



## HISTORIC CHICAGO BUNGALOW



On the far Southeast Side of Chicago is a community of 10,000 residents known as the Hegewisch neighborhood founded at the end of the 19th Century. The Laski family, who lives in the 13200 block of South Commercial Avenue, is delighted to be residents of this community. Ken and Linda Laski were hunting for a nice, affordable house over a period of several weeks in the spring of 2000. It was not so easy to find a home in their price range. Then, a friend informed them that their neighbors, Nick and Helen Adams, were thinking of selling their house. The very next day Linda and Ken made an appointment to see the house. The moment they entered in to the house, "We knew in our hearts that this was the home for us," Linda stated.

Linda Piljac-Laski is a fourth-generation Chicago Bungalow owner. Her great grandmother, both sets of grandparents, and her father lived in Chicago Bungalows. "Now it's my turn", she says, "I believe the admiration of these beautiful homes has been passed down to me". She is especially pleased that the Mann Park (Chicago Park District) is just a quarter of a block away from their house. The park has a swimming pool, gym, tennis courts, and baseball fields. They believe that their house is such a warm home with so much charm and integrity.

The Laski's colorful brick bungalow was built by local architect Lymon J. Allison in 1930 and originally owned by a family named Burhardt. Mr. Burhardt owned a lumberyard, and imported all the wood used in the construction of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Burhardt had two sons, George and Tom. They sold the house to Nick and Helen Adams in 1965. The Adams family lived there with their son Tim and daughter Patti until 2000. Helen had a great sentimental attachment to the house, and being very protective, she was earnestly looking for someone who would appreciate it as much as she did. She found such people in Linda and Ken Laski, who became the third family to own this Historic Chicago Bungalow.



The house was certified in 2002 with the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association. It is a colorful red



and green brick octogan bungalow, with leaded glass windows, original light fixtures, hardwood flooring, and arched doorways. All the doors are decorated with three kinds of wood and with original glass knobs. The back yard has beautiful grape vines growing over the patio arbor.

It is a phenomenally good example of the classic Chicago Bungalow, a delightful home for Ken and Linda Laski, and for Moose and Molly Laski, their two big dogs.