

## The Village Board Community Affairs Committee invites you to a *Village Forum about National Register Historic Districts* Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7 pm at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall

Speakers will include Jean Follett, architectural historian and Village of Hinsdale Trustee and James Bayley, Chairman of the Village of Wilmette Preservation Commission. This informative presentation will cover what the National Register of Historic Places is, the benefits of being listed, the nomination process, and Wilmette's recent experience in listing over 700 homes in the "Cage" area.

National Register listing was recommended to the Village Board by the Ad Hoc Committee for Community Planning based upon the Village survey results: 73% of respondents want historic districts that

encourage preserving or renovating existing homes, and 62% indicated that they supported historic preservation districts. National Register designation:

- Does not restrict an owner's ability to modify or demolish their home and requires no review of planned renovation work,
- Provides owners attractive voluntary financial incentive options that encourage renovation over demolition,
- Can encompass the greatest number of properties therefore providing the greatest number of homes access to various incentives.

*However, the greatest benefit may be the honor, prestige, community pride and awareness, and marketing opportunities of being part of the National Register of Historic Places.*

Being part of the National Register of Historic Places is consistent with the Village Vision Statement adopted by the Village Board on 2005 to: "Protect the Village of Kenilworth's character as a community of the highest quality through preservation of the built and natural environment, and the maintenance of homes, neighborhoods and special places that lend significant aesthetic and cultural value to the community". Please plan to join us on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation

This information was sent to landscape companies regarding the new ordinances on Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation.

The Village of Kenilworth has recently adopted two ordinances that concern the landscape of homes: Vegetation Rows and Tree Preservation.

These ordinances were passed to preserve the character of the Village with its mature tree canopy, landscaped natural environment, and open front yards.

### VEGETATION ROWS

This ordinance limits the use of natural growing hedges, shrubs and other plant life that is placed or used in whole or in part as a boundary or barrier along front and side property lines. The use of tall "green" fences along property lines is not consistent with Kenilworth's landscape history, which favors open front yards, and will only be allowed following the guidelines listed below.

The following limitations are placed on Vegetation Rows which are taller than four feet and within eight feet of:

1. The front lot line
2. Any side lot line abutting a street
3. The interior line of the corner sight triangle on the lot
4. The interior line of any driveway sight triangle on the lot

The Vegetation Row is limited to 30% of the front lot line, the side lot line abutting a street and the interior side lot line within the required front yard setback.

### TREE PRESERVATION

This ordinance discourages the removal of large trees over 10" in diameter and requires protection for trees during construction.

A Tree Permit is required to remove the following trees:

1. Trees that measure 10" or greater



in diameter

2. Conifer trees that exceed 30 feet in height, regardless of diameter
  3. All trees on Village owned right-of-ways, including parkways
- Permit fees and replacement requirements are

required for the removal of healthy trees.

A Tree Protection Plan is required for all building permit applications for house additions, new houses and other construction activities which can impact existing trees on the lot, parkway, or adjacent lots. The plan must provide for the root zones of trees greater than 10" in diameter to be protected by construction fencing and to remain undisturbed during construction. Violations of this ordinance will result in fines and/or work stoppage.

Copies of the Vegetation Ordinance and the Tree Preservation Ordinance will also be sent with this information.