

**Park Forest  
Historical  
Society  
Projects**

**1950s Park Forest House Museum**

**In St. Mary's Catholic Church  
227 Monee Road**

Open By Appointment

Donation: Adults \$5; 12 &  
under free, with adult.

Small groups by appointment.

School and group tours.

**Park Forest Local History**

**Collection and Archive**

**227 Monee Road, and PFPL**

**Archive Open Friday 10-12**

Oral History Transcripts

Photographs, Slides

Videotapes, DVD's

Audiotapes, CD's

Manuscript Collections

Select Village Government

Documents

Scrapbooks

Architectural History

Biography Files

Maps

Shopping Center History

**Your membership preserves history.**

**Programs**

**We hold programs 5-6 times a year on Park Forest and regional history**, with occasional speakers on topics of general historical interest or on preserving family photographs and resources. **Each spring we hold the Park Forest Hall of Fame Induction**, recognizing people nominated by the public for consistent, beneficial service to the community over a long span of time. Nomination forms, sent to members each fall and available on our website, are accepted between October 1 and December 15 each year.

**Speakers available**

We can talk to schools or groups, including to scouts working on local history.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Museum Tour guides during regular hours;  
and for arranged tours

Assisting at programs and public events

Graphics, website design, and Social Media

Fundraising

Cataloging, describing, numbering collections

Researching and photographing architecture

Transcribing veterans' oral histories

Job descriptions at parkforesthistor.org.

**\*\*Take our Time and Talent Survey\*\***

**\*\*\*Help us record and preserve our history\*\*\***

**"If not you, who? If not now, when?"**

**Yes! I want to be a member.  
Members receive four newsletters,  
invitations, and one free museum visit.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please send newsletters and  
announcements via my email.

**Membership Category**

Student, with I.D. (New 2014-15) \$ 10.00

Individual \$ 20.00

Family \$ 40.00

Contributor \$ 75.00

Benefactor 1 (One month museum rent) \$400.00

Benefactor 2 (One month Archive rent) \$225.00

Corporate (Ask about sponsorships) \$ 50.00

**Our membership year begins in September.**

**Enclosed is a check made payable to:**

"Park Forest Historical Society"

Mail to: Park Forest Historical Society

227 Monee Road

Park Forest, IL 60466

**Or use website-PayPal, message, "Membership"**

**Please contact me about volunteer  
opportunities.**

Park Forest Historical Society is an independent 501 (c) (3) corporation. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Who we are:

The Park Forest Historical Society was founded in 1985, and became an independent 501 (c) (3) corporation in 1989. Its mission was to support the Local History Collection and Archive of the Park Forest Public Library, which had been started by the Reference Staff in 1981. In 1998, the Society helped form the 50th Anniversary House Museum at 397 Forest Blvd. In January 2007, the Archive was moved to remote storage by the library. In the same month, the museum changed its name to 1950s Park Forest House Museum. In May 2007, the museum at 395-397 Forest Blvd lost its lease and was put into storage. In October 2007, Central Park Townhomes and AIMCO offered the museum a unit at 141 Forest Blvd, allowing the Society to pull the basic house museum out of storage. As of May 2015, the museum is at St. Mary's Catholic Church. In January 2012, the Archive and our office moved into St. Mary's, 227 Monee Road. The Local History Collection is now available in the Museum. The photograph collection is in the Archive. At present, the Society is seeking a permanent home for the museum, the archival collection, office and the digital computer lab. For more information on our story, what our past and current programs are, and how you can help, visit

[www.parkforesthistor.org](http://www.parkforesthistor.org).

## The specific mission of this society shall be:

- To preserve, interpret, and celebrate the unique history, diversity and achievements of the Village of Park Forest, Illinois through exhibits, publications, and special programs;
- To educate residents, students and visitors, in all aspects of the village history;
- To promote and support historical research;
- To encourage donations, and enlist volunteers for the Park Forest Local History Collection and Archive and the 1950s Park Forest House Museum;
- To honor those who have contributed to our community over a long period of time.



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## Membership Form



**Preserving  
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