

*HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARDS*

1928 - **Sears & Davis Commercial Building**, 336 South Ardmore Avenue





Mr. Sears partnered with Mr. Davis and built this commercial building when Ardmore Avenue was an important shopping area. Sears was a former Village President and active civic leader. Davis ran his Building & Loan Assoc. at this site. For a brief period, the Village of Villa Park maintained their offices here. Over the years, this building housed a variety of businesses, including a market, laundry, dry cleaner, and barber. The State Bank relocated here shortly after their bank on Villa Avenue was robbed. From the late 1930's until mid-1960, the Ardmore Dairy will be remembered for its homemade ice cream and deli products. Since mid-1970, the Ardmore Lounge has been a favorite among locals. The former bank vault is now used to store beer. Since 2001, the North American School of Decorative Art has occupied two storefronts.

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