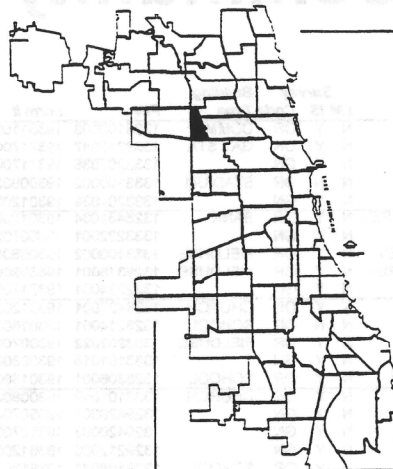


Community Area #19
Belmont-Crin



Community Area #20

Hermosa

Population: 23,131

Number of Structures: 3,816

Avg. Date of Construction: 1919

Significant Structures: 11

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS

BELMONT

DIVERSEY

FULLERTON

ARMITAGE

CORTLAND

KOSTNER

PULASKI

(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)

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Community Area # 20

Hermosa

Hermosa was unsettled prairie and woodland, interspersed with the occasional farm, until the 1880s. It was officially part of the Town of Jefferson, which covered most of what is now Chicago's Northwest Side, north of Fullerton and west of Kedzie.

Hermosa's earliest settlement, Kelvyn Grove, was located near Kostner and Diversey avenues near modern-day Kelvyn Park. Another settlement from the early 1880s was located in the southern part of the community, bordering Humboldt Park and adjacent to the Chicago and North Western railroad depot at Armitage and Kenton avenues.

The southeastern section of the community area began to industrialize following the establishment of the Laminated Wood Factory in 1884, near the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad line. Little remains from this period.

In 1889, Hermosa was annexed to Chicago, and improved public transportation soon followed, as Armitage Avenue streetcars extended as far west as Kostner by 1895. The community grew slowly at first, characterized by such simple frame cottages as those found at 2303 and 2156 N. Tripp. The latter residence was built by Elias Disney, and is recognized as the birthplace of his world-famous cartoonist son, Walt.

Along with the rest of Chicago, Hermosa began to grow more rapidly during the first two decades of the 20th century. Streetcars along Fullerton were



An 1890 map of Hermosa

Walt Disney House
2156 N. Tripp Av.





St. Paul Congregational Church
2257 N. Keeler Av.

St. Philomena Church
4116 W. Cortland St.



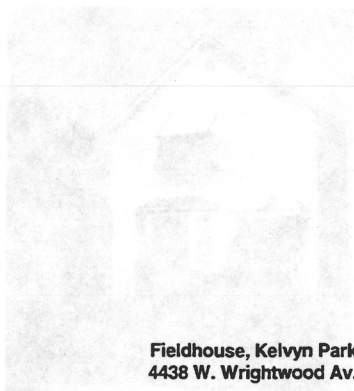
extended through the community area in 1914, while Belmont streetcars were running by 1917. New schools and churches were built, including the frame St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ (1900), 2257 N. Keeler, and Kelvyn Park High School (1916) at 4335 W. Wrightwood.

The 1920s witnessed continued population growth and property improvement throughout Hermosa, with the greatest concentration in the area north of Fullerton and east of Kilbourn, a neighborhood that became known as Kelvyn Park for the local park of the same name (1920). The area's sparsely developed streets were quickly developed with brick bungalows and two-flats, although the section west of Kelvyn Park and north to Belmont Avenue had only scattered development during this period.

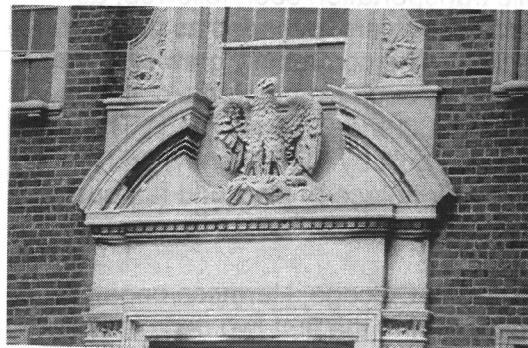
New brick two- and three-flats joined bungalows and apartment buildings, as new residential construction began to spread through the southern part of the community, between Armitage and Belden avenues. Industrial development occurred along the railroad tracks bordering the community area on the east and, by the time of the construction of the Kelvyn Park fieldhouse in 1928, the community's pattern of development was well established. A notable building from this decade is St. Philomena Church (1922) at 4116 W. Cortland.

The last few decades have witnessed very limited new construction in Hermosa, although many older houses have continued to be remodeled.

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.



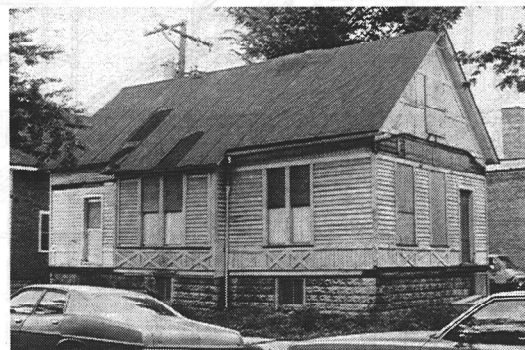
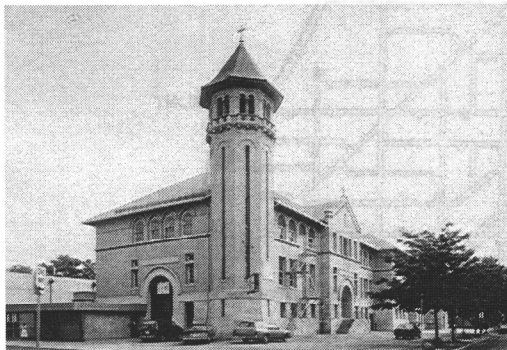
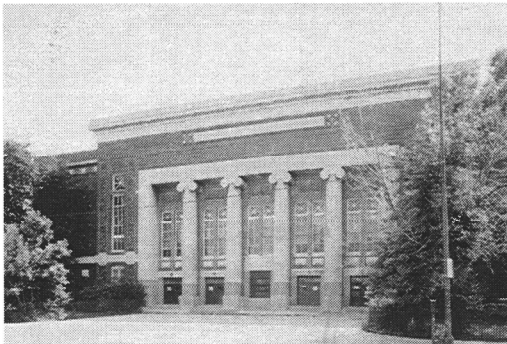
Fieldhouse, Kelvyn Park
4438 W. Wrightwood Av.



Community Area #20

Hermosa

Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey		Building Type	PIN	Form #
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4116 W CORTLAND ST	1922	GAUL, HERMANN J.	GOthic REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1334405016	203001002
4123 W CORTLAND ST	1901	BRINKMANN, WILLIA	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1334413100	203001001
4036 W FULLERTON AV				N	Y	GN	1327415021	203010002
2016 N KEDVALE AV	1906			N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	1334229031	203005003
2101 N KEELER AV	1890s			N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1334221006	203005005
2257 N KEELER AV	1900			N	N	OR CHURCH	1334213001	203005001
1944 N KILDARE AV	1900s			N	N	OR RAILROAD	1334401007	203001003
2156 N TRIPP AV	1892			N	N	OR SFR	1334219023	203005004
2303 N TRIPP AV	1897			N	N	OR SFR	1334203022	203005002
4335 W WRIGHTWOOD AV	1916	HUSSANDER, ARTH		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1327411001	203010001
4438 W WRIGHTWOOD AV	1928	AHLSCHLAGER, WA	COLONIAL REV	N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1327311001	203011002



(Clockwise, from lower left)
 St. Philomena School, 4123 W. Cortland St.
 Kelvyn Park High School, 4335 W. Wrightwood Av.
 2303 N. Tripp Av.
 1944 N. Kildare Av.

Survey information for this community area was accurate at the time it was first surveyed in August 1989.
 For an explanation of column headings, see page III-1.