

Marilou Hedlund aldermanic papers, 1971-1975

Descriptive Inventory for the Collection at Chicago History Museum, Research Center
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Title: Marilou Hedlund aldermanic papers

Main entry: Hedlund, Marilou

Inclusive dates: 1971-1975

Extent: 10 linear feet

Accession number: M1975.0022

Restriction: No restrictions.

This descriptive inventory contains

Brief biography,

Description of the collection,

List of online catalog headings,

Provenance statement,

Storage designation,

Container list of box/folder numbers and titles.

Brief biography:

On February 23, 1971, Marilou Hedlund was one of the first alderwomen to be elected to the City Council of Chicago, Illinois. Before being elected to office, Hedlund received elementary and high school education at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Chicago, Illinois. She then attended Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois, and graduated with degrees in history and political science, and went on to study at Newton College in Boston, Massachusetts. Before becoming an alderwoman, she worked as a reporter and feature writer for the *Chicago Tribune*. Hedlund was the recipient of many journalistic awards for youth reporting, women's interest features, and for general features. In addition to her being the first woman to be elected to the City Council in 1971, she was also the first woman to receive endorsement of the Democratic Organization of Cook County for alderman.

While in office, Hedlund was appointed to the City Council's committees of Planning and Housing, Health, Culture and Economic Development; and Forestry and Recreation. She was named vice-chairman of Forestry and Recreation in 1973. In November of 1973, she was one of five freshman aldermen (and the first woman ever) appointed to the Finance Committee.

Hedlund represented the 48th Ward, which was a lakefront ward in the areas of Uptown and Edgewater. The ward was at the time the most diverse in the city, racially, ethnically, and economically. Parts of the ward were "Model Cities" areas and urban renewal areas. Hedlund focused much of her time on the youth living in her ward and was known for her support for women's rights (Equal Rights Amendment) and gay rights. She also supported landmark preservation and several times fought for historical buildings and sites to be preserved.

Hedlund served one term as alderman, from 1971 to 1975. Five years after her retirement from the City Council, she was appointed as an Illinois delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Description of the collection:

Correspondence, reports, memorandums, newspaper clippings, and topical reference files of Hedlund when she served as Alderman (Democratic) of the 48th Ward (Uptown and Edgewater community areas) in Chicago, Illinois. Papers concern neighborhood organizations, political issues and city ordinances, problems of her constituents and services for them available from government or charities, condition of buildings and housing in her district, landmarks preservation, services for senior citizens and youths, and day to day relations with various departments of city government.

Original order of these papers has been maintained.

List of online catalog headings:

The following headings were placed in the card catalog.

Main entry: Hedlund, Marilou.

Subjects:

Hedlund, Marilou.

Democratic Party (Chicago, Ill.).

Women in politics--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

City council members--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Election districts--Illinois--Chicago--48th Ward.

Housing--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Social service--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Women in politics--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Chicago (Ill.)--Politics and government--1951-

Chicago (Ill.)--Social conditions--20th century.

Uptown (Chicago, Ill.)

Edgewater (Chicago, Ill.)

Form/genre:

Correspondence

Reports

Memos

Newspaper clippings

Provenance statement:

This collection was a gift to Chicago Historical Society by Marilou Hedlund in 1975 (M1975.0022).

Storage designation:

Collections: Marilou Hedlund aldermanic papers.

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Container list of box/folder titles/numbers:

Box 1

Folders:

1 Abandoned Cars

2 The Admiral

- 3 Ainslie-Sheridan Development
- 4 Alcoholics Center
- 5 Aldermen and guidelines
- 6 Alley--Holes
- 7 Alternatives, Inc.
- 8 Ambulance
- 9 American Arbitration Association
- 10 Andersonville Residents Council/Chamber of Commerce
- 11 ANSCO--Allied Northside Community Organizations
- 12 Apartment correspondence
- 13 Aragon
- 14 Argyle--Chinatown
- 15 Argyle Improvement Association
- 16 Argyle--Magnolia--Glenwood Block Club
- 17 Armories
- 18 Avatar
- 19 Awards
- 20 Award letters
- 21 Bicentennial
- 22 Bicycle Guides/Information
- 23 Board of Education--Budget
- 24 Board of Education--District 24
- 25 Board of Health
- 26 Boys Club
- 27 Bryn Mawr Merchants and Residents

Box 2

Folders:

- 1 Problem Buildings Compliance Board
- 2 Budget
- 3 Slumlords
- 4 Dolin
- 5 Gutman buildings
- 6 918-922 Agatite Dismissal; 835-843 Agatite and 930 Dismissal
- 7 1060 Ainslie Dismissal and 1055 Ainslie
- 8 1353-1359 Argyle; (4923-4925 Glenwood)
- 9 1050 Berwyn; 1064-1068 Berwyn; 5301-5309 Winthrop
- 10 5930 Broadway--Rehab; 5636 Broadway; 5200 Broadway
- 11 1420-1422 Carmen and 1424 Carmen
- 12 5105-5119 Clark demolished; 5203-5205 Clark & 5025 Clark (garages); 1471 Winnemac demolished
- 13 825 and 928 Eastwood
- 14 1059-1071 Foster; 5127-5131 Winthrop
- 15 4908-4918 Glenwood
- 16 5045-5049 Glenwood; 5005 Glenwood; 1348-1358 Winnemac; 1222-1224 Winnemac
- 17 1400-1402 (5030-5032 Glenwood) and 1453-1455 Winnemac--Dismissed
- 18 832 and 921-923 Gunnison
- 19 905 Lawrence--Dismissed; 809 Lawrence
- 20 4878 North Magnolia and 4834-4840 Magnolia

- 21 5747 Sheridan
- 22 852-854 Sunnyside
- 23 815-827-900-837-all-(917-919) Windsor
- 24 Windsor--Wilson; 915 Wilson
- 25 940-946 Wilson; 4601-4615 Sheridan; Sheridan--Plaza
- 26 1326-1328 Winona and 1312 Winona--1321 Winona
- 27 4861-4863 Winthrop; 5109 Winthrop
- 28 4917 Kenmore--Dismissed; 5036-5038 Kenmore--Rehab; 5350 Kenmore; 5417 Kenmore-(Comrow); 5424 Kenmore; 5816 Kenmore; 5820 Kenmore--(Dolin)
- 29 5437 Kenmore
- 30 5510 Winthrop; Jac--Win
- 31 5621-5625 Winthrop
- 32 5716-5718 Winthrop
- 33 5734 Winthrop; 5717 Winthrop
- 34 5726 Winthrop; 5757 Winthrop
- 35 "Building Department"; "Complaints"
- 36 Buildings correspondence
- 37 Building contractors--Etc.

Box 3

Folders:

- 1 Building permits
- 2 B.U.I.L.D. Program information
- 3 Building Task-Force; Edgewater/Uptown
- 4 840-846 Ainslie--Dismissal
- 5 856 Ainslie--Demolished
- 6 1218-1232 Bryn Mawr
- 7 925 Carmen--Dismissal; Dolin
- 8 5019-5023 Glenwood; 5025-5027 Glenwood
- 9 815-821 Gunnison--Dismissed
- 10 4872 Kenmore--Dismissed
- 11 4901 Kenmore--Complied; 1016-1026 Ainslie
- 12 4927 Kenmore; Voice of the People
- 13 5047 Kenmore--Dismissed
- 14 Ken Beach; 5107--Demolished
- 15 5121-5123 Kenmore--Complied
- 16 5220 Kenmore--Dismissed
- 17 5439-5443 Kenmore--Dismissed
- 18 931 West Lawrence Avenue--Demolished
- 19 860 Leland--Demolished; 843--Demolished
- 20 934-936 Leland--Dismissed; 846 Leland--Demolished
- 21 936 Margate--Dismissed
- 22 5817 Ridge--Complied
- 23 4804 Sheridan--Dismissed; Dolin
- 24 5036 Sheridan--Dismissed
- 25 5056 Sheridan; 1015 Winona--Demolished
- 26 1020 Thorndale--Demolished
- 27 927-929 Wilson--Dismissed
- 28 900-910 Winona--Complied

- 29 1017-1019 Winona; 5057-63 Kenmore
- 30 4826 Winthrop Castle Hotel--Demolished
- 31 Castle Hotel Petitions
- 32 5061 Winthrop--Demolished; 1063-1065 Winona
- 33 5123-5125 Winthrop--Complied
- 34 5723 Winthrop--Demolished
- 35 Cafferty--Pastora
- 36 Canterbury House
- 37 CAP--Citizens Action Program
- 38 Capital Improvements Program
- 39 Care For Real
- 40 Certome
- 41 Census figures/Tract info; (See: Surveys)
- 42 Marco Cervantes
- 43 CHA (Chicago Housing Authority) housing correspondence
- 44 CHA housing sites

Box 4

Folders:

- 1 CHA requests
- 2 CHA subsidies and CDA
- 3 Charitable foundations
- 4 Retirement facilities: Chelsea House, Lakeland House, Lawrence House
- 5 Chicago Central Area Committee
- 6 Chicago Children's Museum
- 7 Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity and OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity)
- 8 Chicago Lakeshore Hospital (Previously known as the Fairview Hospital)
- 9 Chicago Public Library
- 10 Chicago Teacher's Union
- 11 Child Safety Program
- 12 Chris Cohen
- 13 City of Chicago
- 14 Claims--City
- 15 Combined Insurance
- 16 Committee memberships
- 17 Community Building Maintenance Corporation
- 18 Community Centers and Organizations
- 19 Community Improvement Program
- 20 Condominiums
- 21 East Point Condominium
- 22 Folder I: State Government Responses
- 23 Folder II: Municipal Government Responses
- 24 Consumer Affairs
- 25 Contributions
- 26 Mini--Convention

Box 5

Folders:

- 1 Cook County information

- 2 CTA
- 3 Cuneo Hospital correspondence
- 4 Curbing
- 5 Day care I
- 6 Day care II
- 7 Christopher House
- 8 Hull House
- 9 Unity Day Care
- 10 Uptown Lutheran
- 11 Uptown--YWCA; Model Cities Day Care
- 12 Winthrop--Day Care
- 13 Delegates
- 14 Democratic--Platform; State Central Committee
- 15 Department of Human Resources
- 16 Development and Planning Department

Box 6

Folders:

- 1 Disposable World Inc.
- 2 Dog ordinance notes
- 3 DRAM Act
- 4 Driveway permits
- 5 Drugs
- 6 East Andersonville
- 7 Economic development
- 8 Ecumenical Institute
- 9 Edgewater Beach Apartments
- 10 Edgewater Community Council
- 11 Edgewater Laundry info./Burger King
- 12 Edgewater Presbyterian Church
- 13 Edgewater-Uptown Community Coalition
- 14 Edgewater-Uptown Mental Health Program Correspondence
- 15 Electrical sign notices
- 16 El Informador
- 17 Emanuel Congregation
- 18 Emerald City
- 19 Emergency Room Plan
- 20 Employees T.S. and P.S.
- 21 Environmental control correspondence
- 22 Environmental noise ordinance
- 23 Epworth Methodist Church
- 24 Women's Liberation (E.R.A.)

Box 7

Folders:

- 1 Ethics legislation
- 2 Federal cutbacks
- 3 Federally Employed Women
- 4 FHA development

- 5 Fire Department
- 6 Bureau of Forestry
- 7 Fort Sheridan correspondence
- 8 48th Ward Assembly
- 9 48th Ward correspondence
- 10 Fox River Hospital (London Memorial Hospital)
- 11 Gas stations
- 12 Gateway Houses
- 13 Gay Alliance
- 14 Greater Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
- 15 Darel Grothaus
- 16 Gun control
- 17 Hand gun control
- 18 Handicapped
- 19 Albert C. Hanna
- 20 Joseph Hannon
- 21 Haven Bookstore
- 22 Health Center/Hazel-Wilson
- 23 Hollywood Property Owner's Council
- 24 Health Committee
- 25 Hollywood Towers
- 26 Housing address and booklets
- 27 Housing background
- 28 Housing Committees
- 29 Housing--Senior citizens
- 30 Hull House correspondence

Box 8

Folders:

- 1 IHDA
- 2 Illinois Commission--Status of Women
- 3 Illinois Democratic Women's Caucus
- 4 Independent Voters of Illinois
- 5 Indians
- 6 International Plaza
- 7 IRMCO Corporation
- 8 Japanese American Citizens League J.A.C.L.
- 9 Just Jobs information
- 10 Juvenile Protective Association
- 11 Tom Keane correspondence
- 12 Kemper
- 13 Kenmore Learning Center
- 14 Kinetic Theatre; Lawrence and Clark
- 15 Know Your Chicago
- 16 Lakefront
- 17 Lakefront Coalition
- 18 Lakefront erosion
- 19 Lakeview Citizens Council
- 20 Lakeview Pumping Station

- 21 Lakeview-Uptown Community Council
- 22 Lakeview-Uptown Mental Health
- 23 Lakewood-Balmoral Council
- 24 Landmarks Commission
- 25 LaSalle-Oak Venture (CHA)
- 26 Latin American Directory of Illinois
- 27 Lawrence House, 1020 W. Lawrence
- 28 Lead paint ordinance

Box 9

Folders:

- 1 League of Women Voters
- 2 Legislative reference
- 3 Lerner newspapers
- 4 Letters of introduction
- 5 License exemption correspondence
- 6 Lights (Vapor)
- 7 Links, Incorporated
- 8 Liquor license
- 9 Lockout--Ordinance
- 10 Looking Glass Travelers Aid
- 11 Miscellaneous correspondence Folder 1
- 12 Miscellaneous correspondence Folder 2
- 13 Margate-Ainslie Neighbors
- 14 Matanky and Associates
- 15 For Chicago; Mayor Daley
- 16 Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Complaints
- 17 Mental health

Box 10

Folders:

- 1 Mental Health Statistics Subzone #2
- 2 Methodist Youth Services
- 3 (United) Methodist Homes/Services
- 4 Middle City
- 5 Model Cities
- 6 Model Cities Election
- 7 Model Cities: Leisure Time Council
- 8 Model Cities Third Year Program
- 9 Montrose Urban Progress Center
- 10 Municipal News
- 11 Municipal Reference Library
- 12 McGee, Henry--Postmaster
- 13 Neighborhood Development Corporation
- 14 Normandy Terrace
- 15 Northeast Uptown Neighbors; 941 Winona
- 16 Northern Illinois University
- 17 North Shore Baptist Church
- 18 Not for Sale signage

- 19 Nursing homes, Sheltered care listings
- 20 Office expenses
- 21 ONE--Organization of the North East

Box 11

Folders:

- 1 Ordinance resolutions
- 2 Osco Drugs
- 3 PACE Institute
- 4 Parent-Child Center
- 5 Park District
- 6 Parking
- 7 Pay toilets
- 8 People's Church
- 9 Phosphate Sludge
- 10 Police 20th District
- 11 Police Community Service Aides
- 12 Police statistics folder 1
- 13 Police statistics folder 2

Box 12

Folders:

- 1 Pool Hall--4808 Sheridan
- 2 Population Commission
- 3 Precinct Captains Members
- 4 Precinct--Surveys
- 5 Prostitution
- 6 Property Tax
- 7 PTA Chicago-Region
- 8 Public Aid information
- 9 Public opinions
- 10 Commission on Public Works
- 11 PUD (Planned Developments) ordinance
- 12 Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
- 13 Recycling
- 14 Red-lining
- 15 "Rent stamps"
- 16 Retail Clerks Union
- 17 Revenue sharing
- 18 Sacred Heart
- 19 Ken Sain correspondence
- 20 Saint Ita Church
- 21 Schools
- 22 Amundsen-Mayfair College
- 23 Schools, Michael Bakalis
- 24 Brennenmann School
- 25 College correspondence
- 26 Goudy School
- 27 School--Middle/Hazel Wilson

- 28 Peirce School
- 29 Redmond, James Dr. correspondence
- 30 School information
- 31 Lou and Candoli correspondence
- 32 Malcolm X College

Box 13

Folders:

- 1 McCutcheon School and Park correspondence
- 2 Senn High School
- 3 Southern School
- 4 Swift School correspondence
- 5 Walt Disney Magnet School
- 6 Self-Help Home (908 Argyle)
- 7 Senior Citizens, DHR
- 8 Senior Citizen Housing Coalition
- 9 Senior citizen information
- 10 7th Church of Christ
- 11 Sewers, Bureau of
- 12 Shell Oil Company permit
- 13 Sheltered care facilities
- 14 Sheltered care ordinances

Box 14

Folders:

- 1 Sidewalks- 50/50 Program
- 2 Silverman, Lewis
- 3 Somerset
- 4 Somerset news clippings
- 5 Soviet Jewry
- 6 Speech ideas
- 7 St. Thomas of Canterbury; Father Millea
- 8 Stahl, Dave communication
- 9 Reverend Steele
- 10 Chicago Stock Exchange
- 11 Stone Foundation report
- 12 Ardmore
- 13 Argyle
- 14 Balmoral
- 15 Berwyn
- 16 Broadway Street
- 17 Bryn Mawr Street
- 18 Carmen
- 19 Castlewood
- 20 Castlewood Cul-De-Sac
- 21 Catalpa
- 22 Clarendon
- 23 Clark Street
- 24 Early

- 25 Eastwood
- 26 Edgewater
- 27 Elmdale
- 28 Farragut
- 29 Foster
- 30 Lot: Foster and Sheridan Road
- 31 Foster and Winthrop
- 32 Commadore; 5547 Kenmore
- 33 Traemowr; 5427 Kenmore
- 34 Glenlake
- 35 Glenwood Avenue

Box 15

Folders:

- 1 Granville Avenue
- 2 Gregory
- 3 Gunnison
- 4 815 Gunnison
- 5 Hazel
- 6 Hollywood
- 7 Kenmore Avenue
- 8 4860-62 Kenmore
- 9 Voice of the People 4927 Kenmore
- 10 5035-45 Kenmore
- 11 5209 Kenmore
- 12 Lakeside Place
- 13 Lakewood Avenue
- 14 Lawrence
- 15 850 Lawrence
- 16 Leland
- 17 Magnolia Avenue
- 18 Margate Court
- 19 900-02 Margate
- 20 Marine Drive-(5030)
- 21 Olive
- 22 Rascher
- 23 Ridge
- 24 Rosedale
- 25 Sheridan Road

Box 16

Folders:

- 1 5510 Sheridan condominium
- 2 (SHO) 6100 Sheridan
- 3 Summerdale
- 4 Sunnyside
- 5 Sites Sunnyside--Clarendon
- 6 Thorndale Avenue
- 7 Victoria

- 8 Wayne Avenue
- 9 Wilson
- 10 Windsor
- 11 Winnemac Avenue
- 12 Winona
- 13 Winthrop
- 14 Winthrop Tower 4848--Winthrop closing
- 15 1971--Christmas Baskets for Needy; plus misc. document--Chicago Today correspondence
- 16 Street closure forms
- 17 Street mappings One-way 48th Ward
- 18 Street namings
- 19 Street ordinances
- 20 Streets and Sanitation
- 21 Agatite
- 22 Ainslie
- 23 Surveys
- 24 MARC Commercial Policies Study 1970; Shopping Center

Box 17

Folders:

- 1 Church surveys
- 2 Taverns
- 3 Taxes
- 4 Taxi service
- 5 Thorndale Beach North Condominium
- 6 Thorndale Beach South Condominium
- 7 T.J.O.--Gang
- 8 "Town Hall" Meeting correspondence
- 9 Traffic proposals--Study
- 10 Traffic signs and signals
- 11 Treasure Island
- 12 Tribune Article--May 31, 1973
- 13 Block Club-Carmen-Winona-Winnemac-Foster
- 14 Young Democrats
- 15 Uptown Shopping Center
- 16 Uptown Chicago Commission
- 17 United Charities of Chicago
- 18 Uptown (Community Organization) Peoples Action Program
- 19 Uptown Conservation Area
- 20 Uptown Conversation Community Council-Urban Renewal
- 21 Uptown National Bank
- 22 Urban Doctors Program
- 23 Vacant Lots

Box 18

Folders:

- 1 Vandalism
- 2 Victoria--Block Club
- 3 Volunteers

- 4 Governor Walker
- 5 Weiss Hospital
- 6 Wieboldt Foundation Book
- 7 Paul Wigoda correspondence
- 8 Women--Elected
- 9 Women Employed
- 10 Yates
- 11 Zoning
- 12 Zoning Ordinance
- 13 Proposed Program 1973-74 Young Democrats
- 14 Testimony Data
- 15 Department of Urban Renewal; Uptown Conservation Community Council
- 16 Grothaus--Working Paper
- 17 Senior Citizens
- 18 Re-election--M.H. (Marilou Hedlund)
- 19 (1401) Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center (1481)

Box 19

Folders:

- 1 Somerset and Somerset Petition
- 2 Halfway Houses
- 3 Foster and Kleiser
- 4 Survey--Montrose and Uptown Community-Analysis
- 5 Ordinances-Nursing homes
- 6 Mini College/Department of Human Resources
- 7 Model Cities Program--Montrose Urban Progress Center Area
- 8 Voting (Electoral Voting Areas)
- 9 Day Care Alliance
- 10 Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)
- 11 Chicago Board of Education
- 12 Reach Out
- 13 Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens

Box 20

Folders:

- 1 Senior building--4645 Sheridan Road petitions
- 2 Argyle Merchants petitions
- 3 LaSalle-Oak Venture
- 4 Lakewood-Balmoral Study Area--Traffic pattern proposals
- 5 United States Senate--RSVP and Foster Grandparents Program
- 6 Bryn Mawr's Continued Commercial Development (posters)
- 7 Model Cities
- 8 Davis, Alison
- 9 The 9th Chicago International Film Festival
- 10 Chicago history notes/books
- 11 M.H.--Banking
- 12 M.H.--Commission on Chicago Historical Landmarks Folder I
- 13 M.H.--Commission on Chicago Historical Landmarks Folder II
- 14 Committee on Local Transportation

15 Local Option Law, City of Chicago

Box 21

Description of items:

Various reports, maps, and published materials.