



# My Ravinia

## A City in Crisis: The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Highland Park

By Elliott Miller

*“There was a little girl, and she had a little bird, and she called it by the pretty name of Enza; But one day it flew away, but it didn't go to stay, For when she raised the window, in-flu-Enza.”<sup>1</sup>*

### CRISIS REACHED IN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

**No Cause for Panic or Needless Anxiety Opinion  
of Local Health Department**

*This seemingly schizophrenic headline about Highland Park appeared in the Highland Park Press, it's an example of the contradictions promulgated by the authorities as if to say: it's really bad but stay calm. (HPP, 26 Sept 1918, p.1)*

Newspaper headlines tell the story: “Highland Park Combats Influenza Epidemic,” “Crisis Reached in Influenza Epidemic,” “Flu Deaths in Lake County About 1,000.” These newspaper items sound all too familiar these days; but these articles were published more than 100 years ago in the midst of the influenza epidemic of 1918. This was a difficult time in history—an especially pernicious influenza pandemic killed about 675,000 people in the United States. It struck while World War I was raging in Europe and was, at that time, the deadliest epidemic in American history. The US government and the military were determined to put an end to the war. Resources were committed to the war effort—to the military and civilian contractors. State and local governments were, for the most part, left to fend for themselves when dealing with the pandemic. How did Highland Park manage under the circumstances? This article examines why the city of Highland Park took such a big hit by the virus and how the city handled the plague.

Although the influenza pandemic of 1918 was commonly called the Spanish Flu, the origin of the virus was uncertain; but it was probably transmitted directly from birds to humans. It infected 500 million people –

about a third of the world's population at the time. The epidemic in Illinois “officially” began on September 8, 1918. Sailors in the US navy were returning from Europe to the Great Lakes Naval Training Base in North Chicago. The navy transport ships were overcrowded and unprepared for dealing with illnesses. In hindsight, the navy's protocols at that time were inadequate to effectively quarantine ill sailors and thereby contain the disease. Large groups of men in close proximity in less than ideal health conditions, living in a base among 50,000 men; these were ideal environments for spreading the flu. Fort Sheridan's soldiers were not far behind, also becoming a major target for the virus.

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*A public health notice that was displayed in theaters during the flu pandemic (Chicago Public Health Poster outlining flu regulations during the 1918-1919 pandemic)*

From these military bases, the flu began spreading throughout Chicago's northern suburbs. The city of Highland Park was the hardest hit in the North Shore

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BWB.ROCKS: 586 Roger Williams Avenue

## BWB Rocks Making a Big Splash in a Small Space on Roger Williams

By Jeffrey Stern

When folks don't feel like they want to fix dinner at home, and aren't in the mood for a sit-down meal at a restaurant, but prefer something less traditional that isn't typically delivered to their door, there's a new place to satisfy their tastes right in the heart of the Ravinia Business District. It's called BWB Rocks.

Bowls, Wings & Burgers has its home in a tiny storefront formerly occupied by Hunan Pearl, at 586 Roger Williams, and has a wide variety of take-out offerings. With a brand-new kitchen, BWB serves double duty by providing dishes for customers at the Ravinia Brewing Company, two doors to the east, which is run by the same group.

Kris Walker, Paul Bumbaco and Jeff Hoobler are the principals behind the new enterprise. They had been renting a commercial kitchen in Northbrook for their meat preparation and other needs at Ravinia Brewing. When the Hunan Pearl facility became available, they jumped at the opportunity to acquire it and simplify their operations.

The bowls in the BWB name can be filled with servings of salads, rice and protein; the wings refer to chicken wings, though chicken sandwiches are also available, and the burgers are made of a blend of basic meats and



“rock” sauce, which is concocted from a closely guarded, secret recipe.

Bumbaco said, “We felt we could create a space in BWB that could provide fast, fresh and local food that an independent establishment like ours is in the best position to do.” Hoobler is clearly “excited about the reception we have had from the community, and the great reviews that have brought customers from across the North Shore.”

Walker called the menu “a balance of comfort food and healthy options,” with all items priced under \$12, selections for kids being cheaper. Among other specialties is the E-I-E-I-O Burger, evoking images of products fresh from the farm, which includes fried egg and bacon, topped by a bourbon bacon jam.

BWB take-out orders can be made online, and there is also an outdoor eating option. ■



## Al Fresco Dining in the Ravinia District!

By City of Highland Park

Outdoor dining area opens along Roger Williams Avenue, between Burton and Pleasant Avenues, offering a shared space for all local business customers.



RAVINIA DISTRICT, HIGHLAND PARK, IL (JUNE 2020) – The Ravinia District and the City of Highland Park welcome the public to enjoy the designated alfresco dining area that is now open on Roger Williams Avenue, between Burton and Pleasant Avenues. The shared space offers a place for local business patrons to dine in the great outdoors, while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

“The outdoor picnic area facilitates residents’ enjoyment as we enter Phase 3 and allows them to stay in the Ravinia District after they pick up curbside from local businesses that do not have outdoor dining areas or for their outdoor area overflow,” says Katie Wiswald, Chair of the Ravinia Business District Association and Vice President at Highland Park Bank & Trust.

The community is invited to enjoy the variety of foods from Ravinia District businesses. No outside food or beverages are allowed. While the businesses along the outdoor dining area have expanded seating areas in the streets in front of their locations, anyone is invited to set up their own “Ravinia-style” picnic tables, chairs and blankets and bring in food from the other restaurants in the District.

“While tables and chairs were not part of our plan, the

outdoor ‘food hall’ is an amazing and welcome addition to BWB.Rocks,” says co-owner, Jeff Hoobler. “With the street closure for outdoor seating, our community now has the ability to grab a burger, wings or salad from us, tacos or a local beer from Ravinia Brewing Co., pasta and Italian favorites from Viaggio, sushi from Happi Sushi, pizza from Piero’s, dinner from Abigail’s and dessert from Baker Boys! The city has really turned the Ravinia District corridor into one of the best places to have a variety of meal options on the North Shore this summer and we are thrilled to be a part of helping give some life back to everyone in this community! Ravinia Brewing Co. has even set up a beer truck on the street for anyone of age to enjoy.”

“We are thrilled to have an area designated for outdoor dining in the Ravinia District that gives our customers a place to go sit outside and enjoy Baker Boys sweets,” says Sasha Zoric, owner of Baker Boys, celebrating their 10-year anniversary in the Ravinia District. “We have a shortage of staff due to the Pandemic and cannot have our own usual outdoor dining area set up, so this gives our patrons an option to stay in the Ravinia District.”

The community is reminded to follow all social distancing and safety guidelines including:

- Wear a face covering when entering any business, including picking up a carryout order.
- Continue to wear a face covering when walking around the District, if not able to maintain a safe 6-foot social distance.
- Avoid congregating in close quarters.
- Enjoy alcoholic beverages only in the designated outdoor dining areas.
- Dispose of trash before leaving the outdoor dining area or take trash to dispose at home.
- Respect capacity limits that are set by state guidance.
- Observe all additional requirements or guidelines implemented by business owners.

For more information on the outdoor dining area in the Ravinia District of Highland Park, please visit the City website at [www.cityhphil.com](http://www.cityhphil.com) or call the City Manager’s office at 847.926.1000. ■

## Handmade Benches To Add Comfort and Authenticity to Historic Ravinia Station

By Jeffrey Stern

Although the community of Ravinia was annexed to Highland Park more than a century ago, its unique character has lived on and thrived through generations of residents who find its natural beauty, the variety of its architecture and neighborhoods, its schools and small-town business district all forming an oasis well worth preserving and enhancing.

More recent arrivals may not be aware that Ravinia was once an artists' colony, and also attracted an early settlement of Baptists, whose house of worship evolved into a private home that stands east of Jens Jensen Park across Judson near Roger Williams Avenues, streets that are named for leaders of that early American denomination.

A much more familiar and functional relic of Ravinia's past is the centerpiece of the community – the Ravinia train station, which was built under the direction of the Chicago & North Western Railway's Chief Engineer, J. E. Blunt in 1889, ten years before Ravinia became part of Highland Park, and even longer before the creation of Ravinia Park.

Designed in the Queen Anne style popular for stations built in the period just after the Great Chicago Fire, it originally had separate waiting rooms for men and women, allowing ladies to avoid being exposed to gentlemen's cigar smoke and their use of cuspidors as a depository for when they felt the need to clear their throats.

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## Springtime in Ravinia

By Paul Silverman

It has been quite the Spring in Ravinia. First a warm and dry winter, then cool and rainy and finally summer opened up like flipping a switch, just in time for Memorial Day. A Covid-19 spring; the first spring in many years when our weeks weren't measured in commutes. Where the pace slowed. Where an acquaintance on Facebook pasted a picture of 'too much thyme on his hands'.

Botanically, it has unfolded pretty much as expected, with the first blooms of Spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) coming up in our woodlands just after mid-April. *Claytonia* is a member of the *Portulaca* family and is a member of a class of wildflowers collectively referred to as Spring Ephemerals, as they come up, flower and set seed early, often before the oaks and other canopy trees fully leaf out. Followed rapidly by trout lilies, also known as Adder's tongue or Dog-tooth violets, their mottled twin leaves are a harbinger of spring to come. So many abundant wildflowers, trout lilies are found in every ravine and in many yards.



In mid-May, the showiest of our woodland flowers, the great white trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) graces the hillsides. White with three petals, they stand open and appear to glow in the gathering dusk. They are accompanied by an unsung companion, the Greater Bellwort, also known as Woodland Merrybells.

Here we are now at the end of May and there are many flowering plants. Two of the last stars of the spring ephemeral parade are now in bloom. The first is Jack in the Pulpit, which is quite rare in our woodlands, largely due to human collection. Please do not try to transplant them, as they generally perish in the attempt. They are a beautiful Arum lily, complete with spadix and spathe. The second is one of my personal favorites, the May Apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*). May apples, also known as mandrake, are common in Ravinia, and are found in large clumps. Colonial in nature, the older shoots have two leaves and a flower grows in the axis. About 12" tall, they stay in bloom for a week or two, dependent on the temperature. By summer's end, the leaves will have gotten leathery, ripped and begun to yellow, but a fleshy fruit, yellow when ripe and shaped like a small lemon will remain on the stems. It alone is edible; the other plant parts are poisonous. Moreover, the fruits are known as delicacy sought by turtles.

For more info:

Illinois Wildflowers by Voss and Eifert. My copy was published when Otto Kerner was Governor (1967), but there should be one in the library. ■

## Watchfulness of a Citizen Alerted City to Buckling Wall on Roger Williams

By Jeffrey Stern



It takes more than elected officials, city department staffs and contracted services to make a community like Highland Park function effectively. It also calls for individual citizens to make it their responsibility as well. No one should assume that “someone (else) will take care of it” when they encounter a situation, besides a fire or police emergency, that could threaten public safety and needs prompt attention.

Perhaps that’s what civic leaders had in mind when the current City Hall was built some 90 years ago, with the inscription above its entrance which reads, “The salvation of the community is the watchfulness of the citizen.” It was that watchfulness which led a local citizen walking on Roger Williams Avenue one mid-May afternoon to sound an alert regarding something he saw that could have caused injury or worse to passers-by.

Looking up at a vacant commercial structure for sale at 565 Roger Williams, he noticed that a column of bricks helping hold up the roof at the southwest corner of the one-story building appeared to be bulging slightly. Upon further examination he saw that those bricks didn’t match ones that were used on the rest of the wall, and that a bird had flown in and out of an area where there was space between some of the bricks.

Recalling that the building hadn’t been occupied since the cleaning establishment that was there closed several years ago, he wondered how long it had been since the structure was inspected. As soon as he returned home,

he phoned the city’s Building Department to report what he had seen and urged that an inspector be sent there soon to make sure the building was stable and presented no threat to public safety.

As anyone who had expected to traverse the west end of the Ravinia Business District found out the very next day, the structure was in fact unstable, and the bricks that had caused concern did indeed fall to the ground. The entire street was closed overnight and into the next morning so workers could clean up the mess, erect a scaffold over the sidewalk, and remove other parts of the wall that may have been compromised.

This was as good an example as any that we can all do more to keep our families and neighbors safe besides making sure children are careful crossing the street. We can’t expect city workers to be aware of every danger that could arise in the community. Taking to heart that City Hall inscription, we should all be a bit more watchful for issues that might need the attention of appropriate authorities to keep us out of harm’s way. ■



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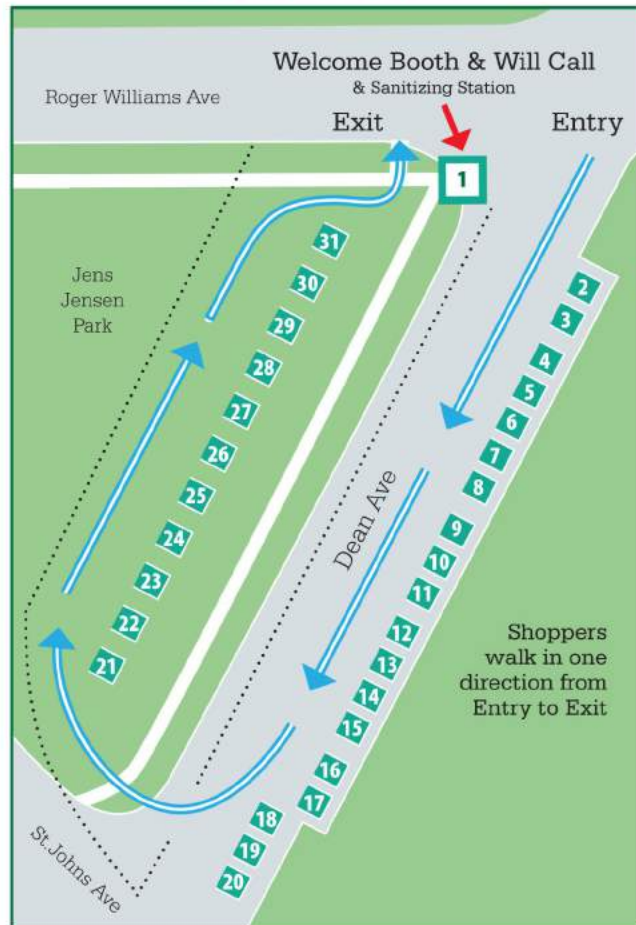
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## Ravinia Farmers Market in the Midst of COVID-19

By Ed Kugler



This is the short story of what I went through to get to this point in opening the Ravinia Farmers Market (RFM) this year. Since 1959 and still today, I am a resident of Highland Park.

In 2016, I asked Lydia Davis, who was market manager from 2007, if I could succeed her as Manager of the market. For several years I was a vendor selling organically grown vegetables from the Organic Teaching Garden ([organicteachgardenhp.com](http://organicteachgardenhp.com)) that began in 2010. The garden's focus was created with the assistance of teachers Howie and Christine Hill from Highland Park High School to help educate the students from the AP/Environmental Sciences classes. As the garden grew in size so did the involvement of other teachers and their students to the point that over 200 students have learned the simple version of Organic growing, but hopefully, with a lasting memory.

Beginning In 2017, until now, I have tried to expand the vendor variety and public awareness of the benefits of supporting the Ravinia Farmers Market, a 42-year tradition. I was involved on opening day with the first market in 1978, when I was the local organic sprout farmer in Highwood at a store called the SPROUT SHOP (1977-1981). Joe Palminteri from State Farm Insurance in

Ravinia was the first Manager (1978-2006) and I was the only sprout farmer offering ten organic varieties, as well as pre-made salads and organic baked goods.

In January 2020, while on a two-week cruise in the Caribbean, the first week of the cruise was with Concerts at Sea, which promoted over a half dozen legendary Rock and Roll bands from the 1960's. This is when I began to conceive my new ideas for this year's market. At the same time, the world was starting to learn of a new Pandemic in China. A survey was distributed through the Ravinia Neighbors Association which had received positive feedback indicating that an evening market was possibly a good idea. During February, I began discussing with Jennifer Dotson, Executive Assistant to Mayor & City Manager of Highland Park, who handles all the Special permits for events in Highland Park the idea of having an All-Day Market. The market would have two shifts of vendors participating (7:00 am to 1:00 pm and then from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm). The final outcome was that the City Council voted to approve an all-day market the first Wednesday of each month (for five months) from June 3rd through Oct 7th. Due to the Pandemic, the hours are now on Wednesday of each week, through October 28th from 7:00 am to 8:00 am for special priority people and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for the general public.



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## Anne Green and Henry Dubin House + *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929 - 1975*

By Susan Benjamin



*South (street) facade with the Dubin's son, Arthur.*

The “Battledeck House” marked a turning point in the history of modern residential architecture in Chicago. Influenced by the work of Le Corbusier, architect Henry Dubin of Dubin & Eisenberg introduced the modernist European sensibility of the 1920s to Chicago and its suburbs. Dubin’s own home was built during years that saw Le Corbusier design the Villa Stein and the Villa Savoye for the Parisian suburbs of Garches and Poissy respectively. All three houses reflect the popular phenomenon of building on vacant parcels in established suburban areas within a relatively short commute of major city centers.

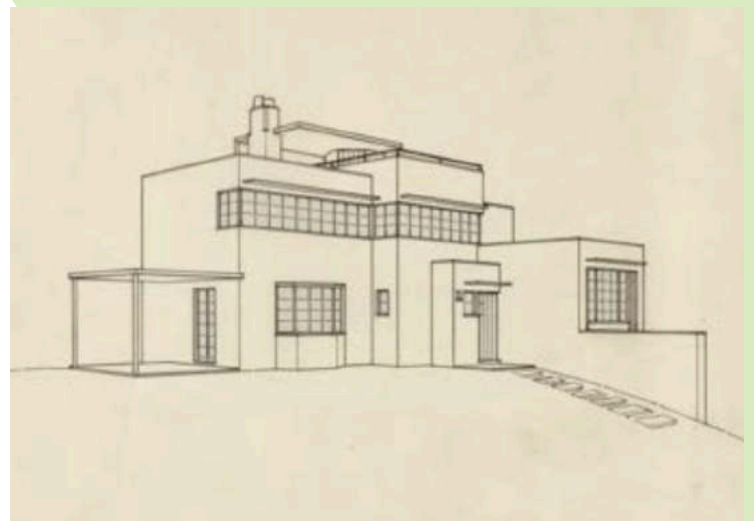
Dubin chose the Ravinia section of the North Shore city of Highland Park, a community favored by noteworthy architects Robert E. Seyfarth and John Van Bergen and landscape professionals Jens Jensen and May T. Watts.

Dubin designed his house in 1929, just before the onset of the Great Depression. It was to be a modest, fireproof (or at least fire-safe) home for his small family. He described himself as being of moderate means and social activity, and their house was to provide ample space for sleeping, studying, and socializing—a place for living “as understood by one specially trained in the appreciation of such things.”

Although Dubin was trained in the Beaux-Arts style and his practice in the 1920s was dominated by Tudor, Spanish, and other period-style commercial buildings, his home was to be above all functional and livable—more a “machine for living in.” The house was a manifesto for his vision. Indeed, Dubin was quoted as saying, “Modern architecture is not a mantle hung on a framework to suit the whims of the hanger. It is a principle of aesthetics, based on new materials and methods of construction.” This vision was shared by some of Dubin’s contemporaries; architects Howard Fisher, George Fred Keck, and the Bowman Brothers were also looking for better, cheaper, and faster ways of construction.

Henry Dubin had traveled to Europe in 1926–27, met with Le Corbusier, and visited the Bauhaus in Dessau. The modernist teachings of Germany’s school of design and Le Corbusier’s machine aesthetic had a profound influence on the design for his house. Dubin’s grandson architect Peter Dubin confirms the connection by way of a letter in his possession with the name Le Corbusier written above Jeanneret and addressed to Chez Monsieur Stein. Le Corbusier’s 1928 letter introduces his new friend Henry Dubin to Michael Stein (Gertrude Stein’s

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*Final design of the house adhered closely to Henry Dubin's original drawing.*

## Anne Green and Henry Dubin House + *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929 - 1975 (cont'd)*

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*North (rear) facade showing windows to dining alcove and roof terrace canopy.*

brother), asking that he give Dubin a tour of Villa Stein (also known as Villa Garches), which Le Corbusier had recently completed. Accompanying the letter is a map Le Corbusier drew with directions from his studio in Paris to Stein's house.

Dubin clad his house with clinker brick, not a finished hard face brick, and gave it a flat roof—a novelty in Highland Park. Accessed by a winding steel staircase, the flat roof was more than a nod to the Modern aesthetic; he designed a terrace “for the enjoyment of sunbaths and the cool breezes above the mosquito zone.” Views are toward a ravine to the south but as splendid as those from the deck of a ship. There was never an attempt to follow any particular style. A prominent ribbon of windows spans across the facade. The house was to be free of dormers, gables, and bays, lacking any applied ornament, and expressing in form what came to

be known, after 1932, as the International Style. With the intention of being whitewashed, this brick home bore a family resemblance to the European villas featured in the Museum of Modern Art exhibition of the same name. Resembling a piece of cubist sculpture, the house rests prominently on its wooded lot, even today looking quite unlike its neighbors.

Known as the “Battledeck House” because of its association with ship construction, the house is made up of a system of beams and plates welded together to form a continuous unit. This technique allowed it to be not only fire-proof but also economical by being easy to assemble and speedy to erect. Little work was required in the field. Whole sections were fabricated in the shop, then hoisted into place and anchored into the brick masonry. In keeping with the importance of fire prevention, windows are steel casements with exterior sills of aluminum and interior sills of grey slate. (Some casements are located on corners to provide cross ventilation.) Hoods over the windows are also slate. Wood in the construction was kept to a minimum, reserved for doors, interior trim, and built-in furniture.

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*Dining alcove.*

## Anne Green and Henry Dubin House + *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929 - 1975 (cont'd)*

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Function dominated design considerations. A study over the “motor room” (garage) features prominently in the massing of the house. With its adjacent bathroom, the study doubled as a guest room. The semicircular family dining room would not provide enough dining space for entertaining, so a rectangular table was nestled adjacent to it with seating in an L-shaped window bay. The living-dining space consists of “one large room for lounging and entertaining.” Floors are of variegated Vermont slate in the living-dining area, cork in the bedrooms and study, and rubber tile in the kitchen. Thoughtfully designed built-ins minimize clutter. Radiators are cleverly concealed behind flush cast aluminum grills. Lighting fixtures in the major rooms consist of flat panels of frosted glass supported by simple bands of brushed nickel. The Dubins’ interior furnishings, however, were surprisingly traditional.

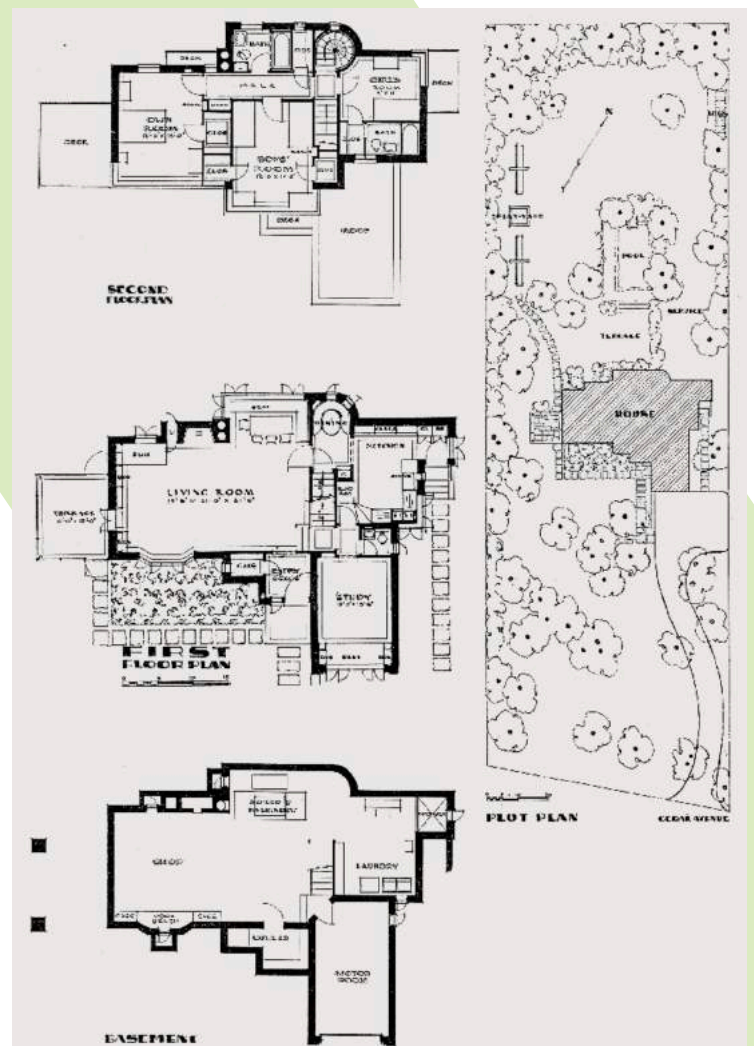


Staircase off of the front entrance.

A profusely illustrated article by Henry Dubin in the August 1931 issue of *Architectural Forum* showcased the house, and it was awarded honorable mention in the *House Beautiful* Fifth Annual Small House Competition in 1931. Henry Dubin’s sons M. David Dubin, FAIA (1927 – 2013) and Arthur D. Dubin (1923 – 2011) joined the family firm established by their father and structural-engineer uncle Eugene Dubin (1908 – 1998). Arthur

viewed the “Battledeck House” as “a watershed between the Beaux Arts way of viewing architecture and a whole new way that came to be known as Modern, using materials in a different way, and being concerned with the design as regards the function.” The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its current owners Lydia Hankins and Ted Chung are undertaking a meticulous rehabilitation directed by the firm Johnson Lasky Kindelin Architects. For example, the porch that opens off the living room is now sympathetically enclosed.

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Floor plans and site plan. Dining alcove.

## How do we survive this “time-out” with no specified end?

By Virginia Gordon LCSW

The Universe, or however we frame the root of cause and effect in our lives, has given humanity to rethink how we each, and as part of a variety of groups, are going to live our lives once released. Already far into these major life-disruptions, test of our coping skills and our ability to turn a lemon into lemonade, and my hope is to offer a bit of new food for thought.

As with all living creatures, our lives are organized by routines to help us navigate our complex current circumstances and the unknown when it becomes known. So with awareness of how we are choosing, be it fully conscious or not, to live our life right now, how about taking a “time-out” to consider and give thought to the multiple levels of routines in your life and decide which are useful in maintaining a healthy body and a focused mind, those to be restructured and those tossed.

How am I getting out of bed to begin my day? Am I allowing a few minutes to move from sleep-state to have-to-do or enjoy-doing state?

How am I feeding my body? Am I grazing between my designated meal times or building appetite for those three “time-outs” a day to focus on the sensations of taste and texture hopefully combined with good fellowship with others or my own company?

How am I approaching and inviting sleep into my day? Am I allowing time to move from the often over-stimulations of the demands and enjoyments of daily living into a transitional state of letting go and quieting my busy mind?

What “routines” help me navigate these transitions?

For some, “praying,” if well done in one form or another to one’s self for a source of comfort, refocuses their mind to prepare for the next life encounters be it sleep or whatever may come next?

Then there is the washing of hands, not in the now, focusing on saving ourselves and all around us, but enjoying the warmth of the water and the touch of hand on hand. Even consider the rituals of how we greet,

acknowledge the presence of others with eye contact, a smile, a touch in one form or another as we move from our inner dialogue with ourselves to bring others into the conversation.

In response to requests for additional focus on adapting the survival skills activated and applied through these last few months to reentering a changed environment, I am trying to set up a Zoom group mid to late June as my contribution to the community.

If you are interested in knowing when this might occur, email my tele-health dedicated email, [telvg@icloud.com](mailto:telvg@icloud.com), with the subject “SUPPORT GROUP 4.” I will contact you when I know the exact launch date.

With the hope this has been useful, stay safe and stay sane. ■



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## Hello Community from the Ravinia Barbershop!

By Tetyana Zayats

I'm Tetyana Zayats, everyone knows me Tanya. I have been serving the Ravinia neighborhood for 21 years. I am located at 584 Roger Williams, next door to the Ravinia Brewery.

I would like to explain what this barbershop means to me. Being there and serving my clients shaped me as an individual. We went together through different stages in life such as raising our kids, facing challenges of life, supporting each other. We cried, we laughed, we joked or were just quiet and gave huge hugs to each other. You gently guided me to get involved with daily physical activities and, as a result, I'm hooked for life to run, hike, yoga, going kayaking, strength training and skiing. I learned from you to expand my horizons and started to travel all over the United States, exploring this land by putting foot by foot in front of me, and by now I have been in so many places, but I always come back with excitement to share with you. You inspired me to work on my education, so for all these years, I went to college and universities, and took many different courses. I was halfway through

my Registered Nursing Degree, when my former boss Vince Pisto retired and I had the opportunity to buy the business from him. I did not finish my degree and instead decided to dedicate my full attention to Ravinia Barbershop.



When COVID-19 hit, I drove as usual to the barbershop and found that my business partner had left and the shop felt very empty. I just sat there, all my emotions were frozen, my first time I was alone in a shop. No partner, no clients, no phone calls and for first time in many years I was without work. During the first week of the lockdown, I continued to drive to the barbershop and just being there brought me some comfort and, at the same time, I was creating in my mind new updates to the barbershop, a landmark of Ravinia, serving many generations of families. So, I decided it was the perfect opportunity to do the work before the business reopened again. I only hired an electrician, who changed the lighting, but thanks to my dear two friends, Thomas Knapp who generously donated his professional skills and Anna Nowak who donated her TV and furniture, my place is shining again, and the door is open now! Looking forward to connecting with all of you again. Please note that on Google the phone number is wrong, it is 847-433-3777. Or text me directly 847-800-8759. PS. Huge thanks to all of you who sent me notes, or just checking on me by text. My only wish I can be such a generous and caring as YOU. ■

## Ravinia Crossing Development Update

By Mike Babian

The Ravinia Crossing project is well under way. You can now see the four-story building standing tall in the Ravinia District of Highland Park at the corner of 515-55 Roger Williams Avenue. This has been a long awaited and anticipated project planned by Klairmont Investments. Alfred Klairmont, CEO & President of Imperial Realty Company, stated. "I have always been sensitive to the design of the building with a goal of creating a timeless design

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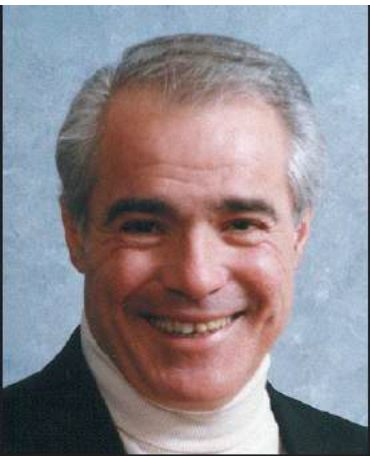
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that would blend best into the neighborhood”. Target completion date is set for December of 2020. No news yet on commitments for retail space but there will be upwards to 6,000 square feet of commercial space made available.

Many residents had questions pertaining to the balconies and what were told is that the north side units will have balconies and the south units will have Juliet balconettes. There will be a total of 30 residential units, five of which are affordable housing, and six being ADA compliant units. Were also told the unique corner units will have some of the best and most astonishing views of Ravinia. When asked what the most important thing is to mention regarding this development, Al stated, “this will be the tallest building in Ravinia” and “this development is just what the business district needed.”

Residential marketing is anticipated to begin in August 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Alfred Klairmont at 773-736-4100. ■



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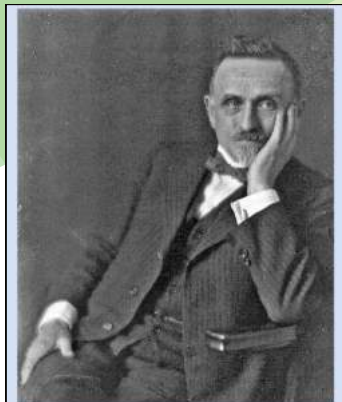


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for reasons that will be discussed later. The authorities downplayed the severity of the disease so as to not detract attention and resources from the war effort, lest the war effort became hampered by the virus. There were assurances to not panic because everything was under control. In the same article, it was admitted that 1,000 sailors had been infected and were quarantined.

Conspiracy theories appeared, blaming enemy states for spreading the disease. An article out of Washington, D.C., entitled "Started by Hun Agents?" appeared in the Chicago Tribune about an unfounded plot by the "Hun" (a derogatory term for German) agents supposedly put ashore by submarines who spread the disease in places where large numbers of people assembled. This was apparently the work of wartime censorship and propaganda, which was prevalent during the war.<sup>2</sup> As on military bases, Highland Park's influenza patients were quarantined. An influenza placard was placed on the infected individual's door as a warning to any visitors. The general population was never told to stay home, but



Doctor Lloyd Bergen was president of the Highland Park board of health and head of the new hospital's medical staff when the epidemic occurred. Dr. Bergen worked hard to guide Highland Park through the 1918 flu epidemic.

schools, libraries, churches, and sporting events were closed or canceled.

Highland Park's new hospital opened to patients on July 11, 1918, not long before becoming overwhelmed with flu patients. Exmoor county club lent their club house as a rent-free emergency hospital. The entire Exmoor staff "gallantly stayed on the job." Twenty-four trained nurses were hired to tend to

the patients, which included eight nurses from the Great Lakes naval base.

Highland Park relied on the Illinois State Health Department and the Chicago Health Department for guidance; and the Red Cross and the Visiting Nurses Association for support. The Red Cross, however, was preoccupied with dealing with the US army casualties in Europe.

While Illinois military officials were quick to claim, according to a September 19, 1918 Tribune headline, that the "Grip Epidemic at Great Lakes [is] Under Control," it was actually just getting started. Within days a hundred new cases of flu were reported in Lake Forest and 300 at Fort Sheridan with 120 cadets falling ill in one day. By the end of the month, Highland Park had reported 600 cases, Wilmette 200 cases, and Winnetka 150. Out of approximately 45,000 to 50,000 sailors stationed at Great Lakes, there were 4,500 cases of flu. Out of approximately 45,000 to 50,000 sailors stationed at Great Lakes, there were 4,500 cases of influenza.

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### GERM SCREEN

Dr. C. St. Clair Drake, State Health Director, Tells How to Make Influenza Masks.

23 in.
8 in.

Cut strip of gauze (4-40 mesh) 8 in. wide by 23 in. long

7 1/2 in.

Turn in edges 1/4 in. on sides and one end. Fold twice, unturned end in, making a 7 1/2 inch square.

Cut off corners diagonally opposite, turn in raw edges, and stitch firmly all around.

Take up a 1-inch dart 1/2 inches long in each of the 4 sides. Sew 1/4-inch tapes to opposite uncut corners

Instructions Supplied by Dr. St. Clair Drake, Illinois Director of public health. Gauze masks, which were used at that time, were in short supply. These directions were given for making them. Note: The author does not guarantee the efficacy of this mask against a virus. (Chicago Tribune Oct. 6, 1918, p A1)

**Make Hospital of Clubhouse.**

An emergency fund of \$5,000 was raised. Plans were made to turn the Exmoor Country club into a hospital that will accommodate 100 patients. Residents of the clubhouse prepared to move out last night, and the first victims of the plague may be housed there today.

Members of the Woman's Club of Highland Park and the Osoll club volunteered to serve as nurses, under the direction of Mrs. Julia Kennedy, who is awaiting a call for overseas service.

Dr. L. M. Bergen, president of the suburb's board of health, said all these steps are necessary at once. He reported that in some homes both parents and several children have succumbed to influenza and that their quarters are so crowded they will have to be moved at once. The churches, schools, and theaters already are closed, and all public gatherings will be canceled until the situation improves.

Practically overnight Highland Park's Exmoor country club turned its clubhouse into an emergency hospital. (Chicago Tribune, Sept 30, 1918, p13)

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Meanwhile, lists of war casualties were published daily. Treatments were needed for horrible war wounds, in addition to a mental syndrome called shell shock. The military hospitals had little time for their flu victims. Josie Mabel Brown, a newly trained nurse from St. Louis, was assigned duty at Great Lakes in late September, 1918. She recalled her chilling experiences in a 1986 interview:

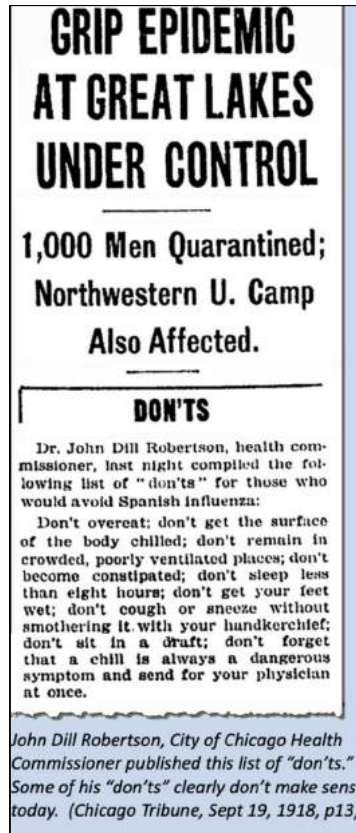
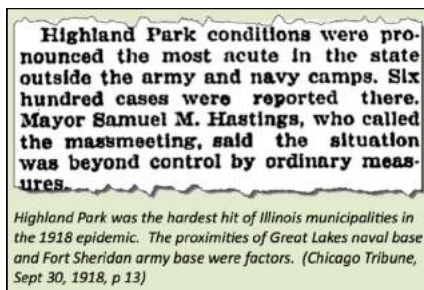
“There were so many patients we didn’t have time to treat them. The morgues were packed almost to the ceiling with bodies stacked one on top of another. The morticians worked day and night. You could never turn around without seeing a big red truck loaded with caskets for the train station so bodies could be sent home. We didn’t have the time to treat them. We didn’t



take temperatures; we didn’t even have time to take blood pressure. We would give them a little hot whisky toddy; that’s about all we had time to do. They would have terrific nosebleeds with it. Sometimes the blood would just shoot across the room. You had to get

out of the way or someone’s nose would bleed all over you.”<sup>23</sup>

Naval records attribute 941 deaths at Great Lakes Naval Base to influenza and/or respiratory illness between September 2 and November 11, 1918, with a peak on September 25th. Chicago closed "all public gatherings not essential to the war, such as banquets, conventions, lectures, social affairs, athletic contests, of a public nature stopped. Music, cabarets and other entertainments were stopped in restaurants and cafes. Crowding was prohibited in poolrooms, saloons, etc."<sup>24</sup> Highland Park did much the same.



## Flu Remedies: Sense and Nonsense

Methods of dealing with plagues had changed little over the centuries. Indeed, masks, social distancing, and quarantines were used in Biblical times to separate the lepers, and during the Bubonic plague in the 1300s.

Many “traditional” and some new medical developments of the time were utilized. Some of the traditional “remedies” that were published during the influenza epidemic of 1918 were logical, some were not.

These included:

- Using atomizers with warm water, previously boiled, mixed with salt or glycerin, spray nose and throat freely that, it was believed, helped prevent disease by keeping nasal and throat passages clear.
- Good ventilation: “Let fresh air go through the rooms but see that the person is well covered during the night. “ The benefit of fresh air is recommended today.
- “Inhale plenty of odor of pine oil”
- Gargling with salt water
- Schools were instructed to provide improved ventilation, and “dry sweeping” was prohibited.

A shortage of garlic was reported, which resulted from many people using garlic as a remedy for everything, including the virus.

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By the end of October, 1918, the epidemic was judged to be waning—only six deaths per day were occurring in Highland Park and Great Lakes naval base; but restrictions and quarantines of the ill were generally continued a while longer. There were subsequent recurrences, but these were less severe than the original infestation.

### Why was Highland Park Hit the Hardest of Any North Shore Suburb?

The answer is found in the Highland Park Press and Chicago Tribune newspaper articles. Shortly after soldiers began coming home from World War I reports of increases in flu cases in neighboring communities grew. Military personnel returning from Europe helped fuel the spread of influenza into one of the largest and deadliest pandemics in human history. The Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago was the main source of infections in northern Illinois, and infections at Fort Sheridan, in Highland Park, soon followed. Together, these bases amounted to the largest military concentration in the entire country at that time. As a result the Northshore suburbs were initially hit the worst. Highland Park was the hardest hit of the surrounding municipalities.

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**WAR RECREATION WORK TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY**

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Men in Uniform is Provided for this  
Coming Week End

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One week after this article was published, the commander of Great Lake Naval Base canceled all weekend leaves. It must have been evident that the sailors were spreading the flu into the communities. There are no further mentions of Ravinia Park military entertainments in 1918. (HPP Sept 12, 1918, p 1)

In addition to Highland Park's proximity to Fort Sheridan, the answer appears to be Highland Park and Ravinia's generous outreach to the military. Soldiers and sailors were active in the Highland Park community in particular because of Ravinia's beach and Ravinia Park. Ravinia Park became the entertainment center of the north shore-based military. In the spirit of patriotism and concern for the welfare of locally-based soldiers and

sailors<sup>5</sup>, the Ravinia Club, an association of women who helped make Ravinia Park concerts viable, set up a War Recreation Fund, which was the largest of its kind being carried on in the country. This association planned "to turn the park on Saturdays and Sundays into a playground for soldiers and sailors. They claimed, "more than 35,000 boys in uniform were entertained at the park during the 10 weeks of the [Ravinia opera] season." Week-end attendance was averaging over 3,000 for supper-dances on Saturdays and more than 5,000 have attended Sunday evening entertainments in the Club Rooms and the [Ravinia] theatre.<sup>6</sup> However, being patriotic and kind to locally-based military men had dire consequences for the city.

By September 19, 1918 the naval base quarantined a reported 1,000 sailors who had the virus<sup>7</sup>; but week-end leaves were still allowed for all other seamen. The base then cancelled weekend leaves for the week-end of Sept 26, 1918; but the harm was already done. Besides the late quarantine measures, civilians were still allowed to visit the base. Inexplicably, on September 30, Great Lakes Base commandant Moffett lifted the total quarantine, much to the surprise and apprehension of the Northshore communities.<sup>8</sup>

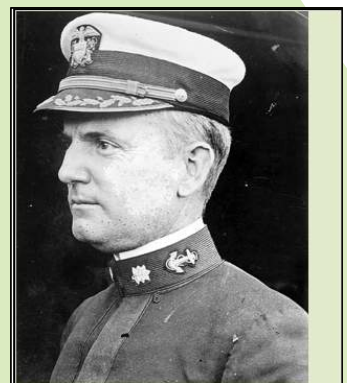
By October 10, the death rate from the flu was diminishing in northern Illinois. In Highland Park only six daily deaths were reported, with the same number in Fort Sheridan.

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**Hope of Health Officials  
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*Researchers worked frantically to produce a flu vaccine. One treatment entailed injection of serum from the blood of persons recovered from the flu to utilize antibodies to fight the subsequent bacterial infections that killed most people—an approach still in use today. (Chicago Tribune, Oct. 19, 1918, p.13)*



*Questionable interpretations of navy protocol for quarantine at Great Lakes Naval Base is blamed for unleashing the epidemic into the northern suburbs of Chicago. Capt. W. A. Moffett was the base Commandant in charge during the flu epidemic. (Photo, Library of Congress)*

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The armistice ending WW I was signed on November 11, 1918, thus ending America's preoccupation with the war. By early 1919, the first wave of the pandemic was over in the United States and most of the rest of the world. There were subsequent waves, however. Not coincidentally, October, 1918 saw a spate of hospital construction by the Red Cross at both military bases.

### Similarities and Differences Between the 1918 Pandemic and COVID-19

COVID-19 is the worst pandemic experienced in the U. S. since the 1918 influenza epidemic. How do they differ? The Spanish Flu was readily transmitted by droplets caused by coughing or sneezing. This was well known at the time and measures were taken to encourage use of handkerchiefs to muffle coughing or sneezing. Universal use of masks was not required. In 1918 people usually knew they had the flu since the symptoms were evident very soon after contracting the virus. So using face masks and handkerchiefs was effective then because you knew you had the flu and should take precautions, like staying home. The recovery time was faster, and the required quarantine after symptoms were gone was only three days.

About 99% of the Spanish Flu's victims were under age 65, which was especially deadly to the 20 to 40 age group. COVID-19 has been especially deadly for the elderly.

The current Flu pandemic virus is highly contagious and deadly. This time Highland Park was not the Northshore leader in the pandemic. By May 30, 2020 the number of lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Highland Park was 224. The Highest number of confirmed cases in Lake County at that date was in Waukegan with 2,339, plus an additional 109 in unincorporated Waukegan. North Chicago came in second with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in North Chicago of 484. The populations of African Americans and Latinos in these cities fared much worst in this pandemic than whites.

In the United States, about 2.5% of persons with the Spanish flu died, resulting in about 675,000 deaths—about 10 times as many Americans as died in World War

I (1914–1918). Two hundred thousand people died in the United States in October 1918 alone. By contrast, the current COVID-19 virus has a death rate of nearly 6%. COVID-19 is deadlier and is super contagious. Also, a frightening aspect of COVID-19 is its ability to spread secretly via asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic carriers. COVID-19 can be a silent killer—patients often have a “silent hypoxemia” characteristic, which causes them to look far better than they actually are for several days before abruptly deteriorating. They can unknowingly spread the flu. This creates an undeniable fear factor.

“Many of the basic lessons learned from the 1918 influenza pandemic are reflected in common practice today: covering coughs and sneezes, frequent hand washing and/or using hand sanitizers, and using appropriate personal protective equipment.”

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An obvious scam advertisement from the Chicago Tribune, September, 1918

**HIGHLAND PARK HAS  
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Visiting Nurse Association Urges  
You to Send for a Nurse  
When Ill or in Need  
of Advice

To help combat the epidemic, Highland Park hired several VNA nurses to serve the needs of school children and adult citizens. These nurses can "...make the patient comfortable; give a bath, the proper food and do all that is necessary for the average patient... This service is either given free or anyone may pay a fee of from 25 cents to a dollar a visit." (HPP March 18, 1919, p1)

In a prophetic, award-winning paper, written one year ago, Shane Melcom discusses the errors made by the US navy during the epidemic and the termination of the watchdog for epidemics, the National Board of Health in 1883, when states' rights and the economy were sensitive topics especially when it came to quarantines. In this paper, written before the current pandemic started, he makes excellent points with regard to public health and politics, some of which have an uncanny relevance to our present circumstances:

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“The lack of knowledge and underestimation of the Spanish Flu virus of 1918 resulted in decimation. One hundred years later, we may have more knowledge of the flu, but this has perhaps led to complacency, once again. We have learned much since the days of the 1918 influenza, and we have become more prepared. But in some ways, we should also look at the past again, and see that we do not repeat our mistakes.”<sup>10</sup>

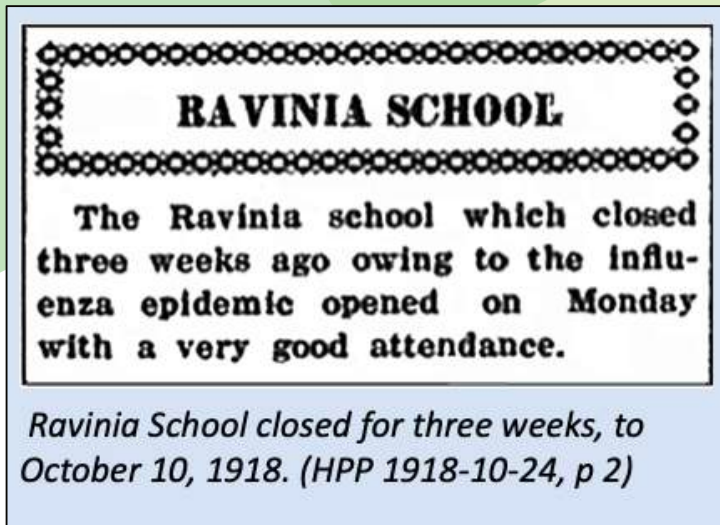
<sup>6</sup> “Ravinia Park to be Kept Open for the Soldiers and Sailors.” HPP Sept 12, 1918, p 1

<sup>7</sup> “Lift Quarantine at Great Lakes; Move a Surprise, Comes After Highland Park Raises \$5,000 to Fight Epidemic,” Chicago Tribune, Sep 30, 1918, p13. Quarantine of 1,000 sailors was the reported number but other estimates put the number of infections at the height of the epidemic at Great Lakes Naval Base to be 6,000.

<sup>8</sup> “Lift Quarantine at Great Lakes; Move a Surprise.” Chicago Tribune, Sep 30, 1918, p 13

<sup>9</sup> Watson, Trudy, “How the 1918 Flu Pandemic Helped Shape Respiratory Care”

<sup>10</sup> Melcom, Shane H. “A Fresh Shipment of Disease: The Navy's Legacy on the Transference of the 1918 Influenza.” Paper for Dr. Charles Foy's HIS 3385: Maritime History course, 2019, p110.



<sup>1</sup> American Nursery Rhyme, this version is from "Our Paper" Vol. 10 (1894) by the Massachusetts Reformatory (Concord, Mass.)

<sup>2</sup> “Started by Hun Agents?” Chicago Tribune, Sept 19, 1918, p 13. Blaming an adversarial country for a pandemic seems to have happened lately too with the current president claiming China “sent us a plague.”

<sup>3</sup> Josie Mabel Brown. “A Winding Sheet and a Wooden Box” Naval History and Heritage Command, 1986.

<sup>4</sup> McClell, Edward "How Chicago Dealt With the 1918 Spanish Flu." Chicago Magazine. March 17, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> “News of the Chicago Women’s Club.” Chicago Tribune, Sept 1, 1918, p C6.



Some things never change – a Lysol ad, Chicago Tribune, Nov 21, 1918

## Ravinia Farmers Market in the Midst of COVID-19 (cont'd)

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My dream was able to begin. Every week until mid-March I went to all the indoor markets looking for new vendors and emailing them information about the new plans for the RFM. I traveled thousands of miles, many emails and phone calls and talked directly with vendors from the two Evanston markets, Logan Square, Green City, Palatine, Deerfield and even went to Madison, Milwaukee and Kenosha. I was excited about the prospects with what some of my potential new vendors might have to offer the HP community this year. During this time the Pandemic was obviously spreading and it was becoming a real concern on whether there would even be a market this year. On March 10th I drove to Peoria to attend a two day conference sponsored by the Illinois Farmers Market Association (ILFMA) which was already sharing and giving guidance on how Farmers Markets were considered essential services and what protocols would be needed to be safe for the communities where they existed, hundred across the state. Subsequently there were several webinars by Skype and lots of internet information circulating on the Do's and Don'ts. Hundreds of added hours and conversations began mounting to open this year's market scheduled for June 3rd. A new website has been developed to make preordering a reality as well as Covid -19 Guidelines have been instituted as on going as necessary.



The city of Highland Park has been working with me to make this year a safer place to shop than a grocery store.



Fresh air, social distancing, face masks, sanitizing areas and wiping constantly will be this year's protocol until we are told differently. This year I am happy to announce that our sponsors for the RFM are the Ravinia Neighbors Association (RNA) and Keyth Security Systems.

Another new feature that I created was the Advanced Pre-order Offsite Vendors that are not able to be onsite. View their websites, social media; Facebook and Instagram links to familiarize yourself with the options that are available to order and pay directly to that vendor. Make sure your order is on time and communicate with the vendor directly to get to know them personally. Your order will be available at the Ravinia Farmers Market Welcome/Will Call Tent # 1 on the map legend guide. If you don't want to enter the market you don't have to. This is for added safety and convenience. Some of these vendors will have a limited amount of their products available at the Organic Food Club Tent # 2 for onsite purchasing. Coordinating with each vendor to pre-order/pay on their link and inform them if possible when you will pick up your order will help.

Finally, my vendor list for this year has developed with new small businesses but due to the extra layers of hours that are involved doing business in the time of Covid-19, many vendors reduced the markets that they are participating in. I also want to thank my family and especially my wife Randi for her continual support in the clerical end of creating this market. Please come and enjoy! ■

## State-of-Art Sanitation and Ambiance Make A Haircut at Yana's New Barber Shop Well Beyond the Ordinary

By Jeffrey Stern

From the looks of her new barber shop at 463 Roger Williams, it is apparent that at least a touch of the opulence and whimsy of Czarist Russia's capital stayed with Yana Khernburg when she emigrated from St. Petersburg to the U.S. some 15 years ago.

Classic bright red barber chairs, a huge French planter and mock silver miniature tree sculptures, along with British Gentlemen's Club-style leather wing chairs, off limits during virus restrictions, greet customers as they enter the spacious new shop.

By far the most significant and welcome features, however, are the impressive array of enhanced sanitation devices designed to ensure the cleanliness of every aspect of the haircut experience. It's hard to imagine there could have been anything left out.

In a way, fate was kind to Yana, despite the disappointment of having her shop's anticipated opening date of March 21 canceled at virtually the last minute by business closings required by state and local governments to deal with the COVID-19 epidemic.

While many special features were already incorporated into her plans, having an extra two months before being able to open her shop gave Yana the chance to learn about and acquire more ways to assure the safety of her expected customers.

She now has a sterilizer for all metal tools, barbicide to disinfect surfaces, a new HVAC system, and ultra-violet lighting above each barber chair position to kill viruses and molds. There are also sanitizer dispensers in several places throughout the shop.

Yana encourages customers to wash their hands in a sink at a bar installed across from the barber chair positions, and she maintains a washer and dryer in the rear of the premises to cleanse the capes that protect customers from fallen hair after every use.

Having taken up cosmetology in Russia, when she came to the U.S. Yana worked for a couple of hair salons in communities near Highland Park before responding to a

notice that Vince, owner of the Ravinia Barber Shop, was looking for additional help.

She felt lucky to be in the right place at the right time, and adjusted quickly to serving Vince's older clientele, developing warm friendships with customers she feels treated her like family. Before long she became a partial owner of the shop.

Later, confident that she could fulfill the American Dream and be her own boss, Yana saw available space at 463 Roger Williams that could provide that opportunity. With help from some customers-turned-friends, she bought and remodeled the property.

Initially having another hair stylist assist her, and a nail technician in the offing, Yana will leave her middle barber chair vacant while some virus restrictions continue. Once they end, her hopes for her future in the community she has come to love, remain limitless. ■





## Handmade Benches To Add Comfort and Authenticity to Historic Ravinia Station (cont'd)

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It was for those separate waiting rooms that the ticket agent's booth had two windows, with a wall in between, sealing off each section. Each side also had a restroom and entrance doors from both the east and the platform sides of the station. To the north overlooking Roger Williams Avenue was a watch tower for the crossing gate operator.

Helping assure that the station remains attractive and comfortable to a third century of commuters has been among many goals of the Ravinia Neighbors Association. Fifteen years ago the RNA decorated the station walls with historic photos of local scenes and a color lithograph of a painting of the station by Ravinia artist Frederick W. Boulton.

The RAVINIA sign hanging from the eaves over the south end of the station was also an RNA contribution, and within the next year commuters will enjoy the comfort of two new wooden benches designed to reflect the station's 19th Century origins. They will be the result of a lengthy process undertaken by the City's Department of Public Works. With the enthusiastic support of the RNA, City Forester Keith O'Herrin is overseeing the creation of two identical, eight-foot-long benches of white oak from a handmade furniture vendor. Seating four persons each, these historical replica benches will have brass feet, allowing them to be moved without great effort when the floor is cleaned.

By year's end the elegant new benches will replace temporary ones that are out of place and of questionable comfort. Luckily, the contract for the benches was approved before changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, so the new additions will soon make waiting, even for a delayed train, something to be enjoyed in comfort and style. ■

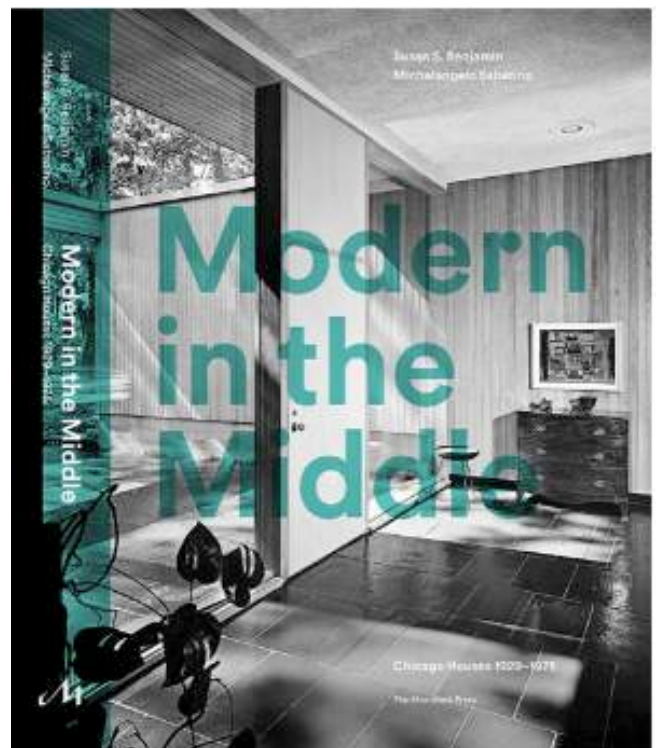
## Anne Green and Henry Dubin House + *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929 - 1975* (cont'd)

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*Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929–75* explores the substantial yet often overlooked role that Chicago and its suburbs played in the development of the mid-twentieth century modern single-family house. The Highland Park houses of Ann Green and Henry Dubin House, Frances Landrum and Ben Rose House, Rosalie Strauss and Gustave Weinfeld House and Maxine Weil and Sigmund Kunstadter are all featured in the book. Sadly, the award-winning Kundstadter House has been demolished.

The authors are Susan Benjamin and Michelangelo Sabatino. Michelangelo heads the PhD program at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Highland Parker Susan is an architectural historian who lives in a 1941 Landmark house designed by Larry Perkins of Perkins, Wheeler & Will located in the Ravinia area.

Their book is available for preorder on Amazon and will be released on Sept 1, 2020. ■



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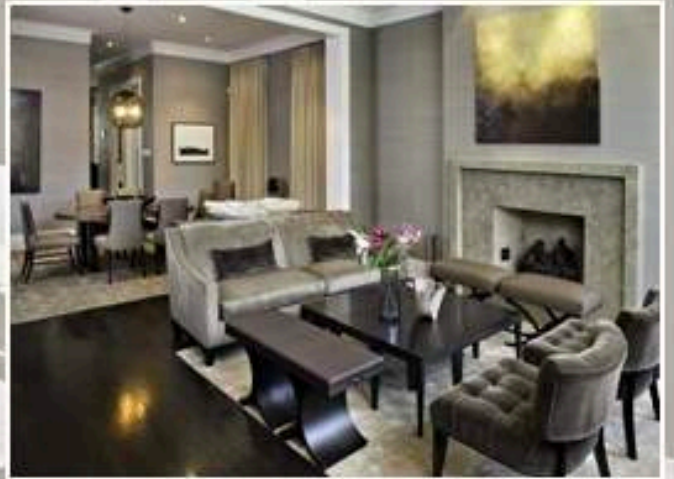
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Regular RNA meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every month.  
Meetings offer our members a chance to bring up new ideas and discuss issues you care about.

**Our next meeting is to be virtual via conference call on Thursday, August 6th**