

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2009 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1626 North Leavitt Wicker Park District Exterior Rehabilitation/Restoration

Recipients: Brandon and Jill Antoniewicz

The Wicker Park District is named for the triangular-shaped public park that developer and politician Charles Wicker and his brother Joel donated to the city in 1870. The residences that line the park and nearby streets reflect the wide variety of architectural styles and building materials characteristic of Chicago residential architecture built between the Fire of 1871 and the early 20th century. Although many large homes are found within the district, there are also more modest worker cottages which similarly contribute to the district. The front façade of the circa 1880 home had been severely modified with altered window openings and "formstone," an artificial stone veneer which had been installed over the original brick. The current owners removed the veneer, repaired the underlying brick, and restored the historic window openings based on evidence uncovered during the restoration, with a dramatic visual impact. The front porch and stairs were also reconstructed. The Wicker Park District was designated a Chicago Landmark on April 12, 1991.



BEFORE



AFTER



City of Chicago
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning
Patricia A. Scudiero, Commissioner

Commission on Chicago Landmarks
David R. Mosena, Chairman