





Our Route. The numbers are mile markers. It was a longish tour.

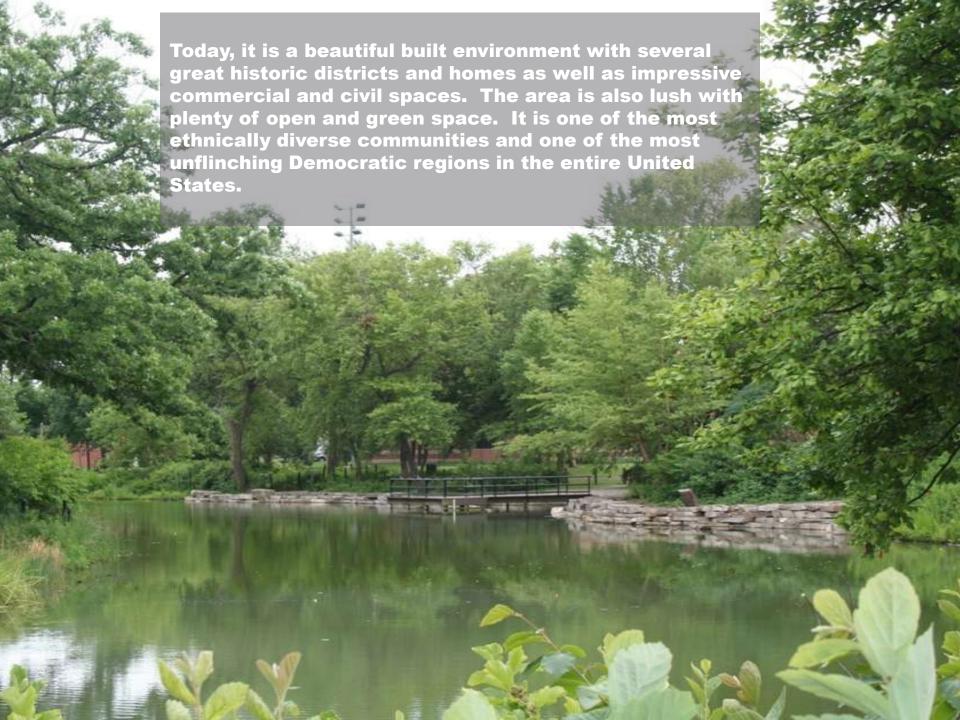
- 1. Start at Gompers Park entrance at Pulaski and Foster
- 2. Cross street and head west on Foster
- 3. Enter onto sidewalk at first cross street
- 4. Turn right, heading north into Gompers Park. Follow trail along river until it turns left, heading south
- 5. Exit park, turn right, heading west on Foster
- 6. Enter LaBagh Woods at entrance after viaduct, turning right, heading north into LaBagh Drive. Follow loop to Highway overpass, exiting from overpass.
- 7. Turn left. Heading south on Cicero
- 8. Turn left, heading east on Foster
- 9. Turn right, heading south on Kenneth
- 10. Turn right, heading west on Lawrence
- 11. Turn left, heading south on Kenton
- 12. Turn right, heading east on Lawrence
- 13. Turn left, heading north on Kostner
- 14. Turn right, heading east on Foster Ave
- 15. Turn right at entrance of park at Keeler Ave. Follow loop through South Gompers Park
- 16. Exit adjacent to YMCA and turn left, heading north on Pulaski
- 17. Turn right, heading east on Bryn
 Mawr
- 18. Turn right into parking lot of Northern Illinois University. Follow loop through campus and Prairie

- Reclamation area
- 19. Exit, turning right, heading south onto St. Louis
- 20. Turn left, heading east on Berwyn
- 21. Turn left, heading north on Bernard
- 22. Turn right, heading east on Bryn Mawr
- 23. Turn right, heading south on Sawyer
- 24. Cross Foster to enter North Park campus. Follow loop to the rear of the North River Branch River Walk path, exiting on south side of Von Steuben High.
- 25. Turn right heading north on Kimball
- 26. Turn left, heading west on Carmen
- 27. Crossing Central Park, continue west on North River Branch River Walk trail into Eugene Park. Follow outer rim of trail exiting left, heading south onto Avers
- 28. Turn left heading east on Ainslie
- 29. Turn left, heading north on Hamlin
- 30. Turn right, heading west on Argyle
- 31. Turn left, heading north on Ridgeland, which cul de sacs.
- 32. Return back down Ridgeland, heading south
- 33. Turn left, heading east on Argyle
- 34. Turn right, heading south on Central Park
- 35. Turn left, heading east on Ainslie
- 36. Turn left, heading north on Sawyer
- 37. Turn right, heading east on Carmen
- 38. Enter River Park at Carmen and Albany, follow river trail through Ronan Park.
- 39. Exit Ronan Park, turning right, heading west on Lawrence

- 40. Turn left, heading south on Avers
- 41. Turn left, heading east on Sunnyside
- 42. Turn left. Heading north on Hamlin
- 43. Turn right, heading east on Wilson
- 44. Turn right, heading south on Lawndale
- 45. Turn left, heading east on Sunnyside
- 46. Turn left, heading north on Monticello
- 47. Turn right, heading east on Wilson
- 48. Turn right, heading south on Kimball
- 49. Turn left, heading east on Sunnyside
- 50. Turn left, heading north on Sawyer
- 51. Turn right heading east on Wilson
- 52. Turn right, heading south on Troy
- 53. Turn left, heading east on Montrose
- 54. Turn left, heading north on
- 55. Turn right, heading east on Sunnyside
- 56. Turn left, heading north on Mozart
- 57. Turn left, heading north on Manor
- 58. Turn right, heading east on Eastwood
- 59. Turn right at alley at the end of Eastwood, heading south
- 60. Turn right, heading west on Wilson
- 61. Turn left, heading south on Manor
- 62. Turn left, heading east on Windsor
- 63. Turn right at alley at the end of Windsor heading south
- 64. Turn right, heading west on Sunnyside
- 65. Turn left, heading south at California
- 66. End at Horner Park at main entrance at Montrose and California

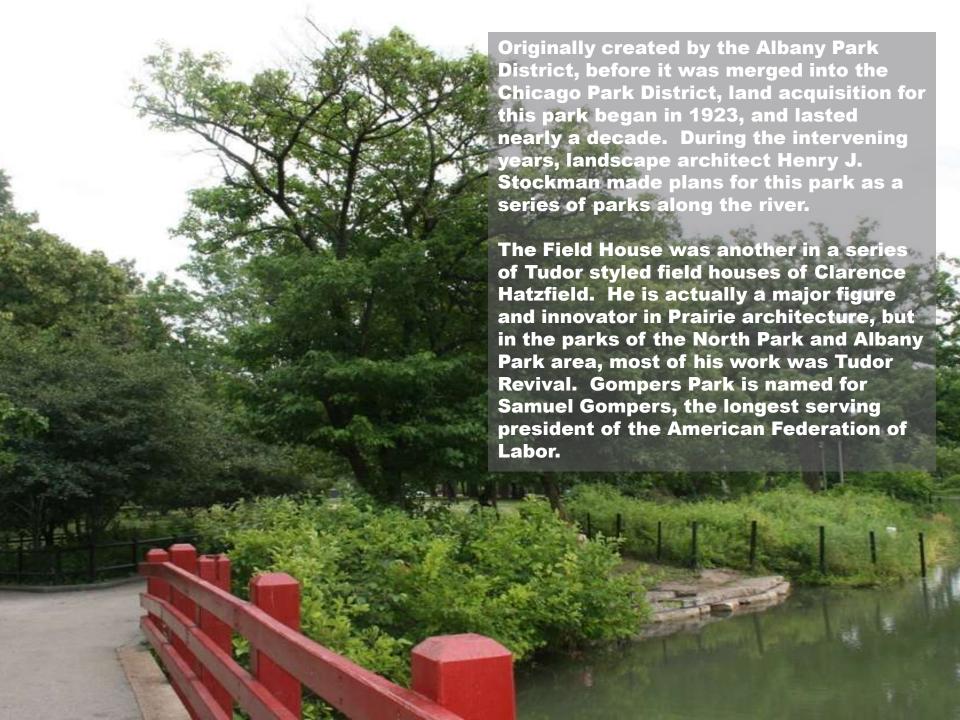
Albany Park is Chicago Community Area #14. We are located 8 miles northwest of the loop and we are surrounded by North Park to our north, Forest Glen to the northwest, Jefferson Park to the West, Portage Park southwest, Irving Park to the South, North Center to the southeast and Lincoln Square to the East. We are currently also standing in the Albany Park neighborhood. The community area's borders are roughly Montrose on the south, the North Branch of the Chicago river to the east and north, and on the West, part of the border is at Pulaski and part is at the original plank road, Elston on the West, and then jogs over on Lawrence to Cicero. The neighborhood of Albany Park extends its northern border to Bryn Mawr, well into the geography of the North Park community area, and only extends as far west from the river as Pulaski.

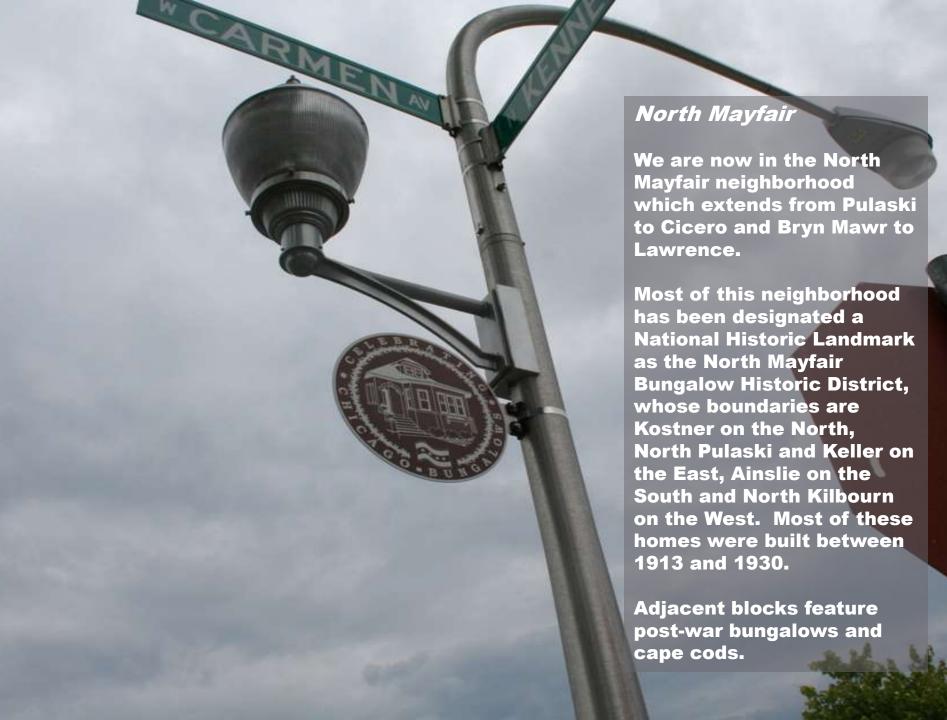
Albany Park's beginnings go back to 1868 when Richard Rusk built a large farm and a brickyard along the North Branch of the Chicago river. Soon citizens of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs were coming to Rusk Race Track to watch the horse races, and a few enjoyed the slower pace of country life and moved out to the Northwest Suburbs to escape the city. By 1889, Albany Park was annexed to Chicago with the rest of the Jefferson Township. At this time, the area was hardly developed at all. A group of four Chicago investors bought 640 acres of the land in the area that is now Albany Park and developed it. Amongst them were three moguls in streetcars, transportation and Railroads, so they brought rail lines and street cars to the area, a move that proved to be a critical factor in the success of the neighborhood. One of the men in the group, DeLancy Louderback was originally from Albany, New York, for whom they named the development.

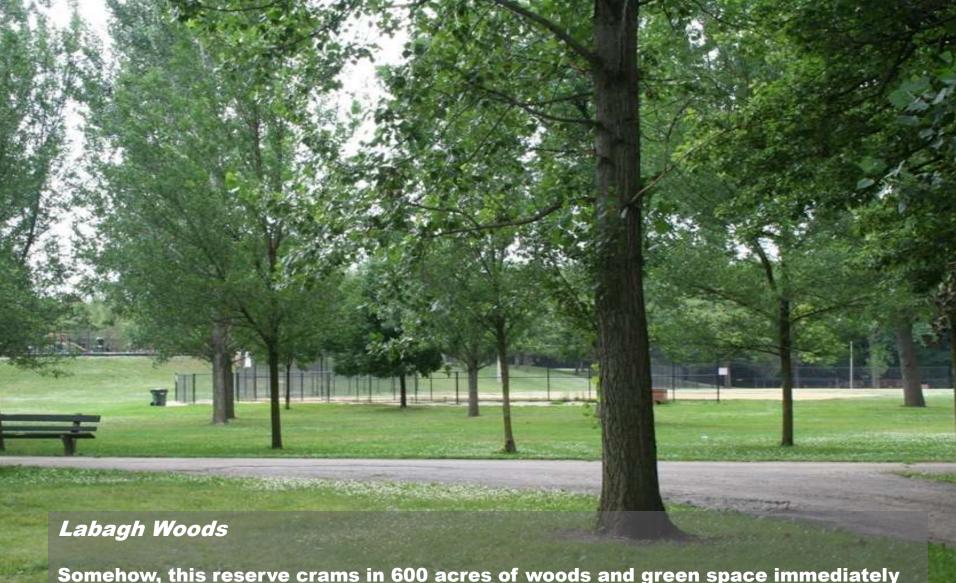




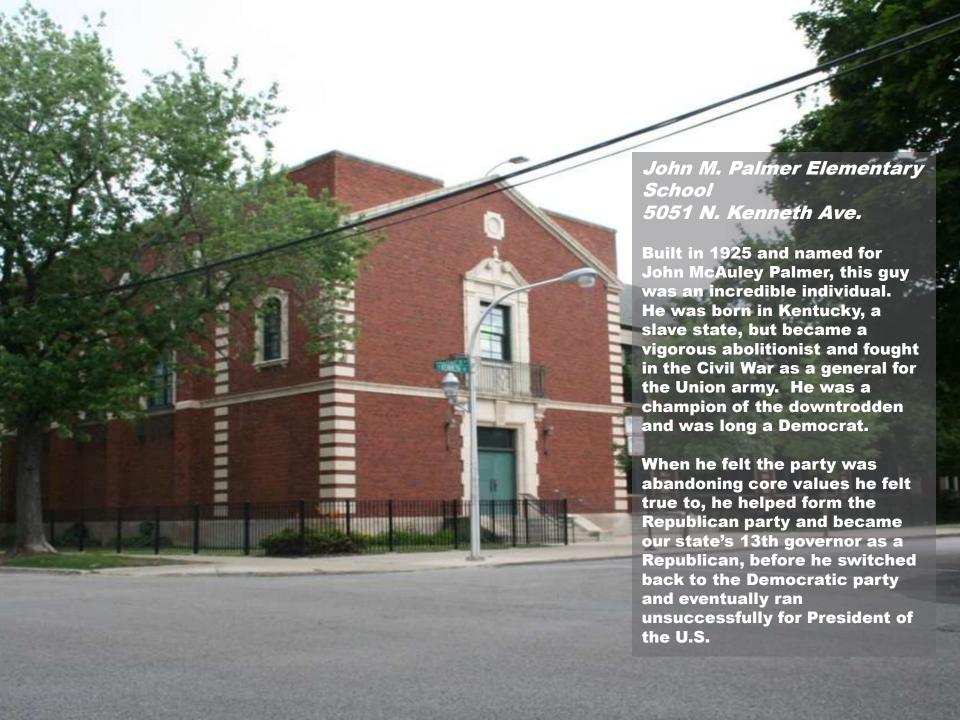








Somehow, this reserve crams in 600 acres of woods and green space immediately adjacent to the most unfriendly of city aspects, highway traffic merging with city traffic. It is immediately adjacent to the Chicago river on one side, and Cicero on the other. A totally well planed green space amidst all of the hustle and bustle of the city. It is also next door to the Irene Hernandez Family Picnic Area and there is a neat overpass of the highway that we will use to exit back onto our path.











4900 block of North Kenneth

Here are a few of the great homes on this stunning block of this historic bungalow district....yes, that's a Tudor on the upper left. Still a stunner...





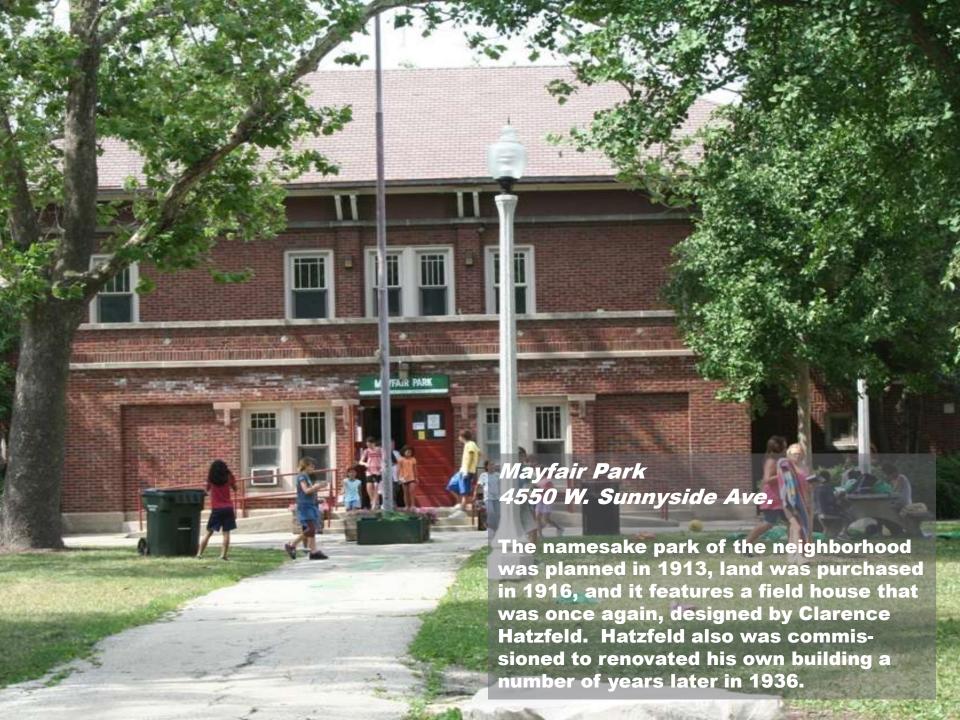


The housing stock in North Mayfair has great variety beyond the traditional Chicago style bungalows it achieved its historical designation for. The previous slide offers excellent examples of the common and upgraded Chicago style bungalows, but it is not the only housing style and form seen in North Mayfair.

On the 4500 and 4600 block of North Kenton are some excellent examples of this variety including a Craftsman bungalow, an American 4-Square and brick 2-flats.





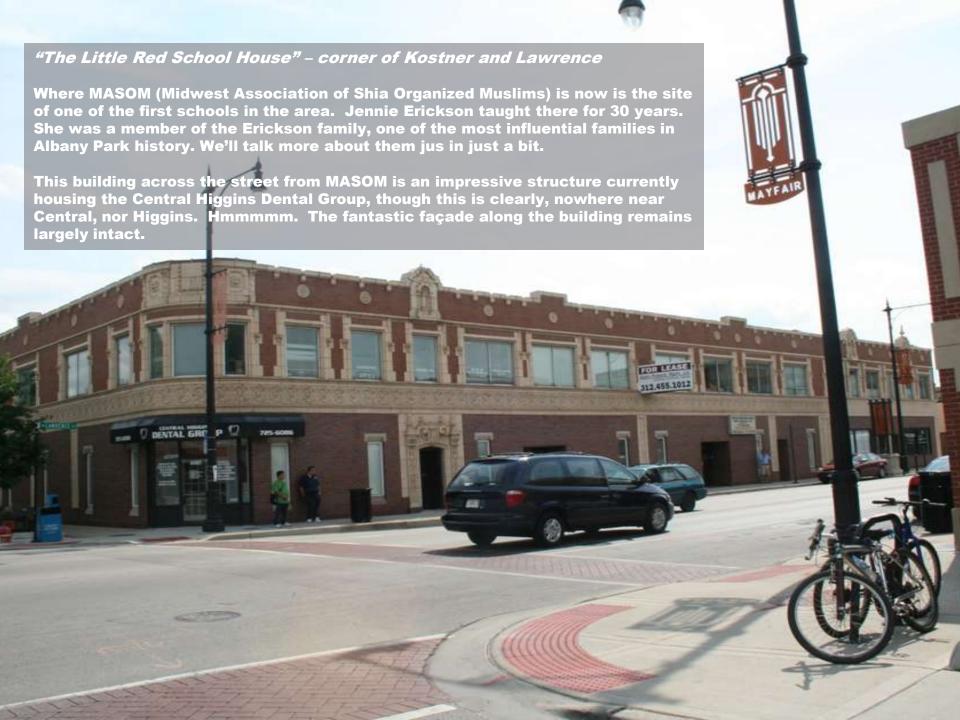






Henry V. Peters House 4731 N Knox Avenue

Again, a repeat from the Irving Park, but the last one, I swear...this house was commissioned a city landmark on May 4, 2004 at a ceremony presided by Mayor Dailey where he hailed this house as "a classic in early Prairie design". The home was built for Henry V. Peters, one of the original developers of the Mayfair subdivision. It was designed by Walter Burley Griffin, a significant member of the Prairie School and early in his career, an employee and protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright. He also married Wright's most noted illustrator, Marion Lucy Mahony. Griffin was a great admirer of Louis Sullivan, in particular, his philosophy that buildings should be fully original and without precedence. This building was built in 1906 by contractor and builder Charles Siebold for a total cost of \$3,000. This was the year Griffin started his own practice and is his first solo work in Chicago. The broad side gabled house accentuates the horizontal nature of the prairie design. It has roof eaves that extend far beyond the edge of the structure and features intricate and fine craftsmanship. It is also one of the first known examples of a residence with an attached garage.





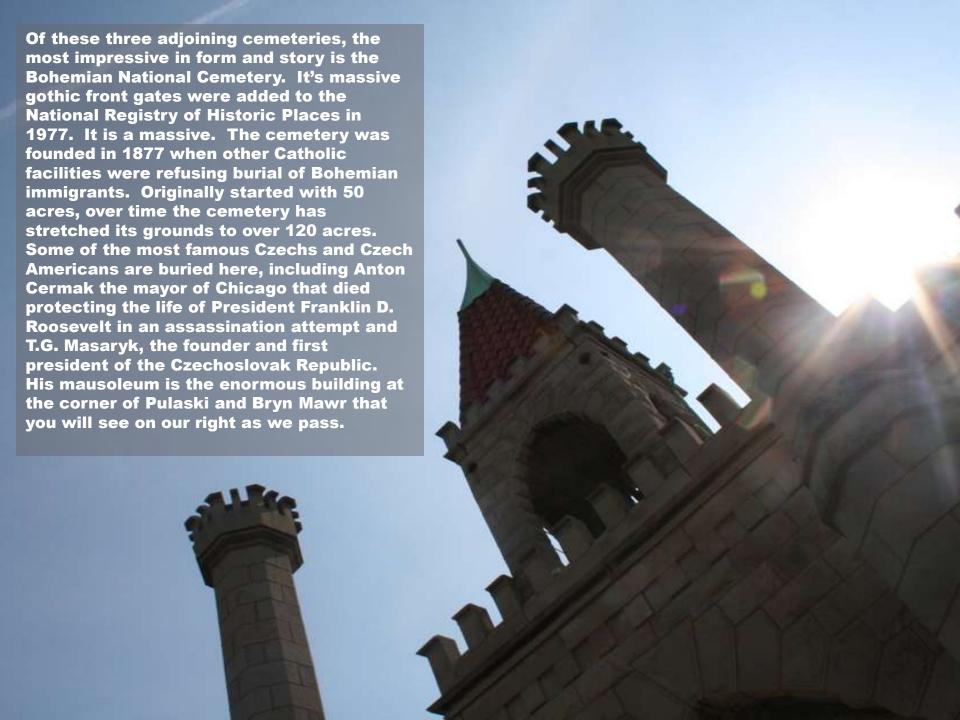


Much of this block was built by an early settling family to the area, the Ericksons, who also built much of North Mayfair. Peter Erickson and his family immigrated from Sweden in 1846 and in 1850 bought ten acres of land in what is now North Mayfair. It was Jennie Erickson who ran and taught at the Little Red School House, one of the areas first schools that we just saw the site for.









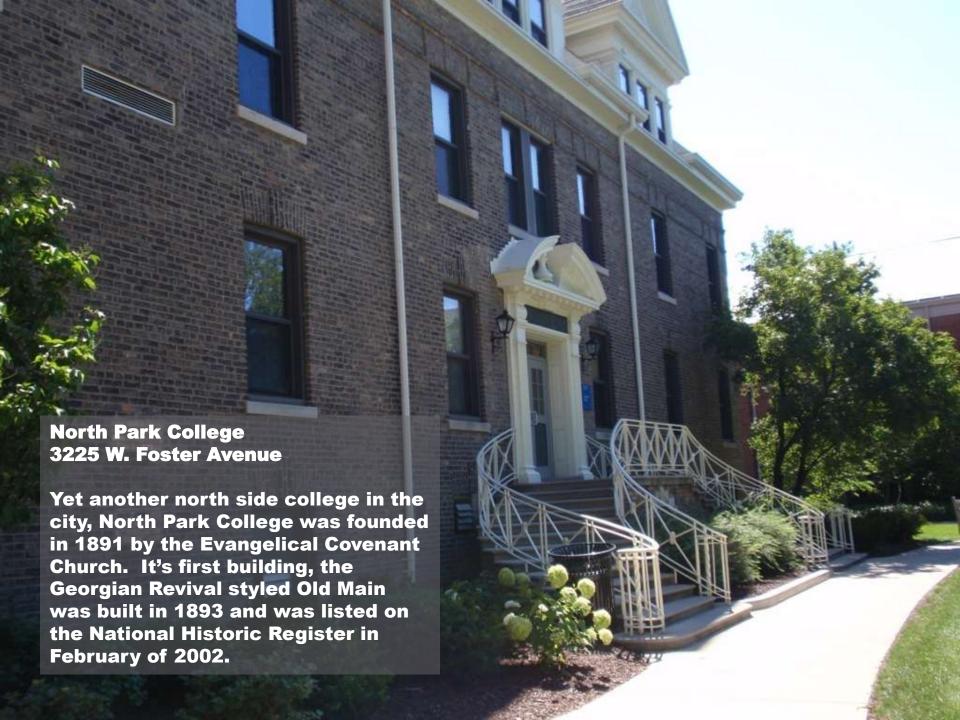


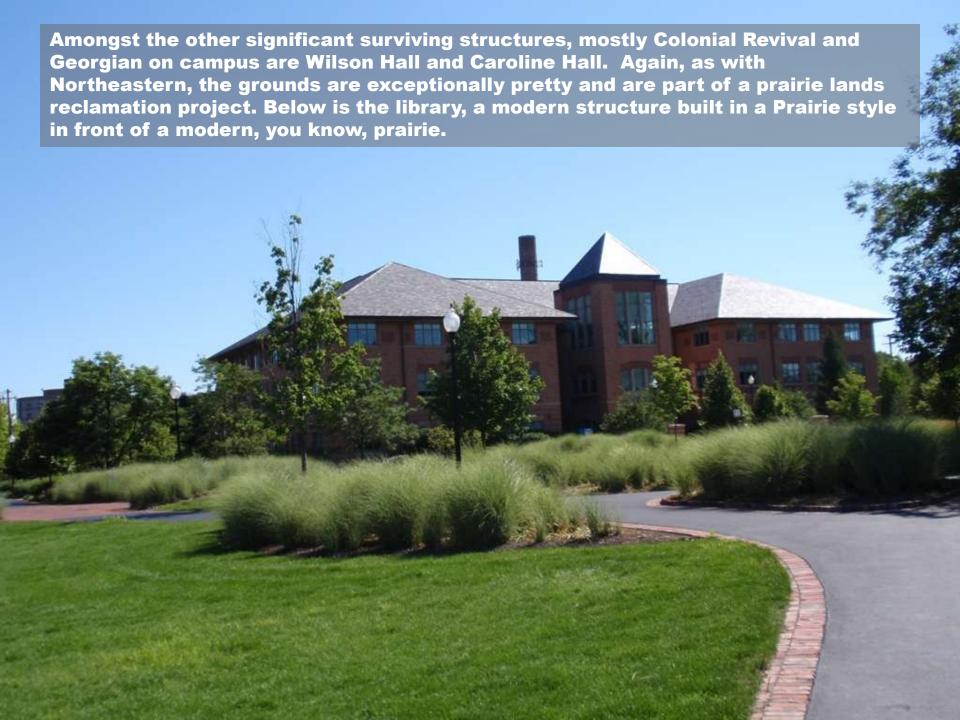


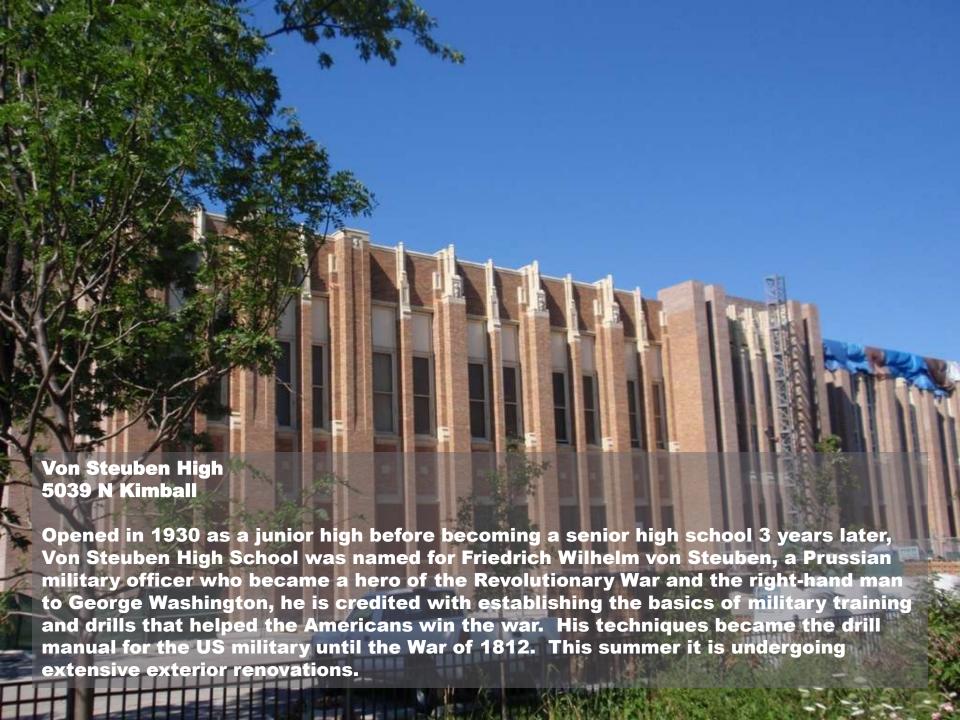


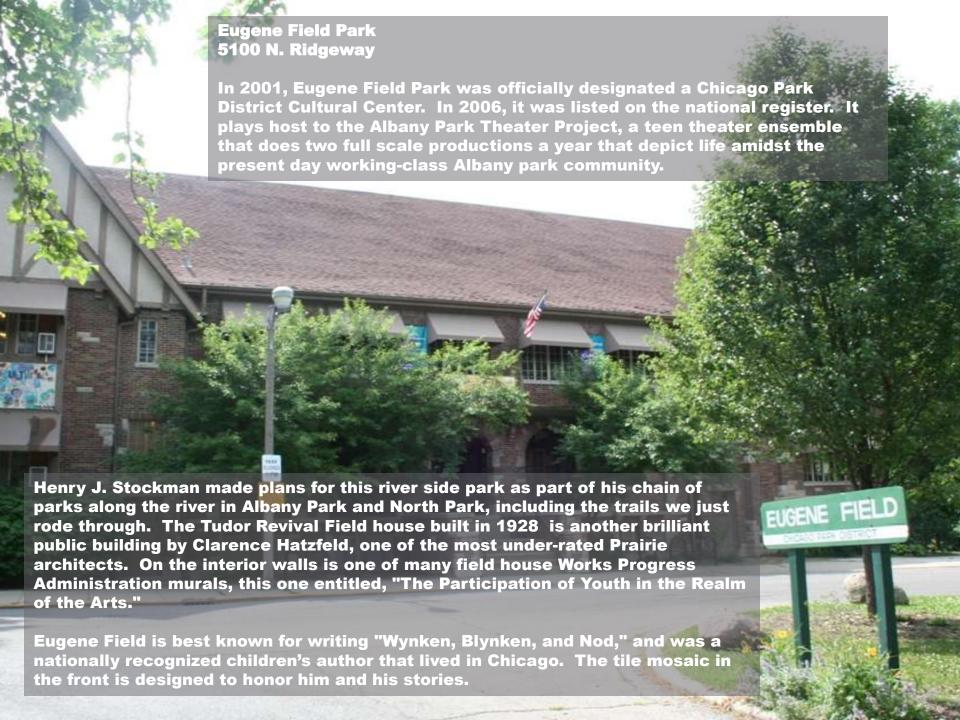


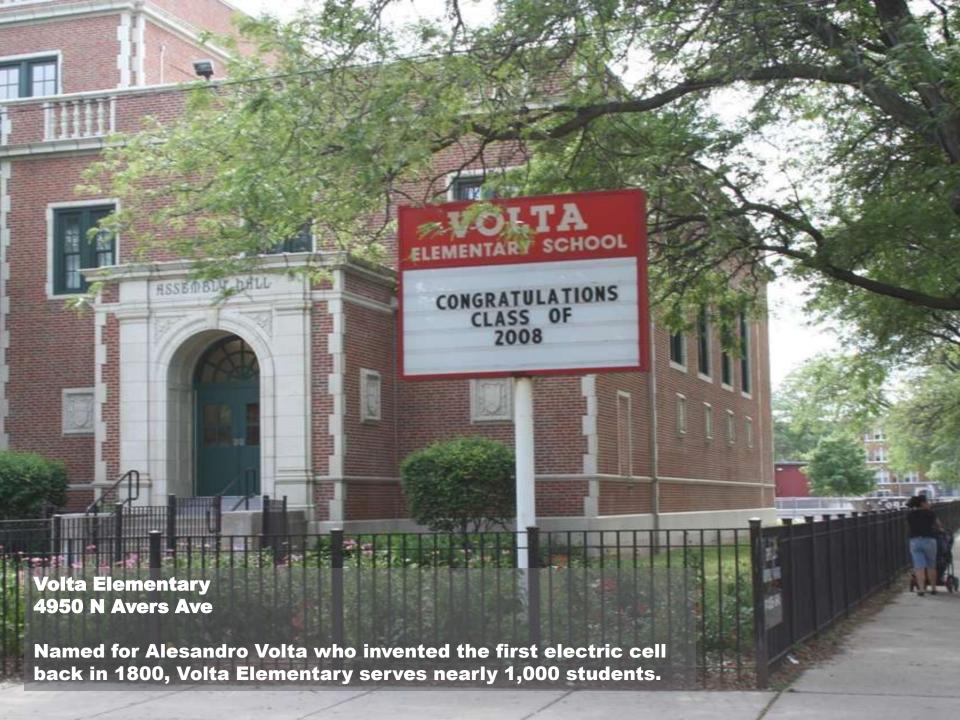






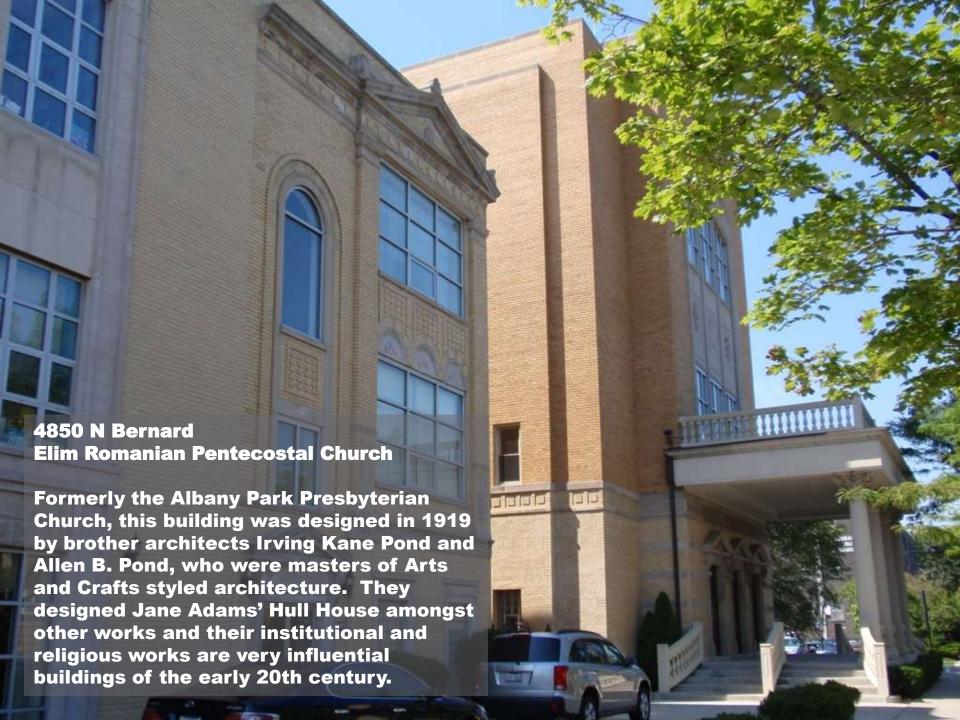






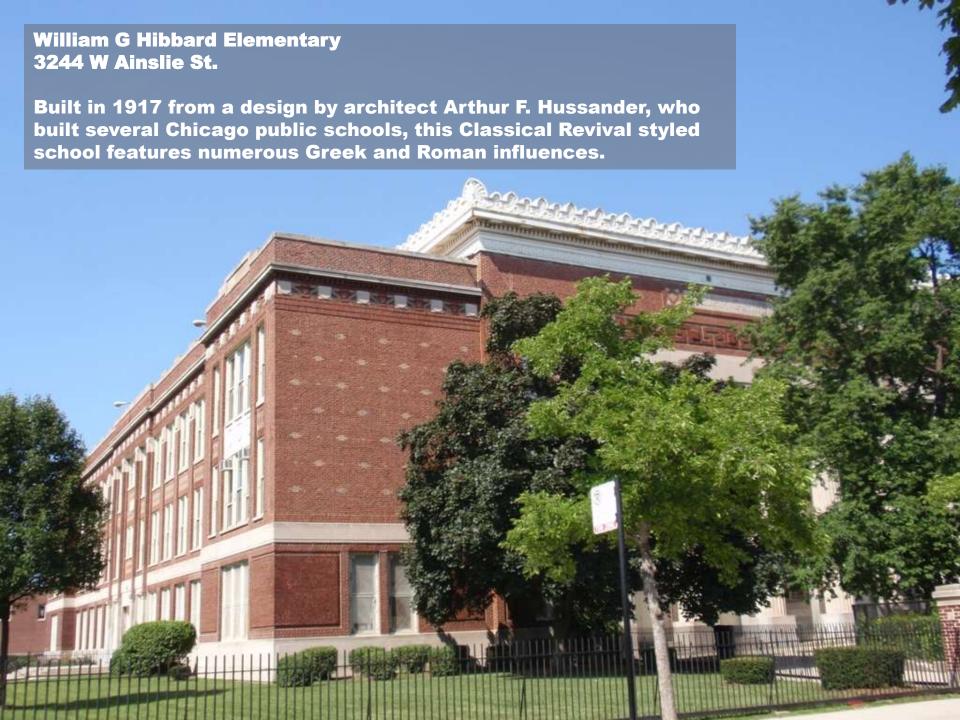


















Lawrence Avenue is also known as Honorary Seoul Drive, due to the large number of Korean businesses located on the street, and in fact, this area surrounding Lawrence Avenue from Kedzie to Pulaski is also commonly known as Koreatown. Up and down this street are a number of classic commercial buildings dating from the early 20th century through the 1930s. We will be biking back close to Pulaski, so we will get a chance to see several of them.

Followingare some noteworthy examples, with as many details as I could discover when they were available.















Amongst the notable developers of Albany Park in 1893 was Charles T. Yerkes. He and one of his trusted men, DeLancy Louderback had long ago made their fortunes, but expanded it greatly when the Chicago elevated lines were privately owned. Bringing the elevated lines to Albany Park was only possible through their influence and money, but it was effective because it allowed people to settle in an area and quickly arrive in the downtown area, particularly after Louderback and Yerkes conceived of and built The Loop. Many people think of the Loop as Downtown Chicago, but it is named for the Downtown loop of elevated train stops that were built to service the entire downtown area and all three of the elevated line companies.

Building the Ravenswood Elevated line and placing its terminus here marked an explosion in building and development in commercial and residential Real Estate. Due to the location of this el, the population of Albany Park went from 7,000 in the 1910 census to over 55,000 in the 1930 census, making it one of the most explosive growth areas in the history of Chicago.









More Lawrence buildings of note clockwise from upper left:

3611 – 3615 W Lawrence Ave; 3647 -3657 W Lawrence Ave; 3719 – 3721 W Lawrence Ave; 3740 – 3742 W Lawrence Ave

































Officially outside of the Ravenswood area since it ends at Montrose, it is still a nicer place to end a tour than in the middle of the street, so we will once again borrow an area from our Irving Park Tour. Horner Park is over 50 acres, making it one of the largest parks on the North side of Chicago. There are a wide variety of sports leagues that use the facilities, as well as playgrounds, recreation activities and courses. This park is named in honor of Henry Horner, the first Jewish governor of Illinois.

I hope you all enjoyed the tour and that you can perhaps join us on Sunday August 31st for our Avondale bike tour at Brands Park at 3259 N. Elston Ave. Thank you all for joining us today!