



“How will we know it’s us without our past?”  
JOHN STEINBECK, *THE GRAPES OF WRATH*

## Historic designation recognizes the past... so that we can all enjoy a richer future.

*Park Ridge is home to a remarkable array of places that matter – a diversity of properties with historic, cultural, artistic and community significance. Each one pays homage to our past and contributes to the unique fabric of our community. And now, through local historic landmark designation, you can help make sure this rich legacy is protected for future generations to appreciate.*

### **You’re invited to apply for historic landmark designation.**

Landmark designation recognizes a property’s significance – be it historic, architectural, community or aesthetic – to Park Ridge.

As the owner of a historic landmark structure, you’ll not only become eligible for possible incentives and benefits, you’ll be helping to preserve the rich character that makes Park Ridge such a unique and inviting place.

### **Application is open to all home and property owners.**

If you believe your home or property has special significance, you may apply for landmark designation. Any Park Ridge home or property owner may apply.

Applicants must complete a Park Ridge Landmark Designation Application form, which can be obtained at Park Ridge City Hall, in the Department of Community Preservation & Development on the second floor. The form can also be found online at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us).

### **The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission: Your partner in preserving our City’s rich legacy.**

The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission is composed of nine residents, appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, with various backgrounds. The Commission is responsible for many things, including identifying sites having historic significance; recommending the designation of landmarks; recommending the designation of historic districts; reviewing proposed alterations to landmarks and structures within historic districts; and educating the public about historic preservation.

The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Park Ridge City Hall, in the Council Chambers on the 1st floor. The public is welcome.



**For more information about landmark designation, or to apply, contact:**

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