



URBS IN HORTOS

Welcome to Chicago and the
Outer Drive Hero Drivers Club
Heroes Happy Holiday Hangover Hassle 2024

City in a Garden is the official motto of our fair city. Or as the Chicago Park District paraphrases it, *Hortus in Urbe*; Gardens in a City. Either way you look at it, we have a wonderful city with lots of green space to enjoy. Today we will explore some of the lesser known, smaller, and tucked away oxygen factories that dot our city. We'll be exploring the little green spaces, the *hortulae* amid our *hortos*.

As always, the goal is to get as many answers as possible; less one. Some answers are Google-able, some are not. Some answers may require a little local knowledge. The "no rules" rule also applies to the questions. Your RallyMasters reserve the right to be evasive, obscure, and misleading. Answer sheets are due by 3 pm at **Hawkeyes: 1458 W Taylor St.** Park in the free lot on the corner of South Laflin St & West Filmore St.

Good luck and good hunting –

Your Rally Masters: Kevin, Suzie, and Devin



1. At 1521 S Linn White Dr is a sculpture by Daniel Popper. It is one of an 8-piece series that was originally exhibited at the Morton Arboretum. It is said to be, "a lyrical meditation on the interconnectedness of humans and nature." Looking NE through the sculpture, **What Chicago building can you 'connect' with?**
2. 632 S Dearborn St. is Printers Row Park. Looking south from the fountain, **What do the last two benches on the left say?**

Bonus #1 – What town was Rally Master Kevin born in?

3. At S Prairie and E 21st is Prairie District Park. Maracas? Clubs? **How many on the north side of the corner fence post?**
4. 2900 S Ashland Ave. is Canalport Park. There are cool mosaics on the circular river overlook. **What is to the right of the woodpecker?**
5. At S Calumet and E 18th is the Battle of Fort Dearborn Park. This Park connects to the lakeshore though a tunnel on the south end. **What "secret" route does the tunnel cross under?**
6. At Ashland, Ogden, and Madison used to sit the Turtle Wax building. It now hosts a sculpture which I think looks like an ampersand. **Can you get a Pepsi at the restaurant across Ogden?**
7. One North Wacker Dr is the UBS building. Facing Madison St, are what the architect calls "mounded landscape elements." **How many are there?**
8. At 900 W Harrison is the Artists monument. It was previously exhibited in New York at the Whitney Museum of American Art, before relocating to UIC. **Around the back, what is the bottom right color?**
9. At 861 N Wabash Ave is William Connors Park. The city acquired this plot of land in 1877; making it one of the city's oldest parks. It's probably too cold for an ice cream at Jeni's. **What can you buy on the second floor across Rush St?**
10. Benito Juarez Academy is at 1594 W Cermak. In the Plaza at Cermak and Ashland are statues of some Hispanic heroes. **Who is missing an arm?**
11. W Schiller and N Clark is the center of Sandburg Terrace. If you want to understand this town, simply read Sandburg's *Chicago*. Take your big shoulders SW and see the large circular feature. **What is it filled with?**
12. The Goudy Square Playground Park is at 1249 N Astor St. It is named after the attorney who argued *Munn vs Illinois*, a landmark SCOTUS public rights case. It's a great place for your Gold Coast au pair to take the kids. **What are the two animals in the NW corner?**
13. At 2020 S May St is Dvorak Park. At the turn of the century, Pilsen was a Czech enclave, hence a nod to the famous composer. Inside the gate and to the right are little men. **What is the seventh one from the left doing?**
14. At W Burling and N Evergreen, **which way is it wise to go?**
15. At 333 W Wisconsin is Ella Jenkins Park. Ella was a friend of Cab Calloway, Count Basie, Mr. Rogers, and Barney. **She is known as the "first lady of...?"**

16. At 60 W Walton is Washington Square Park; also known as Bughouse Sq. In the 1910's from here to Michigan Ave was known as *Towertown*, Chicago's edgy arts district. On the left of the library front door, **what famous automotive name is on the circular Award/sculpture?**

Bonus #2 – While matriculating at the U of MI, what automotive company did Rally-Master Devin intern with?

17. At 1031 N State St, Chicago, IL 60610 is Louis Mariano Park. Not named after Outfit boss Louie 'Tomatoes' Marino, but Daily News reporter Lou Mariano. You can stop for a coffee at the little kiosk. The coffee house has a plaque. **Who was the architect?**

18. At 1466 S Wabash is Coliseum Park. The round colonnade at the entrance is called a *tholos*. If I knew the circumference of the colonnade and its diameter, **What Greek letter could I approximate?**

19. At W 31st and S Gratten Ave is Bosley Park. Originally founded in 1899 as Holden Park, Mr. Bosley donated \$9,000 to enlarge and improve the site. **What is written in stone above door #7?**

20. At 421 W Locust St is Durso Park. This park served residents of the Frances Cabrini Homes. The land was leased from the Chicago Archdiocese in 1948 and was formally acquired in 1977. **How many chimes are in the climbing gym?**

21. Jackson St between Ashland and Laflin is a beautiful tree covered street (East bound only). **You'll have to walk your bikes though, because no _____ is allowed?**

22. "Little Italy" on the west side contains Garibaldi Park at 1520 W Polk St. At the turn of the century this was one of the most densely packed parts of the city. McClaren Park as it was then known, hosted over 180,000 residents annually. **What can people learn from the sign on the slides?**

23. Chestnut Park is a private park at 850 N Franklin. (It is open to the public.) It takes many hands to keep our parks clean and organized. **Who works here?**

24. The Green at 320 is an elevated park at S Clinton and W Van Buren. At street level, **What can you access via the Pedway?**

25. At approx 50 W 9th St in Dearborn Park there is a bizarre sculpture. Is it an obelisk? A bird house? Check the plaque in the ground. **Who does it honor?**

26. 220 W Monroe houses the Monroe Plaza Pocket Park. A very tiny park. Privately designed with bespoke furniture, design elements and lighting. It probably cost significantly more than the contents of the average 401k. **How many blocks are on the red sign at the back?**

27. The Hermitage Triangle Community Garden is located at 1255 N Hermitage Ave. This unused triangle was commandeered by local residents in 2008. It is now protected. **On what day is street cleaning?**

28. At 401 W Van Buren, you can peek at the amenities behind the revamped Old Post Office. If for some reason you're having car trouble, in big letters, **Who can give you a ride?**

29. 836 S Park Terrace is a playlot next to the old Dearborn Station. (Directly north of here on Federal Place was the pre-fire Levee District.) Across the street is a Montessori school. On the green gate, **How should one "Turn handle and Pull"?**
30. At E 15th and S Prairie is Mark Twain Park. Although technically not a dog park you will see many 'good boys' enjoying a run on the big field. **Who plays in the big field to the east?**
31. Where in Chicago can you find a tribute to a NY Yankee? On Taylor St at 1425 is Piazza DiMaggio. During the summer there is a big statue of Joltin' Joe right in the middle. Take a look across Taylor at the Neighborhood Hotel. **What did this building formerly house?**
32. Mary Bartelme Park is at 115 S Sangamon St. The Honorable Mary B. was the first female judge in Illinois (1923) and only the second in the US! This is one of the best playgrounds in the city – check it out. **How many giant croquet hoops?**
33. A consistent top finisher in the annual Chicago Parks "best name" contest is Park #571. With the addition of a new boathouse, 2024 could be 571's gold medal year. If you peek between the buildings from 2821 S Eleanor St, **What is the big red NO!**

Bonus #3 – Your Rally Masters met through what Olympic sport?

34. George and Adele Adams Park is at 1919 N Seminary Ave, named for the former congressman and his wife who donated the land in 1902. The "Interactive Water Feature" is named for Dorothy Melamerson after her bequest in 1997. **Who must purchase a permit?**
35. The Chicago Lights Urban Farm is at 444 W Chicago Ave. Founded as a tutoring org in 1964, Chicago Lights has grown to a multifaceted service organization. The farm grows over 4500 lbs of produce/yr which is distributed free to the community. On the fence facing Krisers Pets, **What is "Chicago" missing?**
36. On the NW corner of N Franklin and E Randolph there is a little park with diagonal benches. A nice place for lunch. A small plaque faces N Franklin. **When was the park dedicated?**
37. On the grounds of the Clarke-Ford House, the oldest home in Chicago (1846), there is a small botanical garden. You can access it at 1842 S Prairie. Just inside the gate the sign on the lamppost warns, **"No _____"?**
38. Fire Station Park, at 1940 N Larrabee St, houses a community vegetable & herb garden. The front and central planters are filled during the growing season. At the back is a large plinth. The statue is gone but the sign remains. **What was the statue called?**
39. At E River Dr and N McClurg Ct is River Esplanade Park and the Centennial fountain. **The centennial of what?**
40. At 703 W 15th St there is small neighborhood playground. This revitalized area (i.e., gentrified) is just south of the original Maxwell St Market: The home of bluesmen from Muddy Waters to Benny Goodman. **What colors are the two big circles closest to 15th?**

41. 640 W 31st St is Humbert Park. Seaman First Class James Humbert was killed in action in the Philippines, 1945. He won the Navy Cross for gallantry protecting his ship and crew. The church across 31st has a painted door. **What animals sit in its shade?**
42. Margaret Hie Ding Lin Park is at 1735 S State St. Lin was one Chicago's first Chinese physicians. She graduated from UIC Medical School in 1915 (and apparently loved basketball!) There is lots of action overhead. **What appropriate color is above you?**
43. Heritage Green Park is at 610 W Adams. Look at the wonderful "Gráinne" statue; a gift from Galway, Ireland. Look east. They may not produce Irish Cheddar, but **whose cheese is a "must-have" for grilling?**
44. Pritzker Park is just north of the main library at W Van Buren and S State. The plantings and landscape were inspired by the Magritte painting "The Banquet" which is housed in the Art Institute. From under the "L" tracks on Van Buren, **To whom can you donate "clothes and shoes."**

**Bonus #4 – The Plymouth hotel (for men only) formerly occupied this site.
What famous duo lived here?**

45. Hugging the diagonal and under more tracks at 1755 N. Clybourn Ave is Clybourn Park. The street and park honors Archibald Clybourn (1802-1872) local butcher, JP and Chicago's first constable. **At 1760, What is wrong with Reino's sign?**
46. St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church is in the Gold Coast at 1424 N Dearborn St. The carillon's 43 bells were cast in England, and it is one of the oldest operating in the US. St Chrysostom was known for his sermons. **What architectural feature is on the courtyard's south wall?**
47. Sedgewick Park is at 1830 N Sedgewick St. Enjoy the bumper animals just to the south of the playground. **How many French balcony windows are on the south side of 1834 Sedgewick?**
48. Amble down the path past the horses and you emerge into Hudson Chess Park at 412 W Menomonee St. The half-timbered house (known as *Fachwerk*) to the east belies the areas German history. **When was Schmidt Mitzgerei established?**
49. Privet Park is at 1844 N Sheffield Ave. The land was purchased from the Turtle Wax Co in 1970. (see Q#6.) Fun fact. Privets are in the olive family! **Who can you not recruit in this park?**
50. Want a small oasis with a great view? Try the Goose Island Overlook Garden at 1111 N Elston Ave. This community garden also holds some great old mosaic pieces from demolished buildings. Just walk over towards the river to see them. **What animal is on the north side of the shed?**
51. Mathias Bauler Park is located at 501 W Wisconsin St. Bauler used his tavern business and political savvy to propel himself to a 34-year (1933-1967) run as 43rd ward alderman. **What was Mathias' nickname?**

52. In 1908 Randolph Street was widened to enlarge the market area and clean up a notorious vice district known as *Dopetown*. The Randolph and Fulton Market area was the city's wholesale center for meat and produce. At Randolph and Morgan **Which corner has the pineapple?**

53. The K2 apartments have a resident's dog park at 360 N Union Ave. Omni Fulton Market building next door also has pet-friendly leases. **What large seasonal items decorate the OFM / Level sign?**

54. At approx. 320 S Loomis is Whitney Young High School. Whitney Young did not sing *I Will Always Love You*. A common mistake, that was Whitney Houston. Although it is said that Young, the civil rights leader and founder of the Urban League, had quite a pleasing voice. **What color are the picnic tables?**

55. Bickerdike Square Park is at 1461 W. Ohio St. George (1806-1880) was a lumberman and developer. He designed the park long and thin to act as an early form of firebreak. Pretty prescient for 1856. **What does the school next door want to see?**

56. Daniel Webster Park is at 1357 S Indiana Ave. Fun Fact. Webster was Secretary of State under three presidents: Harrison, Tyler and Millard Fillmore. Google shows a tall sculpture in a triangular patch just inside the gate. **What is there now?**

57. Dunbar Park is at S Prairie and 31st. It is named after Paul Dunbar (1872-1906), an early African American poet. He sold his first book, *Oak and Ivy*, to captive audiences while working as an elevator operator. **Behind the statue, what is the first line of the poem?**

58. Park No. 535 (lifelong nemesis of Park No. 571) is nestled at 800 W. Wisconsin. This little tot-lot has lots to offer; play cars, a toy house, a snake ramp! Hours of fun for when your toddler accidentally drinks your cappuccino. On the swing-set, **What color is the house on the right?**

59. At W Wayman and North Union is the little W Wayman Park. Approaching the park from the south on Union. **What Hollywood starlet is painted on the wall?**

Bonus #5 – She and another rally-clue participant were married. Who?

60. Walsh Park at 1722 N Ashland Ave is also the start of the 606. What is the 606? Well get out your bike and find out! It is a great elevated ride across town. Go and look at the monstrous climbing gym. **How many individual slides are there?**

61. Park 536 sits in the shadow of Pulaski Park at 1401 N. Noble Street. This little park is pushed under the Kennedy, isolated and ridiculed by the bigger parks. But one day Park 536 will rise and rightly claim its place in the pantheon of great Chicago parks. **Look SE. What was Howard Kilroy's profession?**

62. 160 W 9th St is a cool little dog park. Across the street is the British School of Chicago. **What is their Churchillian mascot?**

63. Fulton River Park is at 353 N Desplaines. This happy little valley sits between two elevated roads and within the olfactory perimeter of Blommer Chocolate. **What was its original numerical appellation?**

64. At Clybourn and W Division is a giant clocktower. This is Seward Park, named after Lincoln's Secretary of State and the guy who purchased Alaska from the Russians.

Behind the clocktower, **What blue thing is chained to the fence?**

65. At 1876 N Bissell St is Icky Park. I have no idea who or what Icky is/was. Maybe it's named after the Icky shuffle, or the White Stripes 2007 final studio album Icky Thump?

Who knows? But on the north wall, **What is the number of Embassy roofing?**

66. Between Mohawk and Larrabee at 1900 N is a small pass through. A very nice house sits on the south side at 1856. For a cool \$8M it could be yours. **Who is the listing agent?**

67. Presidential Towers is at 555 W Madison St. In 1986 they were built with the largest FHA loan ever, up until that time. I remember when they stood tall and alone west of the river. **What stands tall to the northwest?**

68. At 425 E Illinois St is Bennett Park. It has a great playground and a wonderful lawn for summer reading. In the early 90's it was a parking lot for North Pier (Baja Beach Club anyone?) Across Illinois is a Kahloesque portrait. **What are her earrings?**

69. Please go and see the Wild Mile at 905 W Eastman St. It is a floating botanical boardwalk. The plan is to extend it all the way to the North turning basin. According to the welcome sign, **this is the home of _____.**

70. Montgomery Ward Park is at 630 N Kingsbury St. Walk to the top of the hill to get a great view of the river (and the Ontario ramp. Are the express lanes open?). The sculpture at Erie and Kingsbury is called *Commemorative Ground Ring*. Can you identify the architectural elements included in the design? **Where are the "Chicago windows"?**

71. Seneca Park is at 220 E. Chicago Ave, and directly across Mies van der Rohe way from the Museum of Contemporary Art. His given name is Maria and the "van der Rohe" was added to sound more upper class for his rich patrons. **Back to the Park, of what material is the horse sculpture?**

72. Travel to 550 W Division and you will find City Farm Chicago. It is Chicago's oldest sustainable urban farm. Most of its produce goes to local restaurants, saving shipping costs and lowering their carbon footprint. **On what day are volunteers welcome?**

Bonus #6 – Rally Master Suzie makes great cookies containing what root?

73. Another dog park! At 360 W Ohio St, (lower) is the Ohio Place Dog park. Check out the sculpture of the moving company men on the corner. **What kind of pet owners are welcome?**

74. The Southbank Riverwalk at S Wacker Dr and W Harrison St is a quiet river promenade just north of the "S" shaped River City. It was designed by Bertrand Goldberg who also designed Marina City, aka the corncobs. Look across the river from the viewpoint by the Harrison bridge. **What should one "Do Not" do?**

75. The greenhouse on Cityfront Plaza houses changing art installations. At 455 N Cityfront Plaza, **How many red ribbons bedeck the greenhouse?**