



**OUTBOUND:** Drive Southwest on Ogden Avenue. If taking the SIDE TRIP to Tri-Taylor, veer RIGHT onto Taylor Street BEFORE Lu-Lu’s Restaurant, and then follow directions in the Tri-Taylor Tour Chapter. To return to main tour, turn sharp RIGHT back from Taylor Street onto Ogden. If taking the SIDE TRIP through Douglas Park, turn RIGHT at Sacramento Drive to view the north section of the park, including the Field house, or turn LEFT at Sacramento to view the south section, including the pergola and the Flower Hall/Reflecting Pool. To continue on the tour, return to Ogden and turn southwest.

**INBOUND:** Drive Northeast on Ogden Avenue. If taking the SIDE TRIP through Douglas Park, turn LEFT at Sacramento Drive to view the north section of the park, including the Field house, or turn RIGHT at Sacramento to view the south section, including the pergola and the Flower Hall/Reflecting Pool. To continue on the tour, return to Ogden and turn northeast. If taking the SIDE TRIP to Tri-Taylor, turn sharp LEFT onto Taylor Street AFTER Lu-Lu’s Restaurant, and then follow directions in the Tri-Taylor Tour Chapter. To return to main tour, veer LEFT back from Taylor Street onto Ogden.

facility, Stroger Hospital, is at Harrison Street. (left).



**Outbound: Taylor St—Inbound: Roosevelt Rd. SIDE TRIP ALERT:** To take a drive through the Tri-Taylor neighborhood, a gentrified area featuring vintage Queen Anne cottages and row houses, turn west onto Taylor Street—Outbound veer right, Inbound sharp left. Turn to the **Tri-Taylor Tour Chapter** for driving directions within the neighborhood.

Lu-Lu’s (north side of block) serves great fast food fare and has been in business since

1980. Disney-esque murals adorned the north and west sides of the building until their replacement with a more urban-punk look in 2005.



**Outbound: Roosevelt Rd—Inbound: Western Ave.** Folks in Joliet and Plainfield are justly proud of having been the crossroads of US 30 and 66. However, US 30 was routed along Roosevelt Road from 1926-1932, making the intersection of Roosevelt and Ogden the original crossroads of the two routes. Also notable here are Dexter’s Hot Dogs (north side) and our first

evidence (south of Ogden at intersection with Western) of this corridor’s former glory as an automobile through-route: a defunct gas station, and a vintage but operational Firestone outlet.

Western Avenue was the city’s western limit of 1847-1869. The community area of North Lawndale stretches from Western Avenue to the current city limit, 2 ¾ miles west. It was a Russian-Jewish enclave from the 1920’s through the 1940’s. The community has been hurt by declining population and urban blight in the last half-century. Signs of economic recovery are



Aerial 1938 postcard view of Cook County Hospital. The buildings numbered 7 through 10 in the background of the card are on the location of the Cubs' West Side Grounds, where they played before moving to Wrigley Field. Curt Teich & Co., Chicago, 8A-H400, postmarked 1938, Author's Collection.



Old Cook County Hospital, prior to demolition in 1914 to make way for the gothic building we see today (as shown in postcard to the left). Note the street railway on Harrison Street in foreground of card. Postcard No. 163, undivided back, V. O. Hammon Pub. Co., Chicago and Minneapolis, Author's Collection.

evident but isolated (as the inbound travelers have already seen).

**5 Outbound: California Ave—Inbound: Albany Ave.** The state legislature created Douglas Park in 1869, giving the growing city a taste of "nature" at its western edge. It was a man-made sort of nature, since these ponds and trees replaced a swampy tall-grass prairie. Look for the Georgian-style field house on the north, built in 1928 as a cultural center and boathouse. Landscape architect Jens Jensen's 1907 park renovation added Prairie School elements like the Flower Hall at Sacramento Drive (south), a covered walkway surrounded by flowering plants and a lily pond. (AIA 361-362)

**SIDE TRIP ALERT:** Turn north or south on Sacramento (near west end of park) to tour the park—highly recommended. The drive through the park is semi-circular and will return you to Ogden both north and south of the avenue.

**6 Outbound: Kedzie Ave—Inbound: Sawyer Ave.** The 1910 Douglas Park Auditorium (north, east end of block), of a Second Empire style, was home to stores, offices and a dance hall originally; it currently houses a diner and a church. (AIA 361) Warshawsky Auto Parts (mid-block, north) is a retail outlet of the company formed in 1915 by Israel Warshawsky that was a wholesaler of recycled car parts. In 1934, Israel's son Roy

started the mail-order catalog known to motorists everywhere: JC Whitney.

**7 Outbound: Spaulding Ave—Inbound: Millard Avenue.** The 10<sup>th</sup> district Police Headquarters (south side near Spaulding intersection) moved to this new facility in 2005. The surrounding blocks are a bleak showcase for the economic downturn of the last 50 years, when over half of the homes in the community were abandoned or razed. North Lawndale's current population is about 42,000, one-third the 1960 total.

In addition to the new police station, another neighborhood bright spot is the new elevated rapid transit station (south side at Central Park