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The newsletter of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission - Fall 2014

A closer look at the 2013 Preservation Award winners

We're continuing our series on the 2013 Preservation Award winners, who were honored at an awards banquet last year. Each project has its own unique elements, so read on for a closer look

at the winners. We featured the first batch of winners in the Spring 2014 edition of "Landmark Link."

Mark your calendars for "Celebrating Stewardship: Heritage, Environment, Design,"

scheduled for Nov. 20 at the Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Ave. The event is shared by the Environment & Energy Commission's Green Awards and the Community Design Commission's Cavalcade of Pride Awards.

306 S. HUMPHREY AVE.

David Pope and Beth Houle (owners); Roseanne McGrath (architect); Loop Construction & Development (contractors)





The Award acknowledges exterior restoration, as well as sensitive rear and side additions.

214 S. KENILWORTH AVE.

Baronger Development (owners); Steve Rynkiewicz (archictect)





The Award acknowledges exterior rehabilitation, a new front porch and conversion back to single-family use.

238 S. KENILWORTH AVE.

Thomas & Michelle Gill (owners); Fox Design & Construction (contractors)





The Award acknowledges restoration of the exterior siding and construction of a new front porch.

840 N. RIDGELAND AVE.

Mike Reust & Don Rutledge (owners); Forest Park Stucco, Andy Sjostrom, Lindholm Roofing, Thomas Restoration Painting (contractors)





The Award acknowledges restoration of the entire interior, as well as exterior restoration, including the front stoop.

544 FOREST AVE.

Alex Factor (owner); Wicklow Development Group (contractor)







The Award acknowledges restoration of the front porch, as well as a significant rehabilitation of the entire interior.

178 N. TAYLOR AVE.

Dan Moroney (owner/developer)





The Award acknowledges restoration of the exterior siding.

827 WOODBINE AVE.

Mitch Goldstein (owner); Baronger Group (contractor)





The Award acknowledges a sensitive rehabilitation of the entire house.



New Landmark

300 FOREST AVE. - The Purcell-Yager House was constructed in 1893 in the Queen Anne style. Designated on May 5, 2014.

HISTORIC RESOURCES AND 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 VOP 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 oakpark.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.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Historic Preservation 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. During the first half of 2014, the Historic Preservation Division reviewed 500 permit applications, of which only 17 required review by the Historic Preservation Commission.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architectural Review Committee (or ARC) is a sub-committee of the Historic Preservation Commission made up of five architects and contractors. The role of the ARC is to meet with applicants in an informal setting to discuss a proposal and provide feedback and direction based on the Architectural Review Guidelines

The ARC, as well as Staff, may also approve applications for Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Advisory Review when the proposed work involves restoration of original conditions, no changes in materials, changes not visible from the street, work on non-contributing structures, or other types of activities determined by the Commission to have limited effect on the historic, architectural, or aesthetic qualities of Landmarks or districts.

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Historic Preservation Commission Members

Rosanne McGrath, Chair

Joerg Albrecht Greg Battoglia Fred Brandstrader Don McLean Dan Moroney Regina Nally Christopher Payne Gary Palese Tony Quinn Tom Sundling The Historic Preservation Commission is an 11-member body of citizen volunteers appointed by the Village President to implement the Village's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Its mission is to preserve, protect and 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.