



This picture captures the flavor of the open-beamed ceilings and natural woods. The view is of the Health Department which spans two levels in the southeast corner of the building.



Primary access to the Village Hall is the south entrance since it is next to the parking area. Another entryway is through the courtyard off Madison Street.



Open areas of the Code Administration (foreground) and Finance Departments are viewed from the upper level.



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Village Hall Excellence *(Continued from page 1)*

The special role of the elected President and Board of Trustees is emphasized through the Council Chamber, a semi-detached building set slightly apart from the working offices. Elevated above the courtyard, it provides a visual accent for the entire complex.

Inside the Council Chamber, the Village Board gathers at a semi-circular conference table. Citizens attending meetings sit on raised benches overlooking the council. While as many as 200 villagers may be accommodated, no citizen is more than 19 feet from the Village President.

The Village Hall includes 74,000 square feet of office space. Cost for building and furnishing it was \$5 million.

The move to Madison Street provides for expanded municipal services in a more efficient layout. A civic presence and green space are added to the commercial area, thereby setting the stage for other renewal along Madison. In addition, moving freed approximately eight acres of land between Oak Park and East Avenues for commercial/residential development. Plans for redevelopment are underway.

The Village Hall address is 1 Village Hall Plaza. Public works services such as streets and forestry are being relocated to Lombard Avenue and South Boulevard. A new central fire station is also being built.

Landscaping Enhances Setting

Visual impact of Village Hall is being extended beyond its physical boundaries via an unusual plan created by landscape architects Joe Karr & Associates.

In parkways across Madison Street and along Taylor and Lombard Avenues, densely branched redmond lindens and red oak trees were planted to create a total park setting for the new Village Hall. Similar plantings are incorporated in a median strip along Madison.

A modular pattern of paving and grass rectangles in the Village Hall courtyard is accented by informal groupings of pin oaks and Austrian pines. The pin oaks provide excellent shade during the summer months and hold their russet leaves throughout the winter.

The groundcover is Baltic ivy, a broad-leaved evergreen which mats the sloping earth berms against the building. Masses of grape hyacinths will bloom during the spring, and autumn crocus bulbs will provide color in the fall.

The south facade of the building facing the landscaped parking area is being covered with Boston and Baltic ivy to create a wall of green during the full year. Redmond lindens and nippon spirea shrubs screen the parking lot, and provide shade, as well as visual relief to the paved area.

VILLAGE HALL REFLECTS OAK PARK OPENNESS AND EXCELLENCE

This special issue of Village Views illustrates how Village Hall, Lombard and Madison, blends architectural excellence with efficiency. Offices were relocated here in April 1975.

An open plan in which nearly all the government activities are visible was developed by the architect, Harry Weese and Associates. It is an expression of the open process whereby citizens and municipal officials may meet in a relaxed, special kind of environment to conduct public business.

Emphasis is on horizontal lines with dramatic accents in face brick, heavy timbers and tile. The central courtyard is surrounded on three sides with glass-walled, open-office areas. The courtyard paving extends into the building as a further way to blend indoor/outdoor spaces.

Previously, village departments worked from offices spread over several locations, making it difficult for citizens and staff to communicate. The former Village Hall, built in 1903, was functionally inadequate to meet service needs of the community.

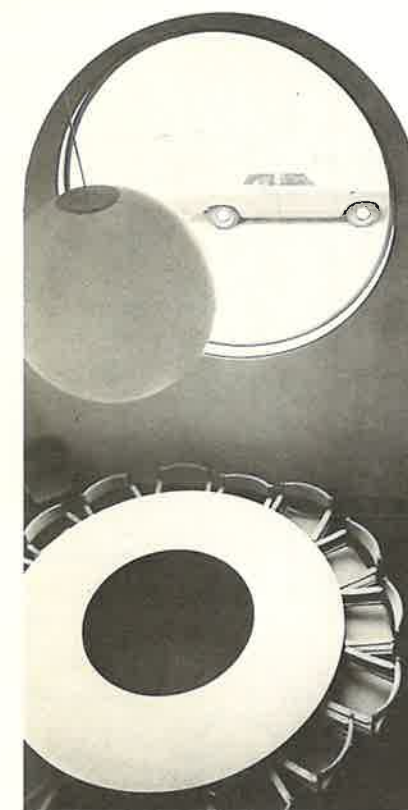
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Another delightful accent is this spiral staircase in the Employee's Lounge.



The Community Room is available for meetings and also is being used for various staff education programs.



The dramatic circular windows and tables in the conference rooms are illustrated here.



An area unique to the Recreation Department, this upper space combines work stations and meeting areas for the program supervisors.



At right is an overview of the Village Clerk's Office with the interesting blend of work areas, public corridors and colorful benches.



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Oak Park, Illinois 60302

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 Fire, other 383-6400
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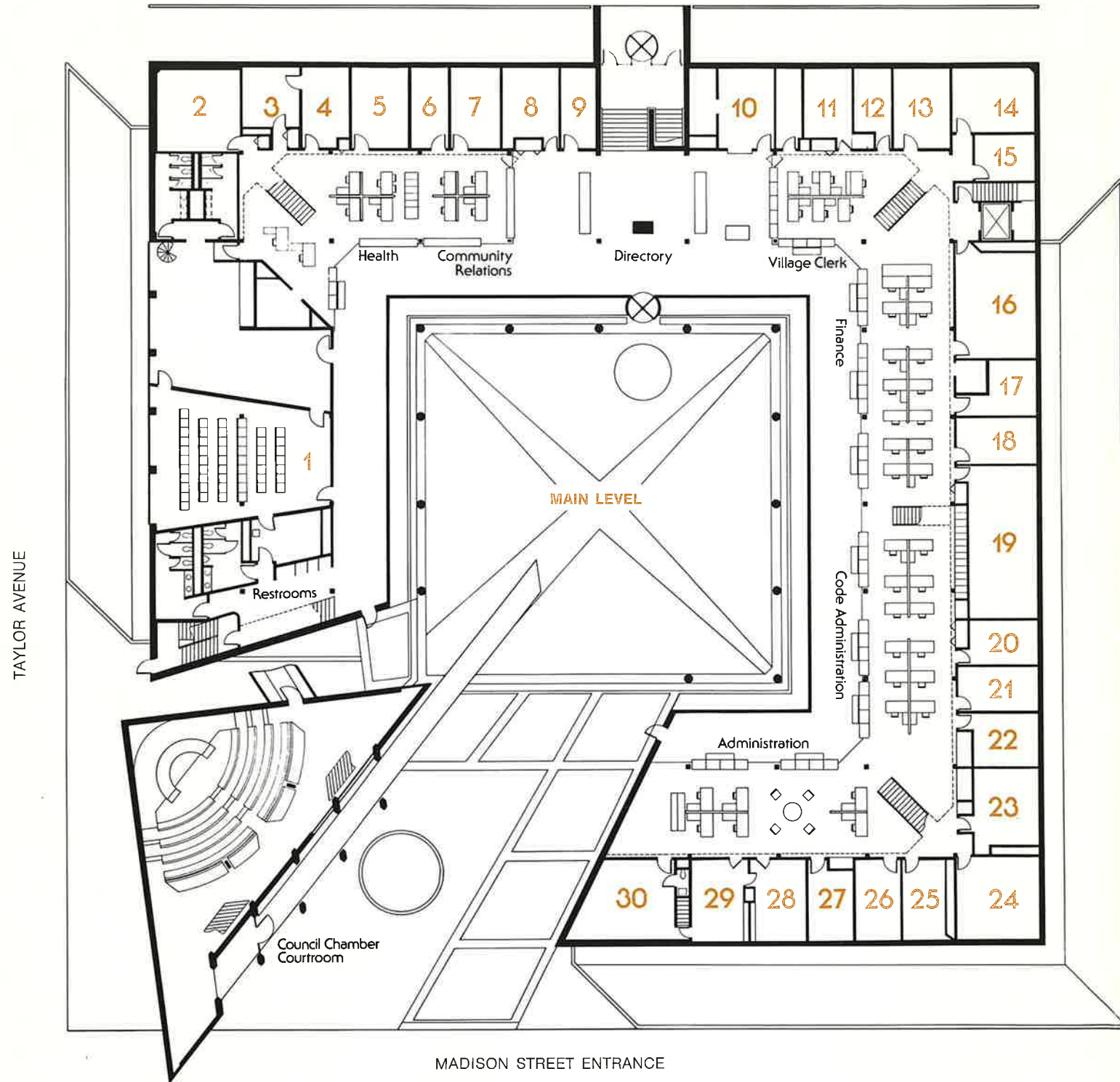
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VILLAGE HALL DIRECTORY

SOUTH ENTRANCE—PARKING AREA



MADISON STREET ENTRANCE

LOWER LEVEL

The Police Department is situated in the Lower Level. Access is through the south entrance.

MAIN LEVEL

ROOM

- 1 Community Room
- 2 Conference Room
- 3 Health Dept.—Assistant Director

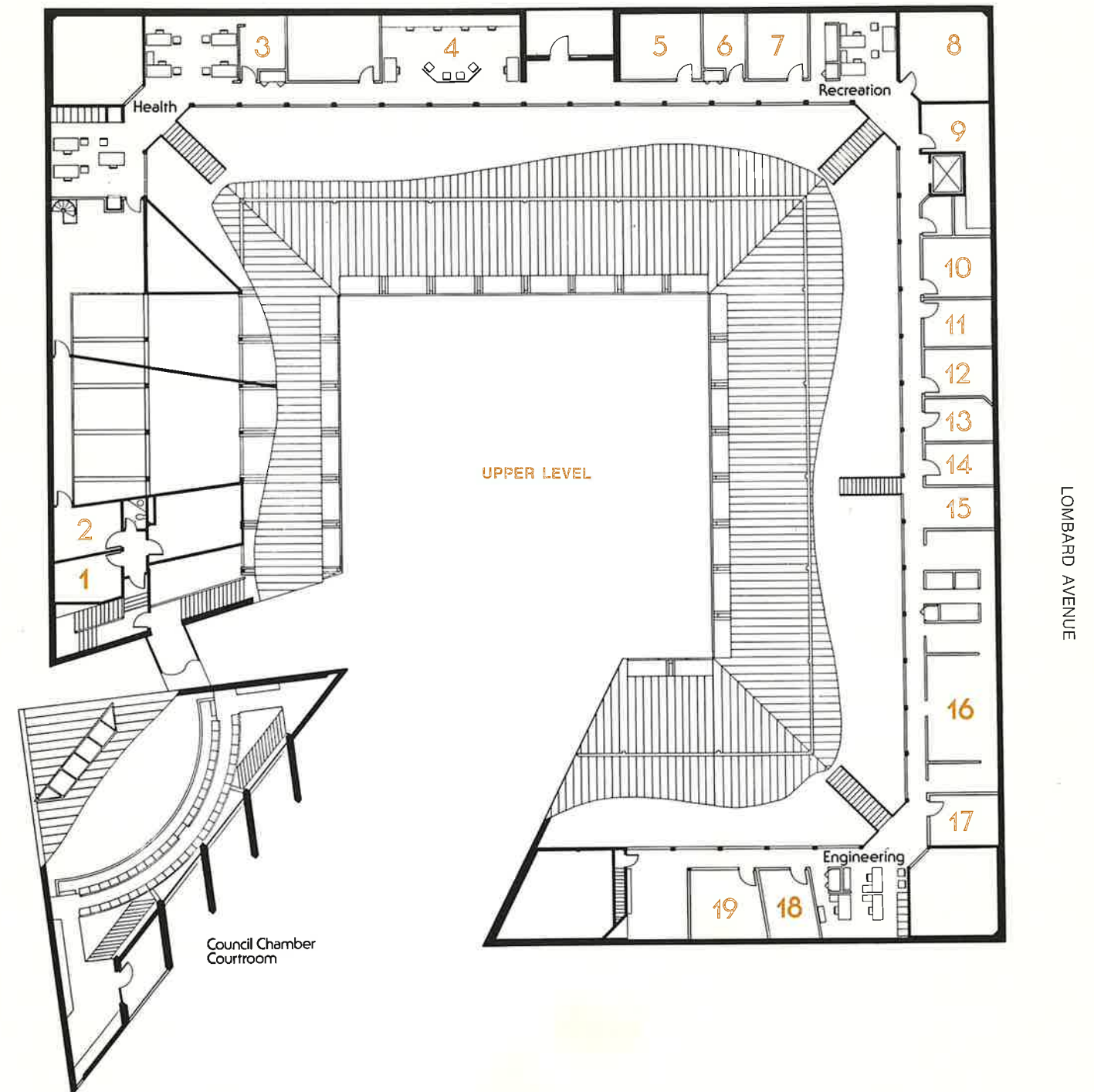
- 4 Health Dept.—Director
- 5 Health Dept.—Sanitarians
- 6 Community Relations Dept.—Community Representatives
- 7 Community Relations Dept.—Director
- 8 Conference Room
- 9 Employee's Credit Union
- 10 Cashiers' Office
- 11 Village Clerk's Office

- 12 Finance Dept.—Purchasing Agent
- 13 Finance Dept.—Personnel/Purchasing
- 14 Conference Room
- 15 Finance Dept.—Personnel Director
- 16 Central Services
- 17 Finance Dept.—Assistant Director
- 18 Finance Dept.—Director
- 19 Finance Dept.
- 20 Code Administration—Housing Director
- 21 Code Administration—Zoning Officer

Information on these two pages provides a directory to Village Hall, Lombard and Madison. The main and upper levels include offices for the Village

Manager, Finance, Village Clerk, Community Relations, Health, Public Works, and Recreation departments. The lower level houses the Police Department.

Access is from the south entrance. The design of the building reflects the openness and accessibility of the Village government.



Council Chamber Courtroom

UPPER LEVEL

- 1 Presiding Judge
- 2 Conference Room
- 3 Health Dept.—Supervising Nurse
- 4 Recreation Dept.—Supervisors
- 5 Recreation Dept.—Work Area
- 6 Recreation Dept.—Assistant Director
- 7 Recreation Dept.—Director
- 8 Conference Room
- 9 Recreation Dept.—Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

- 10 Oak Park Housing Authority/Residence Corporation
- 11 Oak Park Housing Authority—Director
- 12 Unassigned
- 13 Police and Fire Commission
- 14 Code Administration—Plan Review
- 15 Public Works Dept.—Drafting
- 16 Public Works Dept.—Drafting
- 17 Public Works Dept.—Village Engineer
- 18 Public Works Dept.—Director
- 19 Conference Room