



Warrenville Historic Landmark Ornament Series

2023 Warrenville Bowl & Bowl Burger

As documented by the Warrenville Chamber of Commerce, the Warrenville Bowl opened during an economic slump, but it was a business gamble that more than paid off. The bowling alley opened on the west side of Route 59 south of Batavia Road in 1958, and quickly became a popular hangout for Warrentvillians of all ages. In the height of the Warrenville Bowl it proudly bragged of a 100% league renewal rate and Bowl Burger was always busy. Managers over the years included Richard Planek. John Balchaitis



is credited with starting the Junior Bowling school there. Carl Clement worked many years as the lane mechanic. Owners over the years included George Heller, George Richter, John Ledermann, Loretta Paver and Michael & Ray Pertell. Sadly after closing, the Warrenville Bowl was torn down in 1993. Today the Route 59 McDonald's sits in the location Warrenville Bowl once stood.

2021 Warrenville Grove

The Warrenville Grove was once the location of the Warrenville mills. The community was created in 1833, and two years later the West Branch DuPage River was dammed at the Grove to power the saw mill (1835-1857) and grist mill (1847-1897). Due to frequent floods the dam was rebuilt many times. In 1897 the grist mill burned down. The DuPage Forest



Preserve District first acquired 42-acres of the Grove in 1923, making it one of the first preserve properties in DuPage County. In the 1930s the



Civilian Conservation Corps built a new dam, this time a scenic recreational dam. In 2011 the District removed the dam to allow for the natural environment to be

restored, but left the limestone retaining walls of the millrace. The preserve is now 127-acres of trails, woodlands, picnic areas and shoreline with this iconic footbridge.

Thank you to the Warrenville Historical Society's Museum Guild for sponsoring this year's ornament.



2020 Al's Pizza & Towne Tap

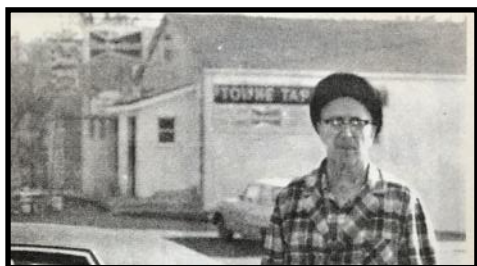
Al's Pizza and Towne Tap are Warrenville institutions and long-time family owned businesses at the corner of Warrenville

and River Roads. Al

Kreminski, the original founder of Al's Pizza which he opened in 1959, and Art and Lotus Burgess, who purchased Towne Tap in 1965,

worked in tandem at the corner for many years. The buildings were connected through a back hallway, and after 25 years the two businesses and remodeled with a shared roof. The Towne Tap, ran by Art Burgess and now his daughter Lynn Burgess, has long been known for its weekday homemade

lunches and Friday night Fish Fries. Al's Pizza, which is a must eat for visitors and residents, saw ownership transfer from Al to his daughter Lynn Hoppenrath and now his grand-daughter Katie Hoppenrath.

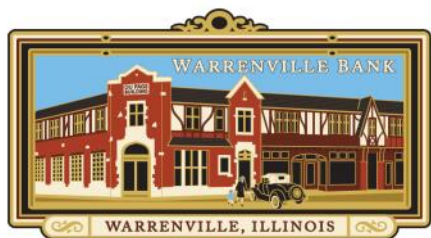


Paul Behr in front of Towne Tap 1967

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2019 Warrenville Bank Building



The Warrenville Bank Building, is an icon of Warrenville's uptown business district and was built as the first bank in Warrenville in 1927. The Old English style bank opened as the

Warrenville State Bank, and the building also contained other stores, a lodge hall and offices. Robert H. Salisbury designed the building to be inviting and welcoming. Alfred Hoy served as the first bank president. This ornament is made possible by the Jansen and Rogers families, descendants of Alfred Hoy.

2018 Chicago Aurora & Elgin Depot

The Chicago, Aurora & Elgin (CA&E) Railroad came through Warrenville starting in 1902, bringing visitors and the ease of rail travel to Warrenville residents. High school students utilized the train to get to



school, with the train line making four stops -Williams Road, the downtown depot, Winfield Road, and Wiesbrock Road. As travel by car increased after World War II, the CA&E passenger service declined. On July 3, 1957, at noon, the train stopped running.

In 1962 the rails were removed making way for the Illinois Prairie Path. After service ended, the CA&E depot was used by Robert and Dorothy Kelly, first as Dot's Bargain Shop and then as the Dunk-It Coffee Shop. After the City government was established in 1967, the old train station was converted into the Warrenville City Hall until a new City Hall was constructed across the street and the old building was demolished.

2017 Holmes School

Seraph Warren Holmes School was opened in 1913 as Warrenville's elementary school, in the same year Seraph would have turned 100. The school replaced the one-room schoolhouse on Winfield Road. Elsie Hoy was appointed principal of the new school. In 1950 the building was expanded to make room for the community's growing youth. Several additions and architectural changes were made over the next 40 years. The building was closed in 1991. In 1996 the school was demolished to make way for the new Warrenville Police Department.



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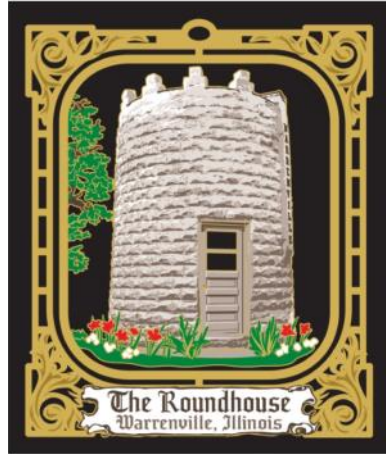
Warrenville Store

The two-story section of this building was built in 1910 by William Manning, with the addition coming just four years later. It served as office space for the Manning real estate and insurance business before it became a store. In 1913 the Warrenville Store also became the post office with Ralph Manning as postmaster. The store and post office duties changed hands two times before Harry and Carrie (nee Lambe) Sleep purchased the building. The Sleep's store offered quality meat and groceries, and Carrie's penny-candy counter was very popular with the Holmes School patrons. Harry served as postmaster for almost 20 years. This ornament was produced thanks to a generous donation from the late Robert "Bob" Sleep, the son of Harry and Carrie. Bob was a lifelong Warrenville resident.



2015 The Roundhouse

The circular, castle-like structure that stands near City Hall off of Stafford Place is known by many as the roundhouse. It was built by William Manning around 1908 to resemble the historic Chicago water tower and originally housed water pipes that expanded water service to the growing community. Over the history of the building it has housed “the Tribune Tower,” a tobacco and newspaper shop, a confectionery and a bakery. Many neighborhood children also fondly remember playing in the vacant building over the years. This ornament was sponsored by NorthStar Credit Union.



2008 Albright Building

Built in 1858 as the Methodist Church, this Greek Revival style building was used by numerous community groups over the years after the Methodists in Warrenville went bankrupt in 1901. When Adam Emory Albright moved to Warrenville in 1924, he bought the building and opened the Albright Studio and Art Gallery which he and his twin sons, Ivan and Malvin, used until Adam's death in 1957. After housing the DuPage Art League and the Albright Theater, the City of Warrenville acquired the building in 1980 and began renovations with the support of Brooks and Hope McCormick. The Warrenville Museum & Art Gallery opened in one room of the building in 1984 and took over the entire space in 2005.