



OKW
Architects

Reimagining
Revitalizing
Reassessing
Repurposing
Reinforcing
Repositioning
Rethinking
what's possible.



For more than 60 years, OKW Architects has been thinking and doing things differently.

OKW's collaborative process happens on two levels: design and business. We listen to our clients with the goal of understand them – who they are, what their people are like, how they function, and their immediate and long-term goals.

We provide value as designers, making sure to create the kinds of spaces that will help our clients thrive. But it is as business people rooted in the built environment that we create our most meaningful relationships. As such, we not only bring imaginative thinking to our work, we make sure it's practical, feasible, and relevant.

In short, we're all about:

REIMAGINING the potential of space and what it can be

REVITALIZING neighborhoods, communities, and company cultures

REASSESSING function, workflow, and purpose

REPURPOSING resources and optimizing budgets

REINFORCING thriving brands

REPOSITIONING evolving businesses

The following pages highlight how we've used our decades of experience reimagining environments across the hospitality industry, to help our clients realize what's possible, and keep their guests coming back for more.



37

PROFESSIONAL STAFF



4

OWNERS



21

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS



65

YEARS EXPERIENCE



Our Leaders

OKW Architects has experienced a successful and long-standing history of growth since its inception in 1959. Originally rooted in corporate interiors and custom residential design, OKW has evolved to become one of Chicago's leading providers of architectural, interior, planning and urban design solutions serving multiple markets and building types.



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We are collaborative strategic thinkers.

We develop a clear understanding of your goals, the program, culture, timing and budgetary constraints, needs and wants, all before we sketch. We work closely with the development team to refine planning ideas and strategies to demonstrate the potential of the building and the site.

We bring innovation to the process.

We recognize that each project has its own style and story as well as challenges. Understanding these issues and navigating the distinctive qualities of each environment have always been a trademark of our process and success.

We value our relationships above everything else.

We are connectors. We pride ourselves on the network of relationships we've fostered over the past 64 years. Teamwork and collaboration are at the heart of OKW's philosophy combining personal and professional abilities in each project team.

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Architecture

As architects, we sincerely believe that the quality and character of space has a direct and tangible benefit to the quality of life in the community. It is our goal to produce works of architecture that enrich and enliven the environment and make long lasting contributions in the community.



Landscape Architecture

Providing a strong landscape design which enhances the architectural language of the structure is critical to overall user experience. Each element of the design must be crafted to create cohesive solution.

Interior Design

Design at OKW is focused on the full user experience and is not defined by 'inside or outside.' Our diverse interior design expertise allows our team to seamlessly offer a full project design experience.

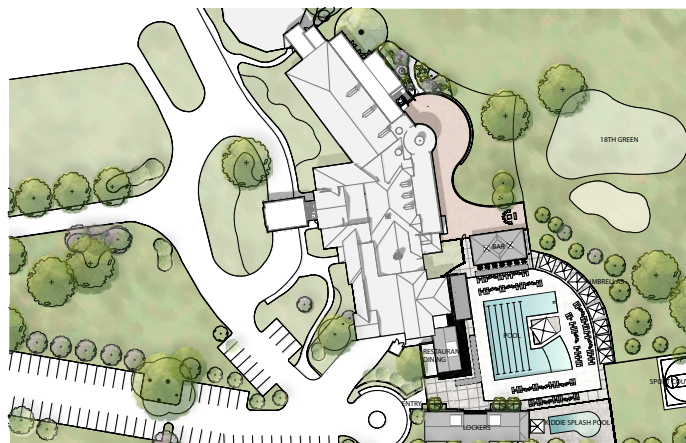


Simulation

3-dimensional visualization tools provide us with the ability to explore, communicate, and market a design at various stages throughout a project. Utilization of renderings at critical milestones of a project can dramatically increase the understanding and communication of the design vision.

Land Planning

In all projects, before we begin to explore aesthetic issues, it is essential to develop a broad understanding of following the planning drivers; surrounding property uses, underlying zoning, storm water management, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, building orientation and preservation of green space.



Identity Design

Through extensive research, strategy, and a collaborative thinking, various graphic designs can be developed. From signage to materials to mood, each element of a design plays a key role in communicating a brand.



Project Experience

OKW's skill in complex planning allows us to successfully navigate the country and golf club market.

We recognize that clubs have their own style and story, which pose unique challenges for their members. Understanding these issues and navigating the distinctive qualities of each environment have always been a trademark of our process and success.

The projects in this booklet are a sample of our proud portfolio of club projects.

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Medinah Country Club

Medinah, Illinois

Project Square Footage:
Multiple Projects

Services Provided:
Architectural Design
Interior Design

The world-famous Medinah Country Club knew it couldn't rely on its gorgeous architecture alone to remain one of the most coveted private clubs in Chicagoland. Hiring OKW to outline and execute a multi-phased master plan was the first step in revitalizing the Club for its members and guests for decades to come.

As part of the first phase of this grand project, we completed a new freestanding Golf Performance Center, Racquet Center, and redesigned their existing Oasis Restaurant. OKW collaborated with the Planning and Construction Committees to establish the club's specific goals and objectives and to explore the optimal layout and aesthetics to best represent its vision.

The second phase included renovating the Club's grill dining, member bar & lounge, and creating a new outdoor terrace. We are currently working with Medinah on a number of additional projects as their long-term strategic and architectural advisor.





North Shore Country Club

Glenview, Illinois

Project Square Footage:

19,700 SF Clubhouse
39,000 SF Pool campus

Services Provided:

Architectural Design
Master Planning
Interior Design Coordination

OKW has enjoyed a relationship with North Shore Country Club that started in the early 1990s. What began as renovations to locker rooms, pro shop, mens lounge and kitchens led to a decades-long partnership in which we have authored master plans and design work for virtually every component of the clubhouse and its supporting facilities.

Our recent projects include infully re-programming and renovate all of the club's public spaces in 2016. This included new foyers, ballrooms, creating a new casual grille as well as formal adult dining, two new bars, and a significant remodeling of the golf course facade of the clubhouse.

In the summer of 2022, we finished a new pool campus, which included new pool locker rooms, and an adjacent bar pavilion, which only bolstered the club's already impressive amenities.



Hinsdale Golf Club

Clarendon Hills, Illinois

Project Square Footage:
14,000 SF

Services Provided:

Architectural Design
Interior Design Coordination

Hinsdale Golf Club's ambitious plans for a renewal of their lower level inspired OKW Architects and our collaborating partners to create a multi-zone concept that was both new and classic. Faced with a floor plan with dark and underutilized spaces, the Club wanted to more thoughtfully rearrange their bar and dining functions, while expanding their square footage beyond the Club's walls.

Taking inspiration from the original architectural detailing, OKW and our interior design partners borrowed material elements to add a familiar character to the newly opened and expansive space. These included glass patterns, ample use of woods, and the incorporation of beloved fixtures. For the exterior, our team took inspiration from existing materials and brick patterns, incorporating them into the façade to enhance its character and subtly divide the new program areas.

The project was not without its structural challenges as the expansion required the demolition of a load-bearing exterior wall. To avoid leaving an obstructive columns in the otherwise open space, our design team manufactured a massive steel beam to hold up the Club's second floor.

The new concept is bright and airy, a comfortable space that has earned accolades from its existing members and their guests. In fact, a 2021 survey showed that 97% of members approved of the renovation, which was also attributed to a marked increase in new member interest.



Ridgemoor Country Club

Harwood Heights, Illinois

Services Provided:
Interior Design

The leadership of Ridgemoor Country Club saw a noticeable gap in their hospitality treatment of the club: the wet areas of the men's locker room. While the Club itself sports a rich history within the Chicagoland community, the men's showers and spa were lacking in their sophistication.

Lucky for Ridgemoor, OKW's experience both in the Club world and designing impeccable hospitality spaces came in handy. We completely elevated the space, from its dated beige tile to an elegant combination of white stone, wood, and high-contrast tile.

The result is a timeless contemporary space that enlivens the Club experience and adds significant value to each member's day.





Westmoreland Country Club

Wilmette, Illinois

Project Square Footage:
Multiple Projects

Services Provided:
Architectural Design
Interior Design

OKW has had the pleasure of working with Westmoreland Country Club on several projects for many years. Among our major recent collaborations is a new winter sports facility, which includes paddle tennis, dining, and a golf learning center. The building is integrated into the Club's outdoor golf practice facilities as well, allowing for fluid synergy with summer activities. The result is a year-round social venue that rises above the traditional functions of a paddle hut.

Building upon the success of the paddle and golf learning facility, Westmoreland asked OKW to renovate the men's and women's locker room facilities, as well as the adjacent card room and lounge spaces.

As part of a longer view of the club's operations and membership needs, OKW also studied a variety of other spaces in and around the campus, including ballrooms, member dining, pool dining/entertainment, and administrative offices.





Butterfield Country Club

Oakbrook, Illinois

Project Square Footage:
Multiple Projects

Services Provided:
Architectural Design
Land Planning
Interior Design
Landscape Architecture

OKW has been working with Butterfield Country Club on a series of projects since 2015. These projects have included a renovation and expansion of the pro shop building and interiors, new pool house and dining pavilion, and a new paddle facility.

The new pool and dining pavilion, in conjunction with the tennis complex to the south, gives BCC a new family destination at the heart of the campus. Members enjoy an expanded tennis environment, improved dining options, and a new kiddie pool for the club's young families. While building on BCC's architectural heritage, these facilities offer modern amenities that keep the club looking to the future.

The new paddle complex is the first building seen upon entering the club property. As a result, it was designed to be not only the heart and soul of racquet activity at the club, but as a gateway building setting the architectural tone for all other club facilities. Besides paddle tennis activity, the building is used year-round for private parties and club events.





Ruth Lake Country Club

Hinsdale, Illinois

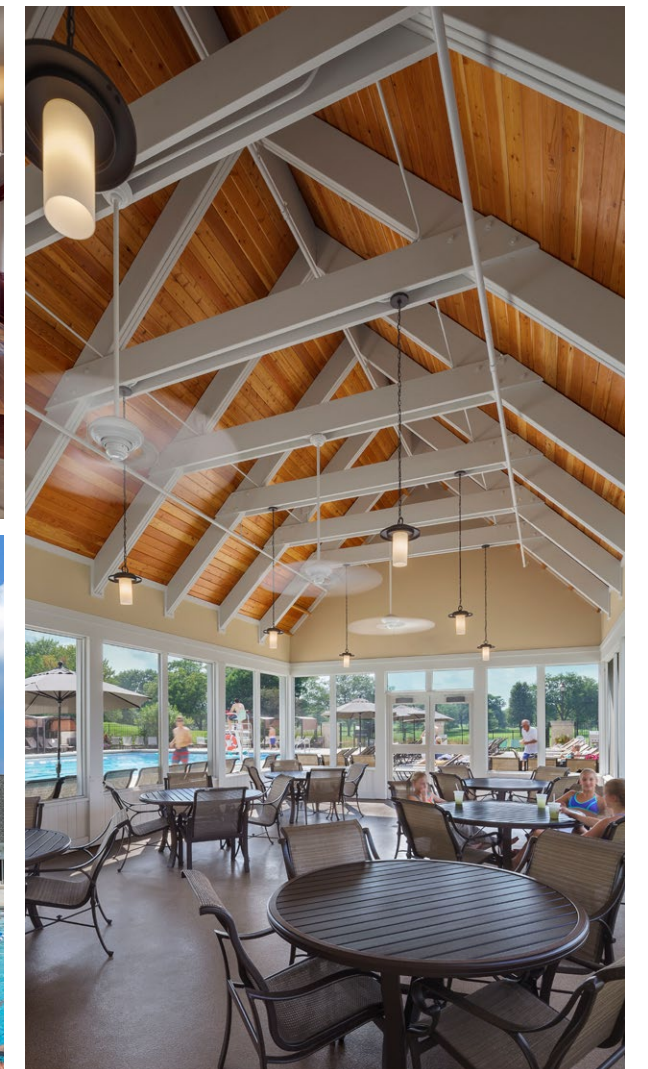
Project Square Footage:
Multiple Projects

Using member surveys and workshops, the Ruth Lake Country Club leadership established four high-priority projects and hired OKW for planning and design.

Services Provided:
Architectural Design
Land Planning
Interior Design

Working in collaboration with the club's Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee, OKW developed planning options for each project component. These included (1) the location and design of a new paddle tennis facility, (2) a total reconfiguration and expansion of the pool house, (3) the renovation of the pool deck and kid's play area, and (4) the relocation of golf cart storage and golf services facilities to a new, below-grade location. In addition, we expanded the dining terrace and created a new men's lounge and co-ed practice facility.

OKW provided design and planning services, developed budgets with the Club and their General Contractor, created the exhibits, and participated in presentations to the Club's membership.





Park Ridge Country Club

Park Ridge, Illinois

Project Square Footage:
Multiple Projects

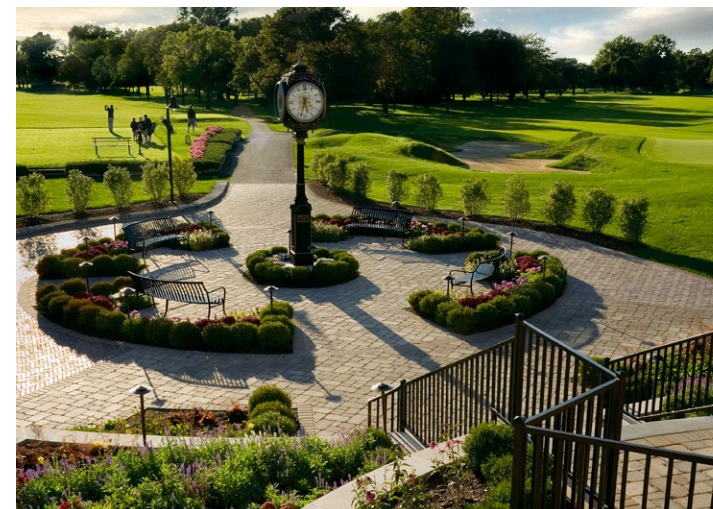
Services Provided:
Architectural Design
Interior Design
Planning
Landscape Architecture

OKW began its work with Park Ridge Country Club in 1999 by performing a facility analysis and developing a campus master plan.

We wore many hats during the process. Make no mistake, there was architecture and planning work to be done. But just as importantly, we had to work as facilitators and advocates for the big changes to come by helping the Club's Board of Directors generate support within their membership to achieve project approval.

Once everyone was on board, we relocated the entrance drive, expanded parking, created a new racquet sports area (including tennis pavilion and courts), added a new pool, kiddie pool, renovated the pool house, created a new grille, and finally, expanded cart storage and caddie facilities.

We later went on to renovate the clubhouse facade, improve the Club's hardscape and landscape, as well as its ballroom, member grille, corridors, and lobby.





Racine Country Club

Racine, Wisconsin

Project Square Footage:

8,000 SF

Services Provided:

Architectural Design
Interior Design

In 2017, a group of Club members donated one golf simulator to membership. With a taste of the technology, a generous member funded the construction of a state-of-the-art, 8,000 SF golf-centric lodge. Given the Club members' affinity for the sport and the forward-thinking, cutting-edge nature of the project, Membership has called it a true game-changer.

When completed in 2022, the Billows Lodge will include six heated bays for outdoor use, as well as four indoor simulators that not only allow members to play their favorite worldwide courses from the comfort of their club, they double as entertainment offerings for members' children.

The innovative plan and design for the Lodge also makes it a more valuable and relevant asset for the Club as it effectively becomes a yearround event space. Members will be able to enjoy such winter activities as sledding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing and the outdoor fire pits will further push the social calendar through the colder months of the year.

The Billows Lodge also includes a bar, kitchen, new bathrooms, and staff offices.



Additional club experience

BARRINGTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Barrington, IN
BIG FOOT COUNTRY CLUB Fontana, WI
BILTMORE COUNTRY CLUB North Barrington, IL
BOULDER RIDGE Lake in the Hills, IL
CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB Oak Brook, IL
CHICAGO DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION Lemont, IL
CONWAY FARMS Lake Forest, IL
COYOTE RUN GOLF COURSE Flossmoor, IL
CRYSTAL TREE Orland Park, IL
GLEN VIEW CLUB Golf, IL
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB Hillcrest, IL
LONG BEACH COUNTRY CLUB Michigan City, IN

MERIT CLUB Gurnee, IL
NAPERVILLE COUNTRY CLUB Naperville, IL
OAK PARK COUNTRY CLUB River Grove, IL
OLYMPIA FIELDS COUNTRY CLUB Olympia Fields, IL
ONWENTSIA CLUB Lake Forest, IL
OLD ELM CLUB Highland Park, IL
ROLLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB Arlington Heights, IL
SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB Shaker Heights, OH
SHOREACRES COUNTRY CLUB Lake Bluff, IL
SKOKIE COUNTRY CLUB Northbrook, IL
SUNSET RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB Highland Park, IL
WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION Golf, IL

EVANSTON GOLF CLUB

Skokie, IL

Comprehensive renovation of existing Clubhouse



GREEN ACRES

Northbrook, IL

New clubhouse now features updated locker rooms, indoor and outdoor dining areas, lounges, a new entrance and lobby areas

THE COUNTRY CLUB

Pepper Pike, OH

New racquet and paddle sports facility with outdoor seating and firepits



INDIAN HILL CLUB

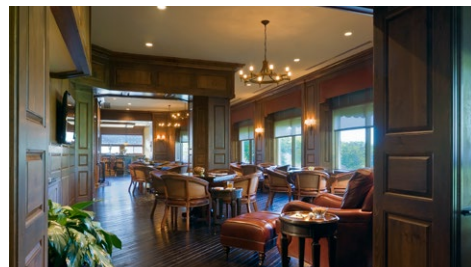
Winnetka, IL

Clubhouse addition/renovation, golf maintenance complex and pesticide facility, tennis house, golf pro shop addition, and curling house renovation

EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB

Highland Park, IL

New pro shop, kitchens, platform tennis house, pool snack bar renovation maintenance facility, dining facility and men's grill



BLOOMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB

Bloomington, IL

Master plan, clubhouse renovation, banquet and member dining, bar, new canopy, and landscape improvements

Project process

Private clubs from their inception were created to satisfy the needs and tastes of its members. The first step towards designing, renovating, or repurposing facilities for a club must therefore begin with a broad and meaningful understanding of its members, its history, and its aspirations. OKW does this through in-person conversations with the club's designated representatives and its embracing of the research and efforts leading to this RFP.

From the project's inception through construction, **the design process will be a collaborative effort between OKW's staff and the Club's leadership.** By presenting and reviewing the evolving design at key stages, our partnership refines the vision using input from the entire design team, and brings to life a space that its members will love.

We can further add value to our clients through our detailed knowledge of the private club industry, which is in a constant state of change. Our recommendations and decisions are rooted in both our deep understanding of the business of construction and our decades-long expertise within the sphere of private clubs. **Our expertise lies in combining our thought leadership with the specific expectations of each Club to maximize its potential as a social, athletic, and cultural hub.**

We consider ourselves trusted advisors to our clients. As such, we contribute more intimately and pointedly in the design process, **which means having clear and concrete discussions about project cost and the expenditure of member dollars.** We do this by vetting the scope and challenging the budget at critical points during each phase of design and working hand in hand with Club leadership and the selected CM, thus providing an ongoing assurance for our clients. Through this open dialogue about our shared vision, OKW aims to minimize surprises and remain within the project's established budget.



QA/QC methodology

OKW has implemented a QA/QC process that helps us reduce/minimize drawing errors and omissions. These errors cost money – sometimes our own – as well as time and relationships. We work diligently to improve our efforts in this area with a program we have developed that includes the following five discrete steps:

- **Review** current processes, including checklists, deliverables, and the team's understanding of the project's details
- **Identify** weaknesses or deficiencies, take the necessary actions to correct them, and provide training or additional support as required
- **Standardize** and **stabilize** workflow to maximize efficiency wherever possible in order to provide a more targeted focus on the project's unique details
- **Measure** ongoing performance from design and financial perspectives to audit QA/QC efforts
- **Improve** wherever possible to bolster value of QA/QC process to client and our designers

OKW has a team of ten professionals which comprise our QA/QC Committee. This group meets twice a month to challenge best practices and improve project communication in-house, while continually serving the PMs and PAs as a resource for improved documentation.





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