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70 Years of the Park Forest Police Department, November 10, 2019

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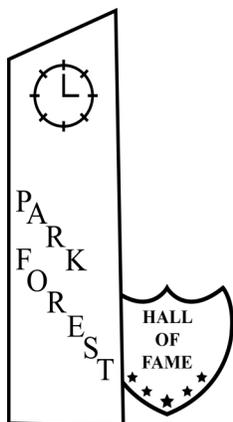
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Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

We are looking for
volunteers to show
the museum, to help
the board, and to
work on the Archive
collection.
Contact Jane Nicoll,
708-481-4252, or via
email on the website,
parkforesthistor.org.



**Sunday, November 10, 2019, 2:30 p.m. in
the Village Board Meeting Room, hear re-
tired Chief of Police Cliff Butz give an illus-
trated talk on 70 Years of the Park Forest
Police Department which began in October
1949.**



Free and Open to the General Public.

Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466.

Join the Society and be part of our future.

PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

until December 31, 2019. The official form, which **must** accompany nominations, is available at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, when it's open, at the Archive, 227 Monee Road on Friday 10-12, in the Village Hall lobby, at the Library, or on the website at parkforesthistor.org. **Members receive the form and guidelines in this newsletter.** Nominations may be mailed or delivered in person.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time.

Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. The person making the nomination does not have to live in Park Forest, or be a member of the society.

Persons may only make one nomination each year.

Separate sheets indicating why the person is being nominated, and in convincing and thorough detail, describing the nominee's qualifications and contributions which fit the criteria must be attached to the required nomination form. A list of those already in the Hall of Fame is on the reverse of the form or on the website.

Inductees will be chosen by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced early in 2020.

The induction ceremony will be held at Freedom Hall on April 5, 2020.

In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

Be sure to visit our "Step Back into a 1950s Halloween" exhibit this year!

The exhibit will run through November 9, 2019. "Step Back into a 1950s Christmas" is scheduled for November 27, 2019 to January 4, 2020.

October 25 I will not be in the Archive Office. Others may be there from 10-12 a.m.

Come see our displays of 70th Anniversary documents, articles and photographs which will be up a little longer. The museum always tells the story of how Park Forest began and what life was like 70 + years ago. If the docent does not offer the story, ask for it to be told, or ask to use a script during your visit.

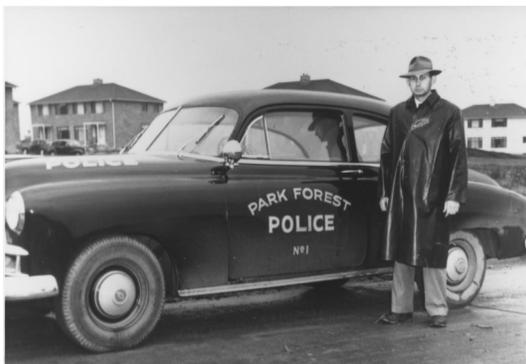
Did you know? The Archive Collection includes over 6000 photographic images.

Pictured below left is David Wilson, first Director of Public Safety in Park Forest, posing with the squad car No. 1 which arrived June 1, 1950. This is a Bernard Klein photograph, #1518, Neg. 121, Bo Lawrence copy negative print. On the right is a photograph from Negative 8, of Police Squad car No. 2 with a policeman with several young children posing in front of Mrs. Waldmann's Nursery School which stood at 26th and Western. This is the building where many early meetings were held by groups including the Committee for Municipal Incorporation, and early Plan Commission meetings. Meeting attendees sat on nursery school-size chairs while planning the future of Park Forest.

The Society owns the Bernard Klein Photograph and Negative Collection, which includes many of the public relations photographs used in brochures and newspaper articles.

We also own the Mayer & O'Brien Photograph Collection which includes many more.

In fact, Bernard Klein photographs are included in the Mayer & O'Brien Collection.



WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Park Forest Historical Society is planning a Park Forest Historical Society 35th Anniversary event. Plan to join us for an entertaining time.

We intend for it to be less formal than the 70th/34th Anniversary luncheon.

Plans are just getting under way. If you would like to help, contact Jane Nicoll at 708-481-4252 after November 1.

Park Forest Plaza and Holiday Theatre.

Print by Annabelle Gould, 1966. 11" x 14". Price \$15. S/H is \$6.

This print is available at the Museum for purchase or through the Society website. Visit our Museum Store or Online Store to see gift ideas.

