

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY FINDINGS

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As a result of our survey of the South Town district, we determined that it did not meet the requirements of a designated historic district. Although a number of the buildings were constructed in the 1920s, the majority of them have undergone continuous alterations in the intervening years, and there are many instances of demolition and infill construction, also spanning the decades. The most common type of property we found in the district is mixed-use commercial and residential, with partial or complete storefront alterations dating from the early 1950s through the 1970s. However, South Town is also home to several remarkable properties that we believe are potential individual Oak Park landmarks. Although we do not believe the area qualifies to be an historic district at the present time, it is certainly a place with architectural and historical interest, and we wanted our survey findings to reflect its condition as an intensively used and continuously evolving commercial hub in Oak Park.

Because we did not find South Town to be a cohesive historic district, we adapted the “significant merit,” “merit,” and “no merit” determinations to describe the more fractured architectural character of the area. The “significant merit” determination in our study refers to those properties that we believe could be individual landmarks. There are seven of these buildings in the district, and their character and periods of significance vary widely, from the already landmarked Oddfellows Hall building from 1916 to the Oak Park CTA Blue Line station from 1961. Five of these properties are clustered around the Expressway, and two anchor the southern end of the district.

We used the “merit” distinction primarily to describe those buildings that we felt contributed to the overall story of South Town as a district that underwent a great deal of change in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In general, the buildings described as having merit are early-20<sup>th</sup> century commercial or mixed-use properties with altered facades or replacement storefronts, or buildings constructed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Our historic research showed that this alteration and construction did not all happen at once, and was not all a result of the 1961 construction of the Eisenhower Expressway and CTA Blue Line, which bisect the district. Although we did not deem these buildings cohesive enough in character, integrity, or historical merit to create an historic district, we do want to highlight the fact that South Town has been a place of flux and continuous investment since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, probably as a result of its historic and continued status as a gateway to Oak Park from the highway and mass transit line.

The “no merit” distinction was used to describe properties that did not contribute to any historical interpretation of South Town. It was applied to buildings constructed within the last 10 years or so highly altered that their historic qualities are unappreciable from the street.



**South Town**  
(Oak Park Avenue at Harrison Street)

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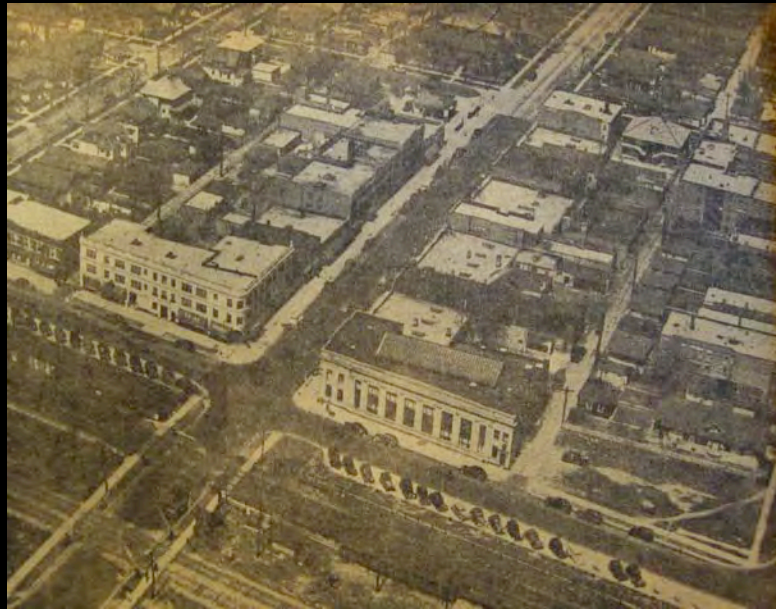
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# Survey Findings for the South Town District

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# Methodology

- Walking survey
- Photographic documentation
- Archival research
- Survey forms

**OAK PARK  
SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY**

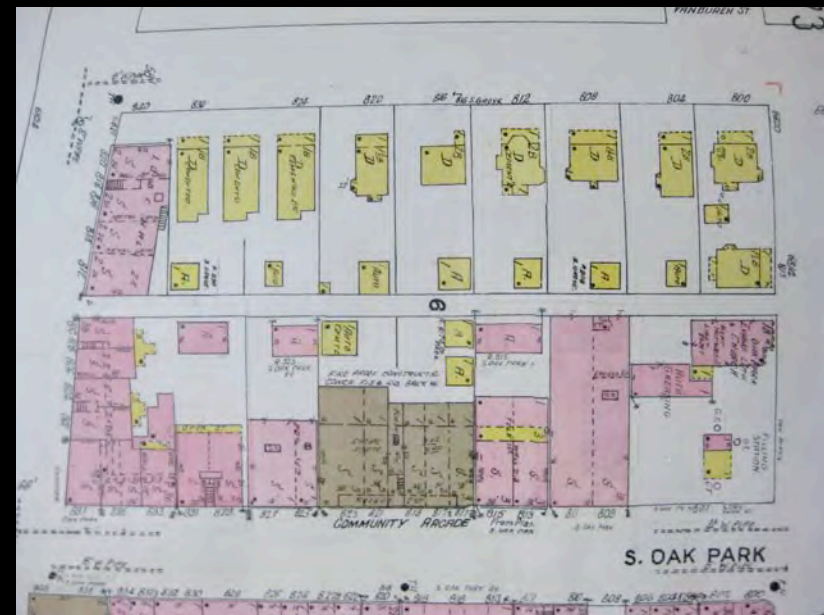
Address	907-11 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	PIN Number
Significance	Architectural Merit		
Current Owner			
Current Use	mixed use		
Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	2
Style/Detailing	simplified neo-classical		
Wall Material(s)	brick		
Storefront	bulkhead replaced		
Other Windows	vinyl replacement		
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition	fair		
Notable Features	Tile floors at entries, storefronts mostly intact		

**Historic Information**

Date or Approx. Decade	1917	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect			
Contractor	Paul Schulte		
Original Owner	Paul Schulte	Additions/Alterations	Two entries blocked, one replaced. New awnings.
Field Notes			
	History Notes		

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

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# Survey Area



Total buildings surveyed: 32

- Significant Merit: 7
- Merit: 13
- No Merit: 12

# District Character

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- Early 20th century commercial buildings
- Extensive mid-century alterations
- Scattered demolition and infill
- Straddles the Eisenhower Expressway
- Several early 20th century potential landmarks



Looking south on Oak Park Ave. from Van Buren St.



# No Merit: New Construction



917 S. Oak Park



919 S. Oak Park



825 S. Oak Park

# No Merit: Altered or Infill



812-816 S. Oak Park



804 S. Oak Park



810 S. Oak Park



# Merit: Mid-Century Construction or Alterations



900-910 S. Oak Park



815-813 S. Oak Park



820 S. Oak Park

# Merit: Mid-Century Construction or Alterations



817 - 821 S. Oak Park

Built: 1922

Original use: mixed - The  
Community Arcade





# Merit: Early 20th Century Residential

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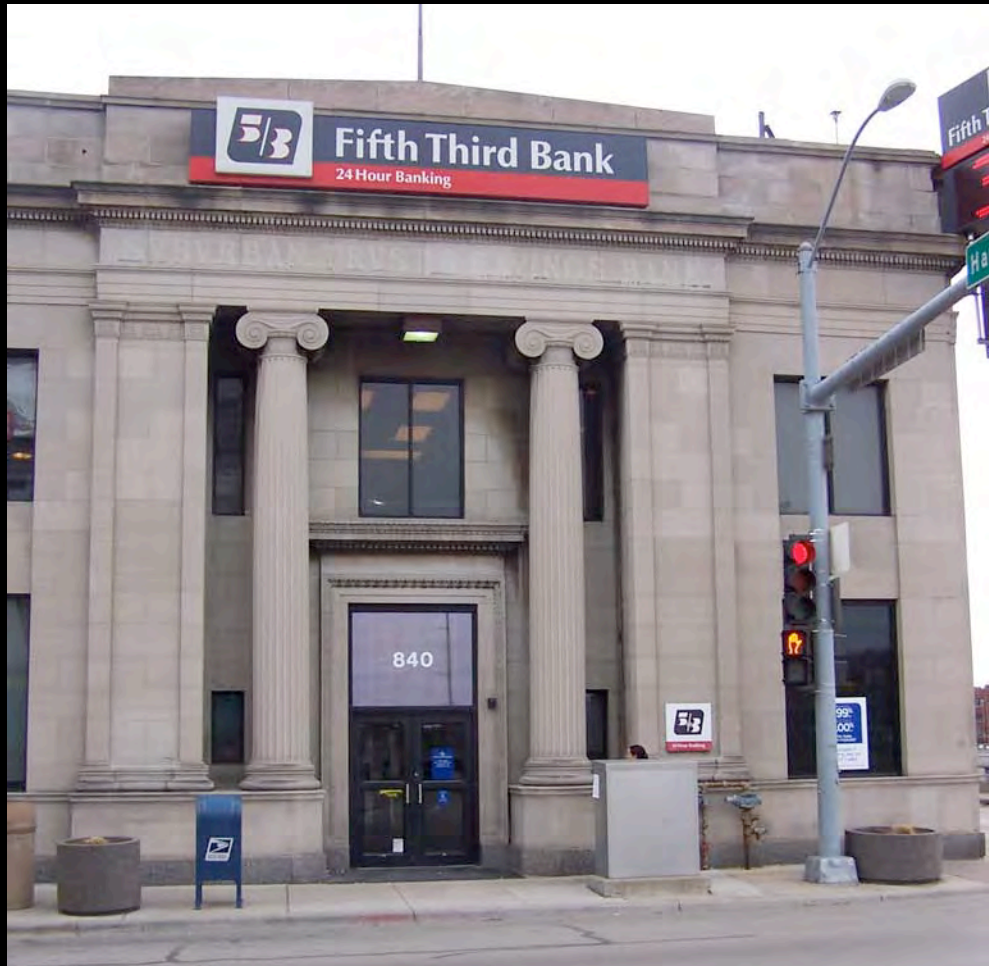
739 Van Buren

Built: 1910s

Serves original purpose as  
apartment building



# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks



840 S. Oak Park

Built: 1905

Original use: Suburban Bank

1927 Addition: Significant Merit

1950 Addition: No Merit



# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks

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833-841 S. Oak Park

Built: 1928

Architect: Peter Nielsen

Original use: storefronts and  
"Suburban Apartments"





# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks

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944-964 S. Oak Park  
Built: 1925  
Contractor: Sam Fishkin  
Client: Nathan Schoenbard  
Garden level store fronts





# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks

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812 - 818 Harrison

Built: 1916

Original use: Oddfellows Hall

Builder: Harry Cotton

Designated Oak Park  
Landmark, 2003

# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks



905 S. Oak Park

Built: 1926

Original owner: T.A. Holm

Original use: Real estate offices



# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks

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945 S. Oak Park

Built: 1926

Original owner: Mabel  
Sinclair

Original use: gas station



# Significant Merit: Potential Landmarks

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Oak Park Blue Line CTA stop



# Conclusions

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- Limited number of resources demonstrating significant merit.
- Isolated meritorious examples within a non-contributing context.
- Widespread demolition and alterations in recent decades.
- No cohesive period of significance.
- No identifiable thematic consistency.



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	801 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	W21	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Gas station				



Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	glass		
	brick		
	porcelain enamel steel		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials	asphalt shingle		
Overall Condition			
Notable Features			



Small gas pump canopies, open corner window, and porcelain enamel panels remaining on rear facade.

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1948	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Gas station (Standard Oil)	
Contractor			
Original Owner	J.T. Hyde	Additions/Alterations	
Field Notes		Brick cladding, shingle mansard roof, signage.	

### History Notes

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	807-09 Garfield	Map ID Number	W9	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	mixed use				

Front Orientation	N	Number of Stories	2
Style/Detailing	simplified neo-classical		
Wall Material(s)	brick		
	limestone		
Storefront	altered		
Other Windows	vinyl replacement		
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition	fair		

Notable Features

dentil molding at cornice



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1929	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	storefront, cladding, awning, and windows
Contractor			
Original Owner		History Notes	

Field Notes

Connected to other addresses deemed too highly altered to survey.

History Notes

Gerber's Hardware at 809 - destroyed by fire in 1965?

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	809 - 811 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	W20	PIN Number	
Significance	No merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	vacant				

Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	dryvit		
	Lannon stone		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition			



Notable Features

low Lannon stone bulkhead

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade		Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	Cladding and awning
Contractor			
Original Owner			

Field Notes

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	811 Garfield	Map ID Number	W10	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Commercial				



Front Orientation	N	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	Dryvit		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition			
Notable Features			

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade		Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	Entire facade.
Contractor			
Original Owner		History Notes	

Field Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address

Significance

Current Owner

Current Use

Map ID Number  PIN Number



Front Orientation  Number of Stories

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s)

Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

History Notes

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	813 - 815 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	W19	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Commercial & residential				



Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	3
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	brick		
	terra cotta		
Storefront	altered		
Other Windows	vinyl replacement		
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition	good		

**Notable Features**

symmetrical parapet wall, terra cotta details

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1928	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect	J.S. Canfield	Additions/Alterations	awning, upstairs windows
Contractor			
Original Owner	Dr. Henry Way	History Notes	

**Field Notes**

815: alterations in 1946  
 813-15: alterations 1953  
 new storefronts 1956

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 815 Garfield

Significance Merit

Current Owner

Current Use Commercial

Map ID Number W11 PIN Number



Front Orientation N Number of Stories 2

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s) brick, limestone

Storefront replaced

Other Windows vinyl replacement

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition fair

Notable Features

limestone stringcourse, symmetrical parapet

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1911 Original or Prior Uses

Architect

Contractor James Hay / W.F. Higgins

Original Owner James Hay & Son

Additions/Alterations

Field Notes

windows, doors, first floor brick facade

Field Notes

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 817 - 823 S. Oak Park

Significance Merit

Current Owner

Current Use mixed use

Map ID Number W18 PIN Number



Front Orientation E Number of Stories 3

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s) brick, terra cotta

Storefront replaced

Other Windows wood

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition highly altered

Notable Features

Some original storefronts, some 1960s. Arcade design is original, terra cotta details.

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1922

Architect George Ringshes

Contractor

Original Owner Robert Nicholas

Original or Prior Uses

Known as "The Community Arcade" when constructed. Nicholas Hardware on the first floor.

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

Cornice and balcony claddings replaced, first floor awnings and some storefronts.

History Notes

Oak Leaves, September 2, 1922: "A new kind of building for the business community." Oak Park contractors used: Guy & McClintock (masonry), August Caron (carpentry), W.A. Bunge (plumbing), William Lees (heating), William Dean (electric), Enoch Purnell (sheet metal).

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	821 Garfield	Map ID Number	W12	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Commercial				



Front Orientation	N	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	Brick		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition			
Notable Features			

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade		Original or Prior Uses	
Architect			
Contractor			
Original Owner			
		Additions/Alterations	

Field Notes

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 825 S. Oak Park

Significance No merit

Current Owner

Current Use bar and restaurant

Map ID Number W17 PIN Number



Front Orientation E Number of Stories 2

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s) dryvit

Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade

Original or Prior Uses

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Additions/Alterations

Field Notes

Entire facade

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	829 - 831 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	W16	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Commercial				



Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	2
Style/Detailing	simplified neo-classical		
Wall Material(s)	brick		
	limestone		
Storefront	altered		
Other Windows	vinyl replacement		
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition	good		

**Notable Features**

Limestone stringcourse

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1910	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect	Charles Kristen, William Kramer	Additions/Alterations	awning
Contractor	Henry Hogans		
Original Owner	Henry Hogans		

**Field Notes**

**History Notes**

1920: 829 - 831 sold  
 1924: storefront permit for 829

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 833 - 841 S. Oak Park

Significance Significant Merit

Current Owner

Current Use Commercial

Map ID Number W15 PIN Number



Front Orientation SE Number of Stories 3

Style/Detailing

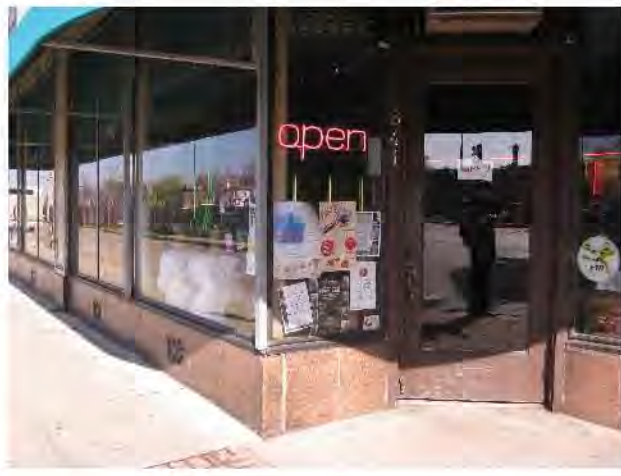
Wall Material(s) terra cotta

Storefront original

Other Windows wood

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition very good



Notable Features

SVBVRBAN APARTMENTS sign along roofline on south facade. White terra cotta facade and storefronts all intact.

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1928

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

Commercial & residential

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

Awning

History Notes

March 31, 1928 Oak Leaves advertisement: 2 and 3 room apartments with "electrical refrigeration, latest kitchenette, in-a-dor beds" for \$60/month and up. Rented by the real estate department of the Suburban Trust & Savings Bank.

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 901-903 S. Oak Park

Significance No merit

Current Owner

Current Use commercial

Map ID Number W8 PIN Number



Front Orientation E Number of Stories 2

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s) brick  
Lannon stone

Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

Entire facade altered c. 1955

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 905 S. Oak Park Ave.

Significance Significant Merit

Current Owner

Current Use Chicago Digital CD Emporium

Map ID Number W7 PIN Number



Front Orientation E Number of Stories 3

Style/Detailing Baroque/Neo-Classical

Wall Material(s) terra cotta  
brick

Storefront replaced

Other Windows wood

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition Good

Notable Features

Intact polychrome terra cotta facade



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1925

Architect J.J. Cerny

Contractor Frevol & Medbuy

Original Owner T.A. Holm

Original or Prior Uses

T.A. Holm Building - realty company offices

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

Sign and storefront, storm windows

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address

Significance

Current Owner

Current Use

Map ID Number  PIN Number

Front Orientation  Number of Stories

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s)

Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	914 S. Grove	Map ID Number	W13	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Commercial				



Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	Brick		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition			
Notable Features			

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade		Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	
Contractor			
Original Owner			

Field Notes

History Notes

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	917 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	W5	PIN Number	
Significance	No merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	commercial and residential				



Front Orientation	E	Number of Stories	4
Style/Detailing			
Wall Material(s)	glass		
	brick		
	wood paneling		
Storefront			
Other Windows			
Visible Roof Materials			
Overall Condition			
Notable Features			

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	c. 2005	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	
Contractor			
Original Owner			

Field Notes

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 919 S. Oak Park

Significance No merit

Current Owner

Current Use commercial

Map ID Number W4 PIN Number



Front Orientation E Number of Stories 3

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s) brick  
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Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade c. 2003 Original or Prior Uses

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Additions/Alterations

Field Notes

History Notes

Identified in Village Historic Inventory

# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 925 S. Oak Park

Significance Merit

Current Owner

Current Use multi-family residential

Map ID Number W3 PIN Number

Front Orientation E Number of Stories 2.5

Style/Detailing simplified Victorian

Wall Material(s) asphalt shingle  
wood

Storefront NA

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials asphalt shingle

Overall Condition fair

Notable Features

Doric porch columns, some stained glass windows



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1908

Architect

Contractor William Schutz

Original Owner Henry Jensen

Original or Prior Uses

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

cladding

History Notes

sold in 1976

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 929 S. Oak Park

Significance Merit

Current Owner

Current Use apartments

Map ID Number W2 PIN Number



Front Orientation N Number of Stories 3

Style/Detailing mid-century modern

Wall Material(s) brick  
Lannon stone

Storefront

Other Windows vinyl

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition good

Notable Features

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1962

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

apartments

Additions/Alterations

vinyl windows

Field Notes

History Notes

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address 945 S. Oak Park

Significance Significant Merit

Current Owner Russo's Auto Service

Current Use auto service

Map ID Number W1 PIN Number



Front Orientation S Number of Stories 1

Style/Detailing utilitarian

Wall Material(s) brick

wood

Storefront NA

Other Windows wood

Visible Roof Materials asphalt shingle

Overall Condition good (restored)

Notable Features

Original wood service canopy

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade 1926

Architect A.G. Burtar

Contractor

Original Owner Mabel Sinclair

Original or Prior Uses

gas station

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

History Notes

1927: brick addition

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	739 Van Buren	Map ID Number	SE1	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Residential - Apartment				

Front Orientation	N	Number of Stories	3
Style/Detailing	1920s Eclectic		
Wall Material(s)	Brick, Limestone		
Storefront	N/A		
Other Windows	Vinyl		
Visible Roof Materials	Asphalt		
Overall Condition	Excellent		



**Notable Features**

Maher-esque Prairie Entry  
Central Attic Dorner

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1910s	Original or Prior Uses	Residential - Apartments
Architect		Additions/Alterations	Vinyl Windows
Contractor			Awning
Original Owner			

**Field Notes**

**History Notes**

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	800 Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE2	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Mixed Use - Retail & Apartments				

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	3
Style/Detailing	1920s Eclectic		
Wall Material(s)	Brick, Limestone		
Storefront	Aluminum		
Other Windows	Vinyl		
Visible Roof Materials	None - Parapet		
Overall Condition	Excellent		



Notable Features

Curved Corner  
Corbelled Entry

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1922	Original or Prior Uses	Mixed Use
Architect		Additions/Alterations	Aluminum Storefront Awnings New Door
Contractor			
Original Owner			

Field Notes

History Notes

Originally and currently a 3 story brick with 2 stores and 4 apartments.

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	804 Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE3	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner	Lolo's Mexican Restaurant				
Current Use					

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing	Bad Colonial Revival		
Wall Material(s)	Brick, Wood		
Storefront	Wood		
Other Windows	None		
Visible Roof Materials	False Wood Shingle		
Overall Condition	Structure is good		

Notable Features

Large Storefront  
Mansard Roof



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1922	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		804-806 3 brick stores	
Contractor			
Original Owner			
Field Notes		Additions/Alterations	
		1963 alterations	

History Notes	
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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	810 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE4	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Charter One Bank				

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	2
Style/Detailing	Bad Colonial Revival		
Wall Material(s)	Brick, Wood		
Storefront	Aluminum		
Other Windows	Vinyl		
Visible Roof Materials	Mansard Wood Shingles		
Overall Condition	Structure is good		



**Notable Features**

Wood clad first floor  
Drive thru

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1963	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	
Contractor	Village Savings and Loan		
Original Owner		History Notes	

**Field Notes**

**History Notes**

A bank building built in 1929 was on the site previously.

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	814,816,818 Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE5	PIN Number	
Significance	No Merit				
Current Owner					
Current Use	Seattle Sutton, Zen, Nothing, Kuba Jewelers				

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing	Mid Century Modern		
Wall Material(s)	Mosaic Tile, Tile, Dryvit, Granite Base		
Storefront	Aluminum		
Other Windows	None		
Visible Roof Materials	None		
Overall Condition	Structure is good		

**Notable Features**

Original 1960s Beveled Storefront

814 - Slate Stone, Pebble, Wood, New Storefront Door, Aluminum Windows



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1960S	Original or Prior Uses	Originally was a 2 story with ground floor retail and second floor apartments.
Architect		Additions/Alterations	
Contractor			
Original Owner			

**Field Notes**

**History Notes**

Original building was built in 1914 as apt/retail. In 1925, a brick Post Office and store was built. In 1945, 1818 was altered. In 1957, a new post office was built on the site.

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	824 Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE6	PIN Number	
Significance	Merit				
Current Owner	Pans Grocery				
Current Use	Pans Grocery				

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	1
Style/Detailing	Mid Century Modern		
Wall Material(s)	Brick, Aluminum,		
Storefront	Aluminum		
Other Windows	None		
Visible Roof Materials	None		
Overall Condition	Excellent		
Notable Features			



Mid Century Details

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1956	Original or Prior Uses	
Architect		Additions/Alterations	
Contractor			
Original Owner			

Field Notes

**History Notes**  
 Previously on 820 S. Oak Park there was a story and a half frame house. 828 S. Oak Park was Avenue Pharmacy in the 1930s. Southern Theater was demolished for Pan's Grocery parking lot.

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	840 Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE7	PIN Number	
Significance	Addition has No Merit / Original has Significant Merit		/8		
Current Owner	5/3 Bank				
Current Use	5/3 Bank				

Front Orientation	W	Number of Stories	2/2
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Style/Detailing	Mid Century Modern / Classical Rev
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Wall Material(s)	Limestone / Limestone
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Storefront	Aluminum / Granite
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Other Windows	Vinyl / Vinyl
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Visible Roof Materials	None
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Overall Condition	Excellent
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**Notable Features**

Classical Revival Details Prominent Location
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**Historic Information**

Date or Approx. Decade	1950s / 1910s	Original or Prior Uses
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Architect		Bank
Contractor		

Original Owner		<p><b>Additions/Alterations</b></p> <p>1950s Addition</p>
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**Field Notes**

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**History Notes**

1945 and 1963 new buildings were built on the site. These were demolished for the 1950 Addition. In 1978, a drive thru was added to the 1950 addition.

Identified in Village Historic Inventory



# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	900-910 Oak Park
Significance	Merit
Current Owner	Unknown
Current Use	Mixed Use - Residential & Retail Sign Express, Oak Park Battery, Taste of Brasil, Park Ave. Coin Laundry

Map ID Number  PIN Number

Front Orientation	<input type="text" value="W"/>	Number of Stories	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Style/Detailing	<input type="text" value="1960s Commercial"/>		
Wall Material(s)	<input type="text" value="Brick, Limestone, Mosaic Tile, Aluminum"/>		
Storefront	<input type="text" value="Aluminum"/>		
Other Windows	<input type="text" value="Vinyl"/>		
Visible Roof Materials	<input type="text" value="None"/>		
Overall Condition	<input type="text" value="Good"/>		

Notable Features

Original Limestone Details, Brick Corbels



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	<input type="text" value="1922"/>
Architect	<input type="text"/>
Contractor	<input type="text"/>
Original Owner	<input type="text"/>

Original or Prior Uses

Original

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

1950s Storefront,  
Mosaic Tile

History Notes

1931 - Addition  
1950s storefront alterations

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address

Significance

Current Owner

Current Use

Map ID Number  PIN Number

Front Orientation  Number of Stories

Style/Detailing

Wall Material(s)

Storefront

Other Windows

Visible Roof Materials

Overall Condition

Notable Features



Courtyard building with large limestone details, clay tile roof, and limestone details.

### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade

Architect

Contractor

Original Owner

Original or Prior Uses

Field Notes

Additions/Alterations

History Notes

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# OAK PARK

## SOUTH TOWN DISTRICT SURVEY

Address	950 S. Oak Park	Map ID Number	SE11	PIN Number	
Significance	Significant Merit				
Current Owner	CTA				
Current Use	"Oak Park" Blue Line Station				

Front Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Stories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Style/Detailing	Mid Century Modern		
Wall Material(s)	Brick		
	Glass and glass block		
Storefront	<input type="text"/>		
Other Windows	Aluminum		
Visible Roof Materials	<input type="text"/>		
Overall Condition	Good		
Notable Features	<input type="text"/>		



### Historic Information

Date or Approx. Decade	1961	Original or Prior Uses	Same as Current
Architect	<input type="text"/>	Additions/Alterations	<input type="text"/>
Contractor	<input type="text"/>		
Original Owner	<input type="text"/>	History Notes	

Field Notes

**History Notes**  
 Built in 1961 as part of the Eisenhower construction.

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