

Community Area #9
Edison Park

Population: 11,426
Number of Structures: 3,617
Avg. Date of Construction: 1945

Significant Structures: 34

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS

HOWARD

TOLUH

DEVON

OZANAM

PRATT

NORTHWEST HWY

(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)
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Edison Park is located in the northwestern corner of Chicago, adjoining the suburbs of Niles to the north and Park Ridge to the west. The Northwest Highway runs diagonally across the southern portion of Edison Park, paralleling the Chicago and North Western railroad tracks.

Rev. Christian Ebinger, Sr. was one of the first pioneer settlers in the community, which underwent its initial development in the mid-19th century, due to the construction through the area of the short-lived Illinois and Wisconsin Railroad. The company later was reorganized as part of the Chicago and North Western Railway, and the Canfield station lent its name to the surrounding area. In 1891, Canfield was incorporated into the village of Edison Park, which had been named--in honor of the community's early electric streetlights--for Thomas Edison, the inventor of the incandescent lamp.

By 1900, Edison Park had evolved from a farming community into a "railroad suburb" of Chicago, thanks to the convenience of the commuter railroad trains. Buildings surviving from the late-19th century are located at 6739 and 6758 N. Oxford, and at 6950 and 7249 N. Overhill. The Edison Park School (now used as a park fieldhouse) was constructed in 1907, at 6755 N. Northwest Highway.

Most of Edison Park was annexed by the city of Chicago in 1910, although part of the community area remained outside the city until 1924. Public works projects, such as street paving, were plentiful



6950 N. Overhill Av.

6748 N. Oxford Av.





Edison Park School
(now Edison Park Fieldhouse)
6755 N. Northwest Hwy.

during the 1920s, a decade that saw a nearly six-fold population increase. Among the examples of that era's residential development are: the distinctive bungalow at 7103 N. Oriole (1921), the four Spanish Revival-style houses in the 6900-block of Ottawa (1927), and a Spanish Revival-style residence at 7058 N. Olcott (1928) by the same architectural firm that later designed the Art Deco-style commercial building at 6721 N. Northwest Highway (1939).

An significant landmark in the history of modern architecture is the former home and studio of artist Charles Turzak at 7059 North Olcott. Completed in 1939, it is an early work by the internationally renowned architect Bruce Goff.

In order to preserve its low-scale residential character, Edison Park established zoning guidelines in the early 1960s to prevent the subdivision of large lots, which were occupied by single-family houses, for townhouse developments. The expansion of nearby Orchard Field into O'Hare International Airport, during the 1950s and '60s, further shaped the character of Edison Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

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.



7103 N. Oriole Av.

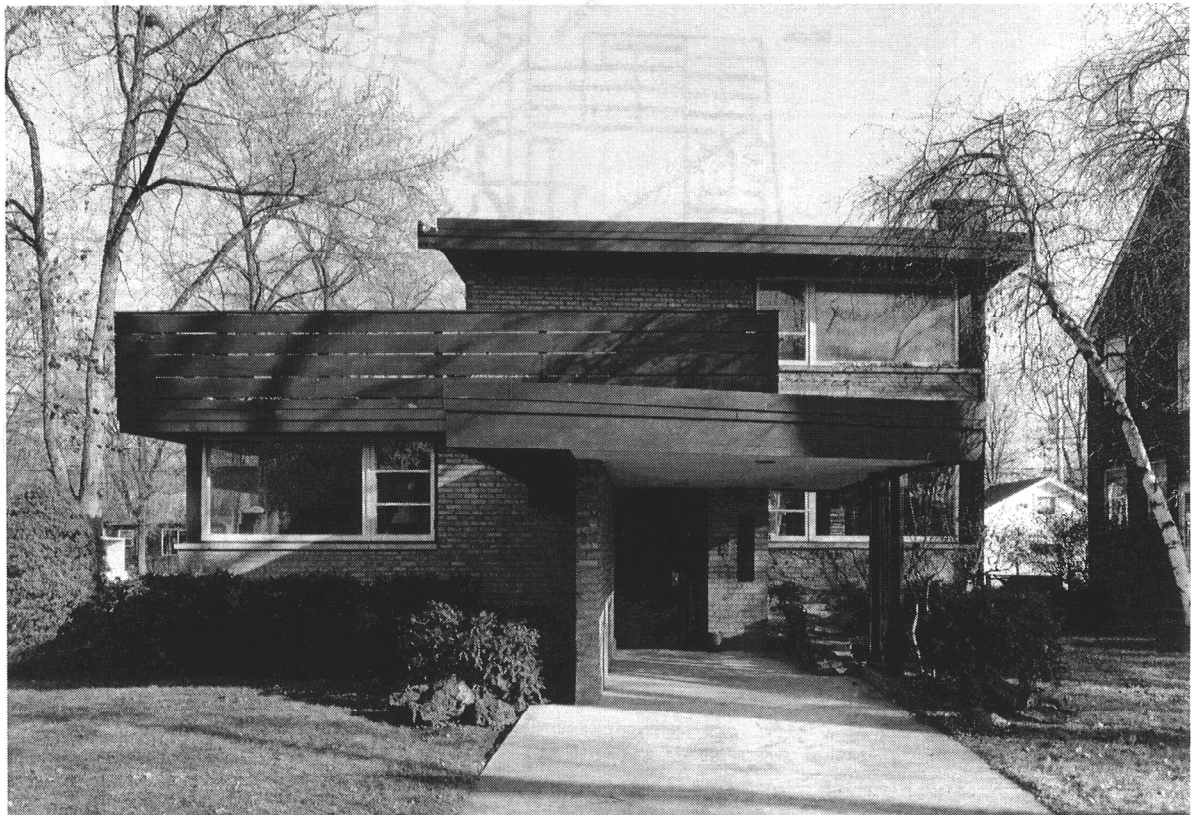


7058 N. Olcott Av.

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Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey LM	IS	Code	Building Type	PIN	Form #
6625 N AVONDALE AV				N	Y	GN		0936308004	094130008
7233 W GREENLEAF AV				N	Y	GN		0936215030	094134009
6625 N NORTHWEST HWY	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR	2-3 FLAT	0936410019	094129004
6714 N NORTHWEST HWY	1928	RONNEBERG & PIER		N	Y	OR	COMM/RES	0936304010	094130004
6721 N NORTHWEST HWY	1939	DEWEY & PAVLOVIC	ART DECO	N	N	OR	COMM	0936400028	094130003
6755 N NORTHWEST HWY	1907			N	N	OR	FIELDHSE	0936110044	094135006
7058 N OLCOTT AV	1928	DEWEY & PAVLOVIC	SPANISH REV	N	Y	OR	SFR	0936209013	094134006
7059 N OLCOTT AV	1938	GOFF, BRUCE	MODERN	Y	Y	OR	SFR	0936210001	094134007
7100 N OLCOTT AV	1924	BIALLES, THEODOR	CRAFTSMAN	N	N	OR	SFR	0936201024	094134005
6814 N OLEANDER AV	1900s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR	SFR	0936224029	094134001
6906 N OLEANDER AV	1921	NIMMONS, GEORGE		N	N	OR	SFR	0936216024	094134002
7011 N OLEANDER AV				N	Y	GN		0936209010	094134010
7020 N OLEANDER AV				N	Y	GN		0936208030	094134011
6553 N OLIPHANT AV	<1870			N	N	OR	SFR	0936324041	094130005
6731 N OLIPHANT AV	1900s			N	N	OR	SFR	0936408025	094129003
6708 N OLYMPIA AV	1910s			N	N	OR	SFR	0936402028	094129005
6726 N OLYMPIA AV	1927	ALLISON, LYMAN J.	TUDOR REV	N	N	OR	SFR	0936402020	094129006
6800 N ORIOLE AV	1924	WALTER, M.	DUTCH COL RE	N	N	OR	SFR	0936110003	094135007
7021 N ORIOLE AV	1921			N	N	OR	SFR	0936208010	094134003
7103 N ORIOLE AV	1921	RAWSON, CHARLES		N	N	OR	SFR	0936200013	094134004
6838 N OSCEOLA AV	1925	RAPP, C.W. & GEOR		N	N	OR	SFR	0936226022	094134008
6910 N OTTAWA AV	1927	FISHMAN, M. MAURI	SPANISH REV	N	N	OR	SFR	0936105035	094135004
6914 N OTTAWA AV	1927	FISHMAN, M. MAURI	SPANISH REV	N	N	OR	SFR	0936105034	094135003
6918 N OTTAWA AV	1927	FISHMAN, M. MAURI	SPANISH REV	N	N	OR	SFR	0936105033	094135002
6920 N OTTAWA AV	1927	FISHMAN, M. MAURI	SPANISH REV	N	N	OR	SFR	0936105032	094135001
6950 N OVERHILL AV	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR	SFR	0936107041	094135005
7249 N OVERHILL AV	1880s			N	N	OR	SFR	0925327036	094138001
6438 N OXFORD AV				N	Y	GN		0936331014	094130007
6453 N OXFORD AV	1920s			N	N	OR	SFR	0936325019	094130006
6454 N OXFORD AV	1900s		AMER 4-SQUAR	N	N	OR	SFR	0936324030	094130001
6456 N OXFORD AV	1926	WACH, EDWARD F.	DUTCH COL RE	N	N	OR	SFR	0936324029	094130002
6739 N OXFORD AV	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR	SFR	0936409019	094129008
6758 N OXFORD AV	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR	SFR	0936401010	094129007
7519 W PRATT AV				N	Y	GN		0936400004	094129009



Turzak House
7059 N. Olcott Av.