

A HISTORY OF HYDE PARK

1673

Marquette and Joliet pass through

1779

Jean Baptiste DuSable opens trading post



1836

First Unitarian Chicago was founded

1847

KAMI Founded

1853

Paul Cornell establishes Hyde Park (w/ ICRR station + service)



1795 – 1833

US treaties the Bodewadmik out of the Chicago territory

1783

US treaties the British out of the Chicago territory

1803

Fort Dearborn built to protect trade routes

1820's

First permanent European settlers

1833

Chicago Incorporated (Hyde Park is not part of Chicago yet)

1853

Oak Woods Cemetery is Chartered by the Illinois State Legislature

1856

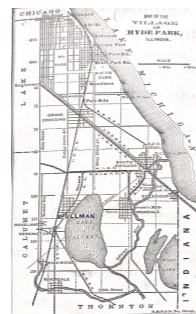
Chicago Historical Society Established

1857

Hyde Park Hotel (first upscale hotel) is built

1861

Hyde Park Township Established



1869

South Parks Commission is formed. Olmsted creates 1st plan for Jackson Park, Washington Park and Midway

1871

Great Chicago Fire occurs in Chicago

1882

Hyde Park Herald 's first publication

1889

Annexation of Hyde Park Township into the City of Chicago. Hyde Park is officially part of the city of Chicago.

1890

University of Chicago is Established; First classes held in 1892



1893

Columbian Exposition/ Chicago World's Fair opens from May 1- Oct 30,1893, more than 27 million visitors attended.

Ida B Wells & fellow activists stood in front of the Haitian building at the fair, with copies of "The Reason Why the Colored American Is Not in the World's Columbian Exposition" to protest erasure of Black history from fair.

1894

Series of fires destroy fair buildings

1905

The Chicago Defender, the largest black newspaper in Illinois today is founded by Robert S. Abbott

1909

Burnham & Bennet's Plan of Chicago

1910

Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House Completed

1919 Chicago Race Riots

1922

St. Thomas the Apostle built

Landfill for Promontory Point starts



1926 Shoreland Hotel Opens

1927 Flamingo Hotel Opens

1930

Lief Erikson Drive (later Jean Baptiste DuSable / Lake Shore Drive) Opened

1932

Hyde Park Cooperative Society Founded

1937

Promontory Point Opens to Public

1939

Hyde Park Art Center Founded

1940

South Side Community Art Center Founded

1942

Enrico Fermi develops first self-sustaining, controlled nuclear chain reaction at UChicago lab

1948

First 57th Street Art Fair

1949

Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference Founded

1955

Emmett Till (Woodlawn Resident) is murdered in Mississippi

1959

First Hyde Park Garden Fair

1961

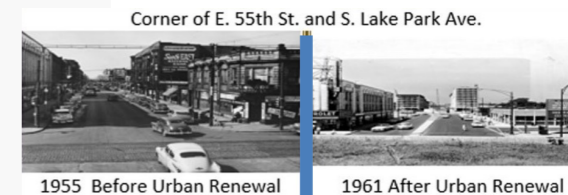
DuSable Museum Founded

Seminary Coop Bookstore Founded

First UChicago Folk Festival

1962

Medici Gallery & Coffee Shop Opens inside the Green Door Bookstore



Corner of E. 55th St. and S. Lake Park Ave.
1955 Before Urban Renewal | 1961 After Urban Renewal

1950s-1960s

Urban Renewal in Hyde Park. More than 850 buildings in Hyde Park and Kenwood were demolished

1953-1971

Nike Radar site placed on Promontory Point then Removed

1974

Hyde Park hosts first annual Lesbian Writers' Conference

1975

Hyde Park Historical Society Established

1980

October 26, 1980- Grand Opening of the Hyde Park Historical Society Headquarters

1983

57th Street Bookstore Opens

Harold Washington (Hyde Park Resident) elected 1st Black Mayor of Chicago



1993

Carol Moseley Braun elected the first Black woman to US Senate

2008

Local State Senator Barack Obama elected 1st Black President of the United States

2023

Promontory Point granted Landmarked Status by City