

Community Area #66

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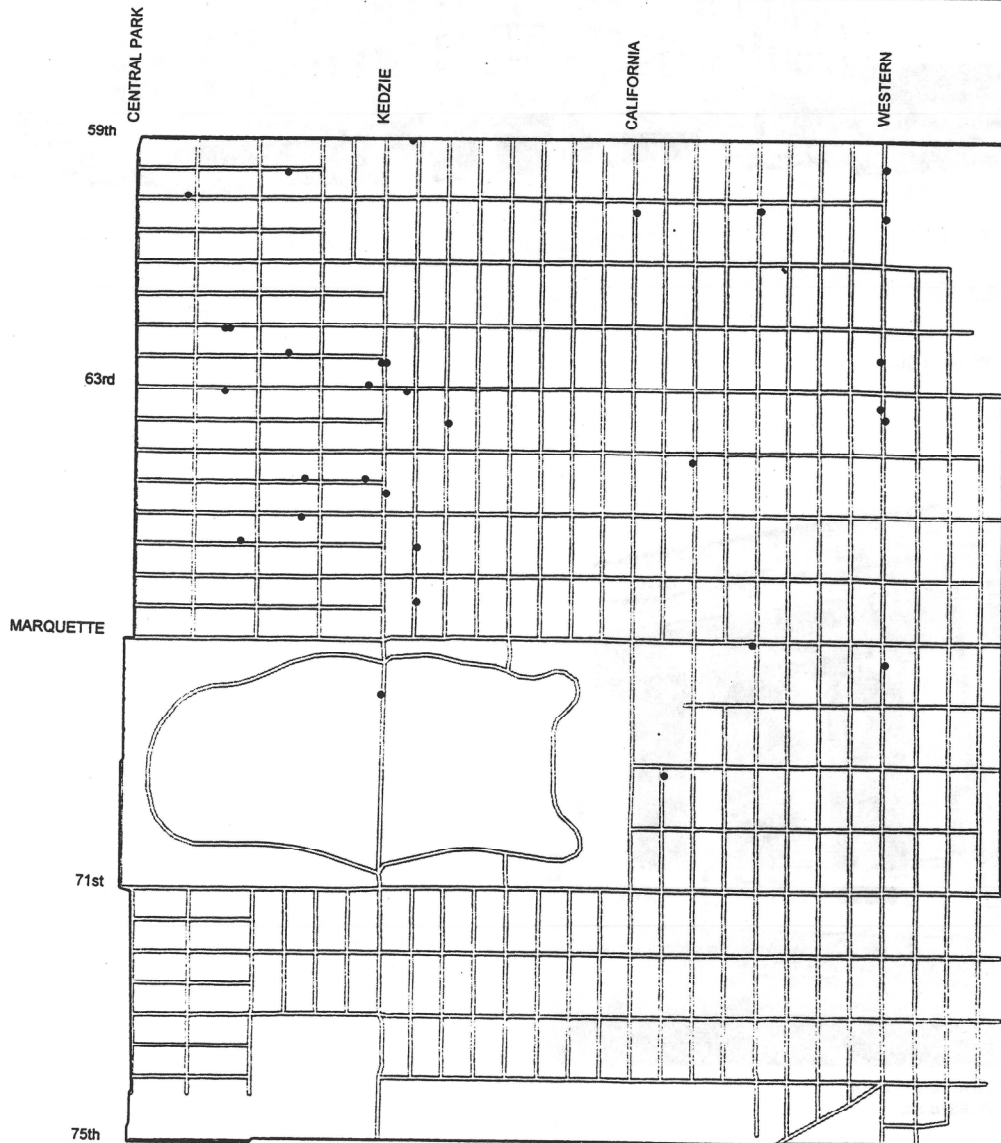
Population: 51,243

Number of Structures: 10,793

Avg. Date of Construction: 1931

Significant Structures: 33

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS



(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)
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Chicago Lawn takes its name from the model community planned by developers James Webb and John Eberhart in 1876 at 63rd Street and Central Park Avenue. The community area also includes the early 20th-century subdivision of Marquette Manor, located east of California Avenue and north of Marquette Road.

In the mid-19th century, the area was part of the wide-spread prairie and swampland that covered most of the region. Officially, the community was part of the Town of Lake, but there was very little development. An early attempt at real estate development occurred in 1873, when Henry Gage acquired much of the northeastern section of the community area, between 59th, 63rd, Western and Kedzie, for a residential community. Unfortunately, his family was unable to hold onto the property after his death, and Hetty Green, an eccentric millionaire, acquired the land in 1877. Her refusal to develop any of her real estate holdings stymied development in the eastern half of Chicago Lawn for more than 40 years.

Instead, early development centered on Eberhart and Webb's Chicago Lawn subdivision. The Grand Trunk railroad opened a station at 63rd and Central Park in 1880, and rail service to downtown Chicago encouraged modest development, about 40 houses, by 1885. Buildings from this earliest settlement include Queen Anne-style homes at 3453 W. 63rd Street and 6357 S. Albany Avenue.

Annexation to Chicago occurred in 1889, and public transportation began to improve in the years following. In 1904, a leading Chicago architectural firm, D.H. Burnham & Co., collaborated with the



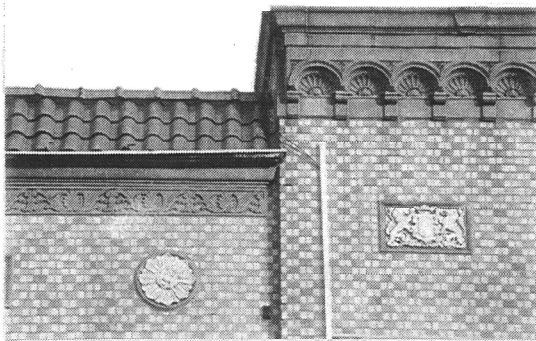
6357 S. Albany Av.

3443 W. 62nd Pl.



Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm on the design of Marquette Park, a major new park for the South Park Commissioners. Bounded by Marquette Road, California Avenue, Central Park Avenue and 71st Street, the park was a important amenity and encouraged development in the southern portion of the community area.

Another important development came in 1912, when the long-delayed development of the Green land holdings began. The resulting subdivision, Marquette Manor, began to fill with brick bungalows and small flat buildings. The neighborhood was served by streetcars on 59th Street, which were extended to Kedzie in 1914.



6237 S. Kedzie Av.

Haggerty Chevrolet
6731 S. Western Av.



The 1920s witnessed the community area's greatest growth. Marquette Manor and Chicago Lawn grew until they merged into one continuously developed neighborhood. The southwestern section of the community area was occupied by railroad yards, while the remainder filled with brick bungalows and small apartment buildings. Worthmann & Steinbach designed the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church at 6416 S. Washtenaw in 1921, while Karl Vitzhum designed the Classical Revival-style Marquette National Bank at 6314 S. Western in 1924.

63rd Street became a major business and retail center, especially at Western and Kedzie Avenues. Z. Erol Smith designed buildings at 3135 W. 59th (1928) and 6237 S. Kedzie (1929). Also in 1929, Jacques Kocher designed buildings with elaborate terra cotta ornament at 6341 and 6731 S. Western.

The Depression slowed the development of Chicago Lawn through the 1930s, although important manufacturing buildings from the era survive, including the one at 5945 S. Western Avenue, designed by C.G. Preis. Housing construction increased after World War II, and Chicago Lawn enjoyed another boom period lasting into the 1960s.

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 LM	IS	Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
3357 W 59 PL	1915	KEEBER, C.	CRAFTSMAN	N	N	OR SFR	1914407001	661321001
3135 W 59 ST	1928	SMITH, Z. EROL		N	Y	OR COMM/RES	1913300039	661404003
3500 W 60 ST	1927	ROBINSON, ARGYLE		N	Y	OR FIRE HSE	1914405042	661321002
3354 W 62 PL	1914	SUTCLIFFE, JOHN	CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR CLUB	1914430039	661321004
3443 W 62 ST	1900s			N	N	OR SFR	1914429005	661321003
3455 W 62 ST				N	Y	GN	1914425001	661321006
3145 W 63 ST	1928	KOCHER & LARSON	RENAISS REV	N	N	OR COMM	1924100002	661401001
3214 W 63 ST				N	Y	GN	1914431030	661321007
3453 W 63 ST	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR SFR	1923205003	661402001
3220 W 64 PL				N	Y	GN	1923211033	661402002
3314 W 64 PL				N	Y	GN	1923210026	661402003
3416 W 65 PL				N	Y	GN	1923217012	661402005
3323 W 65 ST				N	Y	GN	1923218012	661402004
6357 S ALBANY AV	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR SFR	1924102021	661401002
6007 S CALIFORNIA AV				N	Y	GN	1913408001	661516001
6901 S FAIRFIELD AV	1927	CHRISTENSEN, JOH		N	N	OR SCHOOL	1924414002	661507002
6234 S KEDZIE AV	1922	LUND, ANDERS G.		N	N	OR COMM/RES	1914431014	661321005
6235 S KEDZIE AV	1920s	CARLSON, ELMER C	ART DECO	N	Y	OR COMM	1913324013	661404002
6237 S KEDZIE AV	1929	SMITH, Z. EROL		N	Y	OR COMM/RES	1913324015	661404001
6451 S KEDZIE AV	1926	VON HOLST, HERMA	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR UTILITY	1924108016	661401003
6720 S KEDZIE AV	1930s		ART DECO	N	Y	OR MONUMEN	1924300002	661508001
6720 S KEDZIE AV	1904	OLMSTED BROTHER	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1924300002	661310001
2601 W MARQUETTE RD	1909			N	Y	OR REL MISC	1924401001	661507001
6001 S ROCKWELL ST				N	Y	GN	1913412001	661516002
6557 S TROY ST	1923			N	Y	OR SFR	1924117019	661512001
6641 S TROY ST				N	Y	GN	1924125036	661512002
6400 S WASHTENAW AV	1921	WORTHMANN & STE	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	1924209027	661511002
5945 S WESTERN AV	1930	PRIES, C.G.		N	Y	OR MANUFACT	2018300006	661515001
6017 S WESTERN AV	1920s			N	Y	OR MANUFACT	2018300007	661515002
6248 S WESTERN AV				N	Y	GN	1913431036	661516003
6314 S WESTERN AV	1924	VITZTHUM, KARL M.	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR BANK	1924207021	661511001
6341 S WESTERN AV	1929	KOCHER & LARSON	RENAISS REV	N	Y	OR COMM/RES	2019100015	661510001
6731 S WESTERN AV	1929	KOCHER, JACQUES	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR COMM	2019300006	661506001



6557 S. Troy Av.



6234 S. Kedzie Av.



Darius-Girenas Monument
6720 S. Kedzie Av.



3145 W. 63rd St.

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