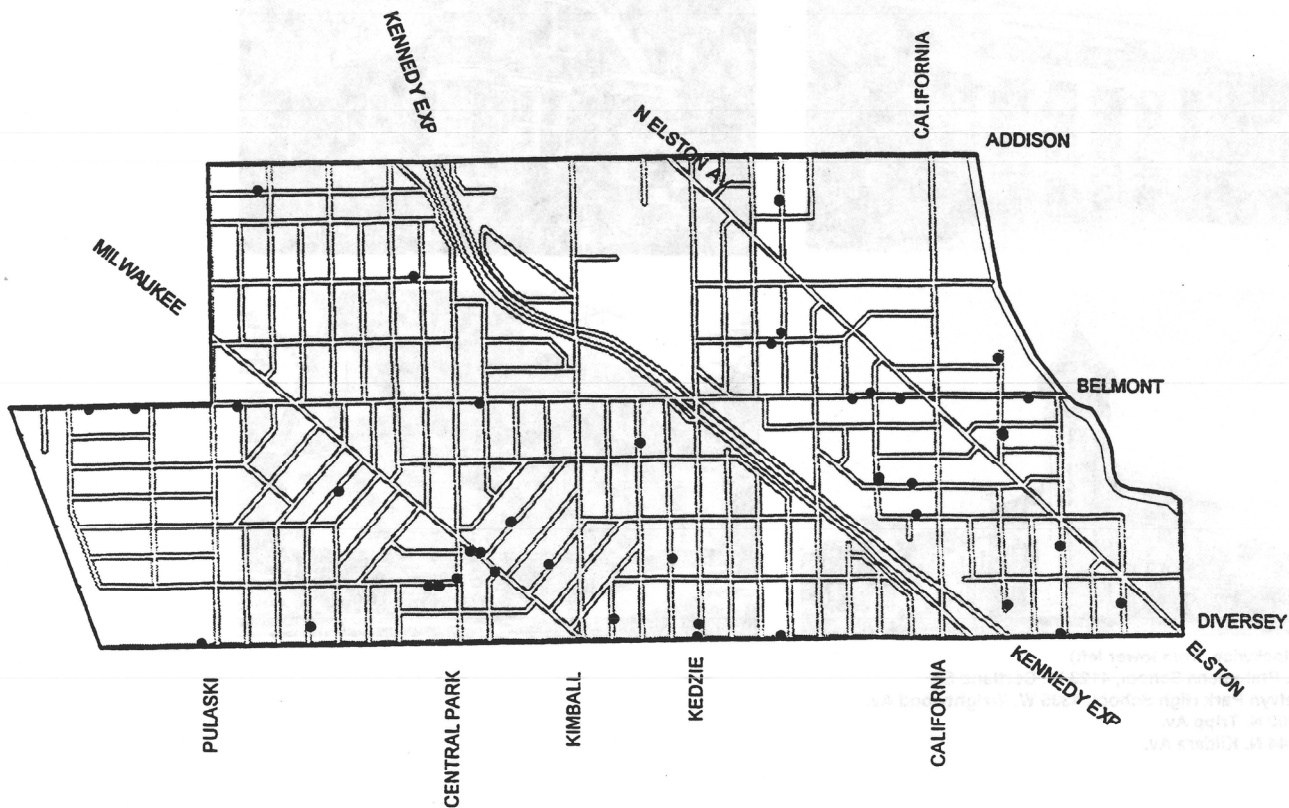


**Community Area #21
Avondale**

**Population: 35,579
Number of Structures: 6,252
Avg. Date of Construction: 1914**

Significant Structures: 46

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS



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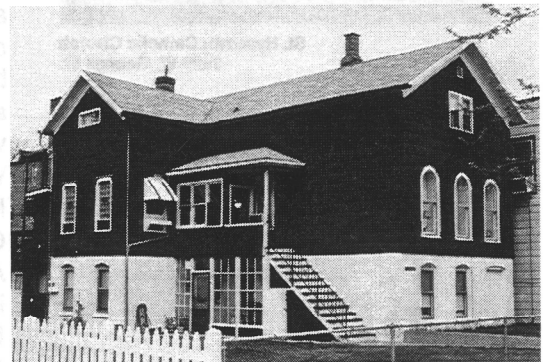
Avondale

The northwestern quadrant of the city, known until 1889 as the Town of Jefferson, began as prairie and farmland that slowly developed following the opening of the Northwest Plank Road (now Milwaukee Avenue) in 1848 and two railroad lines in the 1850s.

The Avondale community area was first settled at its southeastern border, where the community of Maplewood was created in 1869. After the 1871 Fire, another settlement grew up around the Chicago and North Western railroad depot near Belmont and Kedzie. It was officially platted as the town of Avondale in 1873. A post office (demolished) was built at Belmont and Troy that same year.

The first church in the area, Allen Church (demolished) was built in 1880 and, by 1884, approximately 50 frame houses had been built in the area. A few 1870s-era residences can still be found at 2956 N. Rockwell, 3119 N. Spaulding, and 3057 N. Avers.

However, it wasn't until the community was annexed to Chicago in 1889 that streets were paved, sewers and sidewalks built, and water service provided. These amenities led to rapid growth throughout the community over the next two decades. Public transportation improved with the extension of horse-drawn streetcar lines through the area. The Elston streetcar line reached Belmont by 1888 and Addison by 1894, while the Milwaukee Avenue line was extended through the community area in 1894. The terminus of the Logan Square elevated line was completed in 1895 at Logan and



2956 N. Rockwell St.

Avondale Public School
2927 N. Sawyer Av.





St. Hyacinth Catholic Church
3629 W. George St.

2800 N. Milwaukee Av.



Kedzie, just south of Avondale in the Logan Square community area. The California streetcar reached Elston in 1897.

New industries were established along the Chicago and North Western tracks that bisect the community, along the Chicago River at the eastern boundary, and along the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul tracks that form Avondale's western boundary. Frame cottages clustered around these ribbons of factories as well as the brickyards near Belmont and California avenues. Workman's cottages at 2829 N. Christiana and 2322 West Diversey are good examples from the period. Several cottages and Queen Anne buildings survive along Belmont, including the finely detailed commercial/residential structure at 2855. The Gothic Revival-style Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church (1895) at 2651 W. Belmont, and Avondale School (1895) at 2927 N. Sawyer served the growing population in the 1890s.

Growth continued in the 20th century, especially after streetcar lines were extended through the area on Pulaski in 1911 and on Kedzie in 1913. New brick homes, two- and three-flats, and small apartment buildings served a growing population, with many replacing older frame buildings. Worthmann & Steinbach built the Renaissance Revival-style St. Hyacinth Church at 3629 W. George in 1917. Commercial growth on Milwaukee Avenue led to the erection of several buildings in the 1910s and 20s, including the Classical Revival-style commercial building at 2942 N. Milwaukee (1916) and the Art Deco-style buildings at 2800 (1930) and 2931 (c. 1928) N. Milwaukee. Industrial growth also continued in the 1920s with the erection of factories at 3961 (1924) and 4201 (1921) W. Belmont and 2600 W. Diversey (1923).

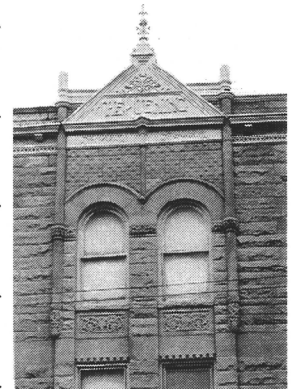
The community has witnessed little new construction since 1940, and the construction of the Kennedy Expressway through the center of Avondale in the 1950s saw the demolition of many older frame homes.

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.

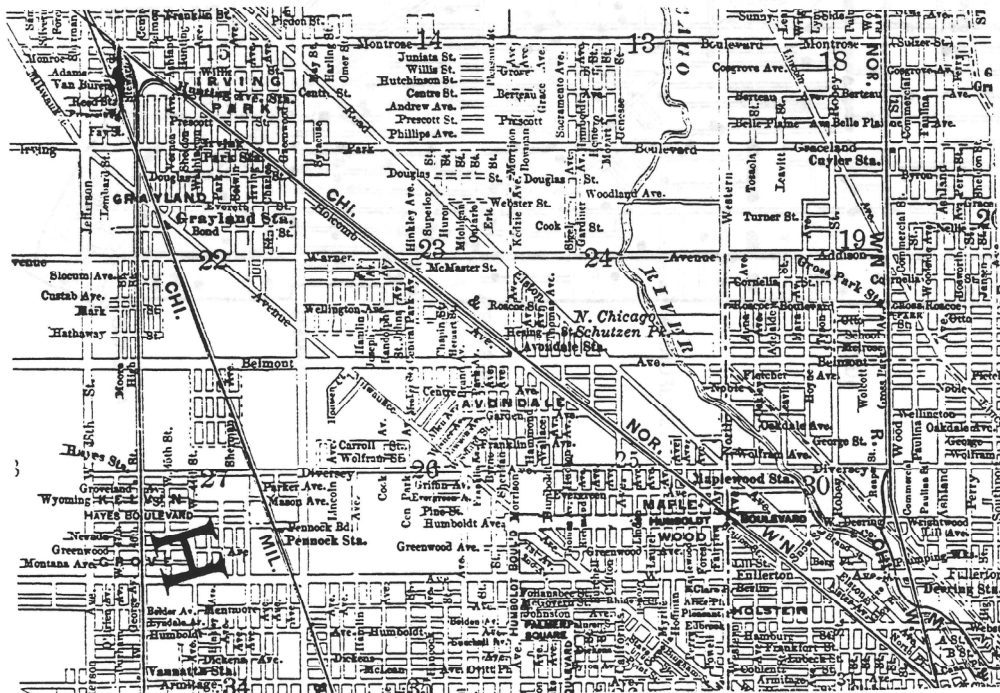
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Avondale

Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey LM	IS	Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
2821 N AVERS AV	1906			N	N	OR SFR	1326126015	213503006
3057 N AVERS AV	1870s		ITALIANATE	N	N	OR SFR	1326110012	213503007
2651 W BELMONT AV	1895		GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1325201001	213311003
2855 W BELMONT AV	1896		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR COMM/RES	1325104001	213312006
2900 W BELMONT AV	1890s			N	Y	OR COMM/RES	1324322041	213314002
2927 W BELMONT AV	1880s			N	N	OR COMM/RES	1325103012	213312005
3535 W BELMONT AV				N	Y	GN	1326200009	213502010
3961 W BELMONT AV	1924	ALSCHULER, ALFRE		N	N	OR MANUFACT	1326100002	213503005
4119 W BELMONT AV	1929	OLSEN & URBAIN		N	N	OR COMM	1327204058	213014002
4201 W BELMONT AV	1921	BERLIN, SWERN & R		N	Y	OR MANUFACT	1327203009	213014003
2856 N CAMPBELL AV				N	Y	GN	1325228018	213311005
2900 N CENTRAL PARK AV	1910	FLIZIKOWSKI, JOHN		N	N	OR 6-FLAT	1326122062	213503001
2829 N CHRISTIANA AV	1891		WORKMAN COT	N	Y	OR SFR	1326227012	213502005
2322 W DIVERSEY AV	1890s		WORKMAN COT	N	N	OR SFR	1430117031	213310001
2600 W DIVERSEY AV	1923		ART DECO	N	N	OR MANUFACT	1325226032	213311002
3048 W DIVERSEY AV	1890			N	N	OR SFR	1325131037	213312007
3200 W DIVERSEY AV				N	Y	GN	1326229037	213502011
4016 W DIVERSEY AV	1926	DAVIDSON, FRANK E		N	Y	OR WAREHSE	1327228014	213014001
3908 W EDDY ST	1880s			N	N	OR SFR	1323300024	213505001
3035 N FRANCISCO AV	1926	GAUL, HERMANN J.	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1325111001	213312003
3045 N FRANCISCO AV	1900s			N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1325111001	213312004
3625 W GEORGE ST	1910s			N	N	OR MONUMEN	1326129001	213503002
3629 W GEORGE ST	1917	WORTHMANN & STE	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1326129001	213503003
3651 W GEORGE ST	1928	SANDEL & STRONG		N	Y	OR REL MISC	1326129001	213503004
2958 N GRESHAM AV	1904			N	Y	OR SFR	1326214064	213502003
2962 N GRESHAM AV				N	Y	GN	1326214064	213502012
2814 N KEDZIE AV				N	Y	GN	1326229033	213502013
2800 N MILWAUKEE AV	1930	LEICHENKO & ESSE	ART DECO	N	Y	OR OFFICE	1326225016	213502006
2912 N MILWAUKEE AV	1902	KLEY & GAUGER	QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR COMM/RES	1326222043	213502001
2931 N MILWAUKEE AV	1920s		ART DECO	N	N	OR COMM	1326214091	213502002
2942 N MILWAUKEE AV	1916	NEWHOUSE, HENRY	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR COMM	1326222001	213502007
2840 W NELSON ST	1901	FISCHER, ALBERT J.		N	Y	OR REL MISC	1325111001	213312002
2956 N ROCKWELL ST	1870s			N	N	OR SFR	1325218022	213311001
3644 W ROSCOE ST	1940	MCCARTHY, SMITH	ART DECO	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1323315001	213505002
2927 N SAWYER AV	1895	FIEDLER, AUGUST		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1326221001	213502009
3059 W SCHOOL ST				N	Y	GN	1324319043	213814003
3119 N SPAULDING AV	1870s			N	N	OR SFR	1326206016	213502004
3117 N WASHTENAW AV				N	Y	GN	1325206002	213311006
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3250 N WASHTENAW AV	1920s			N	N	OR MANUFACT	1324404015	213313001
2826 W WELLINGTON AV	1901			N	Y	OR SFR	1325117030	213312001
3300 N WHIPPLE ST	1912	SCHLACKS, HENRY		N	N	OR REL MISC	1324312034	213314001
3516 N WHIPPLE ST				N	Y	GN	1324303034	213314004
3518 N WHIPPLE ST				N	Y	GN	1324303033	213314004
3522 N WHIPPLE ST				N	Y	GN	1324303042	213314004
2934 N WISNER AV	1880s			N	N	OR STABLE	1326216059	213502008



2855 W. Belmont Av.



An 1890 map of Chicago's northwest side, including Avondale.

Survey information for this community area was accurate at the time it was first surveyed in June 1987.
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