

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2011 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

4853 South Kimbark Avenue Kenwood District Exterior Restoration

Recipient: David and Rebecca Rubin

The Kenwood District is known for its large nineteenth-century homes on spacious lots. This picturesque frame house, built in the 1880s in the Queen Anne style, was in considerable disrepair and had been left vacant for many years. The current owners purchased the house several years ago and began a three-year-long project to completely rehabilitate the building. Exterior work included repairing the deteriorated roof, restoring the leaded windows, repairing siding, and reconstructing the front porch. Other work included interior remodeling, constructing a new rear addition and a detached garage, and new landscaping. This house has been returned to its historic appearance, once again incorporating the craftsmanship and elegant detailing typical of the district. The Kenwood District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on June 29, 1979.



BEFORE



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AFTER



City of Chicago
Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

Housing and Economic Development
Andrew J. Mooney, Commissioner