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Harvey Park **Transformations:** Restoring a Cliff May

By Adrian Kinney, Harvey Park Resident

When Kit Beikmann and I moved into our newlypurchased Harvey Park home in July 2013, and just as soon as our last moving box was removed from the truck, we busily tore the inside and outside of the house apart!

We purchased our house fully realizing it was a classic Cliff May-built home. We knew we were committed to rehabbing the property to its original Mid-Century Modern styling. So, we started by ripping out the carpeting and completing a few minor things inside, and then immediately focused our efforts on the exterior, so outside work could be completed before the winter snow flew. When winter finally did arrive, we then refocused our effort to interior work.

Our biggest challenge was keeping up the pace of the effort and maintaining our intended goal in sight. There was a time when our home's front, back, and inside looked like a complete wreck all at the same time. We simply had to step back, breathe deeply, and dig deep to finish it all!

Fortunately, there were very few unexpected surprises in our home remodeling effort -- and, luckily, they were very minor. The only near-surprise was that we intended to install a new tankless water heater; the very morning the installer arrived to deliver our new water heater, the old one suddenly stopped working -- so, we couldn't have planned it any better.

Now that we've completed our Harvey Park home rehab, we are quite happy with our entire project. What do we like the best? Above all, we're particularly fond of our home's courtyard. It serves as our private retreat during warm summer months and it always brings the flavor of the outdoors into our home, just as the original designer had intended.

We did not know very much about Harvey Park before we moved here, except for the presence of Cliff May homes, and their background. However, as we started meeting all of our wonderful neighbors, and becoming part of the community here, we became convinced that this would be a great place to call home!

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Harvey Park Transformations is now a new, regular feature of this and future Newsletters. If you'd like to describe and share any home transformations that you've accomplished--whether large or small--please email Teri Grange at terigrange@hotmail.com

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