

VILLAGE WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

With the Historical Society of Forest Park &
Forest Park Public Library

August 1-8, 2020

The Historical Society of Forest Park started in 1975 in the basement of The Forest Park Public Library. We still enjoy providing programming with our friends at the Library. Although all our 2020 indoor events have been postponed we will have outdoor and virtual tours available. Join us the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 at the Haymarket Martyrs Monument in Forest Home Cemetery for a tour of Forest Park's very own National Historic Monument. Visit our website for more information on our programming and our growing resources on Forest Park History.



The Forest Park Public Library is a place for the community that is accessible, inclusive, and open to all. Currently, the Library is open for limited in-person services including vestibule pick up, computer access, printing/scanning, browsing and check out of items, and library card questions. We also have a variety of virtual services available for all ages. Visit the Library's website, follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or sign up for the Library's e-newsletter at fppl.org/newsletter to find out more.



How to Play

Answer the riddle to find each location from Forest Park's history. Take a picture of the location and write the address below. Share your answers with the forum on tinyurl.com/FP-Scavenger to see how you did! You can also check your answers against the answer key on the last page.

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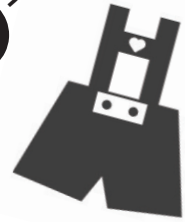
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Email your photos to fpScavengerHunt@gmail.com

1 This German Home for the Elderly was once voted Chicagoland's best. There in the Grove, you will often see a fest.

Additional Information:

- Opened in 1886 for 75 elderly German residents.
- Thrived through the 1930's.
- Unique cemetery with cement tombstones.
- Harry and Tonto (1974) and The Package (1988) have scenes filmed here.

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2 Some say it's 940 Troost, others say it's 1044 Dunlop Ave; but tax records show that this house is the oldest, built in 1866.

Additional Information:

- Corner of Dixon and Belvidere.
- Moved in 1918 from Madison Street, the Carney house on 419 Marengo is sometimes also thought to be the oldest.

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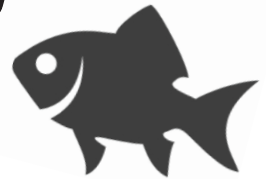


3 In Forest Park, we have it all. In this mural, we even have a sea creature on a wall!

Additional Information:

- Painted by Anthony Lewellen.
- Features a Peacock Mantis shrimp.
- Part of the Shedd Aquarium's "Underwater Beauty" project.

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4 Whether you need nuts, bolts or screws, this store has them all, with many to choose.

Additional Information:

- This location opened as Peaslee's Hardware in 1919.
- The Schauer family has been in the hardware business since 1951, and purchased this location in 1997.
- The upstairs has displays of historic hardware and pictures.

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5 Once upon a time, this was a furniture store, owned by brothers with a last name that Little Red Ridinghood would not adore.

Additional Information:

- Originally a two-panel stained glass window, one panel is now in the Historical Society of Forest Park's collection.
- This building sold furniture for 107 years.

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6 This building was the first movie theatre outside the city of Chicago, and seated 300 people. Still a magnificent place to cool off in the summer.

Additional Information:

- 1886 showhouse turned soda shop.
- When a larger movie theatre opened down the street, this theatre became popular for second-run shows, cowboy movies and cartoons.
- Known as the 'Lil Theatre in the early 60's.

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7 The first a of Forest Park trend. Many Lutherans rest here once their time has come to an end.

Additional Information:

- Oldest non-Native American cemetery in Forest Park.
- Once grew and sold flowers in its greenhouse.
- The Madison Street streetcar stopped here.
- In 1958 1,400 graves had to be relocated to build the Eisenhower Expressway. (the most graves moved in the history of the US).
- Tried to block the Forest Park Amusement from being built because the roller coaster screams would disrupt those buried there.

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8 This place of learning has taught many well. Just make sure you are there before the bell.

Additional Information:

- This was the location of Harlem School No.1, the first school within the present boundaries of Forest Park.
- Named after President Ulysses S. Grant.
- White was added to honor Elizabeth White, a secretary and first grade teacher.

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9 Songs of praise echo in the halls, with intricate colored glass lines the walls

Additional Information:

- Originally a German congregation.
- In 1862, regular prayer meetings, preaching services, and Sunday School sessions were held in private homes. A chapel was built on Marengo Avenue and Franklin Street but sold in 1874.
- In modern day Forest Park the previous name was First German Baptist Church of Oak Park.

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10 Crowding Lutherans into other buildings that could burst until a they a had place of their own as Harlem's first Church.

Additional Information:

- Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillside granted permission for their pastor to preach in Harlem (now Forest Park) once a month. The congregation would eventually need its own church.
- The original church was built in 1867 on Marengo and Franklin Streets, and is now the oldest church in Forest Park.
- In 1873, the existing church building was moved to the back of the lot and the new church was built at the site of the old.

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11 The perfect place to take an urban hike, start in the cemetery to reach a trail to ride your bike.

Additional Information:

- Former right-of-way for the old Chicago Aurora & Elgin electric railroad.
- Runs through the middle of Concordia Cemetery.
- The first U.S. rail-to-trail conversion in the nation.
- Started in 1963 with a letter to the editor of Chicago Tribune by May Theilgaard Watts
- In 1979 the eastward expansion was approved to bring the trail to Maywood.

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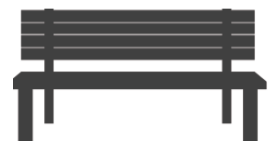


12 We can't seem to find, though we've looked and looked, the history of this bench in any book.

Additional Information:

- This bench has 4.3 star rating on Google.
- 35 people on Google have sung its praise with only a few disappointed.
- Made of PVC imitation wood.

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13 Here, they made cedar chests. Now you can bench press.

Additional Information:

- The dark-colored heartwood of the red cedar tree contains natural oils that help kill moth larvae.
- In 1928 the Roos family built a large brick building on Harrison Street to make cedar chests.
- In 1916 during World War I, the government shut down the business because the product was considered a luxury.
- The factory was forced to slow down during World War II, and reopened for a few years until it was sold in 1951 and all 150 employees were laid off.

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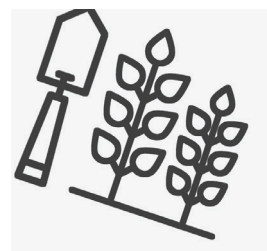


14 It once was a lot full of weeds, now it helps feed people in need.

Additional Information:

- Started by two local gardeners, Jessica Rinks and Gina Thomas, in the summer of 2009.
- Flower-shaped “Giving Garden” is accessible to the entire community to harvest from.
- The Fire Department helps by filling the 6 rain barrels.

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15 If you want to get out in the sun, visit their pool or sports fields for fun.

Additional Information:

- In 1920 the Forest Park Citizens Protective League protected this land from industrial construction.
- Created with the cooperation of the Forest Park Kiwanis Club and their president Emery Parichy, the owner of the Parichy Bloomer Girls Baseball team.
- Officially entered into the records of the Cook County Court on November 14, 1934
- 300 WPA workers set about building pathways, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a swimming pool and the imposing, English Tudor-styled administration building.
- In 1968, a new pool was built within the structure of the original pool, and in 1988 the waterslide was added.

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16 It used to be covered in rust, that is true. Now it shines in many colors from yellow to blue.

Additional Information:

- In 2017, 114 artists came out to paint murals on the bridge.
- Forest Park Against Racism held their first event here on Juneteenth, 2020.

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17 When you are out on Madison to shop and see this fountain you'll want to stop.

Additional Information:

- The annual Christmas Tree takes the fountain's place in December.
- Between Louie's and Doc Ryan's.
- Good Lite Company building once stood where their parking lot is.

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18 A game made popular by the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Here you can find its most famed players. Tell us where!

Additional Information:

- This Hall of Fame honors a special type of baseball designed to be played in smaller spaces
- Unlike other versions of the game there are no gloves used.
- The first game was played Thanksgiving Day in 1887 at the Farragut Boat Club in Chicago.

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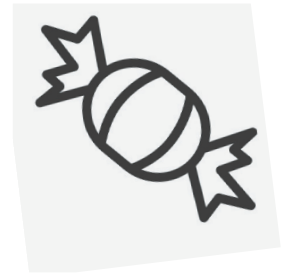


19 If it's Lemon Heads you like, you will find them there, where they are made, just South of the Ike.

Additional Information:

- Moved to Forest Park from 772 W. Taylor, Chicago in 1959.
- This location was once home to Borden Dairy.

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20 A cruise on the Des Plaines in the White Fawn was fun for all, from toddler to gramps. A mural of this boat is on a wall in a place where you can buy stamps.

Additional Information:

- Commissioned by the Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts in 1939.
- Painted by Miriam McKinnie (Hofmeier) in 1940.
- Painted in honor of The White Fawn, a side-wheeler steamboat, that took passengers for rides on the Des Plaines River at Haase Park.

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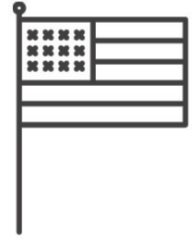


21 While survival of other organizations are under threat, we are lucky to still have this hall to honor our vets.

Additional Information:

- With chapters across the country this organization was started by World War I Veterans.
- The location for The Historical Society of Forest Park's Annual Veterans Day Dinner.
- After an extensive remodel the hall is available for rent.

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22 They fought for our eight- hour day, and at this monument our respects we pay.

Additional Information:

- Named a National Historic Monument in 1997, still visited by guests from around the world.
- Monument by sculptor Albert Weinert, funded by the The Pioneer Aid and Support Association.
- Anarchists, Communists, Labor Activists all choose to be buried near it.

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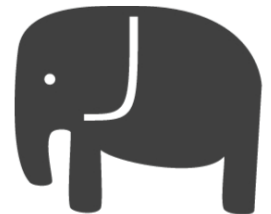


23 This circus never made it to town, But will forever be celebrated with elephants and clowns.

Additional Information:

- 750-plot section of Woodlawn Cemetery mostly for circus performers owned by the Showmen's League of America.
- Killed in the Hammond circus train wreck on June 22, 1918, at Hessville, Indiana, between 56 and 61 employees of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus are interred here.
- The identity of many victims of the wreck was unknown. Most of the markers note "unidentified male" (or female). One is marked "Smiley," another "Baldy," and "4 Horse Driver."

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24 The community had hoped this school would stick but we lost our school for the Catholics.

Additional Information:

- In 2013 "school was out" permanently after 98 years as Forest Park's only Catholic school.
- A unique shrine made of tufa, a kind of limestone, has honored Our Lady of Fatima since 1950.

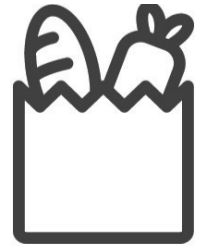
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25 If you need groceries on any given day, this place is always on your way.

Additional Information:

- For its first 40 years its name was White's Way.
- Expanded to take over Malwitz Bakery in 1960.
- Currently for sale to the next generation of local grocer.



26 Order a statue made of ice and they will make it look very nice!

Additional Information:

- Started in 1980 by Jim Nadeau, Nadeau's Ice Sculptures is now the largest full-time ice sculpting operation in the Midwest.
- This is where ice carvings for all the Chicago Bears home games are made.



27 With each section having its own gate, the uniqueness of this cemetery is hard to overstate.

Additional Information:

- Founded in 1870.
- Made up of 280 cemetery sections; each representing various Chicago families, synagogues, temples and other Jewish organizations
- Final resting place for Michael Todd (husband of Elizabeth Taylor), the Arie Crown Family, and Clara Peller (the "Where's the Beef?" actress).



28 If you want a steak, you must come here. It's called the Golden

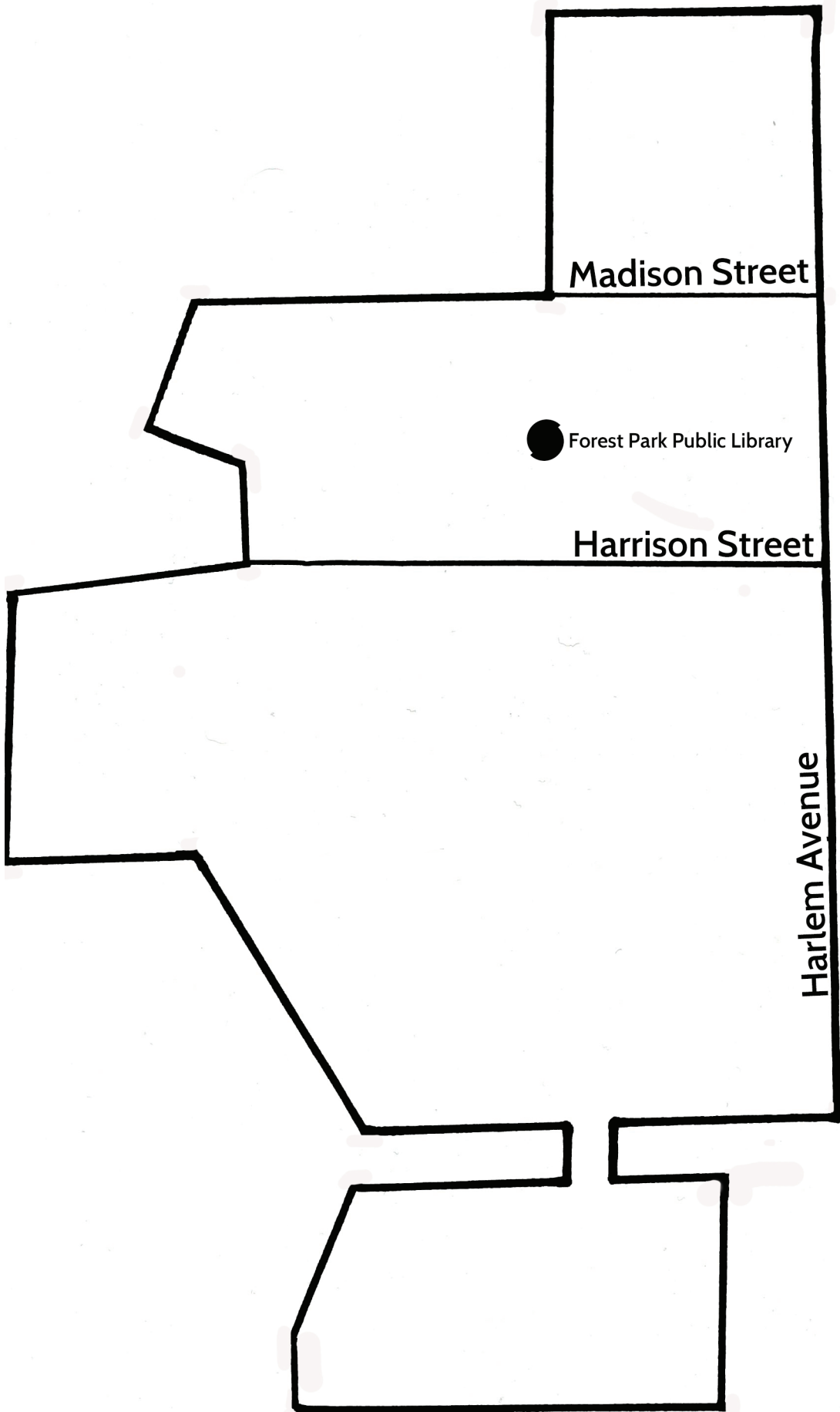
Additional Information:

- Featured on both *Chicago's Best* and *Check Please*.
- Movie star Elizabeth Taylor drank at the bar here.
- The first business to occupy this spot was an Irish pub run by Abraham Lincoln Hopkins from 1934-1945.
- In the 1950s the building housed the Pink Clock, known as a hideaway for "The Outfit".



Answer Key

7824 Madison St	1	The Altemheim
133 Belvidere Ave	2	Oldest house
7321 Madison Ave	3	Shedd Aquarium Mural
7449 Madison St	4	Schauers Hardware
350 Circle Ave	5	Wolf Brothers Furniture
7347 Madison St	6	Brown Cow Ice Cream Parlor
7900 Madison St	7	Concordia Cemetery
147 Circle Ave	8	Grant-White School
133 Harlem Ave	9	Forest Park Baptist
h305 Circle Ave	10	St. John Lutheran Church
7900 Madison St	11	The Illinois Prairie Path
7521 Jackson Blvd	12	"Historic" Bench
7329 Harrison St	13	Roos Center
631 S Harlem Ave	14	Community Garden
7501 Harrison St	15	Park District
Circle	16	Mural Bridge
7426 Madison St	17	Constitution Court
7501 Harrison S	18	16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame
7301 Harrison St	19	Ferrara Candy Company
417 Des Plaines Ave	20	Post Office White Fawn Mural
500 Circle Ave	21	American Legion Post 414
863 Des Plaines Ave	22	Haymarket Martyrs' Monument
7750 Cermak Rd	23	Showmens Rest
7246 Harrison St	24	St. Bernardine's School
946 Beloit Ave	25	Ed's Way
7623 Roosevelt Rd	26	Nadeaus Ice Sculptures
1400 Des Plaines Ave	27	Jewish Waldheim Cemetery
7635 West Roosevelt Rd	28	The Golden Steer



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