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Howard Street Going Residential with Renovated Kopley Building and Bristol Chicago Highrise

Howard Street will have a new residential look thanks to two highrises which are either in the works or already under construction. The first, a 17-story 221-unit building under construction at 415 W. Howard, held groundbreaking ceremonies on October 30th. The second location, which is being converted, is the six-story property at Howard and Clark formerly known as the **Pivot Point** building.

In the first building, the plans call for 221-units to be located on the upper 13 floors and 241 parking spaces on the lower four floors. According to William Walsh, president of Bristol-Chicago, the building, one of the tallest in Evanston, will offer an unobstructed view of downtown Chicago from the south and of Lake Michigan to the east.

Citing as its highly desirable location, its proximity to the **Howard El Station**, and to the **Gateway Center** shopping center, Walsh noted that it is being built as part of the Evanston-based TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district which will enable Bristol to offer rentals which will be lower than would be otherwise possible as follows: Efficiencies, \$995 per month; one-bedroom units at \$1,450 per month, and two-bedroom units at 1,995 per month.



Artist's rendering of the newly-renovated Howard Clark Building, developed by the Kopley Group. The six-story edifice is being converted into condominiums.

The Howard-Clark building, which is owned by the Kopley Group, will also feature unobstructed views of the city from the south and east. According to the project manager, Steve Karavolos, it will feature 37 newly refurbished condos in a space formerly devoted to doctors' offices, which will show off its handsome all marble lobby and brass artifacts. Purchasers will have a choice of one or two bedroom condos which will sell for between \$170,000 to \$280,000 per unit.

Karavolos noted that the building sales office opened in January 2007 and they hope to close on the units by the summer of 2007. To get the building, which has a new elevator, into first-class shape involved a complete gut rehab. All the interior walls were taken down as well as the south and eastern exterior walls. Plumbing and mechanical systems were replaced with new ones. **Washington Mutual Insurance** now occupies approximately a half of the first floor space. The balance of the first floor will also be commercial and will be leased out either as space to two clients or as a complete unit to one client.

With the Howard Street El and the Gateway Shopping Center just a short whistle away, it is anticipated that both structures will be strong attractions to empty nesters, single professionals, and couples without children.



Breaking-ground for the new 221-unit, 17-story building going up at 415-21 W. Howard are Evanston officials with building developers and contractors of the highrise. At left is Bill Walsh, president of the developer, Bristol Chicago. To his right are Evanston Mayor Julia Walsh, and Ann Rainey, Alderman of the 8th Ward.

New Fire Station for Rogers Park is Foreseen for This Summer

The way has been cleared for the construction of a new fire station which will double the size of the current station on Greenleaf and make for better and speedier fire service for Rogers Park residents.

According to 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore, the last obstacle to building the new fire station was cleared, with the acquisition of the land formerly occupied by the strip mall and the Supermercado in the 7100 block of North Clark Street.

Moore said that the buildings presently occupying the site of the new station will be used for the training of fire department recruits, and will then be fenced off and demolished. Soil samples of the site will be taken. The station will be put up for bid in March and the actual construction will follow in April.

"Happily the new station will be built and functioning by the summer of 2007," Ald. Moore commented. Among the improvements the new station will offer, he cited the following: trucks will be able to pull directly out of the station instead of backing out, which is the case at present. Secondly, there will be three bays, one each for: truck and ladder, fire engine and the commanders car. Living quarters for 39 firefighters and eight paramedics will be located in the basement. In addition, there will be parking for 32 vehicles as well as a physical fitness center for the firefighters.

Moore indicated that the new station is long overdue. "The old fire station was built approximately a hundred years ago at a time when horses were still being used to pull the engines. Obviously, the new station will be an immense improvement," he said.

Dynamic Loyola Community Relations Director Gets the Job Done

Around Loyola University, Jennifer Clark is known as the person to go in any dealings with the city, such as obtaining a building permit or the demolishing of a building. Jennifer, a member of the Rogers Park Builders Group, is Director of Government and Community Relations for Loyola, a post she had held for the past five years. She knows the city government and its personnel intimately and serves as a communications agent to and from community agencies and organizations. This is a post which is both challenging and sensitive in clearing up issues which can create resentment and mistrust if not handled effectively.



In her present capacity as communications director, Jennifer serves both the Lake Shore and the Downtown Campuses of Loyola University and was instrumental in obtaining the TIF designation for the area surrounding the Lake Shore Campus. This covers the area from Clark and Devon to the Lake and from Devon north to Sheridan Road.

Prior to joining the staff at Loyola, Jennifer served as Director at the Chicago Park District's Clarendon Community Center for two years. This followed a position at the Chicago Police Department as an organizer for CAPS in the 20th District (Lincoln Avenue) for about a year, and as a student teacher in history and speech at Lane Tech High School on Chicago's North Side.

To qualify for these positions, Jennifer holds a bachelor of science degree from Northwestern University and a master's in education from DePaul. In addition, she is working on a master's in business administration which she is scheduled to receive next summer from Loyola.

Jennifer takes pride in her school's accomplishments, which includes a four year record high enrollment in recent years following a precipitous decline in the years preceding.

She is also proud of the University's increased emphasis on "green" construction as exemplified by the new Information Center which carries LEED certification (Leadership in Environment and Engineering Design). (see *The Builder*, Fall 2006)

There is also a renewed emphasis on working with the community and various care agencies to bolster the surrounding area. Among others, she notes that the Loyola El stop is now the third busiest on the Howard (Red Line) El.

Wisdom Bridge Seeking to Open Interdisciplinary Center and Theater

If Rogers Park resident Tom Rosenfeld has anything to say about it, the stairway leading to the **Wisdom Bridge Theater**, at 1559-65 Howard Street, may once again be filled with theater lovers clambering upward to see new plays in the not too distant future.

Rosenfeld is the chairman of the board of the Wisdom Bridge Arts Project and one of its primary concerns has been the theater itself which, since its closing in 1981, has had a somewhat checkered existence. Following Wisdom Bridge's closing, the property was rented out for several years and abandoned in 1991. Since then it has fallen into disrepair and was closed in 2005.

To get things rolling once again, Wisdom Bridge Arts Project has contacted a few developers to submit proposals for development. Rosenfeld indicated that most likely the project will call for two condos – one to be placed on the housing market, and the other to serve as a multi-disciplinary performing arts center and gallery. Classes will be offered to both children and adults in theater, visual arts, dance and music as part of its operation, as well as the theater. But Rosenfeld indicated that prior to the actual opening of the center, bids for development will have to be evaluated, and various rezoning and permit issues resolved, before the actual work on renovating the building can begin.

Max Heads Up Builders Slate for 2007

Marty Max has been renamed **President** to head up the slate of officers for the Rogers Park Builders Group for 2007. Marty, who is the managing partner of **MLC Properties**, which owns properties in Rogers Park, Albany Park and Chatham, has been active in the Builders Group for the past ten years. Prior to being named President last year (he succeeded Mike Glasser), he served as Vice President for three years, and on the Planning & Development and Membership Committees. One of his priority goals for 2007 is to have the Builders Group disseminate information on issues of importance to the organization.



Marty Max

Named **Vice President** of the Builders Group, replacing Tina Winger, who has resigned the office for personal reasons, is **Carla Price**, a founding member of the RPBG. Her background with the RPBG includes the chairmanship of the Communications and Public Relations Committee (four years) and of the Arts Committee (five years). Among others, she is responsible for the publication of all three editions of the popular Rogers Park brochure. She has owned properties along with lakefront, including Rogers Park, for the past 25 years.



Carla Price

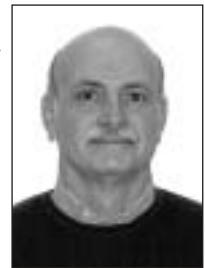
Our new **Secretary, Mark Neil**, has been active in the RPBG for the past three years. An attorney who specializes in probate, trust and estate planning, Mark lives in Edgewater. He sums up his reason for being active in the Builders Group as follows, "RPBG members are good citizens who are able to build their businesses in Rogers Park while being helpful to the community at the same time."



Mark Neil

Serving once again as **Treasurer** is **Tom Heineman**, a charter member of the Builders Group who was Treasurer from 1995 to 1999 and after a brief absence from that post was again reelected Treasurer in 2002, a post he has held ever since. Tom owns a building on Eastlake Terrace.

Named to key posts as committee chairmen were the following:



Tom Heineman

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Planning & Development Dan Sullivan
Website Development Mike Glasser
Outreach Laurene Huffman
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New Theater/Restaurant for Morse Avenue to Open Early in 2008

Plans look good for a new restaurant/theater to open on Morse Avenue on the site of the **Cobblers Mall** at 1328 W. Morse. According to Andy McGhee and his son, Devin McGhee, who are in charge of the new venue, the outlook on the enterprise was encouraging at a recent community meeting called by Alderman Joe Moore to discuss the feasibility of the new venture.

According to Andy McGhee, who with Devin are long-time Rogers Park residents, plans for the proposed enterprise call for a 100-seat restaurant and a 300-seat theater. Besides the McGhees, the third partner is Bill Kerpan of Grayslake, who will act as general manager.

Commenting that the enterprise is aimed at the “over 35 crowd,” McGhee noted that they will feature both new and modern music, as well as classical, “music which has not been performed and needs a venue.”

For example, he said, “we will have a classical program for twenty Sundays – no rock and roll. There are plenty of places that offer that kind of music.”

“Our primary focus will be first and foremost good jazz,” said Devin McGhee. “You could call this Americana, which includes Blues, Bluegrass, Texas Swing, and some Latin and Caribbean music mixed in with Irish and Klezmer offerings.”

“Our target audience,” said McGhee, “will be people from Wilmette and Skokie, as well as Rogers Park.” As for the restaurant, it will feature a menu of what they termed “good, hearty American fare, reminiscent of food offerings at the turn of the century.” He indicated that they have hired Peter Camphouse, a Rogers Park resident and a graduate of Kendall College’s well known cooking program. “We will give Rogers Parkers top priority in hiring,” McGhee added.

Noting that the building has existed since 1912, Andy McGhee said that “this will be a multi-million dollar restoration.” “Right now, we are in the first stages of interior demolition. None of the original historic components will be left.” He said that the building originally

presented vaudeville, then became a silent movie house from 1935 to 1955, was empty after that and became a synagogue for twenty years starting in 1954. It was acquired by the Geroulis family in 1974, a family which included a judge, who turned the building into a haberdashery. It later became a shoe store, the owner of which John Geroulis, was in business until the McGhees obtained ownership of the building.

Commenting on the building features, McGhee pointed out that the building will have an elevator and a full mezzanine so that seating will be on the ground floor. “No one will be more than 47 feet from the stage with 20 feet more like the average distance to the stage.”



Morse Theater as it appeared in 1912 (top) and as it will appear as part of the new **Century Public House** (bottom), after the building is renovated and converted into a 300-seat theater and a 100-seat restaurant.



As for the entertainment program, McGhee said, “We’ll do vintage movies, like ‘Casablanca’ several days each week,” but music will be featured Thursday through Saturday. “Sundays will be devoted to classical music and in the morning to Children’s programs which will feature jazz and folk singers.”

“You’ll go directly from the lobby to the theater. You won’t have to go through the restaurant to get to the theater,” he said.

“We’re glad to be able to save an old theater,” said McGhee, commenting that the city had over 120 small nickelodeon type theaters between 1910 and 1920. Of these, only twenty are still standing and only three offer entertainment. “So, we’ll be the fourth of these small theaters in existence.”

One additional feature, which he emphasized, is that the establishment will be environmental friendly and have a “green” roof, certified LEED (Leadership in Environment and Engineering Design). Besides the liquor license, which the McGhees are confident will be forthcoming, the one big problem remaining is parking. The McGhees intimated that Alderman Moore is supportive of the need for parking and is not adverse to building a parking facility on Morse Avenue. Moore has indicated that he would favor any private developer who would develop an attractive parking facility.

If all goes well the McGhees intend to open their new operation in either late 2007 or in early 2008.

Northwestern Journalism School Opens Rogers Park Satellite

To give its students a taste of what journalism is like in the real world, Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism has opened a satellite office in Rogers Park.

Says Medill’s Dean, John Lavine, “Today consumers have a greater variety of choices with which to spend their media time. Technology is constantly providing more convenient ways of accessing information, from portable video game consoles to cell phones that tap into the internet to ‘electronic paper’ that reads almost as well as a printed book,” he added. Furthermore, said Lavine, consumers are becoming more media savvy, with blogs, podcasts, and social networking websites for sharing photos and videos.

So before their junior year, when they work for a quarter for a media company, students will be assigned to the Rogers Park

office or another in Uptown to chase down leads on various stories in areas ranging from arts and architecture, religion, to family values and often hard news.”

To accomplish these goals, students will use audio tape and videotape as well as the customary pencil and paper. “We are bringing our students to where the news is happening and giving them a chance to see what it is like to chase down stories in real life situations.”

Lavine said that if this works, Medill will consider leasing additional offices in other areas of the city. “Part of the reason, we have opened the Rogers Park office is the diversity and the great differences of its population as well as its accessibility to the El,” he said. Students will work within a five to seven mile radius of Rogers Park.

New Offerings from Camelot Realty

LUXURIOUS 6-FLAT CONDOS 2054 W. CHASE

Camelot Realty presents its newest, most luxurious six-flat condo residences at 2054 W. Chase. Two 2-bedroom/1-bath simplexes, two 3-bedroom/2-bath simplexes, one 3-bedroom/3-bath duplex down and one 4-bedroom/3-bath duplex down. Units range in size from 1,000 sq.ft to 2,700 sq.ft and feature: gourmet cherry/granite/stainless kitchens; master suites w/stone spa baths and walk-in closets, diagonal oak hardwood floors and carpeted bedrooms; cherry shaker style cabinets & vanities; in-unit washer-dryer; central heat and A/C; intercom and security systems; wired for stereo throughout; balconies and/or decks; and outside garage parking included. Pricing from \$289,900. Open houses most Sundays, 1pm to 4pm. For information or a private showing, call Rich at (773) 465-2200 or (773) 294-8888.

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Camelot Realty presents its newest, now under construction, twelve most luxurious condo residences at 6955 N. Greenview. Six-story elevator building features nine 2-bedroom/2-bath simplexes, two 3-bedroom/3-bath duplex penthouses and one 4-bedroom/2.1-bath duplex penthouse. Range in size from 1,200 to 2,700 sq.ft. All units come with Italian imported cherry/granite/stainless gourmet eat-in kitchens; master suites with stone spa baths and walk-in closets; cherry shaker style cabinets & vanities; brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout, in-unit washer/dryer, central heat and A/C; intercom and security systems; balconies and decks; heated garage parking included. Building features flexicore eight-inch concrete sub floors, masonry construction for super quiet, luxurious condo living. Priced from \$325,000. Model open houses most Sundays, 1pm to 4pm at 2306 W. Touhy. For information or to schedule private showing, call Nyan at (773) 465-2200 or (773) 294-5554.



BY MARTY MAX
President, Rogers Park Builders Group

As I See It

What Does 2007 Have in Store for Us?

First, I and the Rogers Park Builders Group would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year! It's unbelievable that I have a 21-year-old daughter and that I have been married almost 26 years. WOW! I'm sure that most of you feel the same. Where does the time go? It seems like it was just yesterday that the condo market was unstoppable, the rental market non-existent, and interest rates a record low. What does 2007 have in store for us? The most important thing is that we all have good health. Everything else in 2007 is of less importance. That being said, real estate by all accounts should flourish this year. The rental market is strong and for the first time in a while landlords are able to raise their rents three to five per cent. The housing market did not go down as low as the experts thought and is expected to move upward again this spring/summer season.

Interest rates are still very low and it looks like they will stay low in 2007. Building prices are still at a record high, and although not selling as fast as a few years ago, are selling, and selling for full price. Although the market is full of condominiums, the forecast for condos is "if they are built, people will buy."

As far as single family houses in the city, if you can find one for sale, buy it. In Rogers Park, there are very few single family houses for sale. There is new construction on every block and there are commercial businesses opening up every month. Rogers Park is happening and 2007 should be a very good year.

Don't forget, the Rogers Park Builders Group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. This year our meeting place is St. Scholastica at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending our meetings, please call Mary Jane Sacks at (773) 743-7433. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Again,

Happy and Healthy New Year to You and Your Family!

Rogers Park Website Tells Where to Shop and What to Do in Rogers Park

New to Rogers Park? Then chances are that you'll be looking for places to shop for clothes, shoes, groceries and other household items. You will undoubtedly want to look at the Rogers Park website-www.rogerspark.com. There you will find more than 50 categories of stores selling everything from the proverbial soup to nuts.

What else will you find? Rogers Park is above all a home for artists of all kinds and the website has perhaps the most comprehensive registry of Rogers Park artists to be found anywhere. Also available at your fingertips on this website is a complete listing of restaurants and bars of every kind – Chinese, Mexican, Italian, and American, for example.

Or perhaps you're interested in what's being performed at Rogers Park's various theaters. The site has a listing of all current theatrical offerings under the heading of "entertainment" and the listing changes from month to month. Or if you are looking for an apartment to rent-under the Apartments to Rent heading, you will find scads of listings. If you prefer to look at homes on the market, look at "Homes for Sales," and there is a listing of commercial property on the market as well.

The website was started about ten years ago by Mike Glasser, past president of the Rogers Park Builders Association and owner of Magellan Properties, as a means of "promoting a positive image of Rogers Park to people who do not necessarily have a good image of the community or who are new to Rogers Park. We tell positive stories in a positive way."

"In addition," said Mike, "we offer newcomers and long-time residents a means of knowing what's going on. If you are interested in knowing more about such prominent Rogers Parkers as Alpana Singh, conductor of Channel 11's "Check Please" program; Shani Davis, Olympic Ice Skating Champ; Rich Fudoli, jazz legend, and Harry Osterman, Illinois State Representative, and many others – check the website. The site features an interview of such prominent residents every month.

All in all it's one of the easiest ways to learn what Rogers Park is all about and it doesn't cost you a cent, unless of course, you choose to list an apartment for rent or a home for sale. Also, you can link to our website at: www.rpb.org.

Dan Sullivan: A Rogers Park Visionary Whose Dreams are Coming True

If you were to stroll down Jarvis Avenue eastward from Ashland to Greenview, you would see several new businesses – a café, a pet grooming salon, a live theater, an Italian restaurant, an Irish pub, and others. The area is called Jarvis Square, and Dan Sullivan, a Rogers Park resident, is the man who brought all the pieces together to form the entire picture. The how and why he did it are in the story that follows.

The Builder: What was the reason you became involved with Jarvis Square?

Dan Sullivan: It goes back to my great-grandfather, James McManus, who built the two buildings on the northwest corner of Jarvis and Greenview and his youngest daughter, my grandmother, who lived in them and managed them most of her life. As a kid, I would visit her in her apartment, right above the spot where the Irish pub **Poitin Stil** is now located.

In less than a year, we bought a house a few blocks away and put down our roots there. Nine years later, my grandmother died and the family decided to sell the buildings.

I was afraid of what might become of them – that they might be torn down. That was the fate of 5776 Ridge, the home where my great-grandparents raised their children and which we knew as “the house.” The day my grandpa died, I drove by the house, which had been sold two years earlier. As I passed the lot it used to stand on, I looked and saw that the house was gone. Losing it was like losing my grandmother again. It had a big impact on me. I didn’t want the buildings on Jarvis and Greenview to suffer the same fate as the house if they were sold outside the family.

So I proposed to keep them in the family, which accepted the idea. I then did what I could to turn the buildings – and the corner – around. As a result of my efforts and those of many others, all the current stores in the family building – the Benton Building – are new since July of 2003. Previous to then, it had held the bar called **Charmers**, a grocery store and **Jarvis Liquors** (which extended to 1508 W. Jarvis and which shut its doors in May of 2005).

In 2005, I also became involved in the building on the southeast corner – 1447 W. Jarvis. Since then, many stores changed over in that building also. Now it houses **The Side Project Theatre** (where **Don’s Coffee Shop** used to be), **Rogers Bark**, a pet salon, and **Northwestern University’s** new satellite classroom for the **Medill School of Journalism** (see story on page 3). Of the thirteen storefronts at Jarvis Square in which I have been involved, a total of nine have changed in the past few years.

The Builder: How did you go about getting all of these new tenants?

Dan Sullivan: I never advertised. I never put up a sign. I didn’t want just anybody. I thought it would take a really special mix of companies and people to bring Jarvis Square to the point where I thought it should be. So I talked to a lot of people and kept on searching until I found the people with the special kind of energy and talent needed to become the new leaders of Jarvis Square.

Many of these conversations went on for a long time, several for more than a year. But it was all worthwhile when you see the unique qualities of these new businesses: **Gruppo di Amici**, **Rogers Bark**, **The Side Project Theatre**, and **Poitin Stil**. These businesses joined with the **Lumbar Lounge** in the corner’s transformation. I should also mention **Charmers Café** and **The Dage and Beli Shop**, two more newcomers working hard to earn the neighborhood’s trust. The most recent new tenant, Richard Roth, Senior Associate Dean of **Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism**, joined with long-time neighbors Gerry Richman of **Corporate Source Promotional Supplies** and Nancy McCarty, of **The Music Theater Workshop** in making Jarvis Square their new home.



Dan Sullivan, seen in *Charmers*, one of several cafés in the new Jarvis Square.

The Builder: So where do you stand? And what are your future plans for Jarvis Square?

Dan Sullivan: There is one remaining storefront in **The Benton Building** (at 1506 W. Jarvis) and I am working with a group of people who want to open a fine wine shop there. If that works out, I am certain they will do very well here and fit into the dynamic of Jarvis Square perfectly.

There’s a need for parking and that’s a problem with no solution yet. I’ve been working on that for a long time and will continue to work on it until it is solved. One obvious and straightforward idea I have suggested to the alderman is to get parking meters installed on Jarvis Square. They used to be there and were pulled out after the sidewalk was redone, but never replaced. Why don’t we have one and two-hour parking, the same as any other business streets, to attract more people who are acting in the best interest of the neighborhood? I also think that Jarvis Square would benefit from a return of Jarvis to a two-way street, the way it was when Jarvis was booming.

Further, there’s still a big need to spread the word about Jarvis Square as a destination and the need to create a brand around this corner, somewhat like Andersonville, which is an area that is bigger than the sum of its parts. And it’s that kind of destination advertising and PR that I want to do for Jarvis Square.

But it’s really a matter of getting people to come out and try what’s here. We need to continue to change the mix and attract more and more people. Unfortunately, we have problems at the El stop itself. It is not well cared for. It’s not clean and there’s too much graffiti on the walls. It’s kind of intimidating for many people even during the daytime. It can remind people more of what Jarvis and Greenview had been like a few years ago than what it is today.

The Builder: So what do you do next?

Dan Sullivan: I think there’s a lot to be done to realize the dream of Jarvis Square, where people will think of it universally as an acceptable, friendly, reasonable place to shop or spend some time. We’ve got to get to the point where the Jarvis El stop is more visitor friendly, always clean and free of negative loitering. I see the Jarvis Square El stop becoming one of the preferred ways people get to the beaches. I predict that some day when this dream is a reality, the Jarvis El stop will be officially renamed the Jarvis Square El stop. I know some people have already begun to refer to it that way.

I also see Jarvis Square as a potential venue for a summer festival. I’d like to repave the courtyard area in front of 1407 W. Jarvis and I am considering a fountain with perimeter planters and lights. This could be a nice setting for community events. By hosting some community events here, we could better convey that Jarvis Square is a place for the whole neighborhood. Things like this would bring a lot more people here. Ultimately, it could be a part of changing what Jarvis Square means to Rogers Park.

The Builder: What does it come down to?

Dan Sullivan: I’m doing what I can to make Rogers Park a place where my kids would want to be when they grow up and where their kids would want to be. I believe Rogers Park has an enormous opportunity to be more of what it could be given our lakefront beaches and public transportation. I have the perspective that we are the temporary caretakers of this place and we have a responsibility to maintain it and to improve what we can for the people who will come after we’re gone. I think that as a community we’re not yet making the most of these unique Rogers Park amenities, especially the lakefront, beaches, Park District programs and the areas around the El stop that offer access to the lake. After all, the lake and the El are two of the main reasons people want to live here.

OUR MISSION

The Rogers Park Builders Group's mission is to encourage and support residential and commercial property investment, development, and ownership in the Rogers Park community. Looking far beyond bricks and mortar, the RPBG initiates and supports collaboration on city and community actions to create a destination community.

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New Home of Community First Bank-Chicago is Nearing Completion



As is evident from this artist's rendering of the new Community First Bank-Chicago – the new structure typifies the “prairie” school of architecture popularized by famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

A building more than double the size of the present Community First Bank-Chicago is now open at its new site at 7555 N. Western Avenue. According to Dan Starzyk, the bank's senior vice president and a member of the Rogers Park Builders Group, the new building offers more than 7,000 feet of additional space for carrying out various banking functions.

The new two-story high structure, said Starzyk, is of the prairie style, developed and made famous by the noted architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. “This is a marketing significant structure in which we hope to better serve the needs of the community,” said Starzyk, adding that it definitely fits in with the surrounding area and reflects a good stable environment for the entire neighborhood.

Locally-owned and operated, the bank is “deeply committed to its clientele on the North Side and in the surrounding suburbs,” said Starzyk. Its full array of services include deposit and lending services for small businesses and for clients involved in all aspects of real estate. The finishing touches to the bank's interior are being applied as this issue of *The Builder* goes to press.