

Community Area #61

New City

Population: 53,226

Number of Structures: 9,512

Avg. Date of Construction: 1907

Significant Structures: 133

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS



(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)
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New City, a heavily industrial neighborhood southwest of the Loop, gained its name from the smaller New City residential neighborhood developed within its boundaries in the 1880s and 1890s.

Only a few farms were scattered across New City's marshy prairie land when the area was included within the newly-incorporated Town of Lake in 1865. That same year, the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company was formed by Chicago's four major stock yards on 320 acres south of Pershing and west of Halsted. The neighborhood soon filled with large meat packing plants, locating on 300 acres west of the Yards known as "Packingtown."

After 1870, a number of subsidiary industries came to the area, as did coal and lumber yards. Encouraged by the introduction of refrigerated rail cars, the Yards and meatpacking plants expanded southward toward 47th Street. An impressive limestone gate (c. 1875, Burnham & Root) was erected at the Yards' main entry at Exchange Avenue and Peoria Street.

Encouraged by soaring employment at the Yards and local factories, a residential district known as "Back of the Yards" grew up in the 1870s east, south, and west of the Yards and Packingtown. It quickly filled with one-and-a-half- and two-story frame buildings despite the lack of public improvements, such as paved streets and sewers. A frame two-flat at 5342 S. Halsted dates to this period, as does a brick Italianate-style residence at 4340 S. Union.



511 W. 42nd Pl.

4340 S. Union Av.



Rapid growth continued through the 1880s. By 1884, New City contained more than 30 large packing houses, and railroad facilities were upgraded to handle increased demand by the industry. The demand for nearby housing continued unabated, and residences such as the frame cottage at 511 W. 42nd Pl. and the series of brick rowhouses on the 700-block of W. 50th St. were built. The Romanesque Revival-style St. Gabriel Catholic Church served the immigrant Irish workers (1887; Burnham & Root).



713-25 W. 50th St.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
617 W. 45th St.



Chicago annexed the Stockyards and surrounding neighborhoods in 1889. The residential community south and west of the Yards, now becoming known as New City, began to fill with brick two- and three-flats and single-family houses. Although most new development continued to be working-class housing, West 55th Street (Garfield Boulevard) developed with upper-middle-class residential properties. Two examples are houses, one Romanesque Revival-style and the other Second Empire-style, standing on the 700 block.

In the early 1900s, the city finally installed sewers, and efforts were made to improve living conditions in the neighborhood. Sherman, Davis Square and Cornell Square Parks were built by the South Park Commissioners, each with field houses by D.H. Burnham & Co and landscapes by the Olmstead Brothers.

In 1915, the Central Manufacturing District was expanded into New City along the south side of Pershing, west from Ashland to Western. These massive brick factories, including a prominent clock tower (1917), were designed by S. Scott Joy.

After 1920, New City saw little residential construction, but several institutional structures were built. These include St. Basil Church at 1840 W. 55th (1925) and an Art Deco-style school at 4742 S. Justine (1939).

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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Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey			Building Type	PIN	Form #
				LM	IS	Code			
714 W 41 ST	1902			N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2004112001	611110002
511 W 42 PL	1880s		WORKMAN COT	N	N	OR	SFR	2004129020	611110001
439 W 45 ST	1880s			N	Y	OR	SFR	2004128008	611105003
512 W 45 ST				N	Y	GN		2004316042	611105015
516 W 45 ST				N	Y	GN		2004316041	611105016
518 W 45 ST				N	Y	GN		2004316040	611105017
520 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316039	611105018	
522 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316038	611105019	
526 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316037	611105020	
532 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316034	611105021	
536 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316033	611105022	
538 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316032	611105023	
542 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316030	611105024	
544 W 45 ST			N	Y	GN		2004316029	611105025	
617 W 45 ST	1914	BURNHAM & ROOT	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2004321001	611105007
507 W 46 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2004329027	611105004
1734 W 46 ST	1913	MOLITOR, JOSEPH	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2006414036	611206002
410 W 47 ST	1910s			N	Y	OR	RAILROAD	2004332023	611105009
1616 W 47 ST	1918	RAPP, C.W. & GEOR		N	Y	OR	THEATER	2006425016	611108001
1822 W 47 ST				N	Y	GN		2006421039	611206004
1839 W 47 ST				N	Y	GN		2007202026	611414020
2051 W 47 ST	1931	RILEY, IVAN H., & CO	ART DECO	N	N	OR	COMM	2007108004	611202001
1719 W 48 ST	1914	BULMEYER, E.	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2007213001	611414009
1947 W 48 ST				N	Y	GN		2007208001	611414021
1950 W 48 ST	1908	RUSY & REZNY	RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2007200016	611414001
901 W 50 PL	1910		CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR	CHURCH	2008220005	611103001
713 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112026	611102001
715 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112025	611102001
717 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112024	611102001
719 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112023	611102001
721 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112022	611102001
723 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112021	611102001
725 W 50 ST	1880s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009112020	611102001
1002 W 51 ST				N	Y	GN		2008217046	611103002
1116 W 51 ST				N	Y	GN		2008215022	611103003
1312 W 51 ST				N	Y	GN		2008129042	611413008
1622 W 51 ST	1890s		GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2007230019	611414006
1245 W 52 ST	1904	BURNHAM, D.H., & C		N	Y	OR	FIELDHSE	2008320001	611408003
1245 W 52 ST	1904	BURNHAM, D.H., & C	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR	FIELDHSE	2008320001	611408004
1256 W 52 ST	1918	SCHLACKS, HENRY	RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2008306005	611408002
911 W 54 PL	1890s			N	Y	OR	SFR	2008429012	610309001
641 W 54 ST	1899	MUNDIE, WILLIAM B		N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2009114016	610308005
911 W 54 ST				N	Y	GN		2008427019	610309002
718 W 55 ST	1898			N	Y	OR	SFR	2009328028	610308002
722 W 55 ST	1890s			N	Y	OR	2-3 FLAT	2009328027	610308003
726 W 55 ST	1890s		2ND EMPIRE	N	Y	OR	SFR	2009328026	610308004
1020 W 55 ST	1912		AMER 4-SQUAR	N	Y	OR	SFR	2008426031	611101002
1038 W 55 ST	1906			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2008425039	611101003
1122 W 55 ST	1912			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2008424005	611101006
1408 W 55 ST				N	Y	GN		2008319040	611408006
1656 W 55 ST	1898		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR	SFR	1429222036	611409001
1840 W 55 ST	1925	MCCARTHY, JOSEPH	MIDDLE EAST	N	N	OR	CHURCH	2007426036	611409003
5407 S ABERDEEN ST	1913	LUND, ANDERS G.		N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2008425004	611101005
4605 S ASHLAND AV	1930s		ART DECO	N	N	OR	COMM	2005307003	611107001
4700 S ASHLAND AV	1915	ALSCHULER, ALFRE	CHGO SCHOOL	N	Y	OR	COMM	2007207001	611414014
5045 S ASHLAND AV	1890s		CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR	COMM	2008124019	611413004
5404 S BISHOP ST				N	Y	GN		2008318018	611408008
5418 S CARPENTER ST				N	Y	GN		2008425024	611101007
4821 S DAMEN AV	1924	REZNY, JAMES B.		N	Y	OR	REL MISC	2007208002	611414002
4547 S EMERALD AV				N	Y	GN		2004319018	611105011
4553 S EMERALD AV				N	Y	GN		2004319020	611105012
4557 S EMERALD AV				N	Y	GN		2004319022	611105013
4624 S EMERALD AV	1890s			N	N	OR	SFR	2004326025	611105002
4637 S EMERALD AV	1890s			N	Y	OR	2-3 FLAT	2004327013	611105001
5204 S EMERALD AV	1880s			N	Y	OR	6-FLAT	2004308022	610308001
850 W EXCHANGE AV	1875	BURNHAM & ROOT	ROMANESQUE	Y	Y	RD	URB FURN	2005200036	611111002
4101 S HALSTED ST	1930s	CHENEY, HOWARD		N	Y	OR	POSTAL	2004112001	611110003
4150 S HALSTED ST	1924	EPSTEIN, A.	COLONIAL REV	N	Y	OR	BANK	2005200081	611111001
4156 S HALSTED ST	1920s	EPSTEIN, A.		N	Y	OR	ARENA	2005200001	611111003
5342 S HALSTED ST	1870s			N	N	OR	2-3 FLAT	2008422039	611101004
4419 S HERMITAGE AV	1904	BURNHAM, D.H.		N	Y	OR	FIELDHSE	2006410001	611206003
4821 S HERMITAGE AV	1903	SCHLACKS, HENRY	RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR	REL MISC	2007213001	611414010
4928 S HERMITAGE AV	1880s			N	N	OR	SFR	2007220029	611414013
5001 S HERMITAGE AV	1911	MOLITOR, JOSEPH	RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2007228040	611414007
5300 S HERMITAGE AV	1894			N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2007420013	611409002
4800 S HONORE ST	1908	SCHMIDT, HUGH		N	N	OR	UTILITY	2007210026	611414008
4742 S JUSTINE ST	1939	BARRY, GERALD A.	ART DECO	N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2008100028	611413001
5021 S JUSTINE ST				N	Y	GN		2008125014	611413005
5201 S JUSTINE ST	1890s		GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2008309001	611408001
5307 S JUSTINE ST				N	Y	GN		2008313003	611408009
4807 S LAFLIN ST				N	Y	GN		2008110003	611413006
4857 S LAFLIN ST				N	Y	GN		2008110023	611413007
5037 S LAFLIN ST	1891	WEWER, BROTHER	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2008126003	611413002
5045 S LAFLIN ST	1899		GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR	REL MISC	2008126003	611413003
3931 S LEAVITT ST	1910s			N	N	YL	MANUFACT	2006100019	611216009
5300 S LOMIS BV	1901	ERRANT & MULDOO		N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2008315025	611408005
4556 S MARSHFIELD AV				N	Y	GN		2006416046	611108002
4828 S MARSHFIELD AV	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR	SFR	2007214035	611414003
5005 S MARSHFIELD AV				N	Y	GN		2007230003	611414015
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726 W. 55th St.
(726 W. Garfield Blvd.)

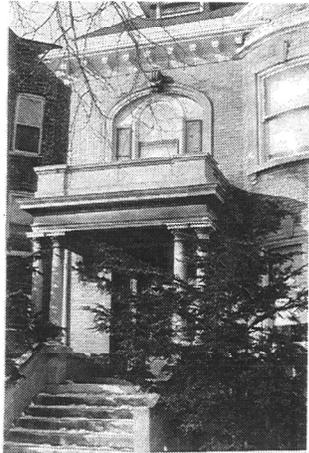
Goldblatt's Department Store
4700 S. Ashland Av.



Survey information for this community area was accurate at the time it was first surveyed in January 1985. For an explanation of column headings, see page III-1.

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Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey		Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
				LM	IS			
5125 S MARSHFIELD AV	1923	VON HOLST, HERMA	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR	UTILITY	2007407044 611409004
4815 S OAKLEY AV				N	Y	GN		2007103033 611202003
4011 S PACKERS AV				N	Y	GN		2005102027 611112001
4804 S PAULINA ST	1895		ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR	SCHOOL	2007213001 611414004
4954 S PAULINA ST	1919	WORTHMANN & STE	MIDDLE EAST	N	Y	OR	CHURCH	2007221026 611414005
5355 S PAULINA ST				N	Y	GN		2007422022 611409005
5413 S PAULINA ST				N	Y	GN		2007430006 611409006
1901 W PERSHING PL	1920	JOY, SAMUEL SCOT	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006200002 611215004
1937 W PERSHING PL	1917	JOY, SAMUEL SCOT		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006200034 611215005
2001 W PERSHING PL	1917	JOY, SAMUEL SCOT		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006200034 611216001
2007 W PERSHING PL	1917	JOY, SAMUEL SCOT		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006100056 611216002
1401 W PERSHING RD				N	Y	GN		2005101030 611112002
1731 W PERSHING RD	1910s			N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006200005 611215001
1801 W PERSHING RD	1910s			N	N	OR	MANUFACT	2006200005 611215002
1835 W PERSHING RD	1910s			N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006200005 611215003
2101 W PERSHING RD	1910s			N	N	OR	MANUFACT	2006100013 611216003
2133 W PERSHING RD	1927	EPSTEIN, A.		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006100020 611216004
2147 W PERSHING RD	1936	EPSTEIN, A.		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006100010 611216005
2201 W PERSHING RD	1922	JOY, SAMUEL SCOT		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006100008 611216006
2225 W PERSHING RD	1923	ALSCHULER, ALFRE		N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006100104 611216007
2301 W PERSHING RD	1951			N	N	OR	MANUFACT	2006100051 611216008
5353 S RACINE AV	1880s			N	N	OR	SFR	2008415021 611101001
5440 S RACINE AV				N	Y	GN		2008320001 611408007
4735 S SEELEY AV	1880s			N	N	OR	COMM/RES	2007108040 611202002
4945 S SEELEY AV				N	Y	GN		2007118014 611415002
4134 S UNION AV				N	Y	GN		2004113015 611110005
4340 S UNION AV	1870s		ITALIANATE	N	N	OR	SFR	2004301024 611105010
4438 S UNION AV	1905	WILLIAMSON, ROBE	CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR	SCHOOL	2004312001 611105008
5206 S UNION AV				N	Y	GN		2009309028 610308006
4422 S WALLACE ST				N	Y	GN		2004314033 611105014
4500 S WALLACE ST	1904			N	N	OR	SCHOOL	2004321017 611105006
4510 S WALLACE ST	1910s			N	N	OR	SCHOOL	2004321018 611105005
4345 S WESTERN BV	1917	ROBINSON, ARGYLE		N	N	OR	MANUFACT	2006300005 611207001
4501 S WESTERN BV	1919	DAVIDSON & WEISS	CHGO SCHOOL	N	Y	OR	MANUFACT	2006302001 611207002
4545 S WESTERN BV				N	Y	GN		2006302003 611207003
4725 S WINCHESTER AV				N	Y	GN		2007201006 611414017
4637 S WOLCOTT AV	1913		SPANISH REV	N	Y	OR	REL MISC	2006420030 611206001
4800 S WOOD ST				N	Y	GN		2007211023 611414018
4838 S WOOD ST				N	Y	GN		2007211038 611414019
4859 S WOOD ST	1880s			N	Y	OR	COMM/RES	2007212025 611414011
5000 S WOOD ST	1904	BURNHAM, D.H., & C	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR	FIELDHSE	2007226001 611414012
5118 S WOOD ST				N	Y	GN		2007403030 611409007
5134 S WOOD ST				N	Y	GN		2007403045 611409008



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Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant (later Spiegel Co.)
1901 W. Pershing Pl.



Graham Public School
4438 S. Union Av.



Union Stock Yards Gate
850 W. Exchange Av.