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Nominations Sought for Historic Preservation Awards

Nominations for the 2008 Historic Preservation Awards Program are now being sought by the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission, citizen volunteers who advise the Village Board on historic preservations issues. April 14 is the deadline for submissions.

Single-family residences, apartment buildings, commercial buildings, public/institutional buildings or religious structures may be nominated in the following categories – restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use and additions/new construction. Additional awards are presented for stewardship, detail and design.

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 in conjunction with exterior work.

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 Planning & Development at 708.358.5425 or by e-mail to planning@oak-park.us.

A nomination form also may 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 708.358.5417.

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