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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Since late 2023, the Palmer Woods Board of Directors has been considering a question that has been percolating for years in our neighborhood, if not for decades – the question of whether Palmer Woods should become a historically designated neighborhood.

Through a series of meetings, committee work, and thorough research, the Board has compiled the attached Community Report on Historic Designation, which explores the various issues, concerns, and requirements involved with historic designation. It is meant to be a resource as we, the Palmer Woods Association, consider whether historic designation would be right for us. In preparing this report, we recognize that there is much misinformation regarding designation – both for and against – which must be dispelled with concrete facts, objective reporting, and community outreach.

Importantly, this Report reaches no overall conclusions in terms of whether historic designation would, or would not, be appropriate for our community. Rather, the Board of Directors seeks to consider the neighborhood's input before deciding whether to move forward with this initiative. To this end, this Report is meant to serve as a resource for our friends and neighbors as we consider the question of historic designation and what it would and would not mean for us.

In addition to the distribution of this report, the Board will be organizing a Special Meeting of the membership, where we will discuss the topic of historic designation in an informative and comprehensive manner. This meeting will take place on June 4, 2025, at the University of Detroit Mercy McNichols Library. Please mark your calendars so that you may attend this very important community meeting.

Warmly,

Michelle Story-Stewart  
PWA President