

# Schaumburg Township Illinois Bicentennial Self-Guided Tour



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# Schaumburg Township Endorsed Illinois Bicentennial Historic Self-Guided Tour

Welcome to your self-guided tour of historic sites in Schaumburg Township. The township was established in 1850. It is comprised of seven villages: **Schaumburg** - 18 square miles, **Hoffman Estates** - 6 square miles, **Elk Grove Village** - 2 ¼ square miles, **Hanover Park** - 1 ½ square miles, **Roselle** - 3/4 of a square mile, **Rolling Meadows** - 1/10 of a square mile, and **Streamwood** - 1/16 of a square mile, totaling 31 square miles.

The Township is bounded by Rohlwing Road on the east, Central Road on the north, Barrington Road on the west and Irving Park Road on the south.

You will learn about 24 sites on your tour today. The crossroads of Roselle and Schaumburg Roads was the first concentration of businesses and homes. In the 1840s, it was known as Sarah's Grove.



**Turret House, 17 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

1. The Turret House was built by architect/builder Louis Menke in 1901. Mr. Menke was the builder for many of the buildings in Schaumburg Center. It changed hands several times over the years and today is owned by the Village of Schaumburg.

Some of Mr. Menke's work included the first bank, the John Fenz & Son Hardware Store and home, and the replacement of the St. Peter Church steeple after it was struck by lightning.



**Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 1 South Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL 60193**

2. Lou Malnati's Pizzeria was formerly the H. E. Quindel Hotel and Saloon, built circa 1875-79. It was a hardware store in 1913 and Schnute's Tavern in the 1920s. Later it was known as the Schaumrose Inn. In 1979, the building had to be moved back to accommodate the widening of Schaumburg Rd. It became Lou Malnati's Pizza in 1985.

This building is especially historic as it was owned by many different businesses that served the Schaumburg Center community and survived the changes over its 150-year history.



**Quindel House**, 11 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194

3. In 1909, Henry E. Quindel built this home for his family. He purchased the hotel and saloon building that is now Lou Malnati's Pizzeria from H. C. Hattendorf in 1901. In 1914, the home was sold to Fred Springinguth Sr. and would later become an office building.

The front porch had to be removed when Schaumburg Road was widened in 1979, but the front façade of the porch was saved and reattached to the building.



**Fenz House, 12 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

4. John Fenz had local architect and builder Louis Menke build his home in 1913. Fenz married the daughter of Heinrich Rohlwing who, in 1860, had built the Schaumburg House general store at the southwest corner of Roselle and Schaumburg Roads.

After a fire in 1881, the store was eventually rebuilt in 1906. It was run by John Fenz until 1924, when the building burned down.



**Frank Lengl House, 13 Quindel Avenue Schaumburg, IL 60193**

5. Frank Lengl built his house in 1934 in the first recorded subdivision in Schaumburg Township. Together, he and his niece owned and operated Lengl's Schaumburg Inn.

The Lengl house was sold in 2000 to Deerfield's Bakery, located on Roselle Rd. south of the Easy Street Pub. It has been resold since and is currently a private home.



**Buttery, 105 South Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL 60193**

6. Of the four creameries that operated in early Schaumburg Center, the Buttery is the only one still standing. It was known as the Schaumburg Creamery Company, built circa 1875-1884, and served as a cheese factory.

The Buttery was once the home of the Schaumburg Township offices before they moved to the 1 Illinois Blvd. site in Hoffman Estates.



**Easy Street Pub, 17 South Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL 60193**

7. H. E. Quindel built the Easy Street Pub in 1911 and sold it to Charles Krueger who named it Krueger's Inn and Boarding House. Frank Lengl bought the property and renamed it Lengl's Schaumburg Inn. In 1958, he leased it out and it became the Buggy Whip. It changed hands again in 1979 to become the Easy Street Pub. It was recently renovated and currently houses the Phat Phat Chinese restaurant.



**Schweikher House, 645 Meacham Road Schaumburg, IL 60193**

8. The Schweikher House was built in 1938 by American Modernist Architect Paul Schweikher. He called it the Willow House. Noted architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van de Rohe visited this home. It is the only residence in Schaumburg that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1953, Willow House was sold to Alexander and Martyl Langsdorf. Alexander was a nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project. Martyl was a very accomplished artist, whose artwork is displayed at the Chicago Art Institute. She also designed the "Doomsday Clock" that graphically shows the possibility of nuclear war. This home is now owned by the Village of Schaumburg.



**First School, 520 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

9. The first school was built for the newly established School District 54. Schaumburg School opened in 1954. It was designed by architect Paul Schweikher. He included the chimney made of rocks in the design of the school.

The first class to attend the new school were astonished to find four classrooms, indoor plumbing and a large playground that included a baseball field. The children were in awe of their new surroundings.



**St. Peter Red School, St. Peter Campus, 236 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

10. St. Peter Red Schoolhouse facing Schaumburg Road was built in 1888 and was known as the West District School because there was another smaller one-room school at the end of Schaumburg and Rohlwing Road. It was called the East District School. This school now serves as a preschool and kindergarten.

The school offered stables and stalls for those who rode their horses to school or in bad weather drove the family horse and buggy to school.



**St. Peter Lutheran Church 1863**, St. Peter Campus, 202 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194

11. The older church building was built in 1863. Lightning struck the steeple in 1904, which destroyed the bell. It was saved and is now a memorial on the side lawn.

St. Peter's first pastor, Rev. Francis Hoffman, served from 1847 to 1851 when he retired due to poor health. He became a banker in Chicago and later served as the 15th Lieutenant Governor from 1861 to 1865. He helped found the Republican Party in Illinois and was an ally and supporter of Abraham Lincoln.



**St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Peter Campus, 218 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

12. The original St. Peter Lutheran Church building and museum was built in 1847. It also served as its first school. It is the oldest remaining building constructed by the Lutherans in the Chicago area.

The building was originally located on Schaumburg Road and was later moved to its present location just south of the Schaumburg Center one-room schoolhouse. It is now the Olde Schaumburg Museum, containing early items from the farming community and members of St. Peter Church.



**Schaumburg Center School, St. Peter Campus, 208 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

13. Schaumburg Centre School #54 was originally located a little west of the northwest corner of Roselle and Schaumburg Roads. It is not certain when it was built, but it may have been as early as the 1860s. The last class to be taught in the one-room schoolhouse was the class of 1954.

The schoolhouse served as a real estate business and a deli once the children moved to their new Schaumburg School. It is owned by the Village of Schaumburg and used as a meeting place for the Schaumburg Township Historical Society.



**St. Peter Cemetery, St. Peter Campus, 202 East Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194**

14. St. Peter Cemetery is the resting place for many of the prominent families that settled in Schaumburg Township in the mid-1800s. Their names can also be found on many of the local road signs.



**Cedarcrest Cemetery, 217 South Cedarcrest Drive Schaumburg, IL 60193**

15. The Cedarcrest/Sarah's Grove/Schween Cemetery is perhaps one of the oldest cemeteries in Schaumburg Township. As new homes were built in the area, the tombstones were gradually stolen from the graveyard. When surveyors who were laying out the Timbercrest subdivision came out to the property, neighbors told them that the land was a cemetery. They had seen the tombstones when they moved into their new homes.

Eventually, a marker was placed on the property in 2000.



**Barn of Schaumburg, 231 Civic Drive Schaumburg, IL 60193**

16. The Barn of Schaumburg was part of the farm owned by slot machine magnate Ode D. Jennings. The 250-acre farm was purchased in 1918 as a retreat from his busy life in Chicago. Purchased by Campanelli Brothers, the 11-acre complex of home, barn, caretaker's house and other outbuildings was donated to the Village of Schaumburg.

The barn was renovated for use as a new community center. Today, it is used as a senior center and a teen activity center. It is estimated that the barn was built circa 1900.



**Jennings House, 220 Civic Drive Schaumburg, IL 60193**

17. The Jennings House, built circa 1925, had its 14 rooms redesigned for use as a youth center when the village obtained the property. Other village offices used the Jennings House as a Municipal Center until today's village hall on East Schaumburg Road was completed and occupied in 1971.



**Jennings' Caretaker's House, 221 Civic Drive Schaumburg, IL 60193**

18. The Jennings' Caretaker's House was used for village offices and Mayor Atcher had his office there.

These buildings have been the center of many community organizations and activities over the years. The donation of these buildings by the Campanelli Brothers helped the newly formed Village of Schaumburg establish governmental offices and services for its residents.

**Section W, Warwick Lane Schaumburg, IL 60193**

19. Weathersfield Section W was the first section of homes along Springinguth and Weathersfield to be built by Campanelli Builders in the 1970s. It is known as Section W because all of the early street names began with W. This was the beginning of residential development in the Village of Schaumburg.

The first school in Schaumburg was built in this section. Campanelli School is located at 310 Springinguth Road.

**Parcel A Basswood**, bordered by Roselle Road to the West, Golf Road to the North, Plum Grove Road to the East and Higgins Road to the South.

20. Parcel A was the first section of Hoffman Estates to be built by F & S Construction in 1955-56. There are several homes along Basswood St. that still have the open carport that was standard for these early homes.

Most residents eventually converted their carports into garages. The streets in this section had only gravel until the spring of the following year when paving could be done.



**Vogelei House & Barn, 650 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

21. Vogelei House and Barn was known as the Sunderlage/Christenson/Vogelei Farmhouse & Barn. Built in 1916, it cost \$5,500 to build. The basement took one week to dig out with a team of horses and a scraper. They electrified the house with sixteen 32-volt batteries. The barn burned and was replaced in 1937. The farmhouse was built by Amanda and Edward Sunderlage and later became the home of their granddaughter and her husband, Esther and Chester Christiansen. It was sold to the Hoffman Estates Park District in 1968 by the owner, Ida Vogelei, with the agreement that the park be named after her.



**Greve Cemetery, Abbey Wood Drive near Queensbury Circle in Hoffman Estates**

22. The Greve Cemetery is the resting place of the first pioneer families to settle in Schaumburg Township in the 1840s. The wooded area was known as Wildcat Grove. Gerhard Greve set aside land for the cemetery from his farm acreage purchased in 1842. Gated and locked, it is owned and maintained by the Village of Hoffman Estates.

There are 41 known burials in the Greve Cemetery. The grove of oaks that surround the cemetery were also saved and are now park district property known as Oak Park.



**Sunderlage Farm & Smoke House, 1775 Volid Drive  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

23. The farmhouse was built in 1856 by Johann Sunderlage who immigrated to America from Hanover, Germany in the 1830s. The Greve, Ottman, Meyer and Schirding families joined him a few years later in 1838. These early pioneer families settled the Wildcat Grove area. He married Catharine Greve in 1838, then hired master carpenter Hiram Thurston to construct the house.

It is believed that the smokehouse was built prior to the house. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. There is only one other Greek Revival style smokehouse in Illinois.





**Children's Advocacy Center Hammerstein Farm**, 640 Illinois Boulevard Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

24. The Gieseke/Hammerstein Farm. This is the most historic building in Hoffman Estates. John and Caroline Gieseke built their house circa 1840s or early 1850s on their 165-acre farm. The farm was sold in 1943 to Arthur Hammerstein, uncle to Oscar Hammerstein II, the famous Broadway musical writer and director. Arthur and his wife, silent screen star Dorothy Dalton, called it "Cardoa Farm." It was sold to F & S Construction after Arthur died in 1955.

It was later turned over to the Hoffman Estate's Homeowners Association by F & S Construction. The largest of the barns became the first Community Center. It burned in a fire on Nov. 11, 1959, along with several other barns. The barns that were saved served as the first volunteer Fire Department and one would become the Boys Club. The house would be Hoffman Estates first village hall, police department, jail and maintenance garage. When the village moved to a new village hall on Gannon Dr., it then served as the home of Health and Human Services and later was offered to the Children's Advocacy Center for rent of \$1 a year.

We hope you enjoyed yourself and learned more about the history of Schaumburg Township and the State of Illinois.

The Schaumburg Township Historical Society wishes to thank our partners the Schaumburg Township and the Schaumburg Township District Library for helping to make this tour possible.

For more information on these historic sites, please download the docent script from the original bus tour at [www.s-t-h-s.org](http://www.s-t-h-s.org).

Access to the following are by appointment only.

Schweikher House, Todd Wenger (847) 923-3866

Schaumburg Centre School #54 (847) 971-7469

Sunderlage Farmhouse & Smokehouse (847) 882-9100