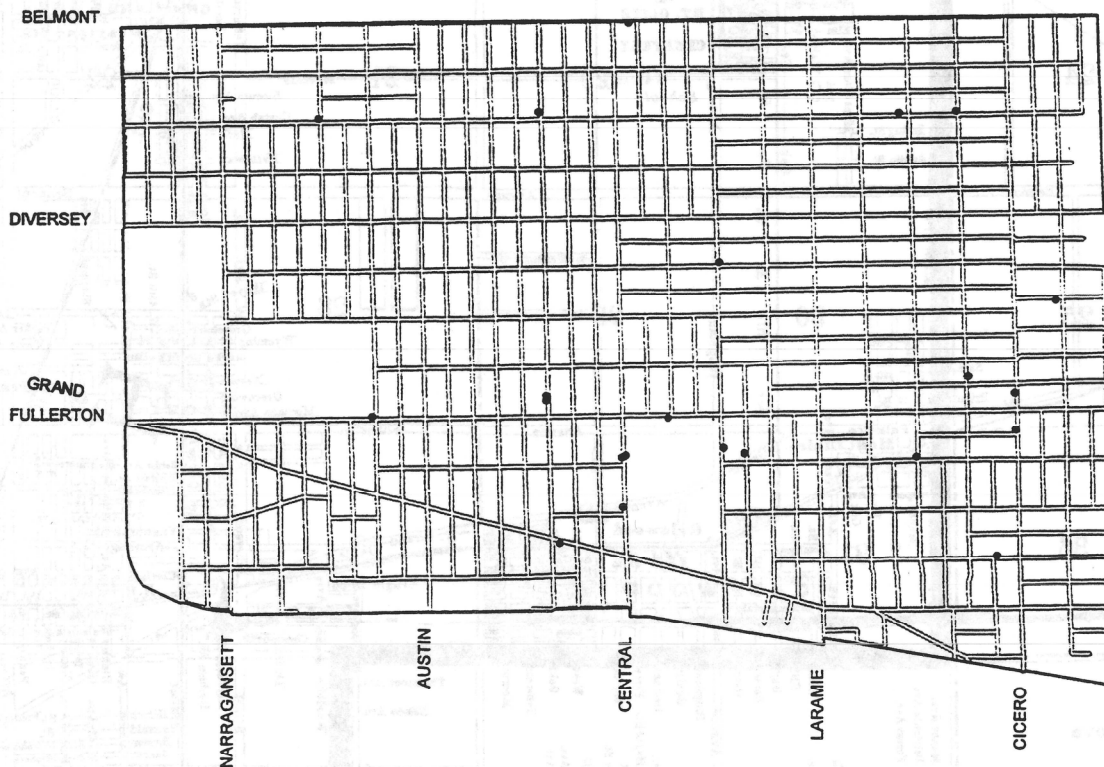


**Community Area #19**  
**Belmont Cragin**

**Population: 56,787**  
**Number of Structures: 13,283**  
**Avg. Date of Construction: 1931**

**Significant Structures: 22**

*Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS*



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## Community Area #19

# Belmont Cragin

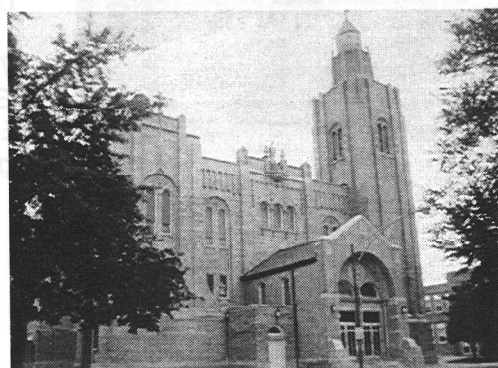
This community area is bordered by Belmont Avenue on the north, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul (C M & St. P) railroad tracks to the south and west, and the Chicago and North Western (C & NW) tracks on the east.

In the 1840s, the area was mostly farmland, native prairie, or forests. The area's oldest known settlement was centered around "Whiskey Point," a small commercial district located at the present intersection of Armitage and Grand avenues. (No structures survive from that era.)

The communities of Cragin, Galewood, and Hanson Park sprung up, during the 1870s and 1880s, along the C M & St. P tracks. Galewood was named after Abram Gale, whose farm was subdivided for residential uses in the 1880s. Cragin and Hanson Park developed as suburban industrial centers, hastened by the founding of the Cragin Manufacturing Company, a tin plating and sheet metal works, in 1882. These communities were annexed to Chicago in 1889.

In 1913, the area between Belmont, Chicago, Diversey, Laramie, and the C & NW tracks was developed into a residential area known as Belmont Park. During this time, the imposing St. Stanislaus B&M Church (1910) was erected at 2308 N. Lorel.

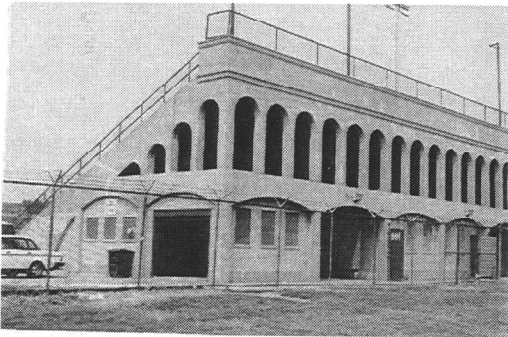
The 1920s witnessed extensive residential and industrial development, partially facilitated by the expansion of streetcar and bus lines on many of the area's major streets. A brick residence at 4701 W.



St. Stanislaus B&M Church  
2308 N. Lorel Av.

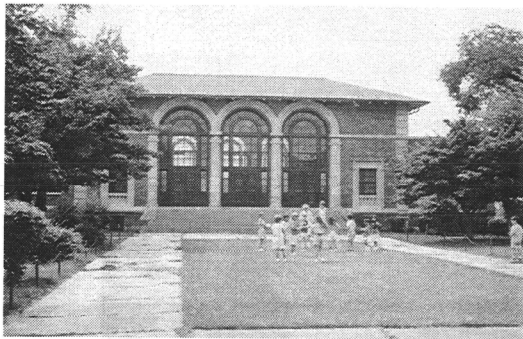
4701 W. Wrightwood Av.





Hanson Stadium  
2307 N. Central Av.

Fieldhouse, Hanson Park  
5501 W. Fullerton Av.



Wrightwood (1924) is a fine example of the type of bungalows erected at this time. In addition, numerous brick two-flats were built in the northern and western parts of the community, away from the southern manufacturing districts. After the 1920s, most of the area's industrial growth occurred west of Central Avenue, along the railroad tracks.

Although retail areas already were well-established along Belmont Cragin's older streets by 1930, the next two decades saw the rapid development of a large commercial district around the intersection of Belmont and Central avenues. Several of the area's most distinctive buildings are located nearby, including Hanson Park Fieldhouse, 5501 W. Fullerton, Hanson Stadium (1939) at 2307 N. Central, one of the city's few remaining pre-1940s stadiums, and an unusual Art Deco-style gas station at 2200 N. Central (1940).

The opening of the Brickyard Shopping Mall in 1977, on the far west side of the community, was the area's major development change during the post-World War II era.

*The focus of the Chicago Historic Resources Survey was on buildings erected prior to 1940. Buildings and developments erected after that date generally are not included in the inventory.*

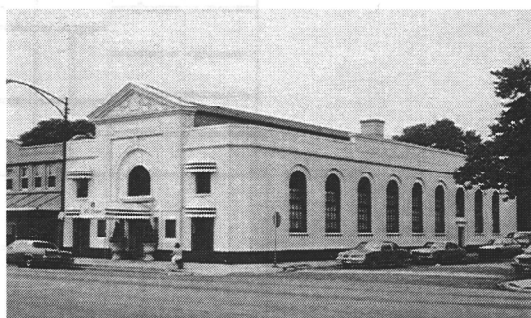
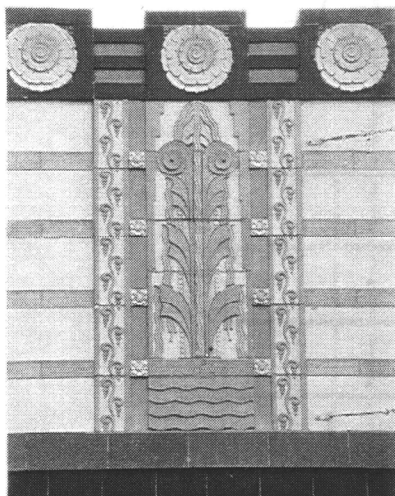
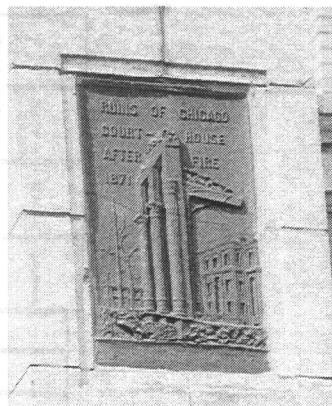
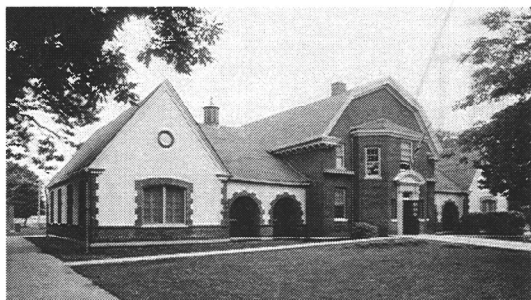


2200 N. Central Av.

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Belmont Cragin

Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey		Building Type	PIN	Form #
				LM	IS			
5551 W BELMONT AV	1935	SMITH, Z. EROL	ART DECO	N	Y	OR COMM	1328100003	193611001
2200 N CENTRAL AV	1940	DEWEY & PAVLOVIC	ART DECO	N	Y	OR GAS STA	1332215047	193717001
2300 N CENTRAL AV				N	Y	GN	1332207036	193717002
2307 N CENTRAL AV	1939	CHRISTENSEN, JOH		N	N	OR STADIUM	1333100002	193008001
2334 N CICERO AV				N	Y	GN	1333204039	193012003
2420 N CICERO AV	1929	PUCKEY & JENKINS	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR BANK	1328431034	193012002
4830 W DICKENS AV				N	Y	GN	1333222001	193007002
5501 W FULLERTON AV	1920s		RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1333100002	193008002
6100 W FULLERTON AV	1929	AHLSCHLAGER, WA	COLONIAL REV	N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1329316001	193608001
5721 W GRAND AV				N	Y	GN	1332224001	193717003
2449 N LAMON AV	1939	MCCARTHY, SMITH		N	Y	OR CHURCH	1328427001	193012001
3000 N LAMON AV	1917	HUSSANDER, ARTH		N	N	OR SCHOOL	1328214001	193016001
2300 N LAVERGNE AV	1926	SCHWARTZ, ALBERT		N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1333202022	193007001
2325 N LONG AV				N	Y	GN	1333101015	193008004
2701 N LONG AV	1928	CHRISTENSEN, JOH		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1328306001	193013001
2308 N LOREL AV	1910s	WORTHMANN & STE		N	Y	OR CHURCH	1333101019	193008003
2426 N MANGO AV				N	Y	GN	1329420003	193607001
2438 N MANGO AV				N	Y	GN	1329420003	193607002
3000 N MANGO AV				N	Y	GN	1329212026	193612001
3000 N MELVINA AV	1931	GERHARDT, PAUL		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1329108021	193613001
5008 W WELLINGTON AV	1921	TEISEN, AXEL V.	GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR CHURCH	1328213037	193016002
4701 W WRIGHTWOOD AV	1924	KLAFTER, JOSEPH H		N	Y	OR SFR	1327312017	193011001



(Clockwise, from bottom left)  
 5551 W. Belmont Av.  
 Fieldhouse, Blackhawk Park, 2300 N. Laverne Av.  
 Schubert Public School, 2701 N. Long Av.  
 West City Trust & Savings Bank, 2420 N. Cicero Av.