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Nominations sought for Historic Preservation Awards

Nominations for the 2007 Historic Preservation Awards Program are now being sought by the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission, citizen volunteers who advise the Village Board on historic preservation issues. April 13 is the deadline for submissions.

Single-family residences, apartment buildings, commercial buildings, public/institutional buildings or religious structures may be nominated in any of four categories – restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use and additions/new construction. Projects should have been created within the past five years, and located within the boundaries of the Village. Nominations need not be in an historic district. Interior work also may be considered.

Any resident, owner or tenant of eligible structures, members of local preservation and historical societies, and members of the Oak Park Community Design Commission and Historic Preservation Commission may make nominations. The judges' decisions will be based upon the Historic Preservation Commission's Architectural Review Guidelines, which are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as well as considerations of contextual and design appropriateness.

Nomination forms are available at the customer service desk in Village Hall, 123 Madison St., by contacting Community Services at 358.5400 or by e-mail to planning@oak-park.us. A nomination form also can be downloaded from the Village website www.oak-park.us – mouse-over the *Departments* tab, click on *Historic Preservation* and look for the link along the right margin.

Awards will be presented in conjunction with National Preservation Month in May. For more information call 358.5417.

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