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Descriptive Summary

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Title             South Park Improvement Association. Records
Date              1925-1967
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Repository        Special Collections Research Center
                   University of Chicago Library
                   1100 East 57th Street
                   Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract          The South Park Improvement Association was founded in 1901 for the purpose of providing for services not rendered by the city of Chicago. This collection contains records of the South Park Improvement Association, including correspondence, service planning information, membership lists, and financial information such as budgets and invoices.

Acknowledgments   Preservation of this collection was supported with a generous gift from the University of Chicago Service League.

Information on Use

Access            Open for research. No restrictions.

Citation          When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: South Park Improvement Association. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note   The South Park Improvement Association was founded in 1901 for the purpose of “providing necessary services not rendered by the city of Chicago.” With a base on 57th Street in Hyde Park, the formation of the organization was an experiment “in the interest of civic improvement, the desire to realize the high ideals of the community by maintaining the neighborhood in a better and more sanitary condition.” The Association was a non-profit corporation; their funds were obtained from voluntary payments for its services, received from householders and property owners. Some of the projects they were involved in included sidewalk snow removal; street flushing—where debris was washed into gutters for easier removal, occurring May through
October; trash removal; paper collection drives; and beautification projects, including trimming
trees and removing weeds from vacant lots or parkways.

**Scope Note**

This collection contains records of the South Park Improvement Association and is organized
alphabetically, with an over-size ledger at the end of the series. This collection includes
correspondence, event planning information, membership lists, press clippings, as well as
financial information such as budgets and invoices.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Hyde Park Historical Society. Collection

**Subject Headings**

- South Park Improvement Association
- Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)

**INVENTORY**

- **Box 1**
  - **Folder 1**
    - Addressograph Company, 1937-1953
  - **Folder 2**
    - By-laws, 1938-1959
  - **Folder 3**
    - General file, 1925-1965
  - **Folder 4**
    - Hyde Park Community Planning Association, 1956
  - **Folder 5**
    - Membership, 1947-1963
  - **Folder 6**
    - Paper collection, 1909-1967
  - **Folder 7**
    - Special work, 1951-1964
  - **Box 2**
Accounting Ledger -- Payments for Services, 1939-1965