



123 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

2016 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 1,325 projects in Oak Park's historic districts or relating to Oak Park landmarks in 2016. The Historic Preservation Commission conducted reviews of 29 projects requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Certificates of Appropriateness were approved for 24 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. ADA Sidewalks

The list of properties scheduled for replacement in the 2015 Sidewalk Program was reviewed. Five addresses were identified as having historic stone sidewalks: 174 N Lombard Ave, 406 N Elmwood Ave, 522 N Elmwood Ave, 618 N Elmwood Ave, and 622 Washington Boulevard.

ii. Sidewalk Ramp Improvements

The project will replace deteriorated sidewalk ramps at various intersections as part of the Village's annual street resurfacing project. The Village maintains approximately 110 miles of streets and when streets are resurfaced, sidewalk ramps at intersections are replaced as needed to eliminate hazards to persons with disabilities and to comply with ADA guidelines. CDBG funds will be used for these sidewalk ramp replacements. 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. Alley Improvements

The project will replace deteriorated public alleys throughout the Village in order to improve the public infrastructure. The Village maintains a system of over 650 alley segments. CDBG funds are used for alley replacements in low and moderate income areas. 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. Mills Park Tower, 1025 Pleasant Place

This property is a non-contributing resource located within the Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District. The building was designed by architects Pyskacek & Rosenwinkel 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 renovation. 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. 1045 Highland Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. The house was constructed in 1913 by developer R. G. Hancock. The scope of work involves re-roofing the house and replacing the gutters and downspouts. 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. 1111 S Taylor Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. It has suffered a loss of integrity due to alterations including the addition of vinyl siding on the gable and dormers, window replacement, and partial enclosure of the front porch. The house was constructed in 1956. The scope of work involves re-roofing the house and replacing the gutters and downspouts. 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).

vii. 416 N Humphrey Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. The stucco American Foursquare house was constructed as part of a subdivision by Henry Hogans in 1911. The scope of work involves renovation of the kitchen. 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. Small Rental Properties Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Small Rental Properties Rehabilitation Loan Program is funded by CDBG funds, and all properties designated locally, listed on the NRHP, or deemed eligible for listing on the NRHP require Historic review.

i. 736 Highland Ave

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. The gable front building was built in 1909 with a store on the first floor and an apartment above. The store was converted into an apartment in 1944. The building has artificial siding. The proposed scope of work includes replacing the exterior vinyl siding, wrapping the fascia and soffit with aluminum, and replacing the front and rear doors to the second-floor unit. 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. 1110 S Austin Blvd

This property is not located within a local or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for the NRHP. The Classical Revival style, three-story apartment building was constructed in 1925 by mason John Swanson for owner V. Bagnoulo and designed by architect Alexander V. Capraro. The proposed scope of work involves interior and exterior work to the garden apartment unit, including electrical work, lath and plaster work, window replacement in the garden apartment unit, glass block window installation in the basement, the creation of a new rear door opening, door replacement, and tuck-pointing on the rear elevation. 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).

c. 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. 1165 S East 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 Craftsman bungalow at 1165 S East Ave was constructed in 1922 by builder and developer William Cran. The proposed scope of work involves repainting the stucco, replacing 12 windows, stabilizing and painting trim work, re-roofing the rear addition, and multiple interior 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).

ii. 1116 N Austin Blvd

This property is not located within a location or National Register historic district and is not recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP. The bungalow at 1116 N Austin Blvd was built in 1918 by building and developer F. Lindquist. The proposed scope of work involves replacing 14 windows, installing two vented glass block windows, painting trim and repairing damage caused by window replacement, and multiple interior renovations. The project also involves interior and exterior lead paint stabilization through aluminum capping of exterior trim, soil removal, painting window sashes, doors, molding, and other interior elements. 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. 621 Carpenter 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 Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1914 by builder and developer W. J. Vanderslice. The proposed scope of work involves replacing one window with a new entry door and patching with stucco, the construction of a new porch deck, installation of two exterior lights, and the addition of a concrete pad and wheelchair lift. The interior kitchen door will be replaced, new pantry shelves installed, and a new light fixture with switch will be added in the rear porch. 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. 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. 717 South Blvd

The Historic Preservation Commission provided Advisory Review comments on a proposed Planned Development at 717 South Blvd. The property is vacant but is located within the Ridgeland-Oak Park Historic District. The proposal is to construct a five-story, mixed-use building that will house a small commercial unit on the first floor, tenant parking on the rear first floor, and condominium units on floors 2-5. The Commission expressed approval of the fifth-floor setback and the commercial space but recommended changes in the fenestration pattern on the side elevations.

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. 317 N Euclid Ave (Charles Roberts Stable)

The Charles Roberts Stable was successfully listed as an Oak Park landmark on November 21, 2016. It was built ca. 1896 behind the neighboring house at 321 N Euclid Ave (the Roberts House). It is thought that the stable was constructed by Frank Lloyd Wright when he designed the alterations to the Roberts House. While there is no primary documentation of Wright's involvement, sufficient secondary documentation exists to indicate he oversaw its design and

construction. The stable was originally commissioned by Charles Roberts, a noted industrialist, inventor, and patron of Wright. In 1929, the stable was moved to its current location on the adjacent property and renovated into a single-family residence by Charles E. White, Jr. for Chapin Roberts. Chapin Roberts was an executive with the Sears, Roebuck and Company and was White's brother-in-law and the son of Charles Roberts. The building is significant for its associations with Wright, White, and the Roberts family.

5. Historic Resource Surveys

No historic resource surveys were conducted in 2016.

6. National Register of Historic Places

No properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2016.

7. Monitoring and Stewardship

a. Demolitions

One demolition was recorded in Oak Park in 2016, the demolition of a residence at 264 Iowa St. The house was not located in a historic district and was not otherwise recorded as a historic resource.

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 7, 2016.

The 2016 Preservation Awards were presented for the following:

- 227 Clinton Ave for Restoration
- 421 Clinton Ave for Restoration
- 810 Clinton Ave for Restoration
- 145 S East Ave for Rehabilitation
- 317 S Euclid Ave for Restoration
- 1031 Home Ave for Rehabilitation
- 149-155 S Oak Park Ave for Rehabilitation
- 6806 Roosevelt Rd for Rehabilitation

b. HPC Newsletter "Landmark Link"

The Commission continued to issue its educational newsletter (Attachment B). One edition was released during 2016. The newsletter included the 2015 Historic Preservation Award winners and information about historic resource records available online through Rustin ARC.

c. Architectural Review Guidelines

The Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Review Committee conducted an ongoing review of the Architectural Review Guidelines. The Commission specifically addressed accessory structures and bungalows. New language to be incorporated into the Guidelines addressed parameters of adding a floor to an existing structure.

d. Oak Park Zoning Ordinance

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and provided comments on the updated Oak Park Zoning Ordinance. Commission comments addressed the responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Commission, guidelines for installation of solar panels, the definition of coach houses, the design standards, and the zoning map.

9. Attachments

- A. 2016 Historic Preservation Award Recipients and Event program
- B. HPC Newsletter *Landmark Link*

2016 Preservation Awards

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Anan Abu-Taleb, Mayor
Village of Oak Park

2016 Preservation Awards

Christopher Payne, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

2016 Green Awards

Nick Bridge, Chair
Environment & Energy Commission

2016 Cavalcade of Pride Awards

Douglas Chien, Chair
Community Design Commission

2016 Disability Access Awards

Jennifer Kovar, Commissioner
Disability Access Commission

227 Clinton Avenue -
Steve Krasinsky & Jani Westcott, Studio R
Architecture, Loop Construction & Remodeling,
Amanda Miller Design
Restoration

421 Clinton Avenue -
Kip Adrian & Andrea Kovach,
Sherman Construction, Jacknow Construction,
Mullins Painting
Restoration

810 Clinton Avenue - Margaret Prechel
Restoration

145 S. East Avenue - Noel & Amanda Massie,
Errol J. Kirsch Architects, Hughes Development
Rehabilitation

317 S. Euclid Avenue - Pam Mufson & Steve
Stein, Technica Design, Wicklow Development
Group
Restoration

1031 Home Avenue - Jeffrey & Adrian Fisher,
Architecture and Conservation, McShane Hibbets
Rehabilitation

149-155 S. Oak Park Avenue -
Oak Park Brewing Company/Hamburger Mary's,
Ridgeland Associates, Epic Builders, LLC
Rehabilitation

6806 Roosevelt Road -
Kinslahger Brewing Company, Elements
Architecture Group, Heartland Construction
Group
Rehabilitation

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

Food courtesy of
Cucina Paradiso TwoMayToz Catering

2016 Green Awards

Naaman Gambill
Local Bee Keeper

Brooks Middle School Edible Garden
Laura Stamp, Jennifer Harrington, Sue Hoyer,
Heidi Jirka

Park District of Oak Park
Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Heritage Oak Project
Kathryn Jonas and Julie Samuels

Mindy Agnew
Green Block Party Program

Harrison Street Lighting Project
Peter Hugh and the Oak Park Engineering Division

Karen Rozmus
CompostAble Program

**Friends' Learning Garden -
Honorable Mention**

2016 Cavalcade of Pride Awards

~ Residential ~
745 N. Grove Avenue
Jean Forbes & William Steed

1222 Linden Avenue
Jennifer Cunningham & Steven Snyder

917 Hayes Avenue
Ann & Thomas Ryan

1013 Erie Street
John Perch & Jason Brau

178 N. Scoville Avenue
Catherine Baumann & Robert Baima

222 N. Ridgeland Avenue
Julia Zacharopoulos & Thomas Gallagher

1116 S. Maple Avenue
Iris Sherman

541 S. Elmwood Avenue
Stacy Fifer & John Conour

630 S. Lombard Avenue
Jennifer & Bryan Gammage

~ Most Improved ~
White Lotus Chiropractic
1001 Madison Street

~ Multi-Family ~
1228-1230 N. Austin Boulevard
Greenplan Management

116 S. Grove Avenue
True Home Grove Condominium Association

600 S. Euclid Avenue
Gwendolyne & Prince Qualls

~ Garden ~
421 N. Oak Park Avenue
Robbin O'Harrow

227 S. Euclid Avenue
Angela & Davis Farnham

229 S. Euclid Ave.
Gail Holmberg & Henri Gillet

~ Block ~
900 Hayes Avenue

~ Commercial ~
Stanton Interior Concepts
114 Chicago Avenue

Fleet Feet Sports
102 N. Marion Street

Citrine
100 S. Oak Park Ave.

Kinslahger Brewing Company
6806 Roosevelt Road

~ Sign ~
Acupuncture POINTS
1105 Holley Court

~ Good Neighbor ~
Harlem-Randolph Car Wash
161 Harlem Avenue, Forest Park

~ Special Recognition ~
Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center
167 Forest Avenue

2016 Disability Access Awards

MOMENTA (Academy of Movement and Music)
605 Lake Street

Mama Thai
1112 Madison Street

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
1038 Lake Street

Village of Oak Park
Anan Abu-Taleb, Mayor
Trustees Peter Barber, Glenn Brewer, Colette Lueck,
Andrea Ott, Adam Salzman, Bob Tucker
Teresa Powell, Village Clerk
Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

Historic Preservation Commission
Christopher Payne (Chair), Greg Battoglia, Jennifer
Bridge, Rebecca Houze, Laura Jordahl, Don McLean,
Dan Moroney, 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 to Oak Park's citizens.

Environment & Energy Commission

Nick Bridge (Chair), Townsend Bailey, Andrew
Basney, Thomas Cmar, Erin Daughton, Alex Frank,
Ovy Ganesan, Hanna Kwiecinska, Stephen Morales
Staff Liasion: Karen Rozmus

*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 emis-
sions in the Village and for Village residents.*

Community Design Commission

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

*The Community Design Commission was established 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, adminis-
tering the Cavalcade of Pride awards each year and develop-
ing resource material to aid in private property development,
in addition to hearing requests for sign regulation variations.*

Disability Access Commission

Scott Kozicki (Chair), Stephan Browning Burrow,
Helen Kossler, Jennifer Kovar, Suzen Riley,
Kathleen Yannias
Staff Liasion: Steven Cutaia

*The Disability Access Commission was established to
advise the Village in its efforts to facilitate full participa-
tion 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.*



Celebrating Stewardship:

Heritage Environment Design Access

2016 Preservation Awards
2016 Green Awards
2016 Cavalcade of Pride Awards
2016 Disability Access Awards

December 7, 2016
Nineteenth Century Club
178 Forest Avenue



LANDMARK LINK

The newsletter of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission - Fall 2016

A look at the 2015 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 *2015 Celebrating Stewardship: Heritage, Environment, Design* event last December, when the HPC honored 11 projects around Oak Park for their sensitive and creative restoration projects.

The event was also shared by the

Environment & Energy Commission's Green Awards and the Community Design Commission's Cavalcade of Pride Awards.

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

640 BELLEFORTE AVE.

Renee R. Glos-Block (owner); Element Worx (contractor)



BEFORE



AFTER

The Award acknowledges the rehabilitation of the sun porch.

216 S. EAST AVE.

Patrick Vizzone (owner), Vizzone Construction (contractor)



BEFORE



AFTER

The Award acknowledges the restoration of the siding and porch.

534 N. EAST AVE.

Mark Donovan & Mary Ludgin (owners), Eifler & Associates (architects), Bosi Construction Company (contractors)



BEFORE



AFTER

The Award acknowledges the restoration of this Frank Lloyd Wright house.

403 N. ELMWOOD AVE.

Rebecca & Frist Kaegi (owners), Tom Bassett-Dilley (architect), Von Dreele-Freerksen Construction Company (contractors)



BEFORE



AFTER

The Award acknowledges the construction of a rear addition.

143 S. ELMWOOD AVE.

Renee R. Glos-Block (owner), Element works (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the house.

220 N. EUCLID AVE.

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



The Award acknowledges the restoration and adaptive use of the greenhouse at Cheney Mansion.

646 N. RIDGELAND

Deborah & Lee Brown (owners), Wicklow Development Group (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the house.

335 S. HUMPHREY AVE.

Richard & Kelly Pollack (owners), Studio M Architects (architect), Conrad Construction (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the house.

210 S. KENILWORTH AVE.

A.V. Development (owner), Ideal Custom Designs (architect)



The Award acknowledges the restoration and construction of an addition.

521 LINDEN AVE.

Claudia Marciniak & Steven Puuszis (owners), Adams Street Iron (contractor), Mullins Painting (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the iron fence.

525 FAIR OAKS AVE.

Michelle Wasson & Joel Farran (owners), Morgante Wilson Architects (architect), Elmwhire Builders (contractors)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of the front porch and wood windows, and a rear addition.

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 historicpreservation@oak-park.us.

Sign up to receive monthly email notices about Historic Preservation in Oak Park. Email historicpreservation@oak-park.us to be added to the list.

Historic Preservation Commission Members

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Dan Moroney
Regina Nally
David Sokol
Aleksandria Tadic
Noel Weidner

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enhance the distinctive historic and architectural heritage of Oak Park. The Commission identifies historic resources and designates Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts, reviews exterior changes to designated historic

properties, and strives to educate property owners and citizens about the Architectural Review Guidelines and the importance of the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic residential and commercial properties.