

**Park Forest
Historical
Society
Projects**

**Park Forest History Museum
In Village Hall Lower Level
350 Victory Drive**

Open days and hours not set.

Call for an appointment

Donation: Adults \$5;

12 & under free, with adult.

School and group tours available.

Park Forest Local History

Collection and Archive

350 Victory Drive, Suite LL,

Archive Open most Fridays 10:30-12:30

Oral History Transcripts

Photographs, Slides

Videotapes, DVD's

Audiotapes, CD's

Manuscript Collections

Select Village Government

Documents

Scrapbooks

Architectural History

Biography Files

Maps

Shopping Center History

Your membership preserves history.

Programs

We hold programs 5-6 times a year on Park Forest and regional history, with occasional speakers on topics of general historical interest or on preserving family photographs and resources. **Each spring we hold the Park Forest Hall of Fame Induction**, recognizing people nominated by the public for consistent, beneficial service to the community over a long span of time. Nomination forms, sent to members each fall and available on our website, are accepted between October 1 and December 30 each year.

Speakers available

We can talk to schools or groups, including to scouts working on local history.

Volunteer Opportunities

Museum Tour guides during regular hours;
and for arranged tours

Assisting at programs and public events

Graphics, website design, and

Social Media Fundraising

Cataloging, describing, numbering collections

Researching and photographing architecture

Transcribing veterans' oral histories

Job descriptions at parkforesthistor.org.

****Take our Time and Talent Survey****

*****Help us record and preserve our history*****

"If not you, who? If not now, when?"

Yes! I want to be a member.
Members receive four newsletters,
invitations, and one free museum visit.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

☐ Send newsletters, etc. via my email.

Membership and annual fund will be mailed.

Membership Category

Student, with I.D. \$ 10.00

Individual \$ 20.00

Family \$ 40.00

Contributor \$ 75.00

Benefactor 1 (One month museum rent) \$400.00

Benefactor 2 (One month Archive rent) \$250.00

Corporate (Ask about sponsorships) \$ 50.00

Other \$ _____

For Endowment/Memorial options contact us.

Our membership year begins in September.

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to:

"Park Forest Historical Society"

Mail to: Park Forest Historical Society

P.O. Box 38

Park Forest, IL 60466

☐ Or use the website to join online.

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

Park Forest Historical Society is an independent 501 (c) (3) corporation. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Who we are:

The Park Forest Historical Society was founded in 1985, and became an independent 501 (c) (3) corporation in 1989. Its mission was to support the Local History Collection and Archive of the Park Forest Public Library, which had been started by the Reference Staff in 1981. In 1998, the Society helped form the 50th Anniversary House Museum at 397 Forest Blvd. In January 2007, the Archive was moved to remote storage by the library. In the same month, the museum changed its name to 1950s Park Forest House Museum. In May 2007, the museum at 395-397 Forest Blvd lost its lease and was put into storage. In October 2007, Central Park Townhomes and AIMCO offered the museum a unit at 141 Forest Blvd, allowing the Society to pull the basic house museum out of storage. In January 2012, the Archive and our office moved into St. Mary's Catholic Church. From May 2015-May2026 the museum was at St. Mary's. In May 2026 the museum and Archive Office have moved to the Lower Level of Village Hall. The Local History and photograph collections are in the Archive. The museum is not yet re-opened while we retrofit the space to our needs. The Archive is available for research on a limited basis and reference questions are welcome.

For more information on our story, what our past and current programs are, and how you can help, visit

www.parkforesthistor.org.

The specific mission of this society shall be:

To preserve, interpret, and celebrate the unique history, diversity and achievements of the Village of Park Forest, Illinois through exhibits, publications, and special programs;

To educate residents, students and visitors, in all aspects of the village history;

To promote and support historical research;

To encourage donations, and enlist volunteers for the Park Forest Local History Collection and Archive and the 1950s Park Forest House Museum;

To honor those who have contributed to our community over a long period of time.



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temporarily, at this time)
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Membership Form



**Preserving
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