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North Mayfair is Chicago's Fifth Bungalow Neighborhood to be Added to the National Register of Historic Places

Nationally recognized neighborhoods can reap the benefits of significant tax breaks.

Chicago (February 15, 2006) –On February 1st, the Department of the Interior formally listed the North Mayfair Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. North Mayfair is one of five Historic Districts to be listed on the Register in the past 2 years and the second to be lead by a community organization.

The North Mayfair Bungalow Historic District is bounded by West Foster Avenue, North Pulaski Road, North Kilbourn Avenue to West Lawrence Avenue covering approximately 700 homes. Alderman Laurino (Ward 39) said, “The listing of North Mayfair on the National Register of Historic Places not only brings prestige to our community but a great incentive for neighbors to preserve and restore their homes. We are confident that the designation of North Mayfair will inspire other communities to follow through with the application process as well.”

Homeowners in a National Register Historic District also have the option of applying for the State of Illinois Property Tax Assessment Freeze when completing major home renovations equal to at least 25% of the market value of the property. The renovations must be approved by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. If approved, property taxes are frozen at current levels for the next eight years, then, over, the next four years, the property tax assessment is gradually increased to current levels. This state-sponsored tax incentive is available to any owner-occupied residential structure in Illinois that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, not just for owners of Chicago bungalows.

“The HCBA encourages all bungalow neighborhoods to pursue a listing on the National Register. We are here to help our neighborhoods grow and benefit from the incentives

offered to bungalow homeowners,” said Charles Shanabruch, Executive Director of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association.

The new district is part of a Multiple Property Listing that the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association created two years ago to make it easier to nominate Chicago’s numerous and distinct bungalow neighborhoods for listing on the National Register. Under the Multiple Property Listing, which outlines the historic and architectural significance of the Chicago Bungalow as a unique building type, every bungalow neighborhood in Chicago has the potential to become a National Register Historic District. The first neighborhoods to be designated were the Schorsch Irving Park Garden District, the South Park Manor District, and the Wrightwood Boulevard District as well as Rogers Park Manor which was added to the list last November.

Attaining placement on the National Register of Historic Places is a three step process that includes city, state and national review – steps through which every applicant must pass, with the help of the HCBA.

Lou Krueger, North Mayfair resident, bungalow owner of 49 years and former President of the North Mayfair Improvement Association said, “I am proud of the North Mayfair community. All of the time and research was conducted by neighborhood volunteers. Being listed as a Historic District is an honor and very significant to our community. I am proud of what we accomplished.”

For more information on getting your neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association please call (312) 642-9900 or visit www.chicagobungalow.org

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