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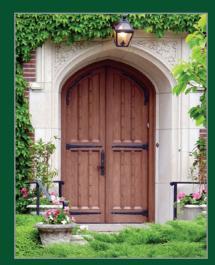
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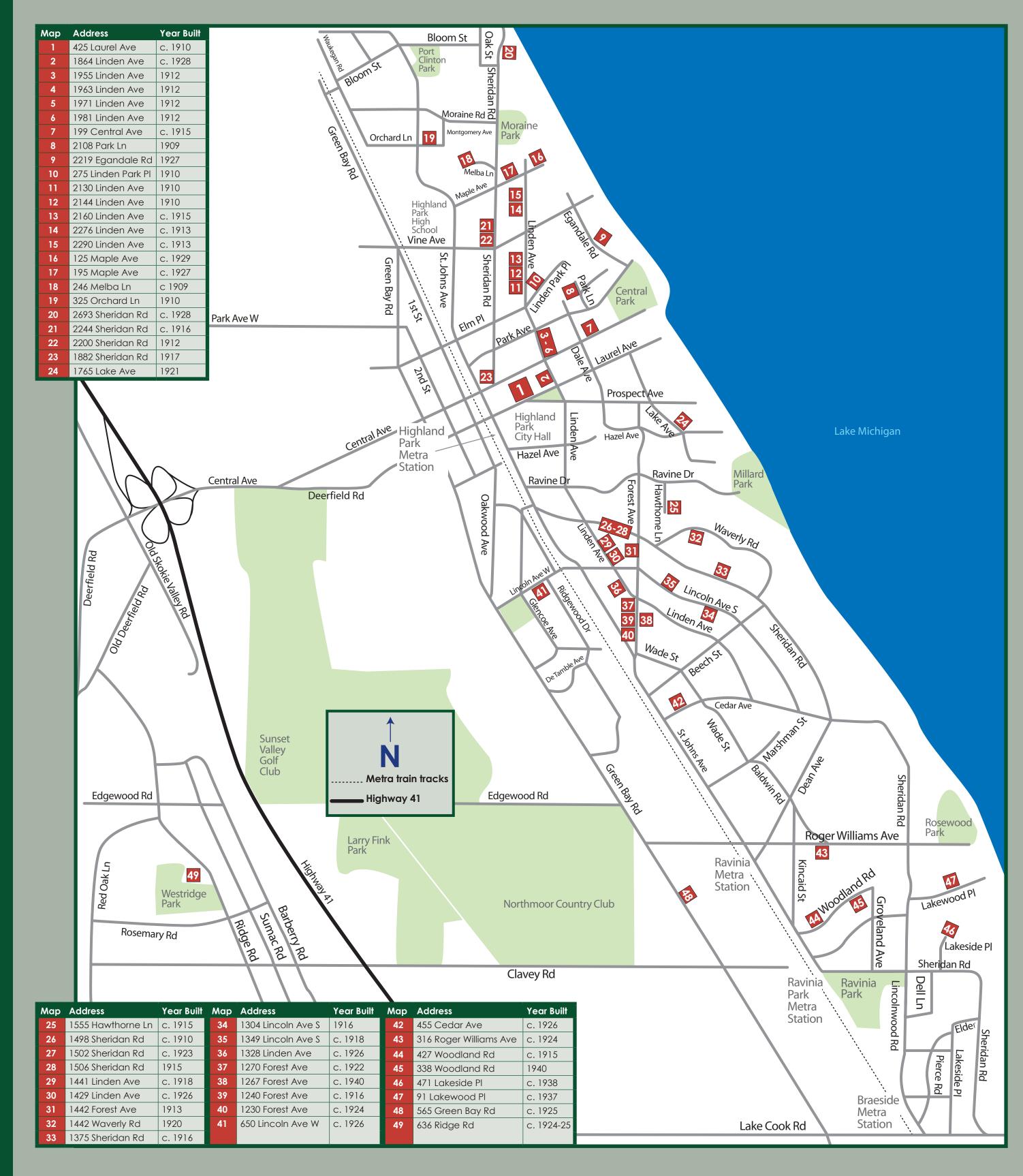
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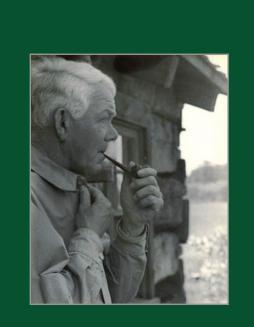
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CITY OF Highland Park Architectural Tour FEATURING



ROBERT EDWARD SEYFARTH was born on April 13, 1878 in Blue Island, IL. His parents were active in local business and community affairs. After attending the local school in Blue Island, he continued his education at the Chicago Manual Training School, which was eventually absorbed into the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Created by the Commercial Club of Chicago, it combined practical training in such topics as architectural drawing and construction with the usual course of a general education. After graduating in 1895, he worked under August Fiedler in the Architect's Department of the Chicago School Board. Around 1898, Seyfarth went to work for George Maher, an influential architect associated with the Prairie School style of architecture.

In addition to his work in Maher's office, Seyfarth started to design houses on his own. His early works were in either the Prairie School Style or showed Maher's influence. In 1903, he built a Prairie School style house on Maple Avenue in Blue Island for himself and his future bride.

Around 1909 he opened his own practice. For a number of years he had an office in downtown Chicago, at first in the Corn Exchange Bank Building and then in the Tribune Tower. In 1934, during the depression, he moved his office into his house in Highland Park.

In 1910 he built a new house in the North Shore community of Highland Park and moved his family there. He and his wife, Neli Martin Seyfarth, became active in local affairs as his business thrived. She was involved in the PTA, the local school board, and the Highland Park Women's Club while he found clients among the businessmen and professionals moving to the northern suburbs.

The new house in Highland Park marked a change in the direction of his design work. With a gambrel roof, painted shingles for siding, large double hung windows, and an enclosed porch that ran the length of the house facing the street, its style alluded to historical precedents instead of the Prairie School style of his earlier work. For the rest of his career he would continue to design gracefully proportioned and finely detailed houses, often combining Colonial and Tudor elements with strong geometric forms.

Robert E. Seyfarth continued to live in Highland Park until his death in 1950.



1864 Linden Avenue c. 1928



3 1955 Linden Avenue 1912



1963 Linden Avenue 1912



_ 1971 Linden Avenue



_ 1981 Linden Avenue 1912



199 Central Avenue c. 1915



2108 Park Lane 1909, altered



9 2219 Egandale Road 1927



10 275 Linden Park Place 1910



2130 Linden Avenue c. 1910



12 2144 Linden Avenue 1910



13 2160 Linden Avenue c. 1915



2276 Linden Avenue c. 1913



2290 Linden Avenue c. 1913



16 125 Maple Avenue c. 1929



17 195 Maple Avenue c. 1927



18 246 Melba Lane c. 1909



19 325 Orchard Lane



2693 Sheridan Road c. 1928



21 2244 Sheridan Road c. 1916



22 2200 Sheridan Road c. 1912



24 1765 Lake Avenue 1921



25 1555 Hawthorne Lane c. 1915



26 1498 Sheridan Road c. 1910



27 1502 Sheridan Road c. 1923



1506 Sheridan Road 1915



29 1441 Linden Avenue c. 1918



1429 Linden Avenue c. 1926



31 1442 Forest Avenue



32 1442 Waverly Road 1920



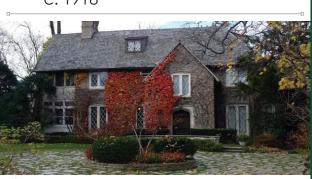
33 1375 Sheridan Road c. 1916



34 1304 Lincoln Avenue South 1916



35 1349 Lincoln Avenue South c. 1918



36 1328 Linden Avenue c. 1926



37 1270 Forest Avenue c. 1922



38 1267 Forest Avenue c. 1940, altered



39 1240 Forest Avenue c. 1916, altered



1230 Forest Avenue c. 1924



650 Lincoln Avenue West c. 1926



42 455 Cedar Avenue c. 1926



43 316 Roger Williams Avenue c. 1924, altered



427 Woodland Road c. 1915



45 338 Woodland Road 1940



471 Lakeside Place c. 1938



47 91 Lakewood Place c. 1937



565 Green Bay Road c. 1925



49 636 Ridge Road c. 1924-25

