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Population: 27,473

Number of Structures: 3,081

Avg. Date of Construction: 1910

Significant Structures: 59

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS



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A marshy swampland south of Chicago, Woodlawn was first settled by truck farmers in the 1850s. Two impetuses to development were the opening in 1862 of an Illinois Central railroad station at 63rd Street and the development after 1869 of Jackson Park, much of which is included in the community area.

A small community called "Woodlawn Park" began to grow around the railroad station, but development was slow, and the early 1880s found only about 1,000 people living in simple frame cottages between the Illinois Central tracks and University Avenue. The Washington Park race course, located just south of its namesake park, opened in 1884.

Woodlawn grew dramatically after its annexation into the City of Chicago in 1889. Homes remaining from this first spurt of growth include the Queen Anne homes at 935 E. 60th and 6354 S. Evans, the Shingle Style house at 6627 S. Woodlawn, and the Flemish Revival-style house at 6530 S. University.

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Jackson Park encouraged a flurry of development in the community area as the Jackson Park elevated train, the first in the city, was completed in 1892 above 63rd Street, which became a bustling commercial artery. Apartments and hotels were hastily erected for the Fair, but the boom turned bust when the Fair's closing coincided with economic depression.

The new century saw the continued development of single-family homes and apartments in Woodlawn, including a house by Robert C. Spencer, designed



6627 S. Woodlawn Av.

University Ave. elevated station, CTA Green line
1142 E. 63rd St.



in 1903 at 6448 S. Minerva, and the Craftsman-style flat building at 6156 S. Evans (1912). Also, Jackson Park was improved with rusticated stone bridges at Hayes and Coast Guard drives (1901-04) and the shingled Coast Guard Station, added in 1906.

Between 1908 and 1912 new residences were built in the community's northwestern corner on the site of the former Washington Park race track, closed in 1905. These include a flat building at 6156 S. Evans (1912), and St. Stephen's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (now Woodlawn Union Missionary Baptist Church) at 6359 S. Eberhart (1907).

In 1918, the 25th anniversary of the World's Columbian Exposition was commemorated with a new cast of Daniel Chester French's Republic statue, the original having been the centerpiece of the 1893 Fair. The cast-concrete 64th Street beach pavilion was completed the following year.

Several churches were constructed as Woodlawn became largely built up by 1920, including the Classical Revival-style Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist (now St. John Baptist Temple) at 6150 S. Woodlawn (1916), the Renaissance Revival-style St. Clara Catholic Church (now St. Clara/St. Cyril) at 6425 S. Woodlawn (1923), the Woodlawn Immanuel Lutheran Church at 6401 S. Kenwood (1923) and the Gothic Revival-style First Presbyterian Church at 6400 S. Kimbark (1927). The community's maturity was heralded with the 1928 construction of the Art Deco-style Woodlawn branch library by Arthur Woltersdorf at 6247 S. Kimbark.

Beginning in the 1930s, new construction in Woodlawn stagnated in favor of the subdivision of houses and apartment buildings into smaller units. The Midway Gardens housing project was built in 1953 on the site of Frank Lloyd Wright's 1914 Midway Gardens, demolished in 1929.

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.



Coast Guard Station, Jackson Park
6401 S. Coast Guard Dr.

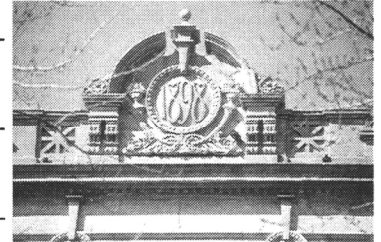
First Presbyterian Church
6400 S. Kimbark Av.



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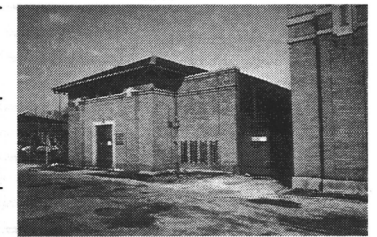
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Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey LM	IS	Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
415 E 60 ST	1897	SANDEGREN, ANDR	CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	2015401004	422011003
935 E 60 ST	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2014302003	422010005
1001 E 60 ST	1930	ZANTZINGER, BORIE	GOthic REV	N	N	OR COURTYRD	2014304001	422010002
1375 E 60 ST	1918	COOLIDGE & HODG	COLONIAL REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2014402002	420512002
400 E 63 ST	1890s		CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR EL STA		422011001
1142 E 63 ST	1890s			N	N	OR EL STA		422010004
1174 E 63 ST	1920s		CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR BANK	2014318032	422010001
832 E 65 ST	1909	BRINKMANN, WILLIA	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2023103044	422006005
1437 E 65 ST	1905	DOERR & DOERR		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	2023220010	422005009
1435 E 66 PL				N	Y	GN	2023227009	422005012
1520 E 66 PL	1890s			N	Y	OR 6-FLAT	2023226017	422005001
6045 S BLACKSTONE AV	1929	DAVEY, JOHN JEFFR		N	Y	OR UTILITY	2014404020	420512001
6409 S BLACKSTONE AV	1896	CHRISTENSEN, JOH		N	Y	OR SCHOOL	2023216007	422005008
6401 S COAST GUARD DR	1906			N	Y	OR MARITIME	2024100003	420508006
6401 S COAST GUARD DR	1930s		COLONIAL REV	N	N	YL URB HSE	2024100003	420508005
6412 S DORCHESTER AV	1880s		SHINGLE STYLE	N	N	OR SFR	2023213059	422005013
6611 S DREXEL AV				N	Y	GN	2023122004	422006007
6330 S EBERHART AV	1905	TURNOCK & OHREN		N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	2022201022	422007001
6359 S EBERHART AV	1907	SORENSEN, CHARL	GOthic REV	N	N	OR CHURCH	2022202020	422007003
6621 S ELLIS AV	1890s			N	N	OR URB FURN	2023124007	422006004
6156 S EVANS AV	1912	CHRISTENSON, C. W	CRAFTSMAN	N	Y	OR 2-3 FLAT	2015414034	422011002
6338 S EVANS AV				N	Y	GN	2022206029	422007004
6354 S EVANS AV	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2022206035	422007002
6427 S GREENWOOD AV	1901		COLONIAL REV	N	N	OR SFR	2023109018	422006013
6016 S INGLESIDE AV	1929	JOHNSON, OTIS FLO		Y	N	OR STABLE	2014302002	422010006
6401 S KENWOOD AV	1923	VIEHE-NAESS, IVAR	GOthic REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2023213001	422005003
6410 S KENWOOD AV	1929	BISHOP, THOMAS R.		N	Y	OR MFR	2023212028	422005002
6247 S KIMBARK AV	1928	WOLTERS DORF, AR	ART DECO	N	Y	OR LIBRARY	2014413021	422009001
6350 S KIMBARK AV	1898	HEALEY & GILBERT		N	Y	OR MFR	2023200037	422005006
6400 S KIMBARK AV	1927	TALLMADGE & WAT	GOthic REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2023210005	422005005
6557 S KIMBARK AV	1890s		CHATEAUESQU	N	Y	OR SFR	2023212026	422005004
6325 S MARYLAND AV				N	Y	GN	2023101039	422006008
6631 S MARYLAND AV				N	Y	GN	2023121012	422006009
6651 S MARYLAND AV				N	Y	GN	2023121019	422006010
6432 S MINERVA AV	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR SFR	2023110029	422006006
6448 S MINERVA AV	1903	SPENCER, ROBERT		N	Y	OR SFR	2023110034	422006011
6516 S MINERVA AV	1898	KENNARD, DEWITT		N	Y	OR 6-FLAT	2023118019	422006001
6500 S PROMONTORY DR	1930s			N	N	YG CLUB	2024100003	420508003
6501 S PROMONTORY DR	1930s		SPANISH REV	N	Y	OR HOSPITAL	2024100003	420508002
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6301 S STONY ISLAND AV	1900s			N	N	YL MARITIME	2024100003	420511005
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6301 S STONY ISLAND AV	1930s			N	N	YL PARKMISC	2024100003	420511003
6427 S UNIVERSITY AV	1890s			N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	2023110009	422006003
6530 S UNIVERSITY AV	1880s		FLEMISH	N	N	OR SFR	2023117031	422006002
6147 S WOODLAWN AV	1880s			N	N	OR 4-FLAT	2014407011	422009003
6150 S WOODLAWN AV	1916	BARKHAUSEN, C.	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2014312023	422010003
6243 S WOODLAWN AV	1897	PRIDMORE & STANH	RENAISS REV	N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	2014412012	422009002
6300 S WOODLAWN AV				N	Y	GN	2023108002	422006012
6351 S WOODLAWN AV				N	Y	GN	2023200018	422006011
6401 S WOODLAWN AV	1923	SCHLACKS, HENRY	RENAISS REV	N	N	OR CHURCH	2023220018	422005010
6627 S WOODLAWN AV	1890s		SHINGLE STYLE	N	N	OR SFR	2023222009	422005007



6350 S. Kimbark Av.

Kenwood Substation,
Commonwealth Edison
6913 S. Kenwood Av.



Woodlawn Trust and Savings Bank
1174 E. 63rd St.



6156 S. Evans Av.