

# LANDMARK LINK

The newsletter of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission

## Looking back on the 2013 Preservation Award winners

Architecture and history enthusiasts gathered Nov. 21 at the Nineteenth Century Club for "Celebrating Stewardship: Heritage, Environment, Design," the annual event showcasing sensitive and creative rehabilitation of buildings in Oak Park.

Hosted by the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission, the event brought together property owners, architects and contractors to celebrate 11 local projects.

The event was also shared by the

Environment & Energy Commission's Green Awards and the Community Design Commission's Cavalcade of Pride Awards.

Over the next several issues of *Landmark Link*, we will highlight each of the 2013 Preservation Award recipients.

### 301 CLINTON

Brad & Lauren Wolven (owners); S. Ryan Construction (contractor)



The Award acknowledges a sensitive rehab of the front porch, including adding needed structural supports, opening up the bottom and adding a screen porch section.

### 213 S. EAST AVE.

Stephan & Stephanie Barnard (owners); Michael McGee, Midwest Design Group (architect); K&B Construction & Remodeling (contractor)



The Award acknowledges bringing back a full-width front porch, repairing the historic wood siding and shingles, constructing a rear addition, and a new garage on the alley.

### 745 S. EAST AVE.

L.J. Tan & Lara Pullen (owners); Von Dreele-Freerksen Construction Co. (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the exact replication of the original and elaborate metal soffits, fascia, inlaid gutters and cornice system, including the restoration of the original paint color discovered under multiple layers.

### 238 FOREST AVE.

Alec Harris & Carollina Song (owners); Vinci-Hamp Architects (architect); Von Dreele-Freerksen Construction Co. (contractor)



The Award acknowledges the restoration of interior features, as well as the exterior roof, planter boxes and bird's eye pea gravel coping and water table.

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For more information, call 708.358.5417 or e-mail [historicpreservation@oak-park.us](mailto:historicpreservation@oak-park.us).

# Historic resources and records available on the Web



The Village of Oak Park contracts with RuskinARC to store all of our historic resource records in one place available to everyone.

The maps and archives are maintained by RuskinARC and displayed online on the VOP website, along with information on designated historic districts and landmarks, as well as surveys of historic resources elsewhere in the Village.



Using RuskinARC makes it easy to find and record information about historic properties in Oak Park, and it lets us keep our database up to date without all that paper in multiple binders. Log on and check out the resources available at your fingertips by visiting oak-park.us and searching for "Historic Resources."

If you have questions or would like to include historic information about your property on the site, email [historicpreservation@oak-park.us](mailto:historicpreservation@oak-park.us).

## New Landmark



**745 S. EAST AVE.** The Andreas Brisch House No. 1 was constructed by Andreas Brisch in 1914 in the Chicago Bungalow style. Designated on July 1, 2013.

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Historic Preservation Division is part of the Development Customer Services Department. Building and demolition permits are reviewed for properties designated as Historic Landmarks or located within a Historic District. There are approximately 4,000 buildings which fall under those categories. During FY2013, the Historic Preservation Division reviewed 1,360 permit applications, of which only 40 required review by the Historic Preservation Commission.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architectural Review Committee (or ARC) is a sub-committee of the Historic Preservation Commission made up of five architects and contractors. The role of the ARC is to meet with applicants in an informal setting to discuss a proposal and provide feedback and direction based on the Architectural Review Guidelines.

The ARC, as well as Staff, may also approve applications for Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of Advisory Review when the proposed work involves restoration of original conditions, no changes in materials, changes not visible from the street, work on non-contributing structures, or other types of activities determined by the Commission to have limited effect on the historic, architectural, or aesthetic qualities of Landmarks or districts.

### TAX INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Follow these links for more information on tax incentives for single-family homes, apartments and commercial buildings in Oak Park.

[Property Tax Assessment Freeze](#)

[www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Preserve/Pages/taxfreeze.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Preserve/Pages/taxfreeze.aspx)

[Cook County Class L](#)

[www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/historic-preservation/tax-incentives/class-l-eligibility-bulletin.pdf](http://www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/historic-preservation/tax-incentives/class-l-eligibility-bulletin.pdf)

[Historic Preservation Tax Credit](#)

[www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Preserve/Pages/taxcredits.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Preserve/Pages/taxcredits.aspx)

[Preservation Easements](#)

[www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/historic-preservation/tax-incentives/easement-program.pdf](http://www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/historic-preservation/tax-incentives/easement-program.pdf)

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The Historic Preservation Commission is an 11-member body of citizen volunteers appointed by the Village President to implement the Village's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Its mission is to preserve, protect and

enhance the distinctive historic and architectural heritage of Oak Park. The Commission identifies historic resources and designates Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts, reviews exterior changes to designated historic

properties, and strives to educate property owners and citizens about the Architectural Review Guidelines and the importance of the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic residential and commercial properties.