When in Charlevoix, make a point of seeing the architectural collection of self-taught builder Earl A. Young. Starting in 1919, and continuing into the seventies, Young fashioned over two dozen creations using indigenous materials. Known for their prolific stonework, undulating lines, and focused attention to the smallest detail, the Earl Young homes blend beautifully into the natural lay of the land. Many of the homes are accessible within a reasonable walking distance from downtown; more can be seen by car. Downtown, Stafford’s Weathervane Restaurant, Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites on Pine River Lane, and The Lodge hotel on Michigan Avenue are also his creations.

**EARL YOUNG RESOURCES AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

103 State Street, downtown Charlevoix

- **The Wizard of Boulder Park (DVD)**
  Documentary on the life and work of Earl Young from three-time Emmy-award winners Anne-Marlowe Belanger and Brian Belanger.

- **The Life and Works of Earl Young: Charlevoix’s Master Builder in Stone (DVD)**
  All-inclusive look at Earl Young and his Mushroom Houses.

- **A Guide to the Earl Young Structures in Charlevoix, the Beautiful (booklet)**
  Walking or driving guidebook detailing the location of and information about each Earl Young structure.

- **Earl Young Walking Tours**
  Guided tours for individuals and groups; call 231.547.0373 or visit chxhistory.com for specific dates, times, and details.

- **Earl Young Exhibit (Weathervane Restaurant, lower level)**
  See Earl Young’s former real estate office and a display of the structures he created.

- **The Mushroom Houses of Charlevoix (book)**
  Full-color, highly detailed exploration of Earl Young creations with many interior views, by master photographer Mike Barton.

**BRAND SPOKES:**

Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce | charlevoix.org
Charlevoix Convention and Visitor’s Bureau | visitcharlevoix.com
Hotel Earl (Opening Summer 2019) | hotelearl.com
Stafford’s Weathervane Restaurant | staffords.com
Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites | weathervane-chx.com

231.547.0373 | chxhistory.com
Historical Society Museum
103 State Street | Charlevoix, MI
PARK AVE

The Park Avenue block may be reached from Bridge Street, downtown near the bridge, or by Clinton Street west of the stoplight.

All homes are privately owned. Please be respectful of owner privacy.

POCKET PARK AREA
From downtown on Bridge Street, take Park Avenue near the bridge along Lake Michigan’s waterfront to the hospital, then turn right on Lakeshore Drive. Park Avenue may also be accessed by Clinton, Mason, and Antrim Streets.