. Decorative elements include a slate roof, stone and wood banding, terra cotta window hoods, stone ornament at parapet, terra cotta ornament, arched brick insets, battlement parapet.



Address: **185-193 N. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Date: 1929  
 Architect: Samuel E. Bird  
 Builder: Meyer Stelzer  
 Original Owner: George Hemingway  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories and is 150' x 82'. The walls and foundation are brick. There are 3 bays of two-story false gables with half-timbering. Decorative elements include stone sills, vertical ashlar stone piers, wood windows, heavy timber storefront entrances.



Address: **109 S. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: LaBella Restaurant / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Date: 1909  
 Architect/Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: H. Mulligan  
 Style: Beaux Arts Classical  
 Rank: CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The brick building is 3 stories. The main façade is face brick with limestone detailing, dentils and cornice, banding above first floor, and ornamental front door surround.



Address: **113-115 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: B. A. Feller Real Estate  
Historic Occupant: Office  
Date: 1965  
Architect: J. J. Whalen (Ampco Building Corp.)  
Builder: Ampco Building Corporation  
Original Owner: National Bank of Austin Trust #3989 / Boyd Farwell Murray, Attorney  
Style: Modern  
Rank: NON-CONTRIBUTING – **RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 2 stories. There are 2-story window openings above the entrances and Lannon stone between the first and second floor windows.



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Address: **116-120 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Family Services & Mental Health Center of OP & RF  
Historic Occupant: **Lamar Theater** (demolished)  
Date: 1991  
Architect: Garapolo & Associates  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: Family Planning Services  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The brick building is 4 stories, with the second through fourth floors set back from the street.



Address: **123 S. Marion Street**  
 Present Occupant: Carleton Hotel  
 Historic Occupant: **Plaza Lodge (Plaza Hotel)**  
 Date: 1892 / 1894  
 Architect: George G. Mayo  
 Builder: George G. Mayo  
 Original Owner: Mrs. W. E. Kidd  
 Style: Victorian Eclectic  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – **OAK PARK LANDMARK (Ridgeland Historic District)**

The 4-story building is mill construction with a brick exterior, three bays across and two bays in depth. The main façade is a simplified Romanesque design with flattened arch window and door openings marked by soldiered brick lintels and a high foundation of rough-faced limestone. The entrance at the first story is deeply indented with molded face bricks and a short flight of stairs to the inset double doorway. The center is occupied by a projecting 2-story wooden bay. The bay, rectangular in plan and elevation, is ornamented with attached Tuscan pilasters and bulls-eye decoration at the frieze level. Flanking each window are saw-tooth and half-round shingles. Clay coping at cornice. Original lobby designated an Interior Landmark.



Address: **124-128 S. Marion Street / 1042-1048 Pleasant Street**  
 Present Occupant: Offices  
 Historic Occupant: stores & offices  
 Date: 1917 / 1927 / 1931  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
 Original Owner: John Hodgson  
 Style: Commercial / Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The brick building is 2-stories with horizontal stone banding above the first floor and above and below the second-floor windows. Decorative stone brackets exist along the top band and along the stone parapet. The store was divided into three and a new front was applied in 1927. A new cornice and dormers were added in 1931 under owner C. L. Anderson. The building has a high degree of physical integrity. Community Chest (Community Foundation) is a long-time owner of the building.



Address: **200-212 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: retail / office  
Historic Occupant: **First Baptist Church** (demolished)  
Date: 1922  
Architect: T. R. Bishop (Chicago)  
Builder: Carlson & Erickson / Mason: Rune & Son  
Original Owner: Lubliner & Trinz  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. Ornamental detail includes limestone banding, egg-and-dart, clay tile roof.



Address: **203 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**  
Historic Occupant: Residential  
Date: b. 1895 / 1933  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: J. C. Rogers (as of 1903)  
Style: Colonial Revival/Contemporary  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The frame building is 2 stories with a 1-story brick addition. The building was converted into apartments in 1920. It was converted into a funeral home in 1933 by owner Earl A. Drechsler and architect Norman D. Barfield.



Address: **216 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Office  
Historic Occupant: Residential  
Date: 1895  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Shingle  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The building was original a single-family house. The house is now used for offices. The building is largely intact except for asbestos siding. New porches were added in 1912, with a new bedroom addition in 1917.



Address: **224 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Office  
Historic Occupant: Residential  
Date: c. 1900  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Prairie Foursquare  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The building was originally a single-family house. The house is now used for offices. The building is largely intact except for asbestos siding. New porches were added in 1912, with a new bedroom addition in 1917. The first floor was converted to a doctor's office in 1953.



Address: **227 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Ebert Photography  
Historic Occupant: **Harry & Martha Richardson House**  
Date: 1897  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: Robert Worthington for Harry and Martha Richardson  
Style: Tudor Revival  
Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The building was originally a single-family house. The building was converted to commercial use in 1979. The building is largely intact. House built as a wedding present by Robert S. Worthington, Martha's father (per Worthington family). The c. 1878 Worthington family home (now demolished) was adjacent to the north.



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Address: **720 North Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Avenue Garage  
Date: 2002  
Architect: Antunovich and Associates  
Builder: Schwendener  
Original Owner: Village of Oak Park  
Style: Parking Garage  
Rank: **NO MERIT**

The building is 5 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The foundation is concrete and the walls are brick with concrete detail.





Address: **806-812 North Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: **Goelitz Flats** – Retail / Residential  
 Date: 1893-1898  
 Architect: William Van Keuren  
 Builder: Henry Goelitz  
 Original Owner: Henry Goelitz  
 Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 3 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. The building is attached to 101-105 N. Oak Park Avenue on the east (*Goelitz Block*). Decorative elements include two-story copper bays with decorative panels, swags, and metal cornice with brackets. The windows were replaced with aluminum in 2004 and there was much copper replacement on cornice and bays in 2005.



Address: **814 North Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Restaurant  
 Historic Occupant: **A. A. Knapp Livery**  
 Date: 1895  
 Architect/Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: Albert A. Knapp  
 Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. Decorative elements include a second story bay, brick cornice with dentils and brackets, vertical brick piers on first floor.



Address: **818 North Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Battery Sales & Service / Auto  
Date: 1910  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: Guy & McClintock  
Original Owner: George Turner  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. Originally had a wood garage door where the existing door and west window are located.



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Address: **820 North Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Shop  
Date: 1911  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: Guy & McClintock  
Original Owner: Albert A. Knapp  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1 story and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. Clay tile coping. Shingled awning a contemporary addition.



Address: **828 North Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Auto Repair  
 Historic Occupant: **Baltrum Bros. Public Garage**  
 Date: 1937  
 Architect: M. B. Meyer  
 Builder: Carlson Construction Co.  
 Original Owner: Paul & John Baltrum  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 1 story and the walls and foundation are brick. Decorative elements include brick banding, horizontal rowlock banding, vertical piers at ends of building with corner brick patterns, stone coping and wood windows. Building integrity is excellent. Baltrum Bros. owned the business for over 50 years.



Address: **830 North Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Avenue Garage** – auto and accessories  
 Date: 1923  
 Architect: Weller and Rippel, Inc.  
 Builder: Van Sickle-Hilfer Co.  
 Original Owner: Jos. M. Woljin and Harry E. Lawrence  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and foundation are brick. Decorative elements include a dentillated cornice, vertical piers, ornamental modillions, acroterion. Storefront alterations have modified garage door openings. Window changes have altered the historic character of the building.



Address: **1000-1010 North Blvd.**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Date: 1924  
 Architect: A. V. Capraro  
 Builder: H. C. Jensen  
 Original Owner: Ben Drollinger  
 Style: Commercial with Classical details  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 3 stories and is 237' x 124'. The walls are brick with terra cotta trim and the foundation is brick. Replacement windows were installed in 2002.



Address: **1022-28 North Blvd.**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Parkside Building** (Retail / Office)  
 Date: 1915-16  
 Architect: Henry G. Fiddelke  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: unknown  
 Style: Classical Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 90' x 65'. The walls are brick with terra cotta ornamentation and limestone cornice, coping, and door surround. Four storefronts.



Address: **100 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office / US Bank  
Historic Occupant: **Avenue State Bank**  
Date: 1919  
Architect: Puckey & Jenkins  
Builder: S. H. Nielson  
Original Owner: Avenue State Bank  
Style: Classical Revival  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories and is 183.8' x 96'. The walls and the foundation are brick. There was a 1976 remodeling which replaced the windows with gold tinted glass.



Address: **101-105 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
Historic Occupant: **Goelitz Block**  
Date: 1888  
Architect/Builder: William Goelitz  
Original Owner: William Goelitz  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories and is 75' x 100'. The walls and the foundation are brick. There were bays removed.



Address: **107 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Erik's Delicatessen / Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Date: 1888  
 Architect/Builder: William Goelitz  
 Original Owner: William Goelitz  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 2 stories and is 75' x 100'. The walls and the foundation are brick. There were bays removed.



Address: **109-111 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Date: 1888  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: William Goelitz  
 Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 3 stories and is 140' x 50'. The walls and the foundation are brick. The original bays are intact. Decorative elements include 2-story metal bays, metal cornice with dentils, arched windows on third floor with rusticated stone surrounds, stone banding and window hoods on second floor. Third floor added between 1893 and 1903 per historic photos.



Address: **113 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
Date: 1894-1902 (per Barclay photo and 1893 photo)  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: unknown  
Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 3 stories with stone window surrounds and arched window on third floor. Decorative gable at cornice. There were storefront alterations. Two-story bay removed after late 1930s per photos.



113 N. Oak Park second from right in photo

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Address: **114 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office / US Bank  
Historic Occupant: **Public Service Gas of Illinois**  
Date: 1926  
Architect: Hermann von Holst  
Builder: Husak & Root  
Original Owner: Avenue State Bank  
Style: Classical Revival  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The façade was changed post 1947 and then by Avenue State Bank in 1976 to resemble 100-112 N. Oak Park.



Address: **115 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: Office  
 Date: 1893  
 Architect: Patton & Fisher  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: Cicero Gas Company  
 Style: Commercial Queen Anne  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The brick building is 3 stories with second story brick bay below a half-timbered gable. Corner turret on second and third floors. First floor arched openings with stone columns. The building was remodeled in 1925 by Roy Hotchkiss and was a rooming house in 1930. Underwent restoration in 1981.



115 N. Oak Park on right in photo

Address: **116-136 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: **Scoville Building**  
 Date: 1900/1901  
 Architect: Patton & Fisher (1900)/ E. E. Roberts (1901)  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner: C. B. Scoville  
 Style: Flemish  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 4 stories and is 206' x 96.3'. The walls and the foundation are brick. The walls have Flemish brick work. There is a tile and granite base on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Architect Roy Hotchkiss designed storefront alterations in 1929. Storefront alterations in 2002.





Address: **119-137 N. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Masonic Temple Building (Scoville Block)**  
 Date: 1906-1909  
 Architect: E. E. Roberts  
 Builder: Mr. Powell  
 Original Owner: C. B. Scoville  
 Style: Prairie  
 Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 3 stories and is 210.7' x 148.75'. The walls on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor are iron glass storefronts with a limestone belt course above and brick walls on upper floors. Iron and glass canopy on entrance restored. There was a 1-story brick addition in 1914 and in 1930 Gilmore Dept. Store purchased the building and surfaced it with black glass. CDBG funds were used to remove the glass. The restoration architect was John Vinci.



Address: **100-106 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Restaurant / Retail / Residential  
 Historic Occupant: stores & offices  
 Date: 1911  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: C. F. Wolmer  
 Original Owner: William Goelitz  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick.



Address: **101-103 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
Historic Occupant: 2-story stores/offices / 1-story addition  
Date: 1906 / 1909 / 1910  
Architect: unknown  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff (additions)  
Original Owner: Joseph D. Caldwell  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. Decorative elements include limestone banding, stone window hoods, decorative limestone corner elements.



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Address: **105 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Oak Park Township  
Historic Occupant: **Oak Park Township**  
Date: 1974 / c. 1984  
Architect: Dennis Ashley  
Builder:  
Original Owner: Oak Park Township  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: **NON-CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 1 story. The walls and the foundation are brick. Remodeled c. 1984.



Address: **125-133 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: stores  
 Date: 1923  
 Architect: Frank D. Chase, Inc., Chicago  
 Builder: Guy & McClintock  
 Original Owner: E. & S. Morton  
 Style: Commercial Classical  
 Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 1 story. The walls and the foundation are brick. Decorative elements include a central raised parapet with stone coping and large medallion, stone vertical detailing.



Address: **126-134 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: 15 offices  
 Date: 1922  
 Architect: Jens Jensen  
 Mason: Nelson Wagner & Larsen  
 Original Owner: Fralick McCabe & Chadwick  
 Style: Commercial Classical  
 Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. Sullivanesque ornament includes white terra cotta trim, banding, frieze and coping.



Address: **137-147 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Schneider Building** – Retail / Office  
 Date: 1922  
 Architect: A. A. Paczars, Federal Building, Chicago  
 Builder: Galbraith & Powers  
 Original Owner: G. H. Schneider & Company  
 Style: Commercial Classical  
 Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 2 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. Decorative elements include terra cotta frieze with dentils, terra cotta coping and window hoods.



Address: **140 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
 Present Occupant: Vivaldi Restaurant  
 Historic Occupant: store  
 Date: 1925  
 Architect: Roy Hotchkiss  
 Builder: Guy & McClintock  
 Original Owner: Theo B. Prescott  
 Style: Commercial Tudor Revival  
 Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 1 story. The walls and the foundation are brick.



Address: **149-155 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1928  
Architect: Lowenberg & Lowenberg, 111 W. Monroe, Chicago  
Original Owner: Sam Cooper  
Style: Commercial Gothic Revival  
Rank: CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 1 story. The walls and the foundation are brick. Elaborate terra cotta ornament above storefronts.



Address: **159-171 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
Historic Occupant: **The Oaks** – 6 stores, 16 apartments  
Date: 1923  
Architect: Andrew Taudegrau(n), 116 Oak Street, Chicago  
Original Owner: Fralick McCabe & Chadwick  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 3 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. Decorative elements include stone banding, cornice, parapet and clay tile roof. Storefront alterations.



Address: **175-189 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
Present Occupant: Office/Retail/Residential  
Historic Occupant: Office/Retail/Residential  
Date: 1926  
Architect: Roy Hotchkiss  
Original Owner: G. H. Schneider  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

The building is 3 stories. The walls and the foundation are brick. All original storefronts with prism glass transoms are intact. Other details include limestone banding, first floor columns and pilasters, decorative gables at corners, clay tile roof.



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Address: **1111 Ontario Street**  
Occupant: **Holley Court Terrace** – Residential  
Date: 1990-91  
Architect: Loeb, Schlossman & Hackl  
Builder: Joseph J. Duffy Co.  
Original Owner: Holley Court Senior Residence Corp.  
Style: Modern  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 13 stories tall plus penthouse and houses 180 residential units. The walls and foundation are concrete with a brick veneer and aluminum windows.



Address: **1100-12 Pleasant Street / 125-135 S. Marion**  
 Present Occupant: Carleton Hotel  
 Historic Occupant: **Carleton Hotel**  
 Date: 1928  
 Architect: Conner & O'Connor (W.J. O'Connor) (office in Tribune Tower)  
 Builder: Unknown  
 Original Owner: Jerome Goldstein  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 4 stories with a 1-story stone covered promenade. Slate tiles separate the paired windows vertically. Rusticated stone surrounds the three-stories of windows on each corner with an arch over the third floor windows. Gables extend above each column at the corners. The building has two courtyards facing Pleasant Street, with a solid façade along S. Marion. The original building had 45 apartments, 57 hotel rooms, stores, dining room and grill room. Storefront alterations in 1938 and 1953.



Address: **711 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Office  
 Date: 1965  
 Architect: Charles E. Banks (Chicago)  
 Builder: Ransom & Ransom  
 Original Owner: Avenue State Bank – Trustee  
 Style: Contemporary Georgian  
 Rank: **NON-CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 2-stories with wood trim and vinyl windows.



Address: **715-717 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Residential  
 Date: 1870s / 1947  
 Architect: na / Charles Kristen  
 Builder: na / Carlson & Floyd  
 Original Owner: na / Carlson & Floyd  
 Style: Contemporary  
 Rank: **NON- CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The frame building is 1 story. The building is attached to the front of a 2-story Italianate house dating to 1870s. Exterior of office building remodeled in 1970.



Address: **721-723 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Offices / Retail  
 Historic Occupant: Offices / Retail  
 Date: 1924  
 Architect: A. A. Packard (Marquette Bld.)  
 Builder: (\$40,000)  
 Original Owner: R. E. Appleyard  
 Style: Commercial Classical  
 Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 2-stories. Decorative elements include terra cotta horizontal banding, door and window surrounds, and parapet. Terra cotta medallions at parapet. There were storefront alterations in 1940.





Address: **803-809 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1928 / 1929  
Architect: White & Weber  
Builder: August S. Caron & Son  
Original Owner: John D. Caldwell  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 1-story with a concrete foundation. Decorative elements include corbelled brick patterns along parapet and vertical brick bands.



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Address: **811 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1923  
Architect: Ernest N. Braucher  
Builder: Ole Olsen / William Ernest  
Original Owner: Ole Olsen  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: **CONTRIBUTING – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 1-story. Decorative elements include brick patterns, limestone quoins and limestone coping along parapet.



Address: **1007-13 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Auto Sales  
Historic Occupant: Auto Sales  
Date: 1917 / 1953  
Architect: Harvey Wright (1917)  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: Snow Bros.  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1-story brick with glass showroom storefronts and a limestone trim.



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Address: **1015-17 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Retail  
Historic Occupant: Garage  
Date: 1929 / 1958  
Architect: Sam E. Bird (1929)  
Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Boulevard Motors Co. (Snow Bros.)  
Style: Contemporary  
Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1-story brick with glass storefronts and a limestone trim.



Address: **1021-23 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Loro Auto Works  
 Historic Occupant: **Boulevard Motors**  
 Date: 1922  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: McKeown Bros.  
 Original Owner: Boulevard Motors Co. (Snow Bros.)  
 Style: Contemporary  
 Rank: NO MERIT

The building is 1-story brick with garage door entry in center. Date of current façade unknown.



Address: **1029 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Loro Auto Works  
 Historic Occupant: **Boulevard Motors (Snow Brothers Ford)**  
 Date: 1922 / 1929  
 Architect: Harvey Wright / Sam Bird  
 Builder: Meyer Stelger Co.  
 Original Owner: Boulevard Motors Co. (L.S. & E.C. Snow)  
 Style: Commercial  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The brick building is 2-stories with limestone coping and terra cotta dentils at parapet. Terra cotta trim surrounds second floor windows, limestone sills. The second story was added in 1929. One of the first two-story poured concrete buildings in Oak Park. Façade rehabilitation occurred in 2005. Further research into the history of the building could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant.



Address: **1031-35 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Office / Retail  
Historic Occupant: **Boulevard Arcade Building (Furrier Exchange)**  
Date: 1922  
Architect: Arthur Jacobs  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: William L. Laib  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2-story brick with glass storefronts, a limestone trim and shingle mansard roof alteration. Office building with central interior courtyard. Madame Pankow, a furrier, utilized the main central room and the building houses a large vault used for storage of furs. Other tenants included realtors Lockwood & Lockwood and Hugo Goetz and a beauty parlor. Future restoration may elevate the rank to Significant.



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Address: **1037-45 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Oak Park Regional Housing Center  
Historic Occupant: Retail  
Date: 1926  
Architect: Roy Hotchkiss  
Builder: Murphy Bros.  
Original Owner: Cook & Skillen  
Style: Commercial  
Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 1-story brick with glass storefronts, limestone trim, original prism glass transoms, clay tile roof.



Address: **1101 South Boulevard / 101-105 S. Marion Street**  
Present Occupant: Retail / Residential  
Historic Occupant: **Niles Building**  
Date: 1891 / 1895  
Architect: William J. Van Keuren  
Builder: unknown  
Original Owner: Sidney Solomon Niles  
Style: Queen Anne  
Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The building is 1-story brick with glass storefronts and a limestone trim. Decorative elements include two-story metal bays, rusticated stone window hoods, corner turret with balustrade.



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Address: **1107-09 South Boulevard**  
Present Occupant: Office / Retail  
Historic Occupant: Office / Retail  
Date: 1922  
Architect: E. E. Roberts  
Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
Original Owner: Fred Hill, Jr.  
Style: Prairie  
Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 1-story. Decorative elements include raised geometric brick patterns, vertical brick piers, stone trim and window surrounds.



Address: **1111-13 South Boulevard**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Playhouse Theater**  
 Date: 1913  
 Architect: E. E. Roberts  
 Builder: Harper & Butendorff  
 Original Owner: Fred Hill, Jr.  
 Style: Prairie  
 Rank: **SIGNIFICANT – RIDGELAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The brick building is 1-story. Decorative elements include raised geometric brick patterns, vertical brick piers, stone trim and window surrounds.



Address: **1109 Westgate (117-119 N. Marion Street)**  
 Present Occupant: Retail  
 Historic Occupant: Retail  
 Date: 1929  
 Architect: Arthur B. Maiwurm  
 Builder: Harlem Construction Co.  
 Original Owner: Cary DeButts  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: **SIGNIFICANT**

The building is a 2-story frame structure with first floor stone façade. Decorative ornament includes half-timbering, trefoils, wood windows, slate roof. The building is a rear addition to 117-119 N. Marion.



Address: **1111 Westgate**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail  
 Date: 1947  
 Architect: Meyer & Cook  
 Builder: Trevol & Snedburg  
 Original Owner: Robert Nicholas  
 Cost: \$25,000  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 47' x 111'. The walls are brick with half timbering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the foundation is brick.



Address: **1112-26 Westgate**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Date: 1931  
 Architect: Meyer & Cook  
 Builder: Frevol & Snedberg  
 Original Owner: Pebbles & Nicholas  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

There are two buildings designed as one; 2 stories, 50' x 102'. The walls are brick with half timbering in two gables and the foundation is stone. Other elements include stone medallions, battlement parapet, wood windows. There were storefront alterations at 1122 in 1935 and 1960. Frank Lloyd Wright remodeled the Blue Parrot Café on the second floor, which no longer exists. The large picture window has been attributed to him.



Address: **1121-25 Westgate**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Office  
 Date: 1931  
 Architect: Arthur B. Maiwurm  
 Builder: Murphy Bros.  
 Original Owner: Alfonse Caron  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 54' x 111'. The walls are brick and the foundation is limestone. Decorative elements include 2 chimneys, battlement parapet, limestone window surrounds, wood carvings, metal canopy, medieval emblems, leaded glass and half-timbering in the dormer. The first floor windows are later alterations.



Address: **1133 Westgate**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Retail / Dairy  
 Date: 1925  
 Architect: Fred Linquist  
 Builder: Regnell B. J. & Co.  
 Original Owner: Natoma Dairy  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 65' x 111'. The walls are brick and the foundation is brick. Decorative elements include heraldic emblems, metal roof canopies, three dormers with half-timbering. Renovation in the 1970s.





Address: **1144-50 Westgate (1125-33 Lake)**  
 Present Occupant: Retail / Office  
 Historic Occupant: **Arcade Building, Hillman's (Colt Building)**  
 Date: 1931 / 1950  
 Architect: Leichenko & Esser  
 Builder: Borg & Johnson  
 Original Owner: Robert Nicholas (leased to Sol Goldberg)  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: STRUCTURE OF MERIT

The building is 2 stories and is 124' x 193.5'. The walls and the foundation are stone. The building originally consisted of two buildings with pedestrian passage to Lake between. The building has a second façade facing Lake. The courtyard was infilled in 1950 by Leichenko & Esser. The storefronts along Westgate have been altered. While portions of the building have excellent integrity, the Lake Street and courtyard alterations prevent a higher rank. Future improvements could allow for the rank to be elevated to Significant



Address: **1145 Westgate (1137-49)**  
 Present Occupant: Office  
 Historic Occupant: Auto Garage  
 Date: 1925 / 1968  
 Architect: Unknown  
 Builder: Unknown / Fred Allen (1960s)  
 Original Owner: Unknown  
 Style: Tudor Revival  
 Rank: SIGNIFICANT

The building is 2 stories and is 99' x 111'. The walls are stone with stucco and wood half timbering and the foundation is stone. There were \$100,000 in alterations in 1968 by owner Westgate Professional Building, Fred Allen as builder. Decorative elements include half-timbering on the second floor and in the gabled dormers, stone façade on first floor. The west façade was altered in faux Tudor style following the demolition of the adjacent building. Some window alterations and garage entrance removal occurred on the first floor.

