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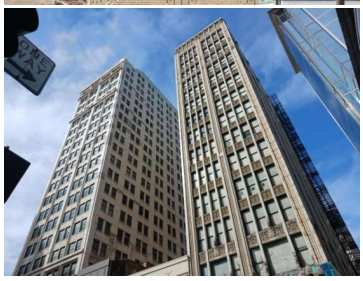
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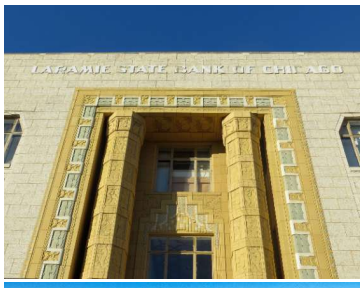
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Incredible 2023 Chicago 7 successes include Century and Consumers Buildings, The Warehouse, and Werner Brothers Storage. Link to all past Chicago 7s.

WINS: 2023

1. WIN: Commission on Chicago Landmarks Recommends Century and Consumers Buildings to City Council for Final Chicago Landmark Designation!
(Chicago 7 2011, 2013, 2022 & 2023)



The Century and Consumers Buildings. The Century Building, 1915, Holabird & Roche, 202 S. State Street. The Consumers Building, 1913, Jenney, Mundie & Jensen, 220 S. State Street. Photo credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago

City panel backs landmarks label for two State Street buildings; The federally owned towers date from the early 20th century and could still be torn down, but the decision of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks could increase pressure to preserve them; David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/7/23

The federal government wants to demolish 2 historic State Street skyscrapers. Preservationists are mobilizing in opposition; Brian J. Rogal, Chicago Tribune, 11/13/23

Endangered State Street towers get unanimous support from city landmarks panel, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 12/7/23

Architects argue for rescuing a pair of imperiled State Street towers, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 11/13/23

Making the case to restore two historic Chicago skyscrapers, Lisa Dent interview with Ward Miller, WGN Radio 720, 11/14/23

Don't demolish historic State Street towers, residents tell Feds, Corli Jay, Crain's Chicago Business, 9/12/237 Most Endangered

2. SUN-TIMES EDITORIAL: Landmarks Commission Must Move to Protect Historic Century and Consumers Buildings (Chicago 7 2011, 2013, 2022 & 2023)



The Century and Consumers Buildings. The Century Building, 1915, Holabird & Roche, 202 S. State Street. The Consumers Building, 1913, Jenney, Mundie & Jensen, 220 S. State Street. Photo credit: Serhii Chrucky

Landmarks commission must move to protect historic Century and Consumers buildings, A vote in favor of designating both skyscrapers as landmarks is the right way to go. It tells the feds the city wants the two historic properties saved, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 12/7/23

Vox preservare: Landmarks commission hearings are a chance to speak up on saving Century and Consumers buildings; The U.S. General Services Administration and the federal judges pushing for demolition would do well to hear and abide by what could be a flood of testimony next week in favor of saving the buildings, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 11/8/23

Century and Consumers Buildings now on national list of 'endangered historic places'; The designation by the National Trust for Historic Preservation is more reason for the feds to reconsider their plan to wreck the historic Loop skyscrapers, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 5/9/23

Fight the power: City must move quickly on landmark status for fed-owned Loop skyscrapers; A preliminary designation hopefully would force the Century and Consumers buildings to be redeveloped rather than demolished, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 4/13/23

Downtown's endangered Century and Consumers buildings deserve landmark status; The city is making the right move by standing up to the feds and formally arguing that the towers are historically and architecturally important, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 9/6/22

Are the endangered Century and Consumer buildings headed toward landmark status? Let's hope so. It would be a better fate than the federal government's plan to demolish the structures for a security plaza, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 7/23/22

A federal case: U.S. government shouldn't wreck two Loop skyscrapers in the name of safety; The buildings' demolition would create an economic and pedestrian dead zone on State Street. And it would be a shameful waste of some really good Chicago architecture, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 4/3/22

3. WIN: Long-Awaited Thompson Center Renderings Retain Building and Atrium (Chicago 7 2016, 2018, 2019 & 2020)



Rendering of James R. Thompson Center Reuse, 1985, Helmut Jahn, 100 W. Randolph Street. Photo Credit: JAHN Architects



Rendering of James R. Thompson Center Reuse, 1985, Helmut Jahn, 100 W. Randolph Street. Photo Credit: JAHN Architects

Google to reconstruct Thompson Center starting early next year, but will keep atrium, Brian J. Rogal, Chicago Tribune, 12/13/23

Google releases new renderings of planned Thompson Center makeover; The renovation would keep the atrium and have a more transparent facade and a new plaza. But we need to see more, architecture critic Lee Bey writes, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/13/23

Google releases renderings of Thompson Center headquarters reconstruction, Rob Hughes ABC 7 Chicago, 12/13/23

Google Unveils New Rendering of Thompson Center Renovation, Says the Atrium is Staying, Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 12/13/23

Google Provides First Look at Plans for Chicago's Thompson Center; Tech Giant Unveils Renderings 18 Months After Striking Deal To Buy Downtown Building, Ryan Ori, CoStar, 12/13/23

Kaegi values Thompson Center at $223M; Tax assessment more than double what Mike Reschke and Quintin Primo paid for it, The Read Deal Staff, The Real Deal, 12/15/23

Details Revealed For Thompson Center Redevelopment, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 12/14/23

Review: Google's 'new' Thompson Center and the perils of 21st-century architectural preservation, Edward Keegan, Crain's Chicago Business, 12/14/23

A first look at the plans for our new Chicago office; See how we'll update the iconic Thompson Center building in Chicago's Loop to be more sustainable and pay homage to the building's original design. Karen Sauder, Google Blog, 12/12/23

Demolition of Thompson Center facade, atrium for Google makeover approved by city; The $6 million demolition isn't a complete surprise, but it possibly means the end of the building's current blue, salmon and white color scheme, one of its signature features, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 10/17/23

4. WIN: St. Adalbert's Church Receives Unanimous Landmark Approved Vote During Packed Landmark Hearing (Chicago 7 2014, 2016, 2019, 2021)



St. Adalbert Church, 1912, Henry J. Schlacks, 1636 W. 17th Street. Photo Credit: Chicago DPD



Supporters of landmarking the shuttered St. Adalbert's church during a special meeting of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks Aug. 7, 2023. St. Adalbert Church, Henry J. Schlacks, 1636 W. 17th Street. Photo Credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago



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Pilsen's St. Adalbert Church Gets Latest Landmark Approval; The Pilsen church has been the site of ongoing protests since it was closed in 2019, as former parishioners fear it will be redeveloped. The City Council must still approve the landmark designation, Quinn Myers, Block Club Chicago, 9/7/23

Protect St. Adalbert's and other historic Catholic churches; The recent preliminary landmark designation must lead to a larger discussion with the Archdiocese, the city and others about the need to preserve and reuse these glorious buildings, among Chicago's best architecture, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 8/12/23

St. Adalbert landmark status moves forward; sale contract signed, Monica M. Walk and William S. Bike, Gazette Chicago, October 2023

No Sanctuary: Are Historic Churches the Lost Souls of a City? Mary Wisniewski, NewCity Design, 8/9/23

Pilsen's St. Adalbert Church Gets Key First Approval To Become Chicago Landmark; Pilsen neighbors and the area's alderman have fought for years to preserve the church building, which was closed and deconsecrated in 2019, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 8/7/23

'I want to pray': 73-year-old woman arrested for protesting shuttered St. Adalbert Church has case dismissed, Nell Salzman, front page of the Chicago Tribune, 8/24/23.

5. WIN: After 23 Year Advocacy Effort, Promontory Point Receives Final Chicago Landmark Designation (Chicago 7 2022)



Promontory Point, 1937, Alfred Caldwell, Chicago Lakefront between 54th and 56th Streets. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers

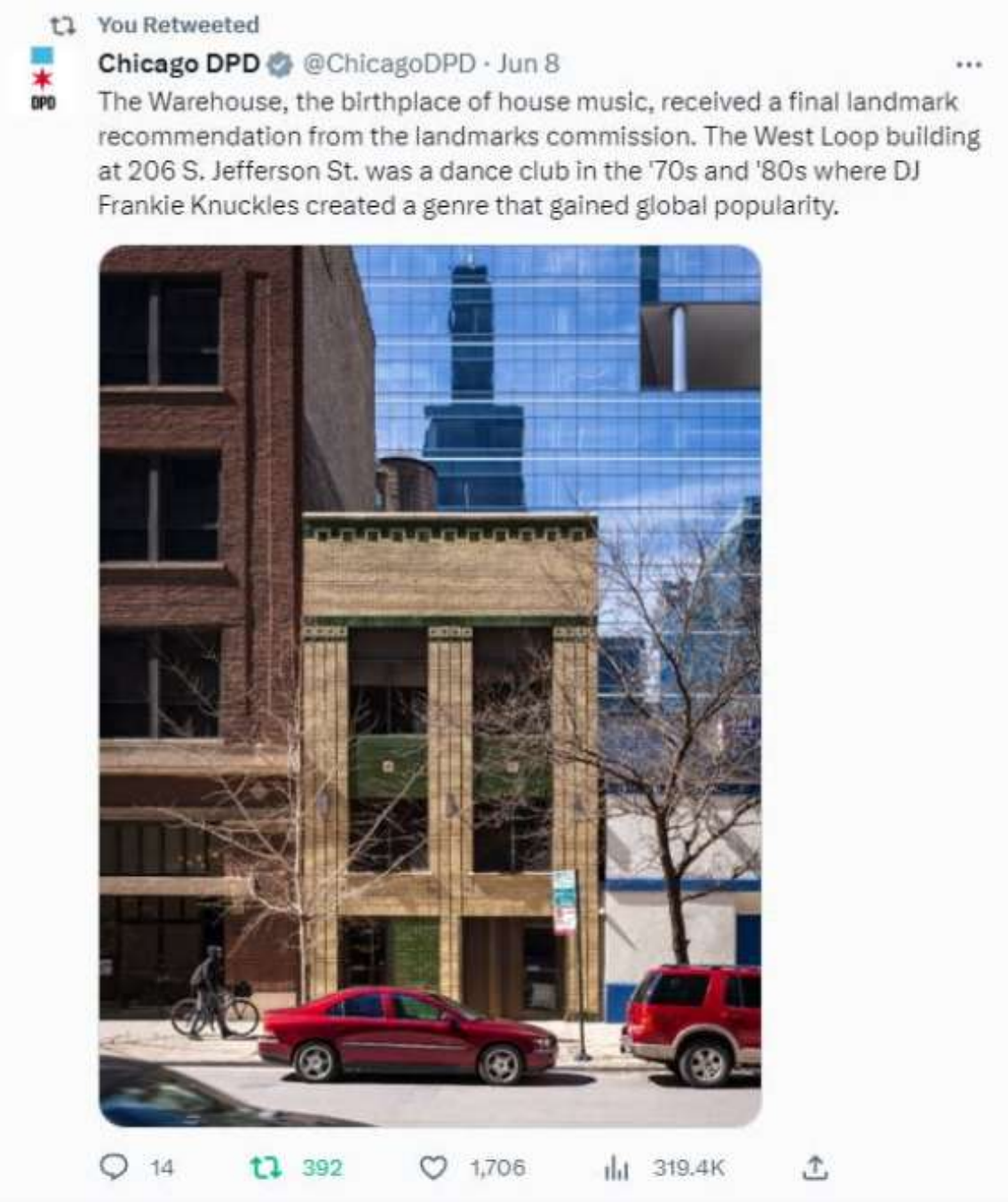
Promontory Point Is Now A Chicago Landmark, A Major Victory For Activists Who Fought For Decades; Ald. Leslie Hairston, who advocated to "Save the Point" for two decades, saw it landmarked in her final City Council meeting before retirement, Maxwell Evans, Block Club Chicago, 4/19/23

Ward Miller Interview on WBEZ Chicago's Reset regarding the Successful Effort to Landmark Promontory Point, WBEZ Chicago 4/20/23 (13 minutes)

2nd Annual Point Day at the Point, May 27, 2023 from 9 to 3. More information at Promontory Point Conservancy webpage

Promontory Point is landmarked, Marc Monaghan, Hyde Park Herald, 4/19/23
It's Official: Promontory Point Is Now a Chicago Landmark After Decades-Long Preservation Fight Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 4/21/23

6. WIN: In Record Speed, The Warehouse Granted Final Chicago Landmark Designation! (Chicago 7 2023)



The Warehouse, the birthplace of house music received final landmark recommendation from the Landmarks Commission on June 8, 2023. The Warehouse, 1906 & 1917, Vernon W. Behel, 206 S. Jefferson Street. Image Credit: Chicago DPD Twitter

The ‘Birthplace’ of House Music is on Its Way to Becoming a Chicago Landmark; Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 4/13/23

Chicago’s legendary nightclub “The Warehouse” was granted preliminary landmark status. Interview with Max Chavez, Preservation Chicago Director of Research and Special Projects. The Week, Telekom Electronic Beats Podcast (11 min) on Spotify

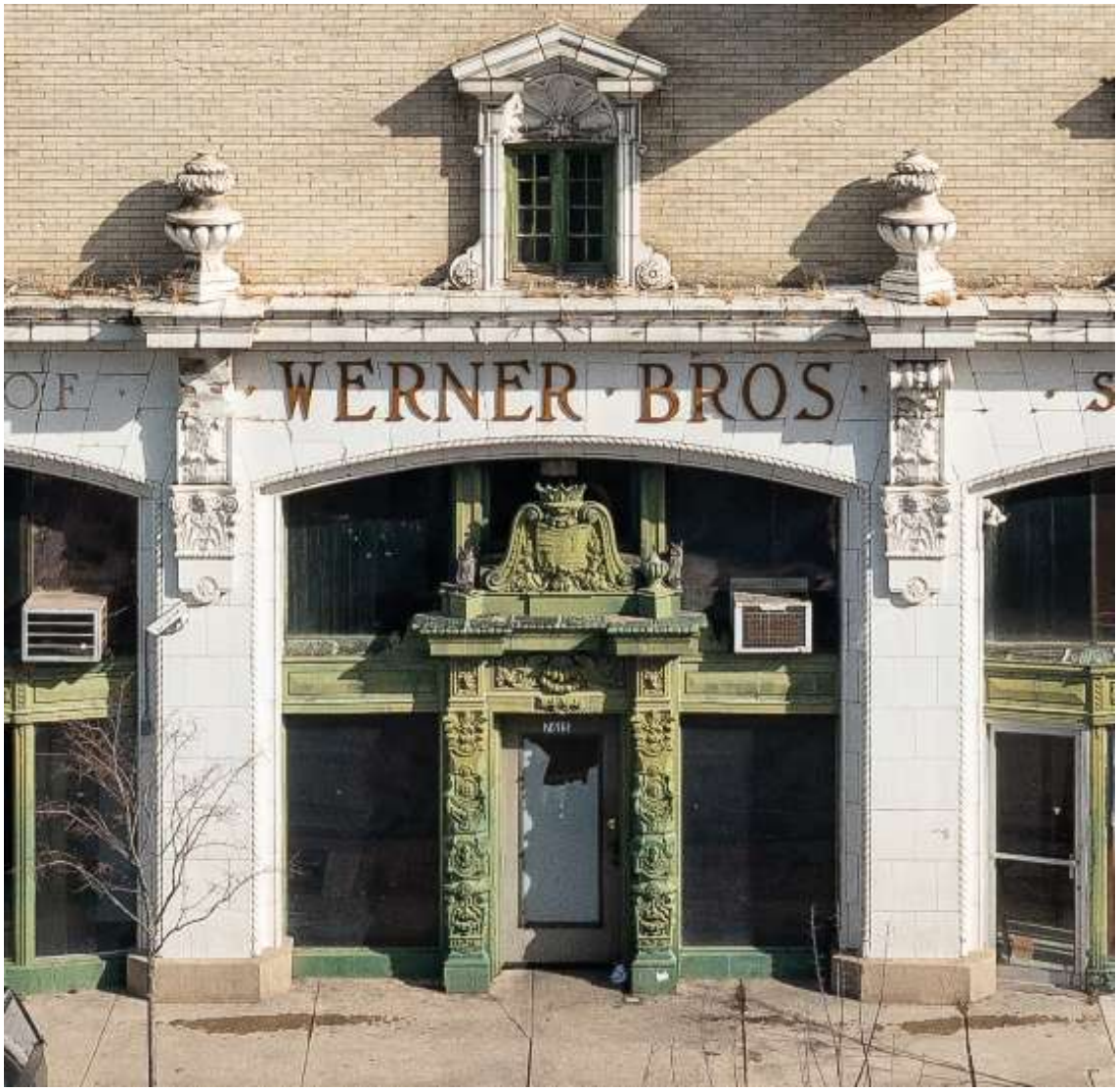
The Warehouse, Birthplace Of House Music, Takes Key Step Toward Becoming A Chicago Landmark; The three-story industrial building once housed a dance club that featured the legendary DJ Frankie Knuckles. Owners Thursday said they have no plans to demolish the building, Melody Mercado, Block Club Chicago, 4/13/23

Petition in works to gain landmark status for site where DJ legend Frankie Knuckles made ‘house music’ popular, Deanese Williams-Harris, Chicago Tribune, 4/8/23

7. WIN: Developer Prioritizes Adaptive Reuse of Werner Brothers Storage Building (Chicago 7 2023)



Werner Brothers Storage Warehouse, 1921, George S. Kingsley, 7613 N. Paulina Street. A 2023 Chicago 7 Most Endangered. Photo credit: Serhii Chrucky



Werner Brothers Storage Warehouse, 1921, George S. Kingsley, 7613 N. Paulina Street. A 2023 Chicago 7 Most Endangered. Photo credit: Serhii Chrucky

Workforce housing at 7603 N. Paulina misses out on funding; The developers will be reapplying and reorganizing the project phasing, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 9/29/23

Howard Street Affordable Housing Development Switches Up Plans After Missing Out On Tax Credits; The project would bring over 100 affordable apartments to the corner of Howard and Paulina streets, across from the Howard Red Line station, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 10/10/23

Updated Plans Revealed For Werner Storage Building Development In Rogers Park, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 5/25/23

Workforce housing gets updated design at 7603 N. Paulina; The new scheme will retain the Werner Bros. Storage building, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 5/17/23

8. WIN: Apollo's 2000 / former Marshall Square Theater Receives Preliminary Landmark Recommendation



Apollo's 2000 / Marshall Square Theater, 1917 by Alexander Levy with 1936 remodel by Roy B. Blass, 2875 W. Cermak Road. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers / Open House Chicago

Apollo’s 2000 Theater In Little Village Gets First Approval To Become A Chicago Landmark; The family who owns the theater said they hope a landmark designation could bring in funds to help maintain the historical building, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 12/7/23

Apollo’s 2000 Theater Owners Want Landmark Designation To Maintain Its ‘Glory’; The Galindo family has owned the building since the late ’80s. They hope a landmark designation would protect its integrity and bring some recognition to a Southwest Side 'hidden gem.', Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 12/7/23

Little Village's historic Apollo's 2000 Theater receives preliminary approval for landmark status, Mike Krauser, WBBM Newsradio 780 AM, 12/8/23

Historic Little Village theater's owners seek landmark status, Dennis Rodkin, Crain’s Chicago Business, 12/6/23

9. WIN: Epworth Church Receives Final Landmark Designation Approval



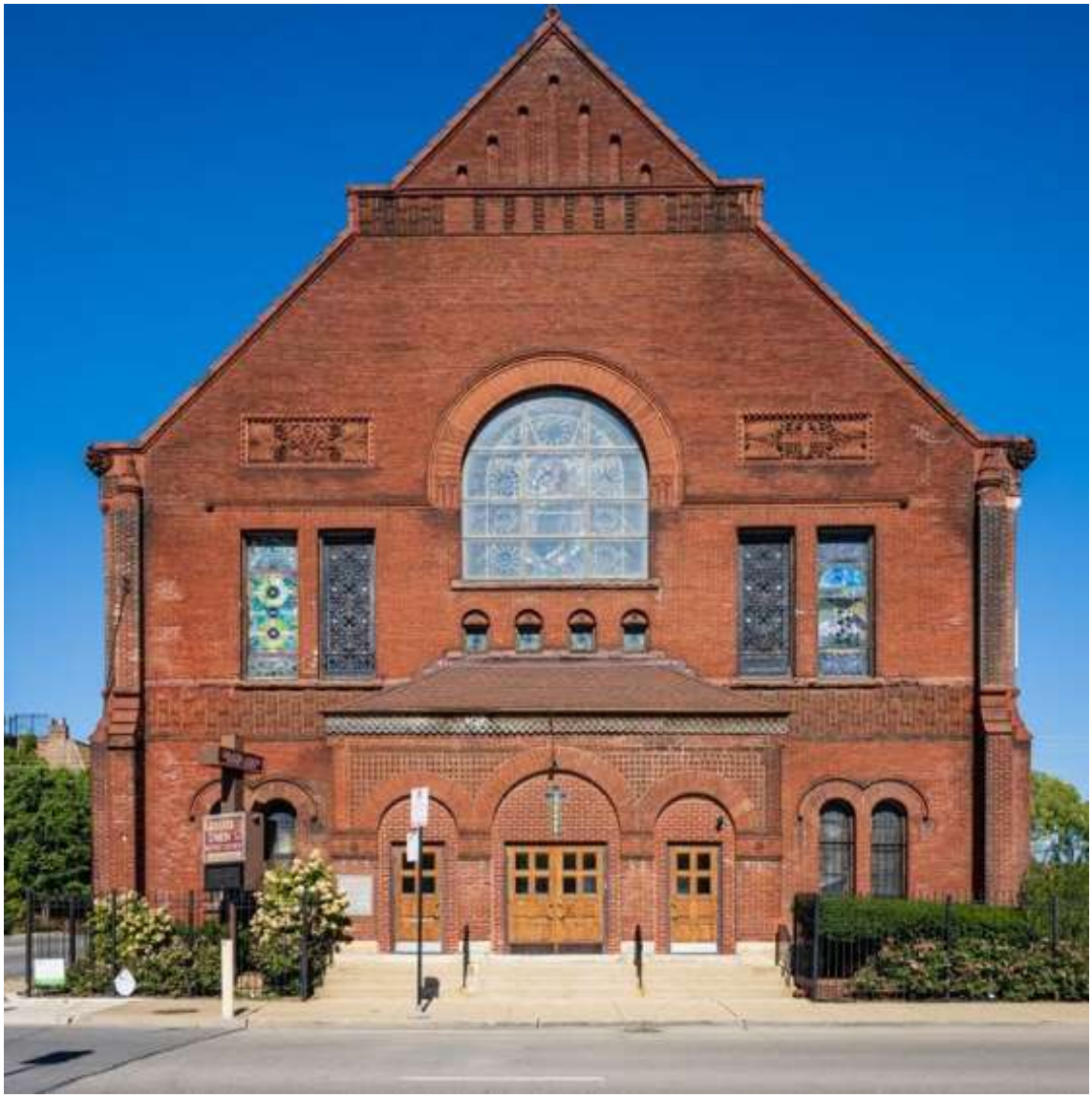
Epworth United Methodist Church, 1891, designed by architect Frederick Townsend, with additions by Theilbar & Fugard, 5253 N. Kenmore Ave. Photo credit: Matt Gilbert / Chicago YIMBY

Edgewater's Epworth Church Nears Landmark Status As Owner Plans To Turn It Into Affordable Apartments; The 132-year-old Epworth Church and community building will be converted into 40-45 affordable apartments, its owners said, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 4/14/23

Epworth Church In Edgewater Moves Closer To Landmark Status, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 4/17/23

Final landmark approved for Epworth Church; A developer has been eyeing the site for apartments, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 4/15/23

10. WIN: After Seven Year Effort, Greater Union Baptist Church Receives Chicago Landmark Designation



Greater Union Baptist Church, 1888, William Le Baron Jenney, 1956 W. Warren Blvd. Photo credit: Chicago DPD



Wood-beamed ceiling and organ at Greater Union Baptist Church, 1888, William Le Baron Jenney, 1956 W. Warren Blvd. Photo credit: Chicago DPD

[Near West Side's Greater Union Baptist Church Is A Chicago Landmark; The church, which dates back to 1886, has promoted civil rights and progressive policies throughout its history, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 4/19/23]

11. WIN: ‘The Most Beautiful Candy Factory in America,’ Mars Candy Factory Receives Final Landmark Recommendation



Mars Candy Factory, 1929, The Austin Company with a contributing 1960 addition by C.F. Murphy Associates, 2019 N. Oak Park Ave. Photo credit: City of Chicago DPD Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Austin’s 94-Year-Old Mars Candy Factory Could Become City Landmark; A key city committee granted preliminary landmark status for the building’s architectural design and its contribution to Chicago’s history of candy making, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 11/3/23

Sweet move: Chicago seeks to landmark West Side’s historic Mars candy factory; The correct action here would be a “yes” vote from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, an important prelude to the factory’s redevelopment, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 10/2/23

Preliminary landmark approved for Mars Candy Factory; The factory will be shuttered in 2024 after opening in 1929, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 10/11/23

12. WIN: Final Landmark Recommendation Protects Both Interior and Exterior of Innovative 1970s Netsch Home



Walter Netsch and Dawn Clark Netsch House, 1972, 1700 N. Hudson Avenue. Photo credit: Dave Burk / SOM



Netsch House interior living room comparison. Walter Netsch and Dawn Clark Netsch House, 1972, 1700 N. Hudson Avenue. Photo credit: Dave Burk / SOM

The owners of a famous architect's Old Town home are seeking a rare form of landmarking, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 1/10/23

Old Town Home Designed By Architect Walter Netsch On Track To Get Rare Landmarking Status For Its Bold Interior; The Netsch Home was built in 1974 and features levels connected by open-riser stairs to create spaces with varying ceiling heights and intricately placed skylights, Jake Wittich, Block Club Chicago, 1/13/23

Landmark Bid for '70s-Era Netsch House Could Redefine the 'Old' in Old Town, Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 1/13/23

13. WIN: Florence Crittenton Anchorage / Wolfson Building Sold for Huge Profit After Receiving Final Landmark Approval



Florence Crittenton Anchorage / The Wolfson Building, 1888, William Longhurst, 2678 W. Washington Blvd, East Garfield Park. Photo credit: Chicago Home Photos



Florence Crittenton Anchorage / The Wolfson Building, 1888, William Longhurst, 2678 W. Washington Blvd, East Garfield Park. Photo credit: Commission on Chicago Landmarks

West Side Women’s Shelter Building Named A Chicago Landmark, Saving It From Wrecking Ball; Garfield Park’s Wolfson Building was once a save haven for single women and mothers, particularly women of color. Advocates fought to preserve its history, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 12/13/23

Buyer steps in to save historic mansion that sheltered unwed mothers, Dennis Rodkin, Crain’s Chicago Business, 10/30/23

Landmarks commission has a chance to help save historic West Side mansion; The landmarks commission's vote could set the stage for preserving a handsome late 19th Century building in a neighborhood that has lost too many vintage structures over the past 50 years; Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 8/1/20

Final landmark recommendation approved for 2678 W. Washington, the historic home was built in 1880, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 10/9/23

131-Year-Old West Side Women's Shelter Building Gets Early Landmark Approval; Historic preservationists lobbied to landmark the Victorian property, citing its importance as a safe haven for single women of color for its time, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 8/10/23

14. WIN: Final Chicago Landmark Recommendation Granted to Greater Tabernacle Cathedral / Holy Rosary ‘Irish’ Church in Roseland



Greater Tabernacle Cathedral / Holy Rosary Church, 1890, Solon S. Beman,11300 South Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Photo credit: Paul Petratis

Preliminary landmark approved for Greater Tabernacle Cathedral; The historic church was built back in 1890, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 5/26/23

Greater Tabernacle Cathedral Chicago Landmark Designation Report

15. WIN: Preliminary Landmark Recommendation Approved for Jackson Storage and Van Company Warehouse



Jackson Storage and Van Company Warehouse, 1927, Hall, Bisbee & Rhenisch, 3609-3611 W. Cermak Road. Photo credit: Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Preliminary landmark approved for Jackson Storage and Van Company Warehouse; The historic building stands at 3609 W. Cermak in Little Village, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 11/21/23

16. WIN: 1850s Phoebe and John Gray House Receives Final Landmark Designation



Phoebe and John Gray House, c.1850s, 4362 W. Grace, Photo credit: Troy Walsh/Drone Media Chicago

Preliminary landmark approved for Phoebe and John Gray House; The 1850s home was originally surrounded by farmland, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 10/8/23

17. WIN: Pullman Achieves National Historical Park Status



The Restored Pullman Clock Tower and Administration Building, 1880, Solon S. Beman, 11057 S. Cottage Grove Avenue. Photo credit: Pullman State Historic Site, Historic Sites Division, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Pullman National Monument Upgraded to National Historical Park — and the Name Change Makes a Big Difference, Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 1/19/23

Pullman monument named national park, honoring labor and civil rights history, Jessica D'Onofrio, ABC News Chicago, 1/19/23

18. WIN: Illegal Construction in Humboldt Park will be Demolished!



Photo with unpermitted concrete block building under construction in foreground. Humboldt Park Receptory Building and Stable, 1896, Frommann & Jebsen, 3015 W. Division Street. Photo credit: Colin Boyle / Block Club Chicago

Illegal Building in Humboldt Park Will Be Demolished, Museum Leader Apologizes for 'Missteps' Patty Wetli, WTTW Chicago, 10/4/23

Puerto Rican museum in Humboldt Park to tear down archives building amid complaints, lawsuit and find new site, Rebecca Johnson, Chicago Tribune, 10/5/23

Puerto Rican Museum Addition To Be Torn Down, Rebuilt On Division Street's Paseo Boricua Corridor; Plans for the new archives facility, announced Tuesday at a community meeting in Humboldt Park, come more than a year after unsanctioned construction of the project began, Jacqueline Cardenas, Block Club Chicago, 10/4/23

19. WIN: After Decades Long Advocacy, Washington Park National Park Bank Adaptive Reuse Finally Moving Forward (Chicago 7 2016 & 2020)



Rendering of proposed facade preservation adaptive reuse plan for Washington Park National Bank at 6300 S Cottage Grove Avenue. Rendering Credit: bKL Architecture / DL3 Realty

Historic Washington Park National Bank Building Gets Approval To Build Luxury Offices; The $40 million redevelopment project, a collaboration between two Black-owned firms, could be completed by 2025, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 9/14/23

Washington Park National Bank redevelopment approved by City Council; The bank at 6300 S. Cottage Grove will be turned into offices, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 9/21/23

Washington Park Bank Building approved by City Council, Zoe Pharo, Hyde Park Herald, 9/12/23

Washington Park National Bank redevelopment approved by City Council; The bank at 6300 S. Cottage Grove will be turned into offices, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 9/21/23

Plans For Bank Redevelopment In Woodlawn Move Forward, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 9/6/23

20. WIN: Preston Bradley Center Restoration Underway



Preston Bradley Center, 1926, J.E.O. Pridmore, 941 W. Lawrence Avenue. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Roger



Preston Bradley Center, 1926, J.E.O. Pridmore, 941 W. Lawrence Avenue. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Roger

Uptown's Preston Bradley Center Will Be Revived As Concert Venue, Community Center; The historical church and social services building was sold to Daniel Ivankovich, who will turn the building into an entertainment and community center, Charles Thrush, Block Club Chicago, 11/29/23

21. WIN: Driehaus Museum Celebrates Murphy Memorial Auditorium Restoration



Beam raising ceremony by Driehaus Museum for Murphy Auditorium renovation on November 1, 2023. Photo credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago



Beam raising ceremony by Driehaus Museum for Murphy Auditorium renovation on November 1, 2023. Photo credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago

Driehaus Museum celebrates major milestone in expansion with beam installation, Anthony Ponce, FOX 32 Chicago, 11/1/23

Driehaus Museum Website

22.
WIN: Ramova Theatre Reopens After 37 Years! (Chicago 7 2012)



The renovated Ramova Theatre will include Other Half Brewing, Ramova Grill and a concert venue. Ramova Theater, 1929, Meyer O. Nathan, 3518 S. Halsted Street. Photo credit: Twitter #ADOGMADROWNED

Renovated Ramova Theatre to host first-ever live music performance on New Year's Eve, CBS News 2 Chicago, 12/21/23

Jennifer Hudson, Chance the Rapper and Quincy Jones teaming up to reopen Chicago's Ramova Theatre, Ethan Shanfel, Chicago Tribune, 11/15/23

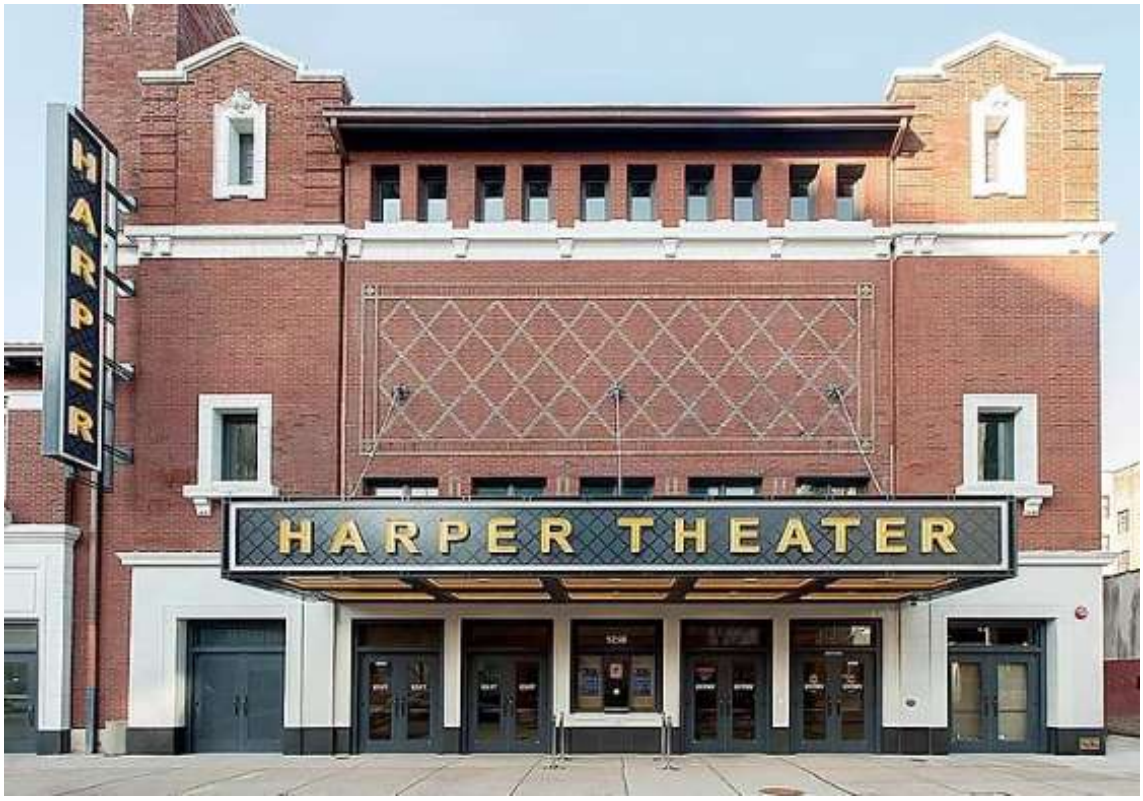
Renovated Ramova Theatre in Bridgeport to reopen with New Year's Eve dance party, The former movie palace is set for its public debut after an upgrade that cost nearly $40 million, Mitch Dudek, 12/11/23

Bridgeport Residents Anticipate Return of the Ramova Theatre Courtesy of Star-Studded Ownership Group, Angel Idowu, WTTW Chicago, 11/27/23

Quincy Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Chance the Rapper new owners of Bridgeport's Ramova Theatre; 'My mother always taught us to take care of home first, so to support the rehabilitation of this extraordinary theater with such a rich history in Chicago means more to me than one could imagine,' Hudson said., Miriam Di Nunzio, 11/15/23

Other Half Brewing Opening In Bridgeport's Renovated Ramova Theatre; Brooklyn-based Other Half will open a brewery and taproom in a renovated theater that will include the Ramova Grill and a 1,500-capacity concert venue, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 11/7/23

23. WIN: Harper Theater to Reopen After Preservation-Oriented Renovation



The Harper Theater, 1915, Z. E. Smith and Horatio R. Wilson, 5238 South Harper Avenue. Photo credit: The Harper Theater

Harper Theater to Reopen After Revamp; Historic cinema, now under new ownership, to get 'luxury' facelift, Dierdre Robinson, South Side Weekly, 1/12/23

Harper Theater to close in November, will reopen early next year under new ownership; Nebraska movie theater operator Main Street Theatres to take over the historic space, Zoe Pharo, Hyde Park Herald, 11/10/22

24. WIN: After Long Vacancy, Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank Will Become Boutique Hotel



Former Mid-City Trust and Savings Bank, 1912, Horatio R. Wilson, 801 W. Madison St. Photo credit: Pappageorge Haymes Partners

Further Details Revealed For Redevelopment Of Mid-City Bank In West Loop, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 10/12/23

Apartment-style hotel planned for West Loop landmark; The historic—and long-vacant—Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank building is poised to be transformed into 80 units, Danny Ecker, Crain's Chicago Business, 10/5/22

25. POTENTIAL WIN: Chicago Landmark Jewelers Building at 35 East Wacker to be Adaptively Reused for Hotel and Residences



The Jewelers Building, 1926, Giaver & Dinkelberg, 35 East Wacker. Photo credit: Gian Lorenzo Ferretti / CoStar

Chicago Developer Agrees To Buy 40-Story Office Tower, Eyes Hotel Conversion; Mike Reschke's Prime Group Selected as Buyer of Landmark Jewelers Building at 35 E. Wacker Drive, Ryan Ori, CoStar News, 11/13/23

Reschke eyes Wacker Drive landmark for hotel conversion, Danny Ecker, Crain's Chicago Business, 11/13/23

26. WIN: Roberts Temple Becomes National Historic Site



Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ, Edward G. McClellan, 1922, 4021 S. State Street. Emmett Till's body was on display at Roberts Temple for four days leading up to his funeral in 1955. Over 50,000 thousands of people attended. Photo Credit: Chicago Sun-Times / Chicago Daily News collection / Chicago History Museum

Roberts Temple, site of Emmett Till's funeral, pushed as national historic site; Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ, at 40th and State streets, is 101 years old, Stefano Esposito, Chicago Sun-Times, 6/29/23

Secretary Haaland Applauds President Biden's Designation of Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, Department of the Interior, 7/25/23

Emmett Till signage unveiled at Bronzeville church that's becoming a national monument; Vivian La, Chicago Tribune, 8/1/23

27. WIN: Bronzeville Designated a National Heritage Area



4734 and 4736 S. King Dr. (formerly Grand Blvd). Both built circa 1895. Photo Credit: Debbie Mercer

Preserving Black Metropolis Gets A Big Boost, The Chicago Reporter, 12/26/22

'Chicago Tonight' in Your Neighborhood: Bronzeville Receives Historic Designation, Blair Paddock and Brandis Friedman, WTTW Chicago, 1/27/23

28. WIN: $1 Million Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Grant to Restore Historic Sears Sunken Garden



A reflecting pool is planned for the revamped garden. Rendering credit: Friends of Sears Sunken Garden

$1 million Driehaus grant will help revive historic Sears garden; The grant — announced this weekend — helps cover the planned $5 million restoration and rehabilitation of the 1907 North Lawndale garden, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 10/7/23

Sears Sunken Garden In North Lawndale Gets $1 Million For Restoration; The money will help restore the garden's large pergola, part of a larger overhaul of the historic 1.7-acre green space that was once an urban oasis for Sears employees and North Lawndale residents, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 10/17/23

29. WIN: Lake Meadows Pavilion Exterior Renovation Completed



Lake Meadows Pavilion / Lake Meadows Professional Building, 1954, SOM, 467 E. 31st St. Photo Credit: Jack Crawford / Chicago YIMBY

Lake Meadows Pavilion Concludes Exterior Renovation In Bronzeville, Jack Crawford, Chicago YIMBY, 5/21/23

Unsung architectural ‘jewel on the prairie’ in Bronzeville is poised to shine again; The long-vacant, two-story former Lake Meadows professional building at 31st Street and Rhodes Avenue — a dormant but architecturally significant modernist South Side office building — is getting a major fix-up, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 7/2/22

30. WIN: Redevelopment underway for MHUB / Cameron Building



Cameron Building / Cook Brothers Building, 1926, Thielbar and Fugard, 240 N. Ashland Avenue. Photo credit: Loopnet

Initial Permit Issued For MHUB Redevelopment Of Cameron Building In Near West Side, Jack Crawford, Chicago YIMBY, 5/4/23

Public money powers manufacturing incubator mHUB's growth; Move to the Kinzie Industrial Corridor on the Near West Side planned with $17.6 million in tax increment financing and another $9.6 million from the state, David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 11/14/22

31. POTENTIAL WIN: City Seeks Developer for Landmarked Stock Yards Bank



The former Stock Yards National Bank at Exchange Avenue and Halsted Street in the Back of the Yards on April 12, 2021. Photo credit: Colin Boyle / Block Club Chicago

City again asking for offers on historic Stock Yards Bank building, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 11/29/23

Iconic Stock Yards Bank Building Is For Sale; The building, once the cornerstone for the city's meatpacking industry, has been vacant for 50 years. The city is asking $1.9 million, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 12/4/23

32. WIN: Marshall Field’s Warehouse / Former Olson Brothers Rug Factory to Anchor Film Sound Studio



Marshall Field's Warehouse, 4000 W. Diversey Avenue, Photo Credit: Darris Lee Harris / Hubbard Street

Big studio campus on Northwest Side set to open in early 2024, Alby Gallun, Crain's Chicago Business, 5/22/23

Film Studio With 9 Sound Stages To Open Next Year At The Fields Campus On Logan Square-Avondale Border; Some leaders are concerned the studio will accelerate displacement in the gentrifying area, but the developer and backers said the project will boost the area's economy; Mina Bloom, Block Club Chicago, 5/26/23

33. WIN: Winning Adaptive Reuse Selected for McKinley Park Pershing Road CMD Warehouse Building (Chicago 7 2014 & 2020)



Developer IBT Group LLC plans to redevelop a massive warehouse at 1717-1769 W. Pershing Road into apartments, a grocery store, office space and green space. Rendering credit: Epstein Global Architecture

Apartments, Grocery Store Coming To City-Owned Warehouse In McKinley Park; The $121 million project aims to bring 120 apartments, a grocery store and office space to the Quartermaster Depot site, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 9/12/23

Chicago developer picked to revamp big McKinley Park warehouse, Danny Ecker, Crain's Chicago Business, 9/7/23

City selects mixed-use redevelopment project for McKinley Park warehouse
chicago, CBS Chicago, 9/7/23

34. WIN: Chicago Landmark W.M. Hoyt Building Adaptive Reuse Moving Forward



W.M. Hoyt Building, 1909, Nimmons & Fellows, 465 W. Cermak Road. Designated a Chicago Landmark as part of the Cermak Road Bridge District in 2003. Rendering credit: Space Architects / Windfall Group

Chinatown warehouse slated for redevelopment into four-star hotel with offices, retail, Brian J. Rogal, Chicago Tribune, 9/7/23

Class L incentive approved for redevelopment of Hoyt Building; The historic building at 465 W. Cermak will be adaptively reused, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 9/18/23

PRC approves redevelopment of Hoyt Building; The building at 465 W. Cermak will be adaptively reused, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 8/9/23

35. WIN: Turn of the Century Loft Building at 153 W. Ohio to Be Converted to Residential



153 W. Ohio Street, built 1900. Photo credit: Loopnet

Residential Conversion Proposed For 153 W Ohio Street In River North, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 1/25/23

Developer plans residential conversion at 153 W. Ohio; The five story building will get 35 units, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 1/18/23

36. WIN: After 40 Years, Union Station's Clinton Street Entrance Reopens through former Fred Harvey Restaurant Space (Chicago 7 2018)



Chicago Union Station, 1925, D. H. Burnham & Company, 225 South Canal Street. Clinton Entrance toward former Fred Harvey Restaurant space as seen from inside the Great Hall. Photo credit: Dave Newbart / Chicago Sun-Times

New Union Station entrance opens on Clinton Street; Amtrak plans to open a food court near the new entrance. The food hall project was delayed by COVID-19, Phyllis Cha, Chicago Sun-Times, 9/25/23

Clinton Street Entrance Reopens At Union Station, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 9/27/23

Amtrak moving forward with Union Station food hall, new Clinton Street entrance, The new dining and retail complex would open next year, Jay Koziarz, Curbed Chicago, 8/7/19

37. POTENTIAL WIN: Our Lady of Victory Church Parishioners Challenge Closure in Vatican Court and Win! (Chicago 7 2021)



Susanna Ernst, president of the Northwest Chicago Historical Society, fought to overturn the Archdiocese of Chicago's decree ordering the deconsecration of Our Lady of Victory Church, where she is a parishioner. Photo credit: Tyler Pasciak LaRiviere / Sun-Times

Victory — for now — at Northwest Side church after Vatican appeal; Parishioners were upset when the archdiocese decreed in 2022 that Our Lady of Victory would be deconsecrated and 'relegated to profane use,' but the Vatican took their side, Catherine Odom, Chicago Sun-Times, 4/24/23

Our Lady Of Victory Church Should Be A Protected Chicago Landmark, Northwest Side Group Says; A petition calls on elected officials to work with the city to grant the church landmark status, and it's been suggested to the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, Ariel Parrella-Aureli, Block Club Chicago, 3/1/22

38. POTENTIAL WIN: OPC Lawsuit Challenges Precedent Set by Transferring Public Parkland for Private Use



Obama Presidential Center site prior to construction when this site was still 20-acres of public parkland in Chicago's historic Jackson Park. Photo credit: Tom Rossiter / University of Illinois Chicago

Park advocates make another legal argument against Obama Presidential Center even as construction continues, A.D. Quig, Chicago Tribune, 10/24/23

Protect Our Parks Website - Keeping Chicago's Parks Open, Clear, & Free

39. POTENTIAL WIN: Plan to Convert Jackson Park and South Shore Nature Sanctuary into PGA Golf Course ‘Dead in the Water’



South Shore Nature Sanctuary. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Plans for Tiger Woods golf project near Obama Presidential Center have stalled, but hopes remain for restoration of existing courses; Robert McCoppin, Chicago Tribune, 9/29/23

Inside and around the Obama Presidential Center as it rises in Jackson Park, Greg Hinz, Crain’s Chicago Business, 9/7/23

Obama Foundation Backs Away From Tiger Woods Golf Course In Jackson Park; Former President Barack Obama asked the golf legend to take on the course overhaul near the Obama Presidential Center. Now, foundation officials say they’re not involved in the project and are “singularly focused” on opening the center, Maxwell Evans, Block Club Chicago. 9/8/23

40. WIN: Chicago Detroit Freedom Trail Gaining Momentum



Dedication of the Illinois Historical Marker at the Jan and Aagje Ton Farm Underground Railroad Site, September 24, 2022. From left to right, Ward Miller, Preservation Chicago; Cheryl Johnson, People for Community Recovery-PCR; Lt. Governor Julia Stratton, State of Illinois; Tom Shephard, Southeast Chicago Historical Society. Photo Credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago

Landmarks: A trail that starts in Chicago could ‘connect the dots’ of a powerful episode in African American history, Paul Eisenberg, Daily Southtown, 10/1/23

Vintage Chicago Tribune: An 1874 Chicago reunion of abolitionists hailed the heroics of the Underground Railroad, Ron Grossman, Chicago Tribune, 10/16/22

Underground Railroad Site In Chicago Will Be Honored At Historic Dedication Ceremony Saturday; Jan and Aagje Ton Farm on the Southeast Side once provided a safe harbor to people who had been enslaved but escaped to freedom, Maia McDonald, Block Club Chicago, 9/21/22

Historical marker unveiled during ceremony marking Underground Railroad site on Chicago’s Far South Side, Stephanie Casanova, Chicago Tribune, 9/25/22

41. WIN: The Belden-Stratford Reopens After Meticulous Restoration



At the rehabbed Belden Stratford, it's 1923 all over again, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 6/6/23

Renovated Belden-Stratford Opens To Residents In Lincoln Park, Jack Crawford, Chicago YIMBY, 6/9/23

:42. WIN: Art Deco Lawson House YMCA Renovation Underway



Lawson House YMCA Building, 1934, 30 W. Chicago Avenue, Perkins, Chatten & Hammond. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Sneak Peek At Lawson House YMCA Renovation, Bringing 400 Apartments To Gold Coast In 2024; The Lawson House will have 409 studios, three dedicated to on-site staff and 406 for low-income renters, Melody Mercado, Block Club Chicago, 3/3/23

Renovation Work In Full Swing For Lawson House Renovation In Near North Side, Chicago YIMBY, 3/6/22

43. WIN: Obsidian Collection's Restoration of the Hammer / Palmer Mansion Regaining Momentum After Two-Year Aldermanic Delay (Chicago 7 2019)



Angela Ford, executive director of The Obsidian Collection, poses for a photo in front of The Obsidian Collection / the Lutrelle 'Lu' & Jorja Palmer Mansion / Justice D. Harry Hammer Mansion. 3654 S. King Drive. Photo credit: Alberta Dean

Bronzeville's Palmer Mansion Will Become Obsidian Collection Archive, Coworking For Black Creators; City Council also approved $6 million for the construction of the much-anticipated Lillian Marcie Center for the Performing Arts, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 4/19/23

Bronzeville's Obsidian Collection Nears Finish Line As It Goes For City Council Approval; The $3.8 million project would be home to a digital archive center and co-working hub inside the historical Lu and Jorja Palmer mansion on King Drive, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 2/1/23

44. WIN: Lillian Marcie Center for the Performing Art Adaptive Reuse of Bronzeville Marshall Field Warehouse Receives TIF Funding



Marshall Field & Company Warehouse Stable, 1904, William Ernest Walker, 4343 S. Cottage Grove Avenue. Photo credit: Google Maps

Bronzeville's Palmer Mansion Will Become Obsidian Collection Archive, Coworking For Black Creators; City Council also approved $6 million for the construction of the much-anticipated Lillian Marcie Center for the Performing Arts, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 4/19/23

Bronzeville's Lillian Marcie Center, A 350-Seat Theater In The Works, Gets $26 Million In State Funding; The grant will bring actor Harry Lennix one step closer to realizing his vision of a 'Black Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts,' Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 4/20/22

45. WIN: Lakeside Theater to Become Performing Arts Center After Extensive Renovation



Existing condition of Lakeside Theater building at 4730 N. Sheridan Road with mural. Photo credit: Google Maps

CircEsteem's Uptown Headquarters Gets $5 Million For Renovation With City Council Approval The circus arts nonprofit plans to renovate its Sheridan Road building into a performing arts center. The project required the removal of a popular mural, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 4/19/23

46. WIN: Little Village Firehouse to be Adaptively Reused for Community Youth Center



Little Village Chicago Fire Station, 2358 S. Whipple Street. Photo Credit: Google Maps

Historic Little Village Fire Station on the Path to Receiving Landmark Status, Becoming Community Hub, Emily Soto, WTTW Chicago, 10/19/23

47. WIN: Galleria 89 Development in South Chicago Combines Adaptive Reuse, Infill and Affordability



8840 S. Commercial Avenue in South Chicago, 1898. Photo credit: Loopnet

Galleria 89, A Transit-Oriented Development On Commercial Avenue, Moves Forward As City Council Approves Zoning Change; Galleria 89 would bring 58 affordable apartments, several shops and a public plaza to one new building and one existing structure at 89th Street and Commercial Avenue, Maxwell Evans, Block Club Chicago, 5/25/23

48. WIN: Former Our Lady of Lourdes School to be Adaptively Reused for Residential



Our Lady Lourdes School, 4641 N. Ashland Avenue. Photo credit: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Chicago Group

Redevelopment Announced For Lourdes School In Uptown, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 10/23/23

49. WIN: Proposal to Convert Former Saint Wenceslaus School into Residential Apartments



Saint Wenceslaus School, 1912, 3425 N. Lawndale Avenue. Photo credit: Baum Realty

Former Saint Wenceslaus School on Chicago's NW Side to be converted into 28 apartments under new proposal, Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers, 10/18/23

50. WIN: Historic Earle Elementary School to be Adaptively Reused for Affordable Housing



The Charles Warrington Earle School, William August Fiedler, in 1897, with William Bryce Mundie designed Renaissance Revival style addition in 1900, 6121 South Hermitage Avenue. Photo Credit: Google Maps

Plan Commission approves affordable adaptive reuse, The school at 6121 S. Hermitage will be turned into apartments, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 8/25/23

51. WIN: Adaptive Reuse of Closed Former Emmet Elementary School Receives Funding



Aspire Center / former Emmet Elementary School, 5500 W. Madison Ave. Photo credit: Austin Weekly News

Aspire Center Breaks Ground With Promise Of Bringing Work Training, Business Development To Austin; The center will be at the former Emmet Elementary School, which closed in 2013, and it's expected to be done in 2024, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 5/5/23

52. POTENTIAL WIN: Adaptive Reuse Proposal Received for Pike House/Watchman's Residence



Eugene S. Pike House, 1894, Harry Hale Waterman, 1826 W. 91st Street in the Dan Ryan Woods. Photo credit: Tim Moran / Block Club Chicago

Can Beverly's Pike House Be Saved? Arts Alliance Aims To Turn Historical Site Into Headquarters; The late-19th century home has been vacant for years. The Beverly Area Arts Alliance is working with Pike House Foundation to find money for renovation and turn the building into the arts group's home base, Tim Moran, Block Club Chicago, 6/7/23

53. POTENTIAL WIN: After Suspected Arson, 6540 N. Glenwood Could be Redeveloped With Additional Affordable Rental Units



6540 N. Glenwood Avenue Apartment Building before suspected arson. Photo credit: Google Maps

Rogers Park Building, Damaged In Fire, Could Be Redeveloped With Added Affordable Units; The building was set ablaze by a disgruntled tenant in 2021 and has been vacant since. It could be rehabbed as market-rate apartments with five affordable units added, Charles Thrush, Block Club Chicago, 12/20/23

54. WIN: Rooftop Addition Adds Density Without Demolition to Fulton Market Loft Buildings



A proposed addition to 159-167 N. Racine Ave. would bring additional apartments to the West Loop. Rendering credit: Space Architects + Planners

Developer plans residential addition at 167 N. Racine; The mixed-use building will get eight new apartments, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 9/12/23

Fulton Market Office Building Would Get 2-Story Apartment Addition Under Developer's Plans; Eight new apartments would be added to a current four-story office building at 159-167 N. Racine Ave., Melody Mercado, Block Club Chicago, 9/12/23

55. POTENTIAL WIN: Developer Proposes Affordable Housing Adaptive Reuse of Art Deco Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank Building



/ *Lincoln Trust & Savings Bank / 5/3 Bank, 1926, Lawrence & Co., 3959 N. Lincoln Ave. Photo credit: LBBA / Brinshore*

Community reacts to development at 3950 N. Damen and 3959 N. Lincoln; The historic bank will be rehabbed and a 7-story building will be constructed, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 12/4/23

Overhaul Of Bank Buildings At Damen And Lincoln Would Create Stores And 258 Apartments. Here's How Neighbors Can Weigh In, Alex V. Hernandez, Block Club Chicago, 1/17/23

Revised details for 3950 N. Damen presented to community; The developers are considering either a 7- or 8-story scheme, Urbanize Chicago, 1/27/23

56. WIN: Former Goldblatt Brothers Building Invest South/West Adaptive Reuse to Anchor Back-of-the-Yards Revitalization at 47th and Ashland



Oppenheimer-Goldblatt Brothers Department Store Building, 1915 with additions in 1929 and 1933, Alfred S. Alschuler, 4700 S. Ashland Ave. Designated a Chicago Landmark in 2013. Image credit: Google Maps

Massive Back Of The Yards Project Gets $5 Million In TIF Funding; The money will support the $58 million United Yards project, bringing affordable housing, retail and a federally qualified health care center to 47th Street, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 4/20/23

Back of the Yards project adapts historic buildings for housing, health center, coffee roaster United Yards, at 47th and Ashland, plans to offer 100 units of affordable housing, an entrepreneur hub and 60,000 square feet of retail and community space, Michael Loria, Chicago Sun-Times, 3/14/23

57. WIN: Permits Issued for Adaptive Reuse of St. James Methodist Church at 4601-4611 S. Ellis



Rendering for adaptive reuse of former St. James United Methodist Church at 4601/4611 S. Ellis. St. James United Methodist Church, Tallmadge & Watson, 1925, 4611 S. Ellis Ave. Rendering Credit: ZED Architects

Permits issued for adaptive reuse at 4601 S. Ellis; The former church will be turned into housing, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 2/25/23

:58. WIN: Former St. Bartholomew School to House Migrants

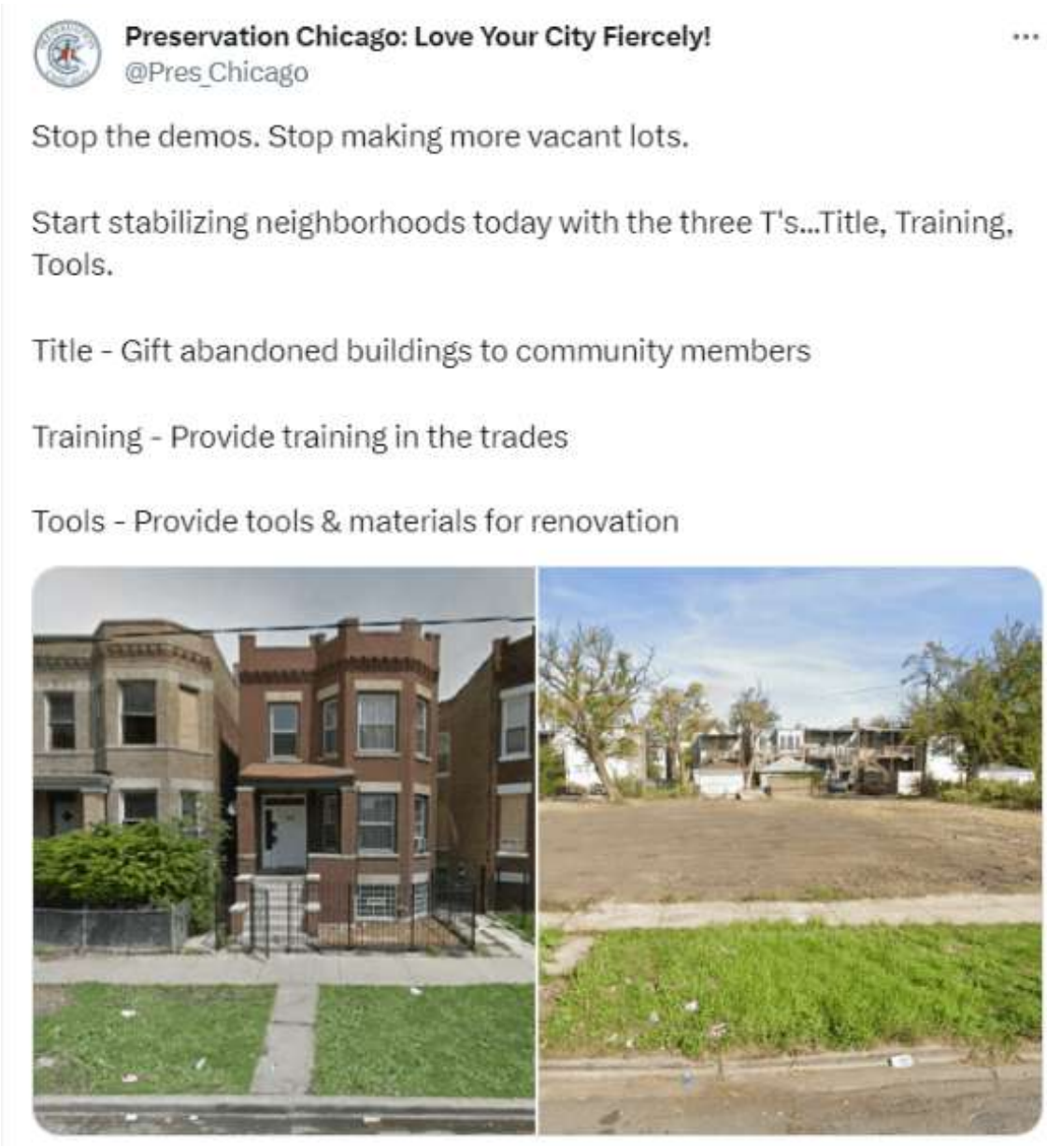


The now-closed St. Bartholomew School, at 4910 W. Addison St. in Portage Park, will soon serve as a migrant shelter, hosting up to 350 asylum-seekers. Photo credit: Google Maps

Several hundred migrants to be housed at former Saint Bartholomew School and parish convent on Northwest Side, Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers, 12/1/23

Migrant shelter at closed St. Bartholomew school expected to open next year, The Portage Park school closed this year and is expected to house up to 350 people starting as early as mid-January, Violet Miller, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/7/23

59. WIN: CHA Launches Restore Home to Renovate 36 Small- to Mid-Sized Apartment Buildings



Stop the demos. Stop making more vacant lots. Start stabilizing neighborhoods today with the three T's...Title, Training, Tools. Title - Gift abandoned buildings to community members Training - Provide training in the trades Tools - Provide tools & materials for renovation. Image credit: Preservation Chicago

CHA mounts $50 million program to fix up scattered sites; The agency promises to be “laser focused” over the next 18 months on its vacant single-family homes and smaller apartment buildings, David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 11/27/23

Aldermen Want Meetings With CHA Boss After Investigation Revealed Vacant, Decaying Properties; City Council leaders, including the housing committee chair, renewed calls for CHA officials to attend regular hearings after a Block Club/Illinois Answers investigation found the agency is sitting on hundreds of vacant homes; Rachel Hinton, Block Club Chicago, 12/6/23

60. WIN: 1516 W. Carroll Avenue Warehouse to Adaptively Reused as Restaurant and Urban Farm



1516 W. Carroll Avenue Warehouse to Adaptively Reused as Maxwells Trading Restaurant with an urban rooftop farm. Rendering credit: Sphera Studios

Maxwells Trading, From Acclaimed Chef Erling Wu-Bower, Coming To West Loop; The restaurant in the neighborhood’s industrial corridor will feature a rooftop farm and a menu the well-traveled chef and father describes as 'personal cuisine.', Melody Mercado, Block Club Chicago, 11/15/23

61. WIN: 165 N. Morgan in Fulton Market to be Adaptively Reused



165 N. Morgan. Rendering credit: Fulton Street Companies

Fulton Street Companies signs Heisler Hospitality at 165 N. Morgan; The restaurateurs will open Pizza Lobo in the new space, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 11/1/23

62. WIN: Class L Tax Incentives Approved for Flatiron Building Renovation



Flatiron Building, 1913, Holabird & Roche, 1579 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Photo credit: City of Chicago Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Tax Incentives Approved For Flatiron Building In Wicker Park, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 11/27/23

Wicker Park's Flat Iron Arts Building Sells To New Owners For First Time In 3 Decades; The building has long been home to artist studios, performance spaces and other businesses. New owners plan to keep the studios in place while focusing on bringing in more retail, Quinn Myers, Block Club Chicago, 11/3/22

63. WIN: Class L Approved for LaSalle Street Cable Car Powerhouse Restaurant Redevelopment



LaSalle Street Cable Car Powerhouse, 1887, North Chicago Street Railroad Company, 500 N. LaSalle St. Designated a Chicago Landmark: June 27, 2001. Photo credit: Preservation Chicago

Landmark Tax Incentives Approved For Restaurant Redevelopment In River North, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 6/9/23

One of London's most famed steakhouses is coming here, Ari Bendersky, Crain's Chicago Business, 3/23/23

64. WIN: Revised Construction Plans Incorporate Dinkel's Bakery Facade, Neon Sign, and Adjacent Historic Facade



Rendering of 3327 N Lincoln Avenue with Dinkel's Bakery facade and sign incorporated into the new construction. Rendering credit: Jonathan Splitt Architects



Historic building adjacent to Dinkel's Bakery, 3325 N Lincoln Ave. Photo Credit: Google Map



Dinkel' Bakery, Since 1922, 3329 N Lincoln Ave. Photo Credit: Google Maps'

Dinkel's Lofts gets revised design at 3327 N. Lincoln; The development will preserve the Dinkel's facade, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 11/9/23

Dinkel's Replacement Advances To September's Zoning Meeting, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 9/3/23

65. WIN: Nat King Cole Home Renovated



Nat King Cole Home, 4023 S. Vincennes Avenue. Photo credit: VHT Studios

Music legend Nat King Cole's childhood home in Bronzeville rehabbed, rented, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 11/28/23

Nat "King" Cole Chicago Tribute on the Historical Marker Database

66. WIN: Muddy Waters House Museum Awarded $1.1M Grant



Pre-Restoration Condition of Muddy Waters House MOJO Museum, 4339 S. Lake Park Ave. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Muddy Waters house museum gets $1.1M grant, its biggest financial boost yet, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 6/8/23

Additional Funding Announced For Muddy Waters Museum In North Kenwood, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 6/14/23

Muddy Waters MOJO Museum gets $1M grant for programming and restoration plans, CBS CHICAGO, 6/7/23

67. WIN: Walt Disney's Childhood Home Hosts Public Tours for the First Time



Walt Disney's Childhood Home, Elias Disney, 1893, 2156 N. Tripp Ave. Image credit: Walt Disney Birthplace Restoration

Walt Disney's childhood home in Hermosa opens doors for first public tours, Rebecca Johnson, Chicago Tribune, 10/15/23

68. WIN: The Iowa Building Restoration Underway



The Iowa Building on the ground that was always high and dry, at 56th Street and South Shore Drive, not far from the original building, 2017. Photo credit: Patricia L. Morse / Hyde Park Herald

Hyde Park Stories: The Iowa Building, Patricia L. Morse, Hyde Park Herald, 3/29/23

69. WIN: Four Historic Calumet River Bridges to be Restored with Federal Funds



Vice President Kamala Harris visits the Southeast Side of Chicago to talk about infrastructure on Jan. 4, 2023. Photo credit: Colin Boyle / Block Club Chicago

Aging Southeast Side Bridges Over Calumet River To Be Restored With $144 Million From Feds; Vice President Kamala Harris was in Chicago Wednesday to announce the investment. Aside from bridge fixes, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will be upgraded, Maxwell Evans, Block Club Chicago, 1/4/23

70. WIN: Austin's Pink House Saved But Some Character Lost in Gut Renovation



Credit: Pascal Sabino/Block Club Chicago; Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago
Left: Austin's Pink House, 556 N. Central Ave., in 2018. Right: The house painted green on March 20, 2023.

Left: Austin's Pink House, 556 N. Central Ave., in 2018. Right: The house painted green on March 20, 2023. Photo credit: Pascal Sabino / Block Club Chicago and Colin Boyle / Block Club Chicago

Austin's Iconic Pink House Is Now Green; The home is going through extensive renovations, which included changing its famous pink interior and exterior, its owners previously said, Trey Arline and Colin Boyle, Block Club Chicago, 3/20/23

71. WIN: Request Denied to Demolish 1530 W. Touhy Avenue for a Parking Lot



1530 W. Touhy Avenue, home adjacent to St. George Cathedral. Photo credit: Zillow

Rogers Park Church's Plan To Raze Home And Expand Parking Lot Rejected By Alderwoman; Parking has been a problem at St. George's Cathedral, a hub for the local Assyrian community. But plans to expand its parking lot didn't pass muster with neighbors, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 12/7/23

72. WIN: High Interest Rates Saves Trio of 1880s Rowhouses from Demolition



109 W. Elm, partially obscured by a tree, 111 W. Elm and 113 W. Elm, c1880. Photo credit: Dennis Rodkin

Trio of 19th-century Gold Coast row houses get reprieve from demolition, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 9/11/23

73. WIN: New Construction Incorporates Historic Façade at 3731 N. Sheffield Avenue



3731 N. Sheffield Avenue incorporates historic facade into new construction. Rendering credit: Chicago YIMBY / Google Maps

City Council Approves Residential Development In Wrigleyville, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 5/1/23

74. WIN: Restoration of 1954 W. North Avenue Includes the Reconstruction of the Corner Turret Lost in the 1960s



Rendering of 1958 W North Avenue following historic restoration. Rendering credit: Hirsch MPG

Construction Continues On 1954 W North Avenue In Wicker Park, Ian Achong, Chicago YIMBY, 5/5/23

75. WIN: Second Presbyterian Church Completes Extensive Restoration of 'Tree of Life' Mural and Tiffany Stained-Glass Windows



Distinctive crown-shaped chandeliers designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw illuminate the recently restored Peace window. Each of the major stained-glass windows on the church's north and south walls is 16 feet tall. Second Presbyterian Church, 1874, James Renwick, 1936 S. Michigan Ave. Sanctuary dates to 1901 after being rebuilt after a fire. Photo credit: Matthew Gilson / Preservation Magazine

Stained-Glass Windows and a Chorus of Painted Angels Glow Again Inside a Chicago Church, Heidi Mitchell, Preservation Magazine, Summer 2023

Historic mural restored at Second Presbyterian Church; After more than 100 years, the vibrancy of the windows and the mural were hidden by dirt, leading supporters of the church to embark on a campaign to restore the artistic treasures to their original glory, Bob Chiarito, Chicago Sun-Times, 1/6/23

76. WIN: Multiple 127-Year-Old Stage Backdrops Discovered In The Forum



Multiple 127-year-old stage backdrops were found in the attic of The Forum, 318-324 E. 43rd St., in Bronzeville as seen on Sept. 28, 2023 with Ayana Simone Loyd, Brian Traynor, Wendy Waszut-Barrett, Bernard Loyd and Michael Beaver. Photo credit: Jamie Nesbitt Golden / Block Club Chicago

Bronzeville's The Forum Uncovers Century-Old, Hand-Painted Scenic Theater Backdrops; The backdrops date to 1897, when the iconic venue on 43rd Street opened. Owner Bernard Loyd hopes to restore them to their former glory. 'Against all odds, they survived.' Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 10/1/23

77. WIN: Edgar Miller 'Animal Court' Sculptures to Finally Be Restored and Reinstalled at National Public Housing Museum



'Animal Court' to be back in session as noted sculptures return to West Side after 16 years; Playground animal figures designed by artist Edgar Miller to be restored and returned to the former Jane Addams Homes, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 3/9/23

78. WIN: Agudas Achim Memorial Window Reunited With Family After Four Generations



Agudas Achim North Shore Congregation, Large window behind bima. Henry Dubin, 1922, 5029 N. Kemore Ave. A Chicago 7 Most Endangered. Photo credit: Noah Vaughn



The family of Mandel Schwechter holds the stained glass window rescued by Preservation Chicago, originally installed at Agudas Achim North Shore Congregation in his memory. Pictured (from left) are Zach and Lindsey Deshur; their mother Brandy Schwechter Deshur; Beth Kraemer; and Brandy's sister Darren Schwechter. Brandy, Darren and Beth are all great-grandchildren of Mandel Schwechter. Photo credit: Jewish Chicago

[Let's hang on to what we got; Preservation Chicago works to save Agudas Achim, and more of Chicago's Jewish heritage, Paul Wieder, Jewish Chicago, 5/25/23]

79. WIN: 2023 Preservation Excellence Awards from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks



Former Pullman Club, 605 E. 111th St.
Category: Rehabilitation
The former Pullman Club building in the Pullman District was built in 1881 as a single-family residence before becoming a club for Pullman Co. executives from 1900 into the 1950s. Its recent rehabilitation and conversion into the Pullman Club Coffee Shop included the addition of an ADA-accessible ramp that includes unique screening due to the reintroduction of a former fence based on historic documentation.
Photo credit: Chicago Department of Planning and Development



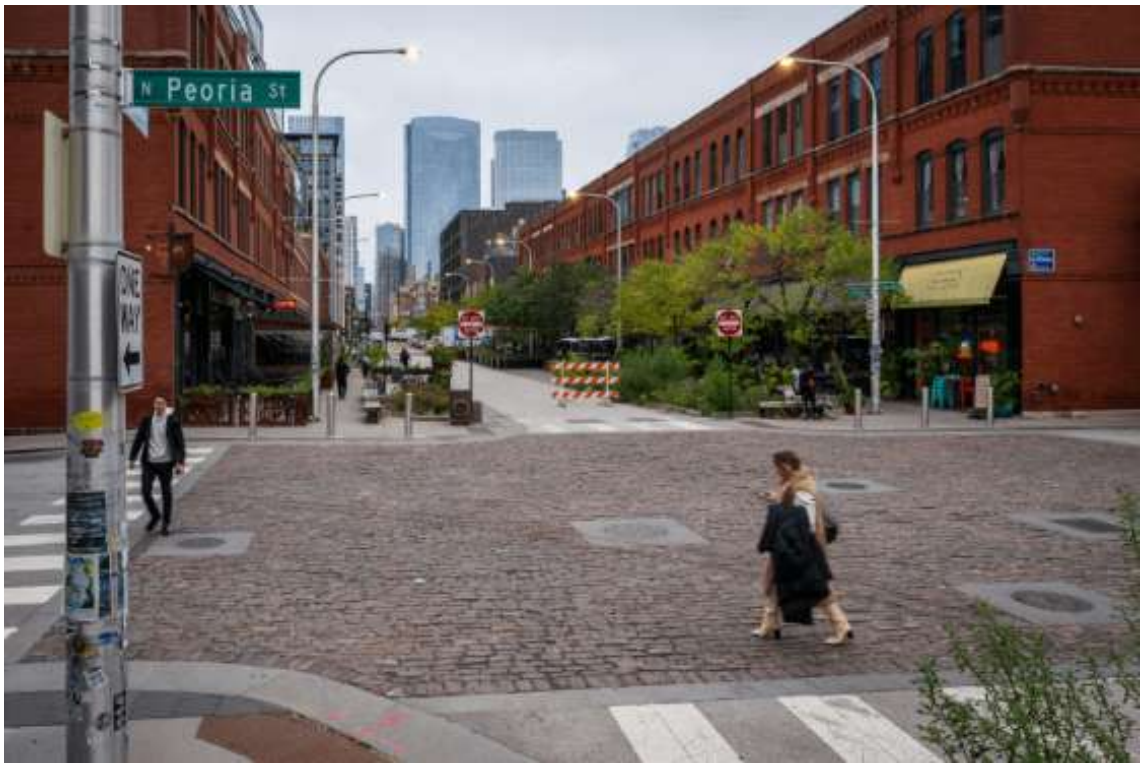
K.A.M. Isiah Israel Temple, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd.
Category: Restoration
Constructed in 1924, K.A.M. Isaiah Israel Temple houses the oldest Jewish congregation in the Midwest and traces its roots to 1847. Recent capital improvements included sanctuary refurbishments, the restoration of more than 60 historic stained glass windows and the addition of protective storm windows that enable the original windows to operate freely. Photo credit: Chicago Department of Planning and Development



John Nuveen House, 3916 N. Tripp Ave.
Category: Rehabilitation
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2023 Preservation Excellence Awards

The projects below each received a 2023 Preservation Excellence Award from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2023

The 2023 ceremony marked the 24th year the City has issued the awards. Selected by the commission's Permit Review Committee, the awardees include a variety of individual landmarks and landmark district projects showcasing the best in preservation work across the city.

Former Pullman Club, 605 E. 111th St.
Category: Rehabilitation
The former Pullman Club building in the Pullman District was built in 1881 as a single-family residence before becoming a club for Pullman Co. executives from 1900 into the 1950s. Its recent rehabilitation and conversion into the Pullman Club Coffee Shop included the addition of an ADA-accessible ramp that includes unique screening due to the reintroduction of a former fence based on historic documentation.

K.A.M. Isiah Israel Temple, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd.
Category: Restoration
Constructed in 1924, K.A.M. Isaiah Israel Temple houses the oldest Jewish congregation in the Midwest and traces its roots to 1847. Recent capital improvements included sanctuary refurbishments, the restoration of more than 60 historic stained glass windows and the addition of protective storm windows that enable the original windows to operate freely.

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See the full list at the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development website

80. WIN: Driehaus Foundation Awards "Transformational" $2.3 Million Endowment Grant to Preservation Chicago



Richard H. Driehaus. Photo credit: La Chambre Noire Photography / Architect Magazine

"'Richard led a life of zest and intellectual curiosity. His path and personal story were larger than life, and the impact he made as an investor is perhaps only rivaled by the extensive legacy he left as a philanthropist,' said Steve Weber, president Driehaus Capital Management.

From preservation to the arts, Driehaus Foundation awards $5 million in legacy grants to Chicago organizations, Robert Channick, Chicago Tribune, 4/18/23

Driehaus Foundation Announces Special Legacy Grants in Memory of Founder Richard H. Driehaus, Driehaus Foundation Website, April 2023

Preservation Chicago receives $2.3 million grant from The Driehaus Foundation, Jon Hansen, WGN Radio with Robert Channick from the Chicago Tribune, 4/20/23

LOSSES: 2023

1. LOSS: After 17 Years of Neglect, GSA Pursues Emergency Demolition of 212 S. State, Located Between Century and Consumers Buildings (Chicago 7 2011, 2013, 2022 & 2023)



208-212 S. State Street, 1920, Benjamin Marshall. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Feds begin demolition of three-story State Street building between historic skyscrapers that could be next, Robert Channick, Chicago Tribune, 4/19/23

State Street sidewalk closed at Adams; feds cite pedestrian danger at buildings it wants to raze; Fences were erected days after Preservation Chicago put the buildings at 202 and 220 S. State St. on its 'most endangered' list, calling for efforts to save them, David Roeder Chicago Sun-Times, 3/14/23

Federal Government Plans to Demolish Century-Old Building Next to Threatened Historic Skyscrapers, Nick Blumberg, WTTW Chicago,

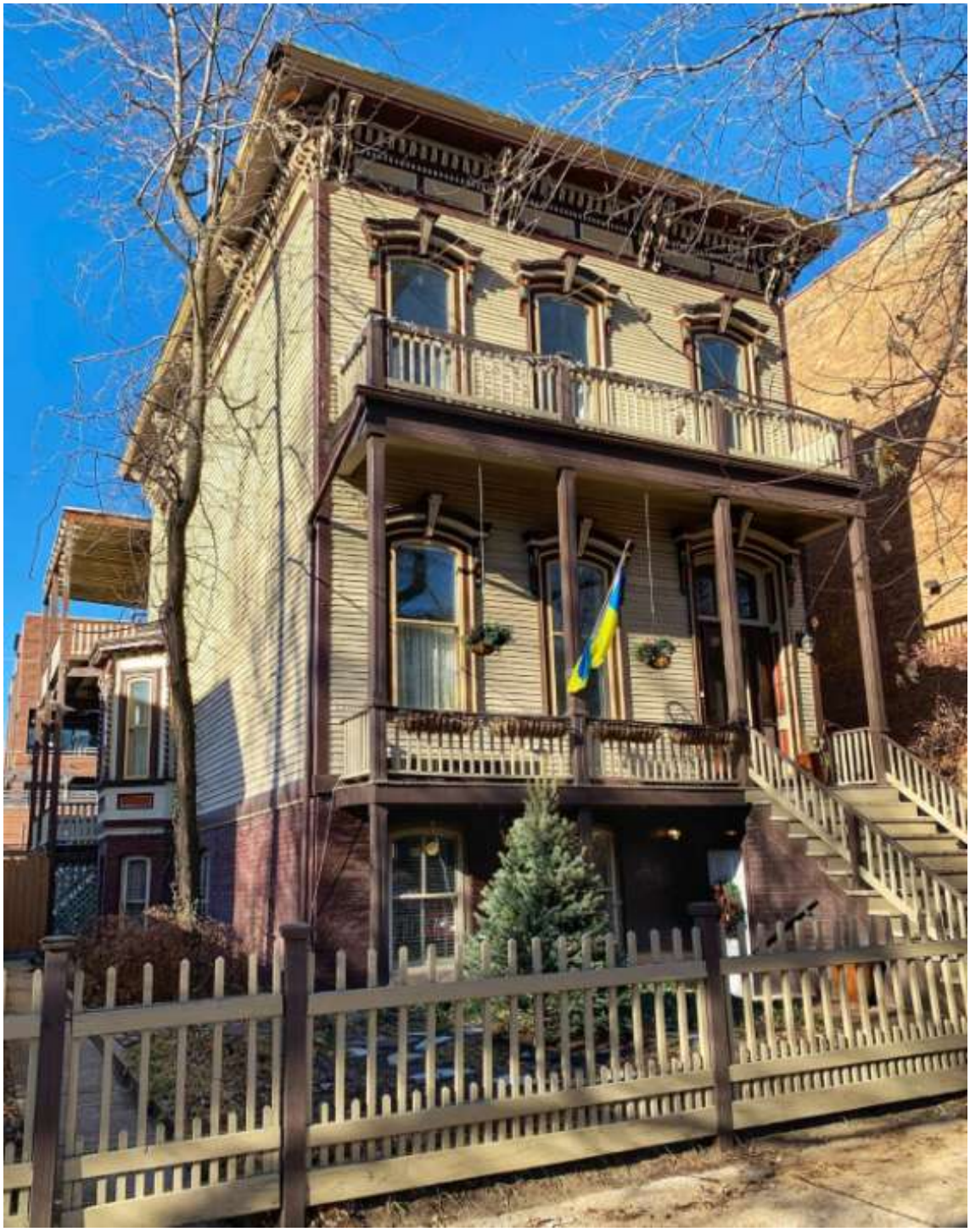
2. PARTIAL LOSS: Dome and Interior of Second Church of Christ Scientist Demolished, But Facade Will Be Incorporated into New Construction (Chicago 7 2019)



Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 1901, Solon S. Beman, 2700 N. Pine Grove Avenue. A Chicago 7 Most Endangered 2019. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

2700 N. Pine Grove scores permit; The new construction will keep three historic facades, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 6/21/23

3. LOSS: Despite Widespread Community Opposition and Press Coverage, 2240 N. Burling Demolished for Side Yard



2240 N. Burling Street, Lincoln Park, 1873. Photo credit: Rachel Freundt

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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

Defense calls bribery case 'collateral damage'

During closing, says clients caught up in feds' quest to bring down Madigan

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

The alleged scheme by four ComEd executives and lobbyists to bribe then-House Speaker Michael Madigan didn't play out like it often does in the movies, with envelopes stuffed with cash passed under a table, prosecutors told the federal jury in the "ComEd Four" trial Monday.

It was far more elaborate, a web of illicit payments funneling more than a million dollars to do-nothing lobbyist "subcontractors," a deal guaranteeing billable hours for a politically connected law firm, a lucrative board seat for Madigan's candidate, and summer internships from people sent from the speaker's 13th Ward.

"There isn't an envelope in this world big enough to fit all the money that they made ComEd pay out," Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur said in her closing argument to the jury.

But defense attorneys scoffed at that notion, saying their clients were not only innocent, but that they were "collateral damage" in the government's yearslong quest to bring down Madigan, the Democratic leader at the apex of Illinois politics who was long considered untouchable.

Toward the end of his nearly two-hour presentation, Patrick Cotter, who represents one of the speaker's closest confidants, Michael McClain, told the jury that the entire case was "a conclusion in search of evidence."

"They already had their target. They already knew who was guilty — it was Mike Madigan," Cotter said, adding that once prosecutors assumed the speaker was guilty, "then everyone near him begins to look guilty."

His voice quaking with emotion, Cotter urged the jury to "be the shield that you were meant to be."

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Historic house torn down

Workers demolish a historic home at 2240 N. Burling St. in Lincoln Park on Monday. Real estate executive Thaddeus Wong bought the home late last year for $2 million. Activists from Preservation Chicago, along with local community organizations, launched an effort to save the nearly 100-year-old home. "It's really tragic, and we hoped the owner would have second thoughts," says Ward Miller, president of Preservation Chicago. Business

Johnson juggling transition to office

Maneuvering rules, with expectations of his supporters

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson is trying to navigate city rules and the expectations supporters have for his administration while he puts together his leadership team.

As Johnson prepares to take office in less than a month, one of the heads of his transition team has sought a waiver from the city's Board of Ethics to avoid violating a policy designed to stop former employees from coming back to lobby or influence subjects they worked on for the city.

Johnson earlier this month named Maria Martinez as a legal adviser on the team that's helping him get organized and set his priorities as he prepares to succeed Mayor Lori Lightfoot. The inauguration is May 15.

But Martinez, now a lawyer for Croke, Fairchild, Duarte & Beres, was on the city payroll until January representing the Lightfoot administration's interests in Springfield, and the city's so-called revolving

"Historic House Torn Down" Front page coverage of the demolition of 2240 N. Burling Street in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood on April 25, 2023. Photo credit: Brian Cassella / Chicago Tribune

Demolition of historic Lincoln Park home underway after lost preservation fight, Brian J. Rogal, Chicago Tribune, 4/25/23

152-Year-Old Lincoln Park Home Demolished After Fight To Preserve It: ‘Piece Of Chicago History Is Now Gone’; "We lost a cornerstone of the neighborhood that all this has grown on top of, and now they're forced to leave because the area's gotten too nice," a neighbor said, Mack Liederman, Block Club Chicago, 4/28/23

In Lincoln Park, tensions flare over plan to tear down a nearly 150-year-old home, Brian J. Rogal, Chicago Tribune, 2/3/23

Lincoln Central Association Supports Preservation Efforts; An Effort to Save a Historic Chicago Fire-Era Building, Deirdre Graziano, Park West Community Association, 2/9/23

4. LOSS: After Questionable Thanksgiving Fire, 5356 N. Sheridan / Former Wing Hoe Restaurant Demolished for New Construction



Wing Hoe Restaurant in former Edgewater mansion, built 1913, 5356 N. Sheridan Road. Photo Credit: Google Maps

https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/12/12/edgewaters-wing-hoe-restaurant-damaged-in-fire-will-be-replaced-by-50-apartments/

5. LOSS: Meitus House Demolished for Land Banking



Meitus House, 1927, Roy Walter Stott, 6740 S. South Shore Drive. Demolished September 2023. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers

What's the plan for this South Shore site after the demolition of a historic home? Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 10/12/23

This South Shore house has survived two demolition plans and may beat a third, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 4/18/23

6. LOSS: Hofsten House at 5545 S. Woodlawn Avenue Demolished

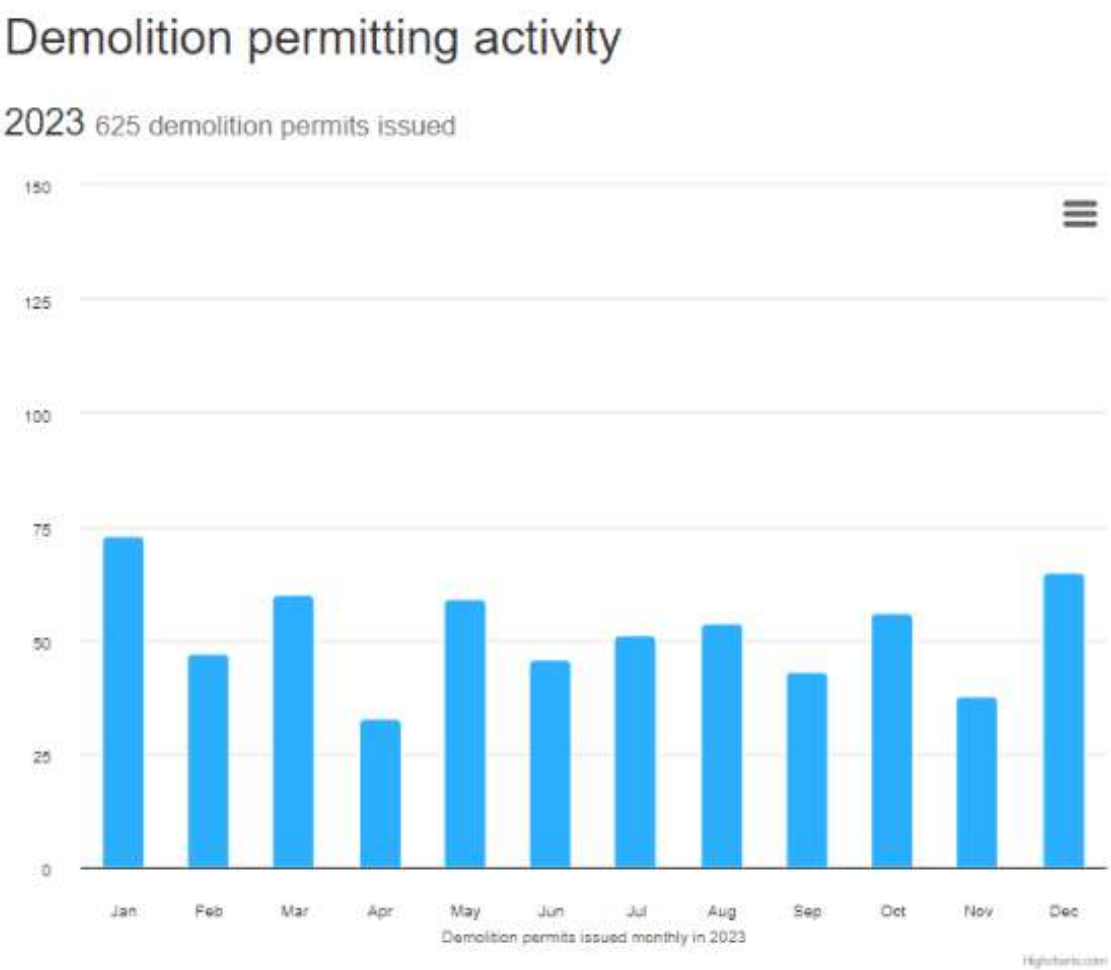


Hugo Olof von Hofsten House, 1894, Dewitt Taylor Kennard,5545 S. Woodlawn Avenue. Photo credit: 1st Look Media

Neighbors decry demolition of historic Woodlawn Avenue home, Zoe Pharo, Hyde Park Herald, 5/26/23

Say goodbye to a Hyde Park house that's layered with history, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 5/25/23

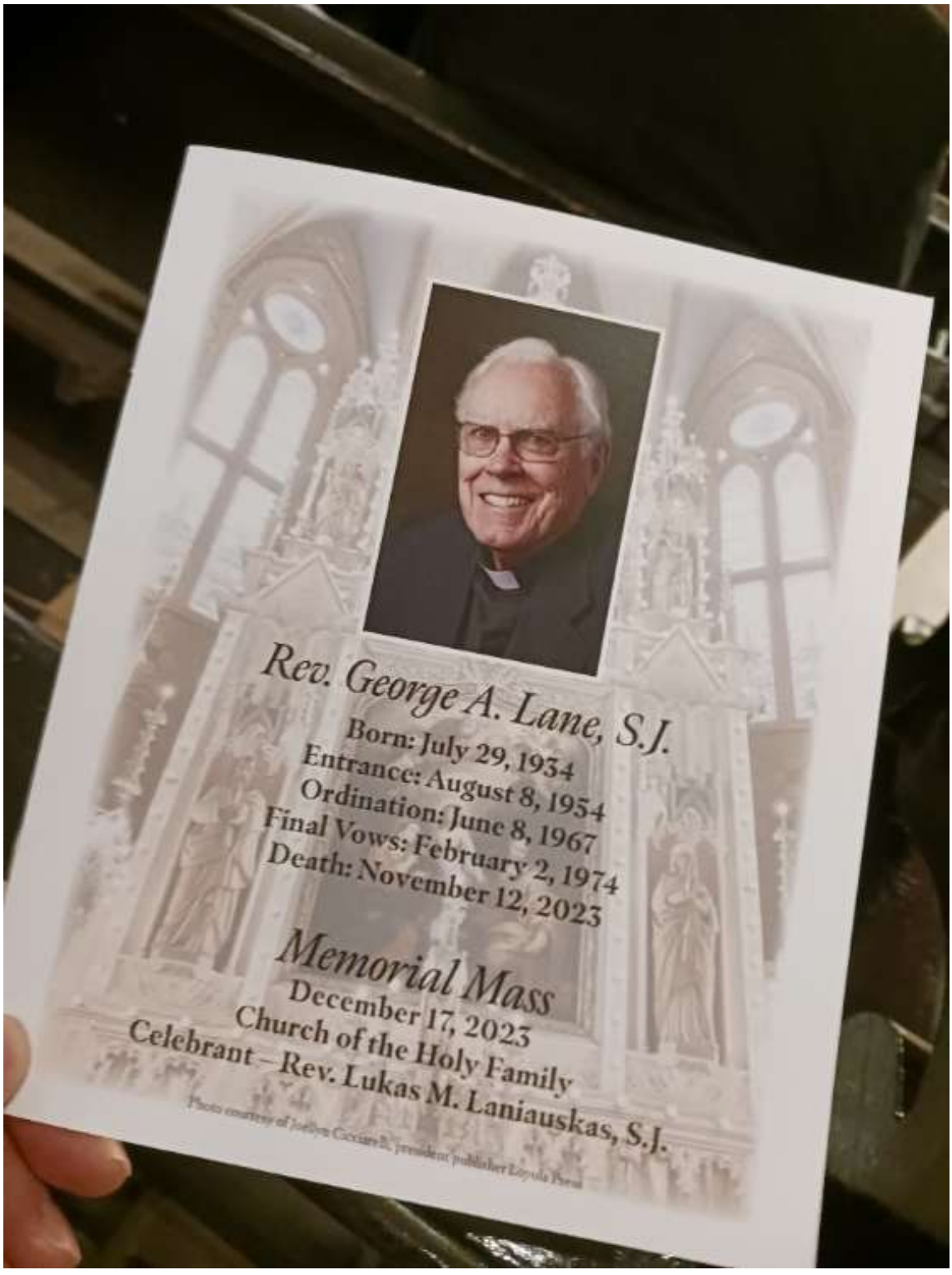
7. 2023 SPOTLIGHT ON DEMOLITION: 625 Demolitions in 2023



SPOTLIGHT ON DEMOLITION: 625 Demolitions in 2023. Photo credit: Chicago Cityscape

IN MEMORIAM: 2023

IN MEMORIAM: Rev. George A. Lane, SJ, Jesuit priest who helped save Church of the Holy Family from demolition during the 1990 “Miracle on Roosevelt Road"



Fr. George Lane, SJ Memorial Service at The Church of the Holy Family on December 17, 2023. Photo credit: Ward Miller

Lane, 89, led effort to save Holy Family, Richard Barry, The Beverly Review, 12/12/23

The Rev. George Lane, priest who helped save historic West Side church, dies at 89, Bob Goldsborough, Chicago Tribune, 12/14/23

Remembering the Rev. George Lane and the importance of preserving houses of worship; The author and Jesuit priest bucked his bosses and helped lead the fight to save Holy Family, the city's second-oldest church. Lane died last month. His work is a much-needed blueprint for saving historic architecture, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 12/18/23

IN MEMORIAM: Dan Coffey, Chicago Theater Restoration Architect



Architect Daniel P. Coffey passed away in 2023. He is best known for as the architect who spearheaded the restoration of the Chicago Theatre in the 1980s. Photo credit: Family of Daniel Coffey

Dan Coffey, architect behind revival of Chicago Theatre and other Loop venues, dies at 69, Steven R. Strahler, Crain's Chicago Business, 10/24/23

The Architect Who's Rebuilding Chicago; Dan Coffey's speciality is giving old buildings new life, Robert McClory, Chicago Reader, 8/26/1993

IN MEMORIAM: Charles Gregersen Pullman Preservationist



Charles Gregersen, Pullman Preservationist, standing in front of Market Hall in Pullman in 2009. Photo Credit: Chicago Sun-Times

Charles E. Gregersen Obituary, Pullman National Monument Preservation Society, Mark Cassello with Ward Miller, Preservation Chicago, 11/20/22

IN MEMORIAM: Paul Edward Sprague, Architectural Historian



Paul Edward Sprague, Architectural Historian. Photo credit: Family of Paul Edward Sprague

Paul Edward Sprague, Jr. Obituary, Williams Funeral Home, 12/12/23

IN MEMORIAM: Arthur Takeuchi, Chicago Architect



Arthur Shigeo Takeuchi (June 16, 1931 - October 28, 2022), architect, pupil of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and former faculty member of the College of Architecture of the Illinois Institute of Technology dies at 91. Photo credit: Arthur Takeuchi Family

Arthur Shigeo Takeuchi, pioneering architect and designer of Richard J. Daley Center, dies at 91, Hyde Park Herald, 12/19/22

THREATENED: 2023

1. THREATENED: Neighborhood Groups Organize to Oppose DePaul's Plan to Demolish Five Historic Buildings to Build a Gym



Four historic residential buildings on Sheffield Avenue threatened with demolished by DePaul for a new gym. 2308 N. Sheffield, 2310 N. Sheffield (Orange-Rated), 2314 N. Sheffield, 2316 N. Sheffield (Orange-Rated). Photo credit: Ward Miller



Holy Family Catholic Church, 1080 W. Roosevelt Road, Dillenburg & Zucher, 1857. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Neighborhood groups see landmark protection of historic Lincoln Park buildings, Peter von Buol, Loop North News, 12/5/23

Historic Lincoln Park buildings face demolition as DePaul University plans athletic complex expansion, Anthony Ponce, FOX 32 Chicago, 9/20/23

2. SUN-TIMES EDITORIAL: South Loop had a hybrid car dealership — a century ago. Now it’s headed toward demolition.



Woods Motor Vehicle Company, 1892, Thomas W. Hawkes, 1130 S. Wabash Avenue. Image credit: Debbie Mercer

South Loop had a hybrid car dealership — a century ago. Now it’s headed toward demolition. But a building that beckoned toward the future, housing the former Woods Motor Vehicle Co., shouldn’t be consigned to the past, architecture critic Lee Bey writes, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/1/23

3. THREATENED: Landmarked Delaware Building Reuse Blocked By Absentee Tenant



Delaware Building, 1872-1874, Julius H. Huber, Wheelock & Thomas, 36 W. Randolph St. Designated a Chicago Landmark on November 23, 1983. Photo credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Landlord says McDonald's is blocking a landmark renovation; The owner of the Delaware Building said the fast-food chain is using a lease to block work that could bring an improvement to Randolph Street, David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 1/3/23

What's That Building? The Delaware Building; The owners want to convert the office building into apartments, but say McDonald's is holding up their plan, Dennis Rodkin, Reset on WBEZ Chicago, 1/26/23 (11:35)

4. Crumbling Brick Falls From Long-Vacant Guyon Hotel (Chicago 7 2013, 2014 & 2018)



Guyon Hotel, Jens J. Jensen, 1927, 4000 W. Washington Boulevard. Photo Credit: Debbie Mercer

Falling Bricks From Crumbling Guyon Hotel Damage West Side Homes, Displace Neighbors; The hotel was designed in 1927 by Jens Jensen and has been on Preservation Chicago's 7 Most Endangered List three times, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 3/22/23

5. THREATENED: Neglected Frank Lloyd Wright-Designed Waller Apartments Listed For Sale



Edward Waller Rowhouses, 1895, Frank Lloyd Wright, 2846 W. Walnut St, (2840-2858 W. Walnut St). Photo credit: Dennis Rodkin / Crain's Chicago Business

Who can save this decrepit row house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright? Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 8/10/23

6. THREATENED: Fire Burns Seth Warner House Attic, but Owners Plan Restoration



Morning after the fire at Seth Warner House, 1869, 631 N. Central Ave. Photo credit: Dennis Rodkin / Crain's Chicago Business

Austin's Landmarked Seth Warner Home, One Of Chicago's Oldest, Damaged In Fire; Warner, an abolitionist, built the home in 1869. The owner said there is smoke, fire and water damage, but he expects he can fully restore it, Trey Arline, Block Club Chicago, 6/15/23

Fire damages landmark Austin home of abolitionist, Dennis Rodkin, Crain's Chicago Business, 6/15/23

Chicago landmark damaged in Austin fire, Anthony Ponce, FOX 32 Chicago, 6/15/23

7. THREATENED: Historic Swift Mansion Suffers Extensive Upper Floor Damage after Suspected Arson



Fire at Swift Mansion on December 3, 2023. Swift Mansion / Edward Morris house, 1892, Willett & Pashley, 4500 S. Michigan Ave. Photo credit: Chicago Fire Department

Swift Mansion Tenants Say Owners Illegally Evicted Them Before Massive Fire; Nine people had been living at the historical mansion, where the second floor had been converted into a single-room occupancy building, two tenants said. Officials are investigating the Sunday fire as arson, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 11/29/23

Arson investigation underway after fire breaks out at Bronzeville's historic Swift Mansion: police, Maher Kawash, ABC7 News Chicago, 12/4/23

Gutted by fire, the fate of Bronzeville's historic Swift Mansion remains in limbo; The fire is under investigation, but the 131-year-old home's survival could rest with the results of a structural report now being prepared by city building inspectors, Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/4/23

Tenants say they were illegally evicted days before Swift Mansion fire; The owner planned to renovate the top two floors to create space to house migrants, according to a lawsuit. But a blaze broke out in a back stairwell before the work could begin, tenants and owners say, David Struett, Chicago Sun-Times, 12/4/23

8. THREATENED: Pioneer Arcade Redevelopment Stalls Without Allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Chicago 7 2015)



Pioneer Arcade, 1925, Jens J. Jensen, 1535 N. Pulaski Road. Photo Credit: John Morris

Pioneer Arcade affordable housing project in jeopardy as city support wavers, Lizzie Kane, Chicago Tribune, 3/8/23

Final landmark recommendation approved for Pioneer Arcade, The building will be adaptively reused into senior housing, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 12/15/22

9. THREATENED: Alderwoman Taylor's Letter Requests Archdiocese of Chicago to Lift the Ban and Reopen The Shrine



Shrine of Christ the King / St. Clara / St. Gelasius, Henry J. Schlacks, 1927, 6415 S. Woodlawn Ave. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Read the full letter at SaveTheShrine.org

Emily Nielsen: The Shrine, Beloved Chicago Landmark, Endangered Again, Judy Carmack Bross, Classic Chicago Magazine, 10/29/22

Chicago: the Saga of a Cancelled Parish, Trevor Alcorn, OnePeterFice, 9/2/22

Preservation group says Mass has been suspended at Shrine of Christ the King Church, raising concern for future of landmark; Jennifer Blackman, a member of the Coalition to Save the Shrine, said many questions have gone unanswered by he Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Kade Heather, Chicago Sun-Times, 8/2/22

Vintage Chicago Tribune: For some Catholics, Latin Mass still an emotional magnet, Ron Grossman, Chicago Tribune, 10/2/22

10. THREATENED: Strong Community Opposition to Planned Demolition of Damen Silos (Chicago 7 2023)



Damen Silos, 1906, John Metcalf (civil engineer), 2860 S. Damen Ave. A 2023 Chicago 7 Most Endangered. Photo Credit: Serhii Chrucky



The Damen Silos on Chicago's Lower West Side on Aug. 22, 2023. The facility has been out of use since the late 1970s except for occasional movie shoots. Damen Silos, 1906, John Metcalf (civil engineer), 2860 S. Damen Ave. A 2023 Chicago 7 Most Endangered. Photo Credit: Trent Sprague/Chicago Tribune

Damen Silos will remain in limbo as Army Corps reviews application to demolish, Caroline Kubzansky, Chicago Tribune, 10/3/23

Threatened Damen Silos a remnant of Chicago's days as a 'Stacker of Wheat', Ron Grossman, Chicago Tribune, 10/8/23

Demolition Of Damen Silos Further Delayed, Pending Federal Review; City officials won't make a decision on the demolition permits for the site until a federal review concludes, they said Tuesday, Madison Savedra, Block Club Chicago, 10/5/23

The Damen Silos — now at the center of demolition drama — have a colorful history; Preservationists argue that the unique structure, vacant since the 1970s and a darling of gonzo artmakers, was the skyscraper of its time and deserves to be saved, Robert Loerzel, WBEZ Chicago, 9/25/23 (Long-format article with many historic photos)

11. THREATENED: Closed in 2014 After Being Declared Unsafe, Darrow Bridge / Columbia Bridge Languishes



A view to the southwest of the Darrow Bridge / Columbia Bridge on August 29, 2023. Built in 1880 and rebuilt after the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the Darrow Bridge was declared unsafe by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) in 2009 and blocked to pedestrians and bicycles in the late fall of 2013. Photo credit: Marc C. Monaghan / Hyde Park Herald

Is Jackson Park ready for its future? A closer look at plans to reopen the Darrow Bridge, revamp the Garden of the Phoenix and more; Marc Monaghan, Hyde Park Herald, 10/5/23

12. THREATENED: Asphalt Plant Prevents CMD Affordable Housing Reuse From Moving Forward (Chicago 7 2020)



A rendering of Code Real Estate Partners' plans for 2139 and 2159 W. Pershing Road. Rendering credit: Code Real Estate Partners

McKinley Park asphalt plant controversy dooms affordable housing project, Alby Gallun, Crain's Chicago Business, 3/6/23

13. THREATENED: Logan Square SOM-Designed Blue Line Station Threatened With Replacement



Proposed Logan Square CTA Blue Line station. Rendering credit: CDOT and Jacobs Engineering

Meet The Women Who Built Logan Square; We assembled a small list of little known women who have made a lasting impact on the neighborhood's built environment, Mina Bloom, Block Club Chicago, 6/15/18

Renderings emerge for Logan Square Blue Line station rehab; A new canopy will be part of the CTA station's redesign, Lukas Kugler, Urbanize Chicago, 8/29/23

14. THREATENED: Happy Wash Terra Cotta Building Threatened with Demolition



Happy Wash Building, 1359 W. Wilson Ave. Photo credit: Martin Tangora

5-Story Apartment Building Coming To Wilson Avenue In Uptown After Developers' Third Try Gets Approved; The development will bring 28 apartments and 25 parking spaces to the site of the Happy Wash retail building, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 4/26/23

15. THREATENED: Code Issues Prevent Great Lakes Elks Lodge / Panorama Theater From Reopening



Great Lakes Elks Lodge, 1912, Grossman & Proskauer, 5108 S. Prairie Avenue. Photo credit: Resident Advisor

The venue will go into receivership and shut for good without the necessary funding, Resident Advisor, 9/27/23

House veteran Craig Loftis needs help to keep the music going at the Lodge, J.R. Nelson and Leor Galil, Chicago Reader, 9/12/23

Help us save THE LODGE GoFundMe

16. THREATENED: Ornate Terra Cotta Holiday Club Building Threatened with Demolition



Holiday Club Building, 4000-4006 N. Sheridan Road, Residential portion 1905, David Robertson, retail portion 1925, Adolph Woerner. Photo credit: Joe Ward / Block Club Chicago

Holiday Club's Fate Uncertain As Its Longtime Uptown Home Could Become 7-Story Apartment Building; The popular bar is hoping there is room for it in the new 92-unit building proposed to be built at the corner of Irving Park and Sheridan roads, Joe Ward, Block Club Chicago, 8/29/23

Holiday No More? 7 Story Development Slated For Sheridan & Irving Park, Uptown Update, 8/27/23

Rendering Reveal: 4006 N. Sheridan (Holiday Club Building), Uptown Update, 9/13/23

17. THREATENED: Sale of United Electrical Workers Union Hall Endangers Mural



A portion of the “Solidarity” mural at the United Electrical Workers union hall at 37 S. Ashland Ave. Photo credit: Ashlee Rezin / Chicago Sun-Times

Near West Side union hall’s sale could mean ‘heartbreaking’ destruction of historic union-themed mural; Completed in 1974 by Chicago artists John Pitman Weber and Jose Guerrero, the painting is inside the United Electrical Workers union hall, which soon could be sold and redeveloped, Sun-Times staff, 12/3/23

18. THREATENED: Benedictine Sisters' St. Scholastica Monastery to be Closed and Sold



The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are seeking to build a senior living center on its 14-acre campus in West Ridge. Credit: Joe Ward / Block Club Chicago

Benedictine Sisters Selling West Ridge Campus, Their Home For Nearly 120 Years; The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago have lived on a sprawling West Ridge campus since 1906. Due to age and declining ranks, they are now looking to sell the property, Mack Liederman, Block Club Chicago, 10/19/23

19. THREATENED: Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Complex Listed For Sale



Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Annex / originally Little Company of Mary Hospital, 1896, James J. Egan, 4130 S. Indiana Avenue. Photo credit: Google Maps

Bronzeville's Historic Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church For Sale As Preservationists Race To Landmark It; A group led by current parishioners and Preservation Chicago plan to launch a petition to get the house of worship landmarked as it hits the market for $799,000, Jamie Nesbitt Golden, Block Club Chicago, 9/21/23

Historic South Side church faces uncertain fate: Crain's Daily Gist podcast, Corli Jay talks with host Amy Guth about the questions surrounding a Bronzeville church that's up for sale after neighbors and preservationists lobbied to landmark it, Crain's Chicago Business, 9/26/23

Fearing demolition, preservationists push to make Bronzeville church a landmark, Corli Jay, Crain's Chicago Business, 8/21/23

20. THREATENED: After Foreclosure Sale, Future Unknown for St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Church - Little Flower Church



Little Flower Church / St. Therese-the Little Flower / Greater Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, 1940, Meyer & Cook, 1801 W. 80th Street. Photo credit: Ward Miller / Preservation Chicago

Landmark status for historic West Side church should be first step of many to preserve houses of worship; Greater Union Baptist Church is poised for landmarks designation and a reminder of the need to preserve the city's old and architecturally noteworthy worship spaces, Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board, 1/11/23

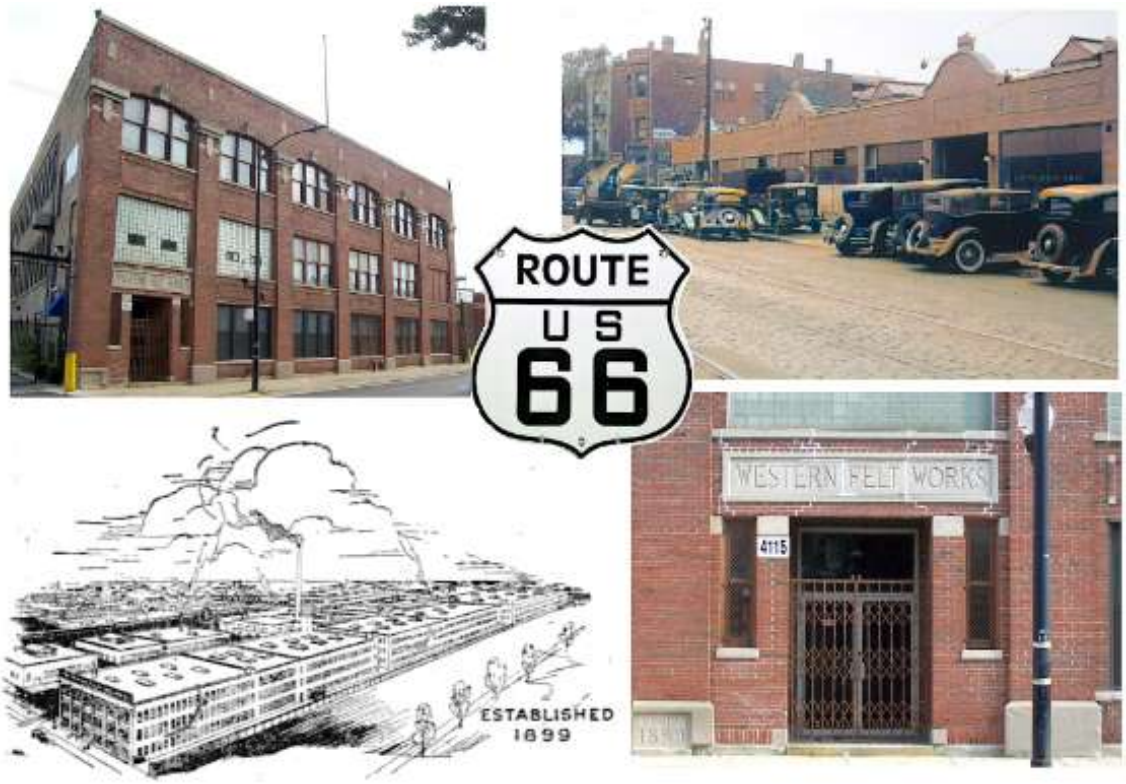
21. THREATENED: Schulze Baking Company Data Center Adaptive Reuse Stalled Since 2018



Schulze Baking Company Building, 40 E. Garfield Boulevard, John Ahlschlager & Son, 1914. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers

Data centers keep coming, but not all deals will compute; After a record year for leasing in the sector, three sites in Chicago have varying chances of success. Proximity to ComEd substations is a major factor, David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 4/3/23

22. THREATENED: Demolition Threat for Western Felt Works at 4029-4117 W. Ogden Ave



Western Felt Works, 4029-4117 W. Ogden Ave. Photo credit: Made in Chicago Museum

Western Felt Works, est. 1899, History from the Made in Chicago Museum

23. THREATENED: Demolition Threat for Wheatland Building at 4435 S. Western Blvd



Wheatland Building, 4435 S. Western Blvd. Photo credit: Google Maps

Warehouse demand brings attention to South Side properties; One proposal involves replacing the Wheatland Tube factory in Back of the Yards with a three-building logistics center covering more than 30 acres, David Roeder, Chicago Sun-Times, 4/17/23

24. THREATENED: Chicago's Last Manual Elevator at the Fine Arts Building to be Replaced



Waclaw Kalata, 63, manually operates an elevator in 2023 in the Fine Arts Building. Fine Arts Building / formerly the Studebaker Building, 1884 and 1898, Solon Spencer Beman, 410 S. Michigan Ave. Photo credit: Ashlee Rezin / Chicago Sun-Times

Vintage Fine Arts Building elevators are worth saving; Some historic buildings embody intangible experiences that are as important as the buildings themselves, writes Tim Samuelson, the city's cultural historian emeritus, Tim Samuelson, Letter to the Editor, Chicago Sun-Times, 8/30/23

Video of manual elevator operation at the Fine Arts Building in Chicago

Bygone-era Fine Arts Building elevators will soon be gone; In a building full of musicians, dancers and artists, the manually operated elevators make their own music — a sound soon to be silenced, Stefano Esposito, Chicago Sun-Times, 8/28/23

Preservation Events & Happenings

Preservation Chicago Receives Friends of the Parks 2023 Advocacy Award



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Promontory Point, 1937, Alfred Caldwell, Chicago Lakefront between 54th and 56th Streets. Photo Credit: Eric Allix Rogers



Photo with unpermitted concrete block building under construction in foreground. Humboldt Park Receptory Building and Stable, 1896, Frommann & Jebsen, 3015 W. Division Street. Photo credit: Colin Boyle / Block Club Chicago

2023 VIP (VOLUNTEERS-IN-PARKS) AWARD WINNERS
Each year Friends of the Parks puts out a call for nominations for groups and individuals that have gone above and beyond in making Chicago's parks great places—through stewardship, advocacy, coordinating park-centric activities for the community, and other kinds of volunteerism. On December 2, 2023 Friends of the Parks celebrated this year's awardees.

"ADVOCACY AWARD: PRESERVATION CHICAGO
"For your leadership and perseverance in fights to protect and preserve historical legacies in Humboldt Park and Promontory Point.

"This year's advocacy award goes to Preservation Chicago. It is not uncommon for there to be overlap on park-related projects that are on Friends of the Parks' agenda and that of Preservation Chicago. And this has very much been the case in the last two years.

"Per their historic preservation focus, one big campaign where they have played a strong role over the last couple of years alongside neighborhood activists has been the fight to preserve the limestone revetments that line the lakeshore at Promontory Point.

“On top of that, in 2023 they played an invaluable role in challenging the illegal construction of a supposed archive building in Humboldt Park by the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture on land they lease from the Chicago Park District. In addition to being built without building permits from the City of Chicago, the unsightly structure was sited next to the historic and architecturally significant former stables building that once served as the office of renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen.

”Preservation Chicago tenaciously submitted and reviewed myriad Freedom of Information Act requests to unearth details about the situation, making clear that the museum had misrepresented the truth about their plans on various occasions to various government entities who also weren’t communicating well with one another. They shared the information with strategic government, regional, and local partners as well as the media to ensure distribution of factual information in support of organizing and advocacy pressure. They also coordinated with various players to ensure a steady stream of testimony at Chicago Park District board of commissioners calling for the demolition of the unauthorized building.

"This advocacy was a key ingredient in a successful outcome. In Fall 2023, an announcement was made that the unpermitted structure in the park would be torn down and a non-park site would be found in the community for a museum archives building! Despite the fight that took place, Preservation Chicago continues in a cooperative conversation with the museum to help them find solutions to maximize the use of the historic stables building they occupy." (Friends of the Parks)

Friends of the Parks Website

Richard H. Driehaus Museum Presents “Glass to Garden: Tiffany Inspired Floral Designs” Through January 7, 2024



"Hector Guimard: Art Nouveau to Modernism" presented by the Richard H. Driehaus Museum opening June 22, 2023. Image credit: The Richard H. Driehaus Museum

Richard H. Driehaus Museum Presents
"Glass to Garden: Tiffany Inspired Floral Designs"
November 30 to January 7

"Glass to Garden: Tiffany Inspired Floral Designs, an exhibition showcasing newly commissioned floral design installations from four local floral designers in dialogue with work by Louis Comfort Tiffany and Tiffany Studios. The exhibition is curated by Elizabeth Cronin, the founder and Creative Director of Chicago's Asrai Garden—and widely known as one of the judges on HBO Max's competition program, "Full Bloom"— who has selected and worked closely with each of the florists to create works inspired by the Tiffany pieces they in turn chose. Glass to Garden will run until January 7, 2024.

"A seminal artist of the Gilded Age, Louis Comfort Tiffany is the best known and most widely collected figure in late nineteenth and early twentieth century American decorative arts. Tiffany relied on forms and colors inspired by nature to create a virtuosic array of windows, lamps, vases, and accessories. By bringing contemporary floral installations together with Tiffany objects, the exhibition will demonstrate a new way of seeing these works—taking them beyond their more traditional presentation and vividly connecting them with the natural forms that so inspired their creation. Glass to Garden will feature a total of eight Tiffany works, including vases and lamps drawn from the Driehaus Museum and the private collection of Richard H. Driehaus.

"'Nature was Tiffany's muse,' says Executive Director, Lisa M. Key. 'And so we're having a bit of fun with this idea in Glass to Garden. Now contemporary floral artists—who work directly with nature—are letting Tiffany be their muse. We're particularly excited to partner with Elizabeth on this exhibition, given her own work as a floral designer and her array of experiences both collaborating with and guiding others in the field.'

"This is the first floral exhibition at the Museum and the timing—as fall recedes into winter—is intentional. It coincides with the Museum's Gilded Gala on November 30 and the start of the festive holiday season. This year, in tandem with this exhibition, the Museum will be celebrating a season of light with a festive focus on Christmas, Hanukkah, St. Lucia Day, and Kwanzaa."

Learn more at Glass to Garden: Tiffany Inspired Floral Designs exhibition website at the Richard H. Driehaus Museum

"The Richard H. Driehaus Museum engages and inspires the global community through exploration and ongoing conversations in art, architecture, and design of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Its permanent collection and temporary exhibitions are presented in an immersive experience within the restored Samuel Mayo Nickerson Mansion, completed in 1883, at the height of the Gilded Age. The Museum's collection reflects and is inspired by the collecting interests, vision, and focus of its founder, the late Richard H. Driehaus."

Learn more about the Richard H. Driehaus Museum at www.DriehausMuseum.org

Pritzker Military Museum & Library presents The War of 1812: Countering Peril on the High Seas and at Home October 19, 2023 to July 27, 2024





The War of 1812: Countering Peril on the High Seas and at Home exhibit chronicles the conflict from an American perspective primarily through illustrations of figures, battles, and landscapes. Get up close and personal as you transcend back to a time when you can witness monumental milestones within a forgotten era of historical struggle. Image credit: Pritzker Military Museum & Library / Naval History and Heritage Command

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Closed Sunday & Monday

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Learn more at Pritzker Military Museum & Library website

Alphawood Exhibitions at Wrightwood 659 presents Tadao Ando: Spontaneous Sketches EXTENDED to January 27, 2024



Tadao Ando: Spontaneous Sketches presented by Alphawood Exhibitions at Wrightwood 659 EXTENDED to January 27, 2024. Photo credit: Mitch Canoff

Tadao Ando: Spontaneous Sketches
at Wrightwood 659
EXTENDED to January 27, 2024

"On its fifth anniversary, Wrightwood 659 presents an intimate exhibition of drawings by the Pritzker Prize-winning architect of Wrightwood 659, Tadao Ando. Ando quickly sketched directly on the walls during the inaugural exhibition at Wrightwood 659, Ando and Le Corbusier: Masters of Architecture (October 12–December 15, 2018), and the drawings have been carefully preserved and framed. These hand-drawn sketches—all done in blue marker on painted sheetrock—have a spontaneous quality denoting an ephemerality, while their vibrancy expresses Ando's creative generative process.

"The drawings represent some of Ando's most important commissions, including his work on the island of Naoshima; the Pulitzer Arts Foundation in St. Louis, Missouri; the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts; and his iconic Church of the Light in Ibaraki, Osaka, Japan.

"Tadao Ando: Spontaneous Sketches will open in conjunction with Difference Machines on October 13, 2023.

Learn more and purchase tickets at Wrightwood 659 website

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center presents
“I’ll Have What She’s Having”: The Jewish Deli
Through April 14, 2024



“I’ll Have What She’s Having”: The Jewish Deli presented by the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Through April 14, 2024. Image credit: Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center



“I’ll Have What She’s Having”: The Jewish Deli presented by the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Through April 14, 2024. Image credit: Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

"More than a place to get a meal, the Jewish deli is a community forged in food. 'I'll Have What She's Having': The Jewish Deli explores how Jewish immigrants, mostly from Central and Eastern Europe, imported and adapted traditions to create a uniquely American restaurant.

"The exhibition reveals how Jewish delicatessens became a cornerstone of American food culture, and how delis served as a lifeline for many Holocaust Survivors and refugees who came to the United States.

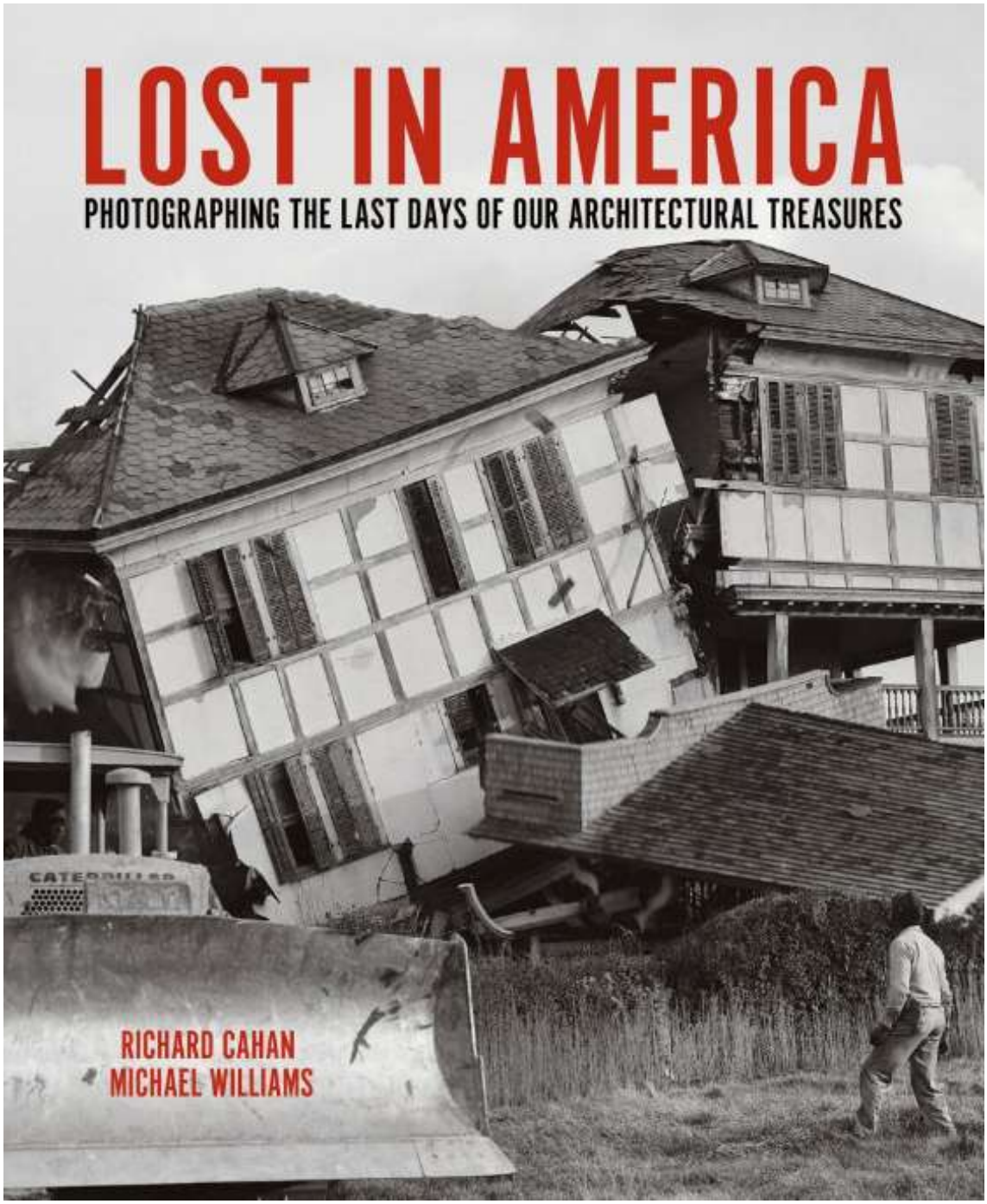
"Get a taste of deli history through neon signs, menus, advertisements, uniforms, photographs, and film and TV clips. Plus, spark and share your own deli memories with fun photo ops and interactives!

"Deli delights from Chicagoland's Once Upon a Bagel will be available for purchase at the Museum during lunchtime on Free Fridays, the last Friday of every month, through the end of 2023."

"I'll Have What She's Having": The Jewish Deli
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Lost in America: Photographing the Last Days of Our Architectural Treasures By Richard Cahan and Michael Williams

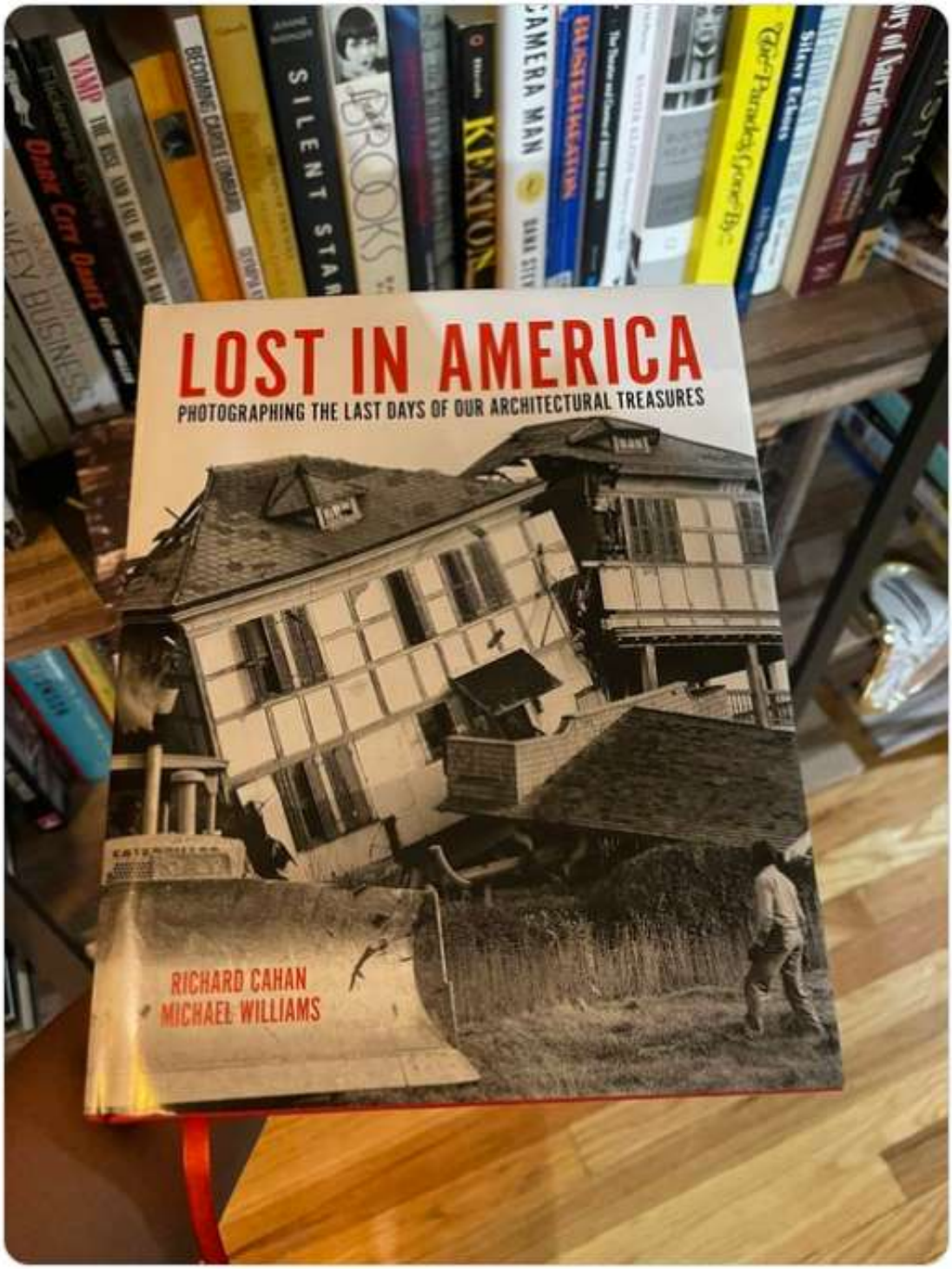


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Lady Topham Catt
@LadyTophamCatt

Fantastic thread on what is truly a breathtaking book. I went through this thing, mouth fully agape, gasping at almost every page & spiraling through every emotion from joy & wonderment to acute pain.



Thoughts about Lost in America: Photographing the Last Days of Our Architectural Treasures by Richard Cahan and Michael Williams. Tweet credit: @Lady Topham Catt

"'In this arresting collection, historians Cahan and Williams spotlight architectural jewels of America's yesteryear in photographs taken between 1933 and the present by the government-run Historic American Buildings Survey… While a dignified beauty suffuses these pages, a looming sense of tragedy is inescapable as well: 'a number of these structures were fought for… most slipped away unnoticed.' It's a bittersweet record that gives worthy due to the spaces that shaped a bygone era." — Publisher's Weekly (Starred Review)

"Lost in America documents the life and death of America's architectural and historic treasures. The book is based on a remarkable archive created by the Historic American Building Survey, a Works Progress Administration project that still documents the nation's most important buildings.

"Lost in America focuses on 100 buildings that have been torn down over the past 90 years. Some—like New York's Penn Station and Chicago's Stock Exchange—were majestic. Others—like a tiny bridge in rural Montana and a small farmstead razed for Denver's International Airport—were modest. But they all reflected America's story. Using haunting black-and-white images by the nation's top architectural photographers, the book presents a timely look at what we've lost."

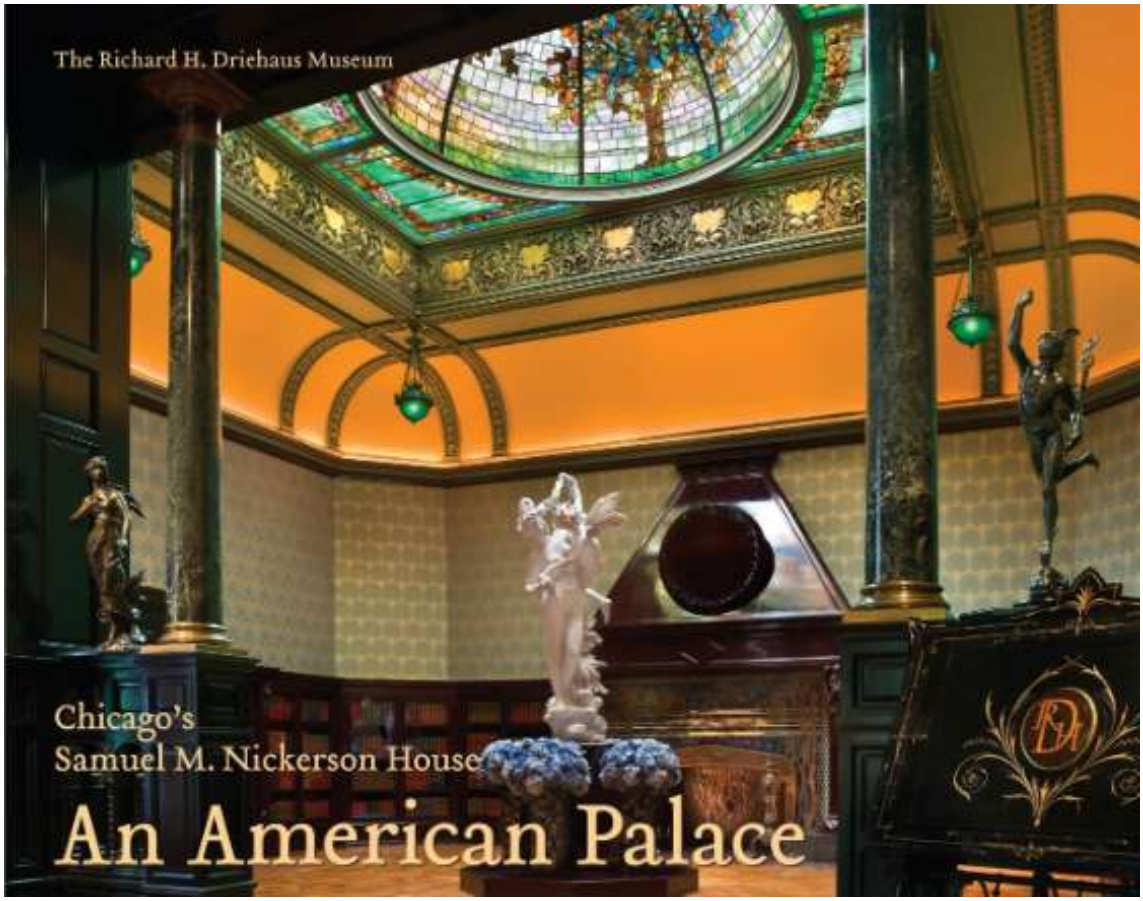
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Before the Wrecking Ball Swung, A new volume of photographs taken for the Historic American Buildings Survey captures the program's wide influence on architectural culture, Martin Filler, The New York Review, 11/9/23

An American Palace: Chicago's Samuel M. Nickerson House by David Bagnall



An American Palace: Chicago's Samuel M. Nickerson House by David Bagnall. Image credit: Driehaus Museum

"An American Palace: Chicago's Samuel M. Nickerson House, explores the rich and varied history of one of Chicago's grandest Gilded Age residences. Commissioned by Chicago banker Samuel M. Nickerson in 1879, the house was designed by the architectural firm Burling and Whitehouse of Chicago and finished in 1883, during a time of unprecedented economic growth in the Midwest between the end of the Civil War and the outbreak of World War I.

"Following a long and checkered history of both private and institutional ownership, the property was established as a museum in 2003 by Chicago philanthropist Richard H. Driehaus and underwent a meticulous and extensive renovation before opening to the public in 2008. In addition to featuring exceptionally restored woodwork, stained glass, and tiling, the museum also holds a diverse collection of decorative and fine arts from the period between 1880 and 1920, including one of the country's leading private collections of works by preeminent American designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. Today the Driehaus Museum offers visitors an opportunity to experience first-hand the prevailing design philosophies of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Beautifully illustrated, this volume provides a comprehensive history and stunning photographic tour of the Samuel M. Nickerson house while firmly situating it within Chicago's rich legacy of architectural and interior design."

"David Bagnall served as director and curator of The Richard H. Driehaus Museum. David is an art historian and graduate of the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London. He lives in Oak Park, Illinois with his wife and daughter."

Hardcover
120 pages
Regular price $28.00

Link to purchase An American Palace at the Driehaus Museum Website

Rosenwald: Toward a More Perfect Union Film Trailer



Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington whose partnership created 5,357 schools and related buildings over a 20-year period in mainly rural areas of 15 Southern states. These schools educated one-third of African-American children of the South in the years before the end of legal segregation and gave them a chance for a better life. Image credit: Rosenwald: Toward a More Perfect Union film

“The extraordinary story of a forgotten philanthropist, a Jewish son of immigrants from Chicago who became a champion for black education with in the Jim Crow South.

“The Campaign to Establish the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park The Campaign seeks to promote the establishment of a multi-site National Park celebrating the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald, the son of Jewish immigrants who, after achieving great wealth leading Sears, Roebuck and Company, became a visionary philanthropist.

“Julius Rosenwald partnered with African American communities across the South to build schoolhouses for children who otherwise would have had extremely limited access to the public education to which they were entitled. As envisioned by the Campaign, the park will include a visitor center in Chicago to focus on Rosenwald’s overall contributions and a number of restored schoolhouses in several states to be selected by the National Park Service.”

Rosenwald: Toward a More Perfect Union Film Trailer

THE ROSENWALD SCHOOLS

“After joining the Tuskegee Institute Board in 1912, Julius Rosenwald enthusiastically embraced the idea of partnering with African American communities in the South, many of them extremely rural, that were already raising money to build the schoolhouses that state school systems were not providing. Booker T. Washington proposed that part of the funds Rosenwald donated to Tuskegee in honor of his 50th birthday be used for a pilot project to build six schools in nearby Alabama.

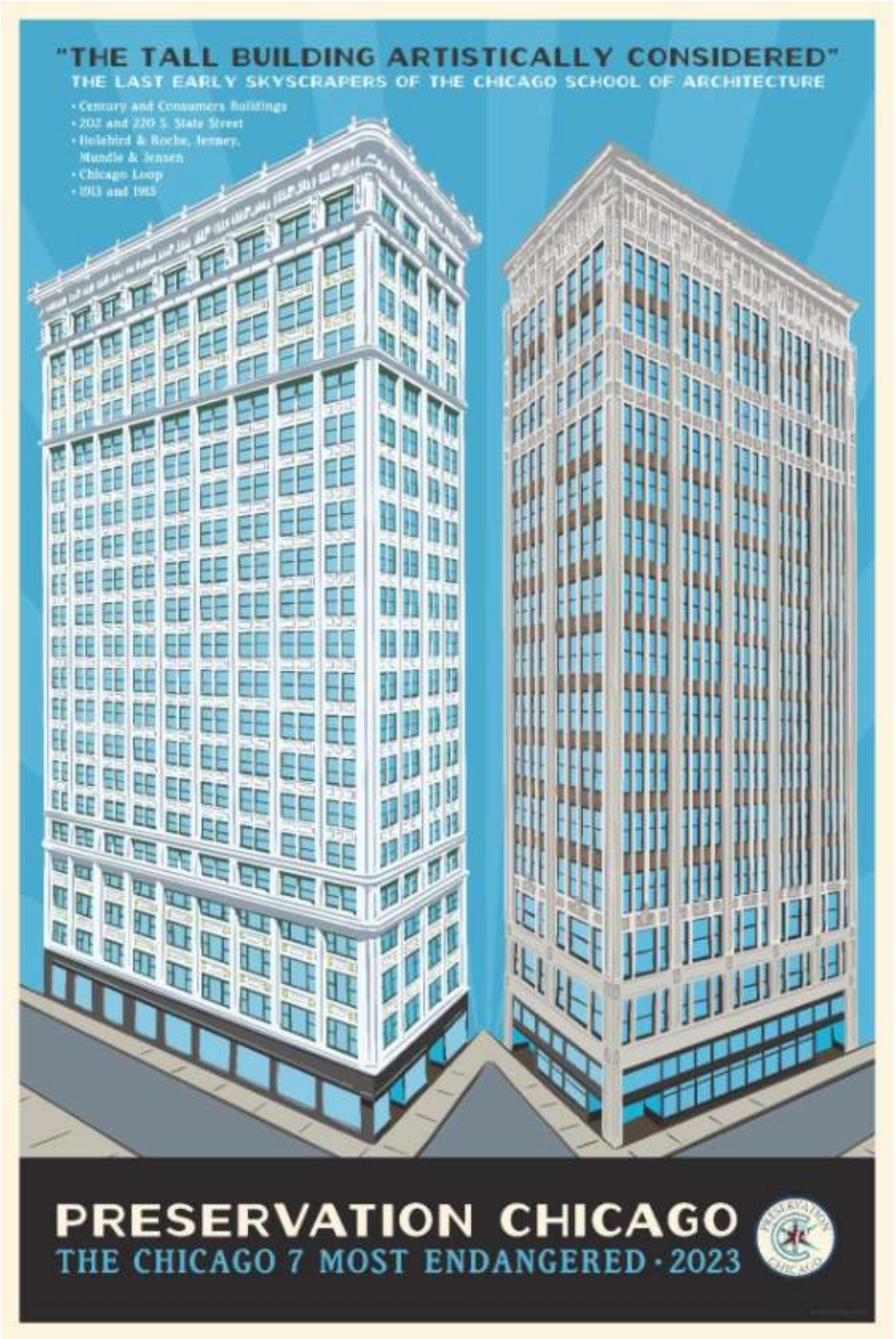
“Rosenwald agreed to contribute a portion of the costs of each school as long as both communities and local governments participated. This program led to the construction of 5,357 schools and related buildings over a 20-year period in mainly rural areas of 15 Southern states. Even in the face of poverty and severe discrimination, families contributed land, materials, labor and – dollar for dollar—slightly more than the Rosenwald Fund itself in order to offer education to their children.

“These buildings – most of them one or two-room schoolhouses on country roads surrounded by fields and woods – were a source of great pride and affection in their communities. The schools educated one-third of African-American children of the South in the years before the end of legal segregation and gave them a chance for a better life. Following implementation of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling many fell into disrepair or passed into private hands.” (Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Campaign)

Learn more at the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Campaign website

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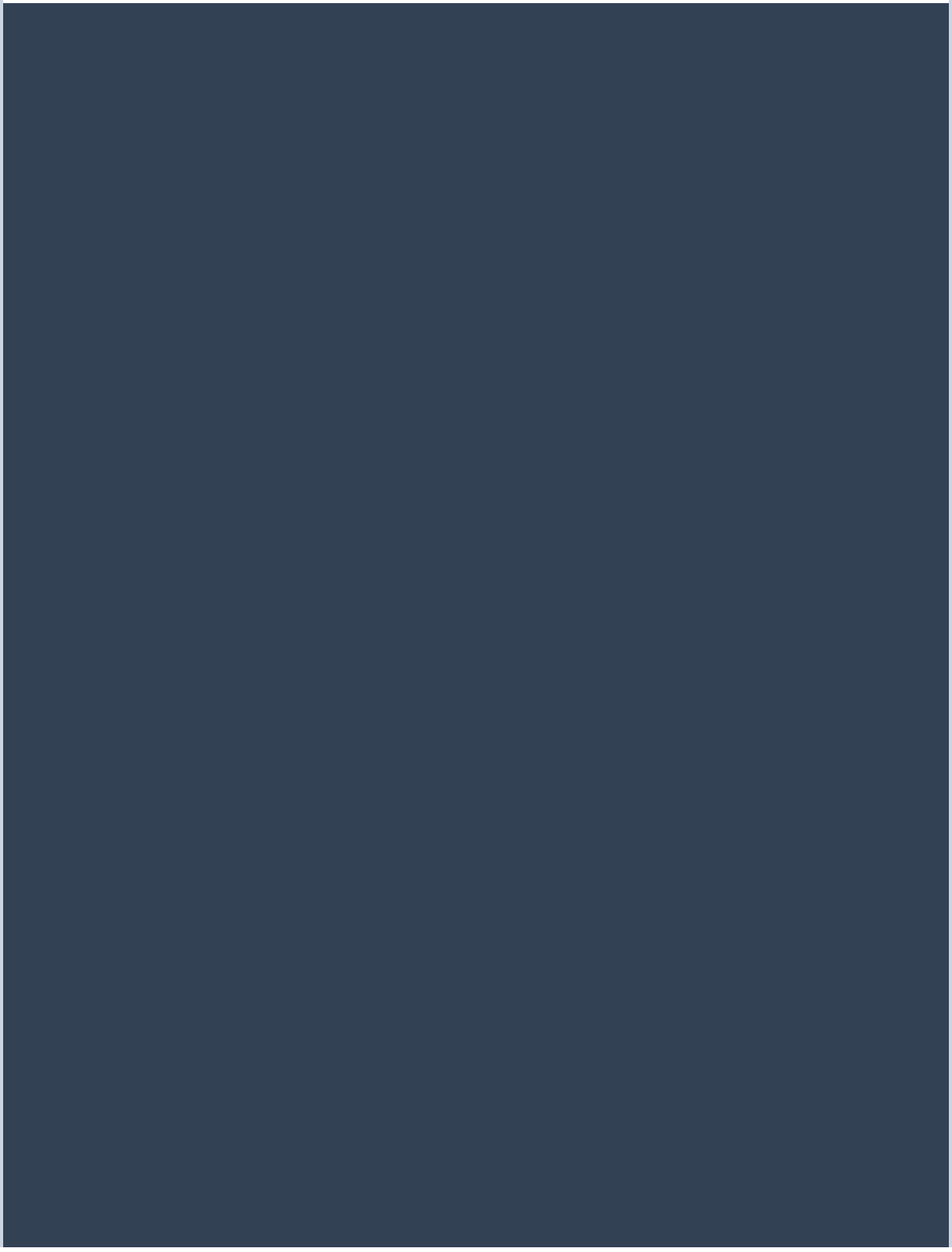
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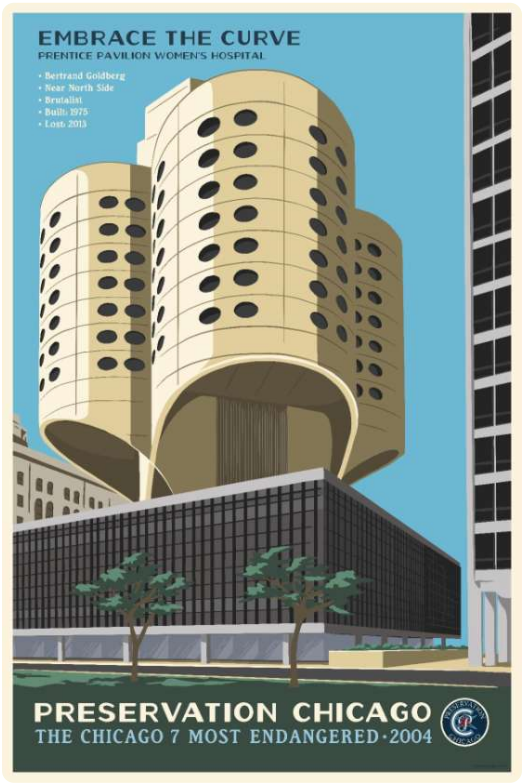

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