

1910 – 2010
CELEBRATING
100 YEARS

***Rededication
Ceremony
May 10, 2010***

***Ardmore Subdivision of
Villa Park, Illinois
Established in 1910***

***Former Chicago, Aurora,
Elgin Ardmore Avenue
Station Built in 1910.***



PROGRAM

Opening Remarks

**Alesia Bailey – Executive Director
Villa Park Chamber of Commerce**

- *Welcome*

Carol Marcus – Chair

Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission

- *Ardmore Subdivision*

President Tom Cullerton

Village of Villa Park

- *Rededication of the former CAE
Ardmore Station located at
10 W. Park Blvd., Villa Park IL*
- *Purchased by the Village in 1977*
- *This historic site was placed on the
National Register of Historic Places in
1980 by the Preservation Commission.*
- *Building now serves as the home of the
Villa Park Chamber of Commerce*

OPEN HOUSE

11:00 – 3:00 PM

**Refreshments are compliments of
the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce**

EARLY HISTORY

On May 10, 2010, the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission, Villa Park Historical Society and Village of Villa Park are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Ardmore subdivision and the 100th anniversary of the former Chicago, Aurora and Elgin train depot building (10 W. Park Blvd.) originally named the Ardmore Avenue Train Station, which is now the home of the Chamber of Commerce.

This train depot was designed and built in 1910 by John Van Bergen, a noted Prairie-style architect. At the same time, he was employed by Frank Lloyd Wright and was responsible for finishing the Robie House construction in Hyde Park, Chicago.

In 1905 the electric railroad went through the farmland of what is now Villa Park but didn't stop. In order to draw prospective buyers of the newly subdivided 345 lots, developer Ballard and Pottinger built the train station so that they can provide free "excursions" rides to people on Sunday. Van Bergen was Ballard's nephew. Jens Jensen, a noted landscape architect, was also related to the family and offered his services.

The abundant field rocks that had been uncovered by the railroad construction (free material) were incorporated into the massive fireplace chimney and piers that support the roof.

In its time, this was a very sleek and modern train station. Model T cars were barely on the road.

The unincorporated subdivisions of Villa Park and Ardmore were united in 1914 and the town was named Ardmore. Later, in 1917, the town name was changed to Villa Park. The CAE Railroad ceased to run on July 3, 1957. The Village purchased the building in 1977. Later, a citizen's committee and Village staff restored it.

On November 11, 1980, the Preservation Commission placed the former train station on the National Register of Historic Places because of its significance.

In 2004, the Preservation Commission locally designated the business area surrounding the station as the Ardmore Historic Landmark District. This area is considered the “heart” of the community and continues to serve the residents well. (Below photo by Mason Wright c 2008)





***John Van Bergen, Architect/ Builder c. 1910
Courtesy of Oak Park Library***



***Photo c. 1910 -Courtesy Villa Park Historical
Society***

*Architect: John Van Bergen
Funding: Ballard and Pottinger,
Real Estate Developers*



Photo c.1953 Courtesy Villa Park Historical Society



Photo by Mason Wright

Photo c. 2008 by Mason Wright



West Park Blvd. - now East Park Blvd., Villa Park - 1940



Hill's Drug Store, Park Blvd. - 1944

Early views of downtown.



VILLAGE BOARD

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Stulgin's Park Blvd. Tavern

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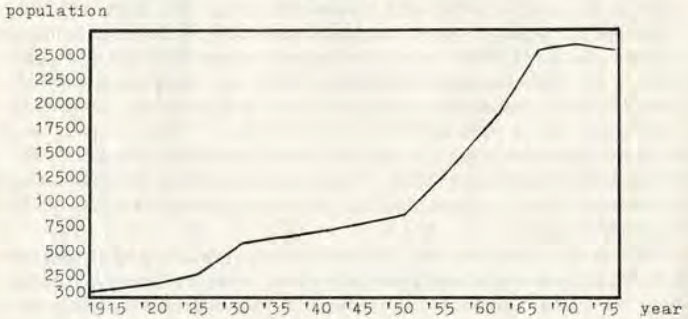
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Former Villa Park Village Presidents and town growth during the period 1915-1975.

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POPULATION GROWTH OF VILLA PARK

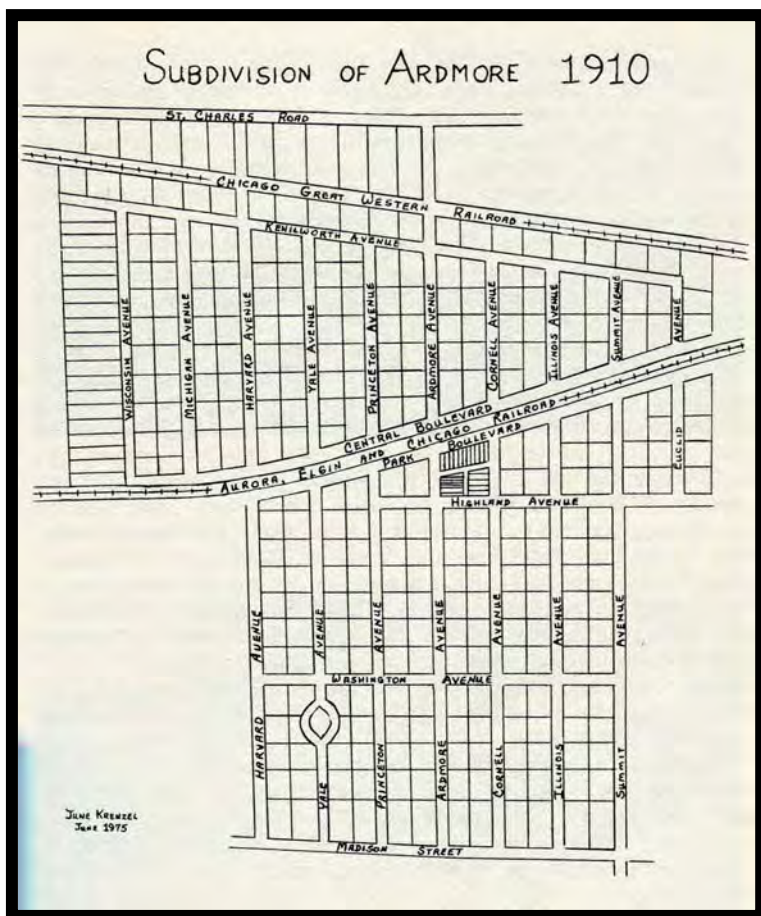


THE VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK PRESIDENTS

1914–1915	William H. Calhoun	1937–1939	Lawrence S. Murphy
1915–1916	George A. Jewett	1939–1941	Lawrence S. Murphy
1916–1917	James W. Burns	1941–1945	Otto W. Armspach
1917–1919	Charles H. Massey	1945–1949	Alfred A. Hinkleman
1919–1921	Harry W. Baker	1949–1953	William D. Rodger
1921–1923	Harry W. Baker	1953–1957	Peter H. Enzweiler
1923–1925	William F. Reinbold	1957–1961	Peter H. Enzweiler
1925–1927	William F. Reinbold	1961	George B. Lufkin
1927–1929	Otto A. Buck	1961–1963	H. O. Wood
1929–1931	Otto A. Buck	1963–1965	Richard J. Thomas
1931–1933	Gustave A. Vangsness	1965–1969	Richard J. Thomas
1933	Frank C. Wessel	1969–1973	George C. Weaver
1933	Raymond K. Butts	1973	George C. Weaver
1934	Harry S. MaHood	1973–1975	Willard J. Phillimore, Jr.
1934–1935	Robert M. Chittenden	1975–1977	Carl F. Roth
1935–1937	Lawrence S. Murphy		

Published in "Recollections."

This Ardmore Subdivision map was published in the “Recollections” book which is available at the Villa Park Public Library and the Historical Museum’s Reference Library.



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