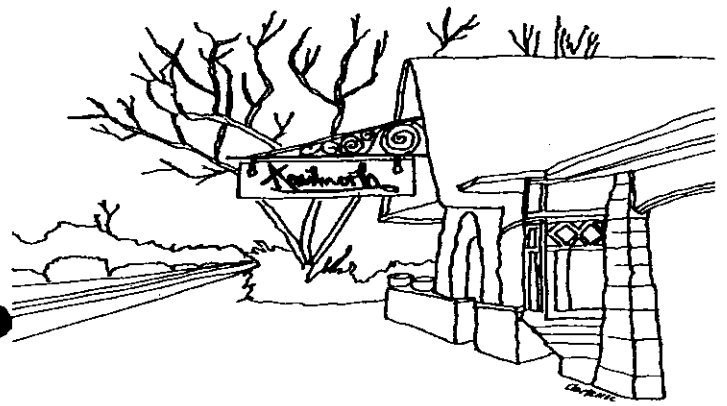


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Dear Property Owner:

In August, the Village of Kenilworth submitted a National Register of Historic Places nomination to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The proposed historic district includes all areas of the Village, with the exception of properties owned by The Joseph Sears School and publicly owned properties situated both north and south of the School. These properties include the Kenilworth Public Works Yards, Village House, and Townley Field. Kenilworth property owners will have an opportunity to express their opinion on the proposed Kenilworth National Register of Historic Places nomination via the binding National Register public input process to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council. Separately, registered voters in Kenilworth will have the opportunity to express their opinion for consideration by the Village Board of Trustees via an advisory referendum on the November 4th national election ballot. The information provided in this letter pertains to the National Register public input process.

On December 5th, the nomination will be considered by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council for possible recommendation to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places is viewed as an honor, and does not result in local, Federal or State limitations, regulations or controls over what private property owners can or cannot do to their property, including demolition. The Village of Kenilworth is worthy of National Register designation due to its history, planning and architectural resources. Kenilworth's National Register nomination, submitted August 5, 2008 to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, states:

"The Kenilworth Historic District merits listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Community Planning and Development because it serves as a true archetype of the planned, exclusive, Romantic railroad suburb developed in the United States in the decades preceding World War I...The historic district also merits listing on the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture because it contains a superb collection of predominantly domestic architecture executed in many styles from late-nineteenth century revivalism to early-twentieth century Prairie Style to the modernist styles preceding and following World War II. The works of architects represented here include the most prominent names in the region from Daniel Burnham to Keck and Keck. The work of George Maher is particularly important as he designed at least forty houses in Kenilworth in addition to important public and semi-public buildings."

Owners of Kenilworth private property have an opportunity to concur in or object to the district in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60 as follows: Any owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property or how many properties that party owns. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that: 1) the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, and 2) he or she objects to the listing. **Letters of support and notarized objections should be received by Mr. Andrew Heckenkamp, National Register Coordinator, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, #1 Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507, by December 3, 2008.**

If a majority of private property owners object to the district, it will not be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, the Keeper of the National Register will determine the eligibility of the district for listing in the National Register, and if found eligible, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect an eligible historic property. This review is for Federal construction projects, such as interstate highways, which generally do not apply to places like Kenilworth.

Listing on the National Register allows owners of qualified historic residential and commercial properties to take advantage of State and/or Federal tax incentives for renovation. Listed properties may also qualify for Federal historic preservation grants, when funds are available.

A copy of the proposed Kenilworth Historic District nomination and other information about the National Register of Historic Places may be viewed on the Village of Kenilworth website at www.villageofkenilworth.org, or by requesting copies from Village Hall at 847-251-1666.

Sincerely,

Village of Kenilworth
Board of Trustees