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This booklet contains helpful information for home buyers, including the technology we use to get you the inside track on properties that may not even be on the market yet and an overview of the buying process. The majority of the booklet goes into detail on the many Chicago's neighborhoods to assist in you finding that perfect place to call home.

So let's take an exciting journey together! We look forward to meeting your real estate needs every step of the way!

We appreciate the opportunity to earn your business.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Karel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Stacy" and "Karel" being capitalized and prominent.

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Where we celebrate milestones. Where we laugh.

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that special place you want to call home starts with
finding a broker who understands that.*

Stacy Karel

As a homeowner, investor and developer of real estate, Stacy Karel brings her passion for real estate to her buyers and sellers. As your listing agent, don't be surprised if she rearranges furniture or stages your bookshelves, she knows what sells. Stacy is an Accredited Staging Professional (ASP Designation) and enjoys bringing that expertise to her sellers. Her marketing plan, agent-to-agent marketing techniques, and use of technology for communication, scheduling and feedback make her a leading real estate consultant at @properties.

With her buyers, Stacy says, "I enjoy listening to my clients to understand their needs. It is like a game... to pull the levers of price, location, and amenities to find that market anomaly for my clients that is the very best deal." Her buyers comment that she is an expert negotiator and goes above and beyond when it comes to getting the deal done and providing recommendations for contractors and other resources.

Her website www.CONDOChicago.com is one of the most successful independent sites in the Chicago-land area with thousands of registered users and hundreds using it monthly to assist in the home buying process. She also has very popular Instagram, Facebook and YouTube channels. Prior to entering real estate as a full-time agent in 2002, Stacy was a Business Development Manager for Deloitte Consulting. She has a MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University with a major in Marketing. Her undergraduate studies were at University of Illinois majoring in Finance.

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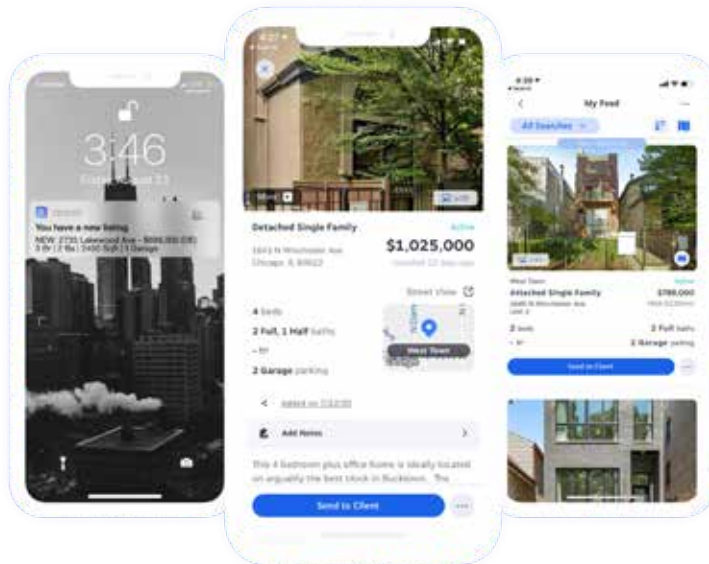
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Stacy Karel will prepare a CMA to help you formulate an offer based on the market right here, right now.

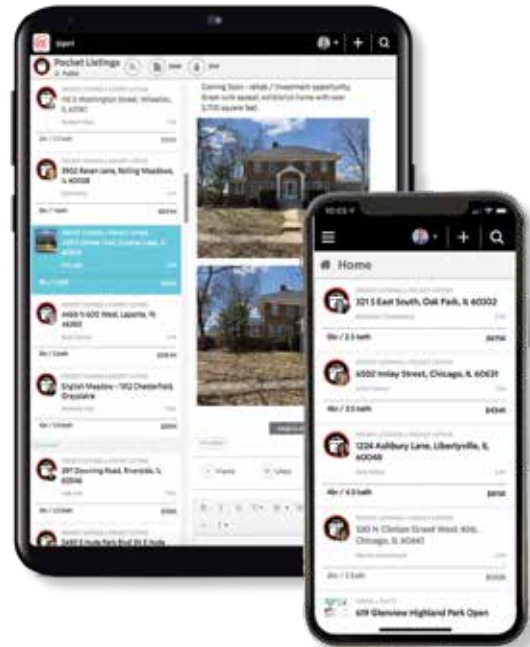


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A powerful network of nearly 3,000 brokers – each with a broad sphere of influence that forms a rich source of prospects, buyers and referrals. This unique “market within a market” results in the most efficient transaction environment in the marketplace.

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- Distribute contracts to all relevant parties
- Coordinate attorney review
- Coordinate a home inspection
- Provide information to lenders
- Distribute required disclosure forms
- Collect important documents such as condominium declaration and required disclosures to fulfill contract contingencies
- Coordinate an appraisal
- Coordinate walk-throughs
- Update you when contingencies have been satisfied
- Coordinate your closing
- Follow up to see if you have any questions

What are my clients saying?

TESTIMONIALS

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Stacy was great and incredibly communicative. I usually received a response from her within minutes, which was greatly appreciated. She has great contacts with inspectors, attorneys and home repair people so you're never struggling to find reliable help. As a first time home buyer she always had an answer for every random question I could think of and explained the buying process very clearly to me. I would definitely work with her again and recommend to any friends looking to buy.

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Stacy Karel is excellent and making our transfer from Iowa to downtown Chicago very smooth! She began by emailing us "potential" properties in our specifications and we could flag them as yes, no, maybe. This was very helpful as my husband and I could sit down and go through them together. Once we decided we liked the New Eastside, we zeroed in on the building we preferred. Stacy was able to keep us informed the moment a condo was on the market. We trusted Stacy enough that we made offers on our condo without even seeing it! Yep, that's right, it may sound crazy - but we had looked at similar condos with the exact same floor plan. We were out of town so Stacy led us through the offers with helpful input and recommendations. Stacy

has a great group of contacts, i.e., home inspector, lawyer, etc. that helped simplify the closing process. Communication with Stacy is always very prompt. We are truly delighted with the condo we purchased and love the location (2 blocks from Michigan Ave and 2 block from the lake)! Thank you Stacy, we couldn't be happier!

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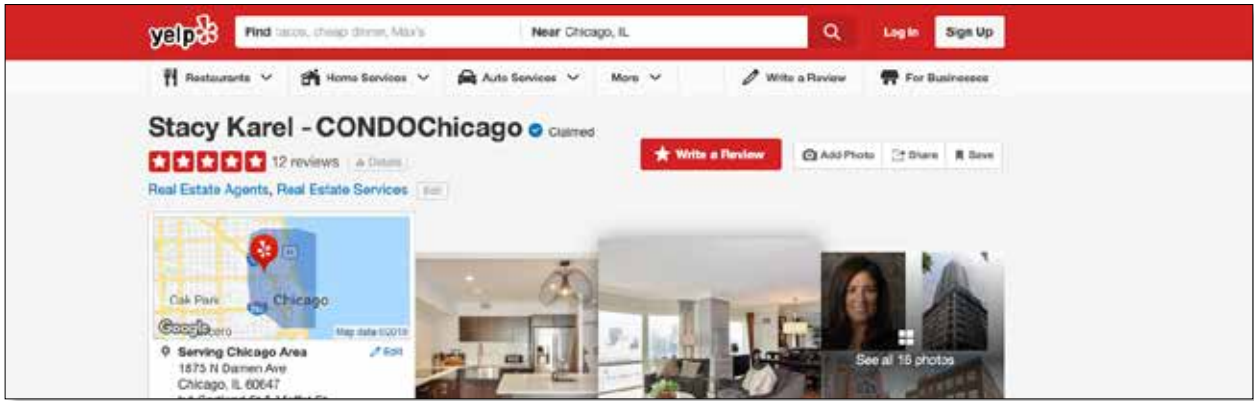
I truly enjoyed working with Stacy to purchase my first home. She is extremely knowledgeable, communicative, and attentive to all of her clients needs. I usually received a response from her within minutes, which was greatly appreciated. She has a great network of contacts including: inspectors, attorneys that all made the transaction very smooth. As a first time home buyer she always had an answer for every random question and explained each step in the buying process in great detail. I would not hesitate to work with Stacy again and recommend to any friends and family looking for a new home in the city.

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Stacey was amazing. arranged for showing after showing and sold my condo more quickly than I would have ever dreamed possible.

MK



What can I say? Stacy is incredible at getting things done in an efficient, professional, and productive manner. I've now worked with her to both find my amazing condo to buy and also to rent it out when I got transferred for a year. She's reliable, responsive, and really great to work with. I'd highly recommend Stacy to any of my family and friends. **Jordan T, Chicago, YELP**



Stacy provided lots of great options and was tireless in her efforts to find us an apartment. Super responsive. Very attentive. Forthright in her opinions but very driven to assist us to meet our goals. Will definitely be using Stacy again!!! **Alexander B, Chicago, YELP**



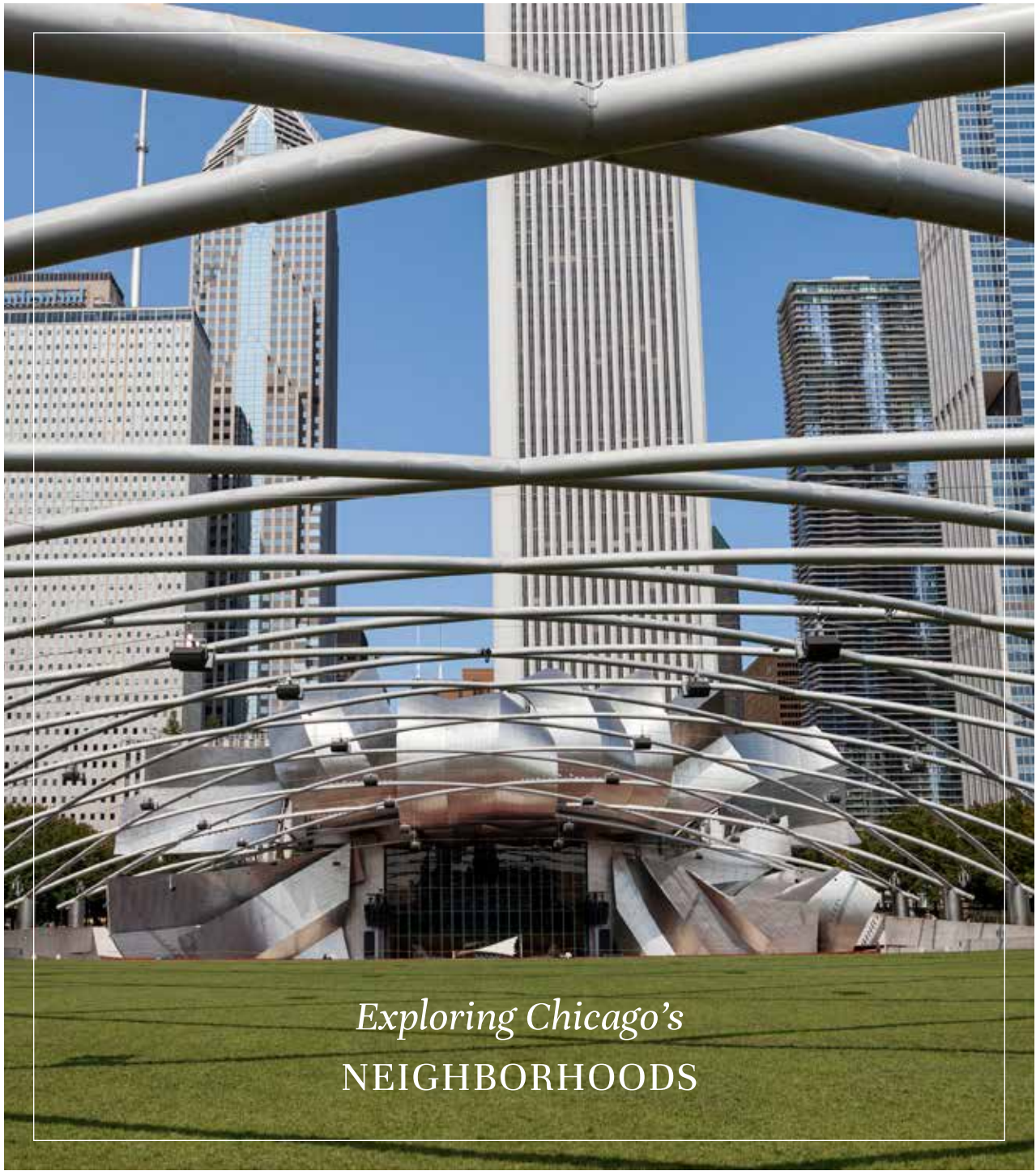
Stacy truly is the best. I could not recommend her more highly to anyone looking for/selling a place in the Chicagoland area. We first used her for our first home purchase in 2013. Recently, she helped us sell our home in the City and buy a home out in the 'burbs. We are thrilled with the outcomes of both. She is attentive, caring, diligent, appropriately aggressive and very knowledgeable about all things real estate related. Use Stacy! **Shaska D, Evanston, YELP**



In late June, for the 2nd time in 7 years, Stacy helped my wife and me find the perfect condo for our budget. Based on knowing exactly what we were looking for, she took my wife to see our new place before it was even listed. This was key in avoiding a costly bidding war that takes place every day in the hot Wicker Park neighborhood. Stacy Karel got the job done for us. She'll do the same for you. **Jack R, Chicago, YELP**



Stacy truly epitomizes great customer service. She goes above and beyond in all situations and is a wealth of information. I've worked with her numerous times in the past several years and she never fails to amaze me with her ability to get things done and find the best solution in sometimes undesirable circumstances. She handles my property concerns as if they were truly her own. I can't imagine ever working with anyone else and I would never hesitate to recommend her to a friend or family member. Stacy is the best in the business! **Lauren H, Chicago, YELP**



Exploring Chicago's
NEIGHBORHOODS

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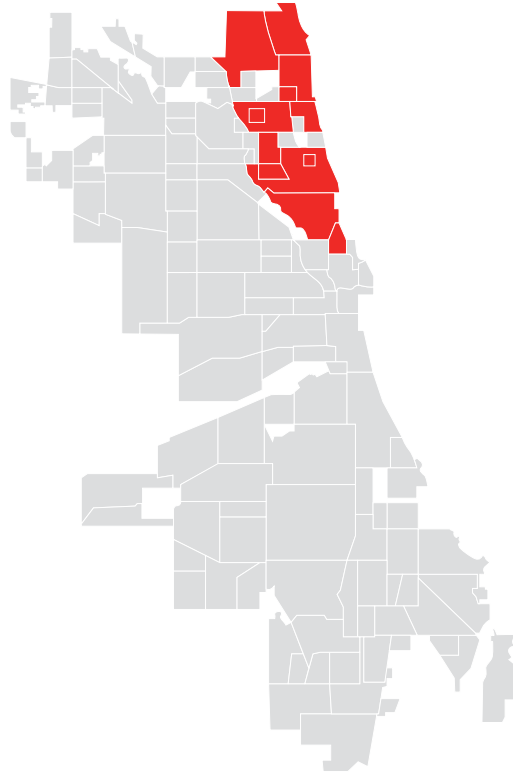
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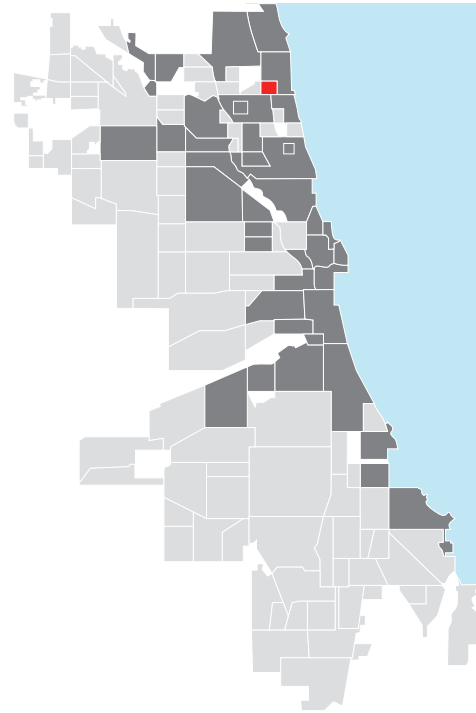
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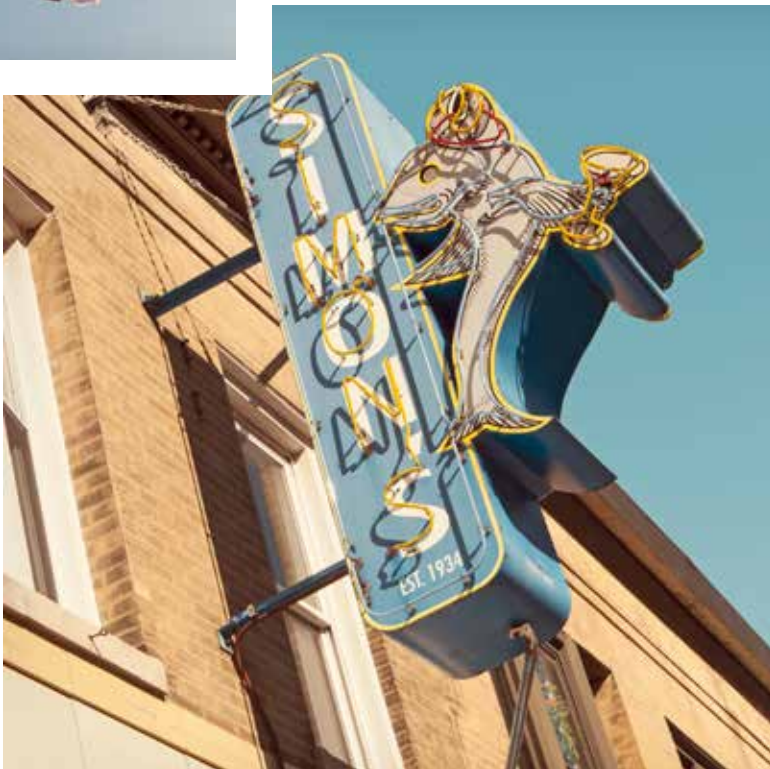
andersonville

Andersonville’s earliest settlers would be pleased to see that their Swedish heritage lives on – proudly displayed on the blue and yellow water tower, celebrated in the Swedish American Museum, and alive in the friendly spirit at the heart of this charming neighborhood.



Just blocks from the lakefront, Andersonville offers residents a vibrant, self-sustaining community that is accessible by express buses, the “L” and Lake Shore Drive.

At the forefront of the “shop local” movement, the historic business district along Clark Street is a mecca of locally-owned businesses including independent shops, restaurants, bars and bistros. Residents can find most everything nearby, from the grocery store and dentist to fine art and antiques.

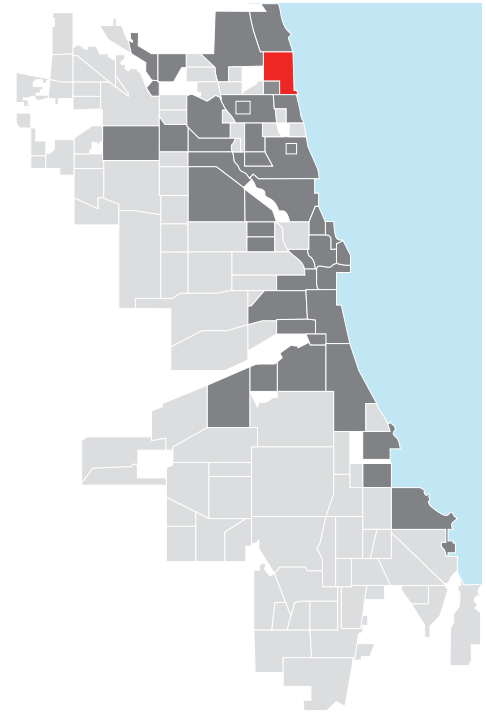


Tree-lined streets, walkable schools, playgrounds and parks make this a popular neighborhood to call home. Housing includes a mix of handsome greystone two- and three-flats, 1920s walk-ups, redbrick apartment complexes and large single-family homes. Buyers can also find gut rehabs and beautiful new construction homes with backyard gardens.

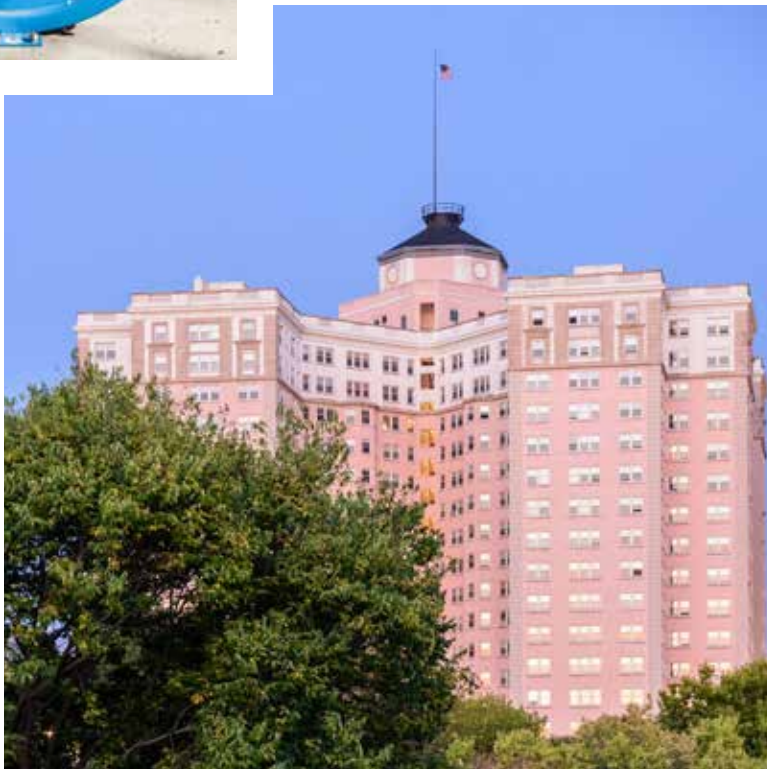
In addition to dinner, cocktails, music, magic and the Andersonville Farmers’ Market, residents can enjoy al-fresco dining with plenty of dog-friendly patios. Andersonville also hosts one of Chicago’s most popular street festivals, Midsommarfest. The annual festival is just one more way the neighborhood celebrates its Swedish heritage.

edgewater

Lakeside living never goes out of style in Edgewater. Once a playground for Chicago's early 20th century elite, Edgewater continues to draw residents with its spectacular lake views, large beaches, thriving theater scene and restaurants with cuisines from around the world.



Encompassing a number of neighborhoods between Uptown and Rogers Park, Edgewater offers convenience and proximity to downtown Chicago and nearby Loyola University. The community is easily accessible by Lake Shore Drive and public transportation including the CTA Red Line and Metra's Union Pacific North Line.

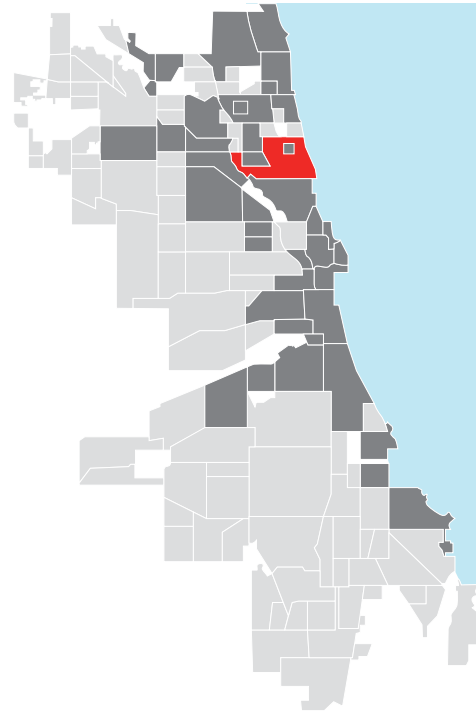


Although the posh hotels are gone, Edgewater retains some of its early glamour with stately mansions, Neo-Gothic churches and the iconic 1920s pink Edgewater Beach Apartments. The Bryn Mawr Historic District features opulent mansions and vintage lamp posts. Edgewater housing choices also include high-rise condominiums, vintage three-flats and greystones, and new-construction single-family homes.

Residents here appreciate a neighborhood where they can enjoy their home and walk to the beach, parks, cafes, restaurants, antique shops and theater.

lakeview

Chicagoans will find more than a few of their favorite things in Lakeview, one of the largest neighborhoods on the city's North Side. There's Lakeview's proximity to the beach and public transit, quiet residential streets, thriving restaurant and bar scene and Wrigley Field, for starters.



Then there's the neighborhood's historic churches, theaters and notable architecture. The Music Box Theater has been operating since it opened in 1929, originally showing silent films accompanied by a live organ player, and now playing independent and foreign films.

Did we mention the outdoor festivals, farmers' markets, nightlife and cultural attractions? Lakeview is home to the Belmont Theater District with over 30 theaters and live performance venues near the Belmont "L" station. Residents also have a front-row seat to the Chicago Marathon, Chicago Pride Parade and Bike the Drive.

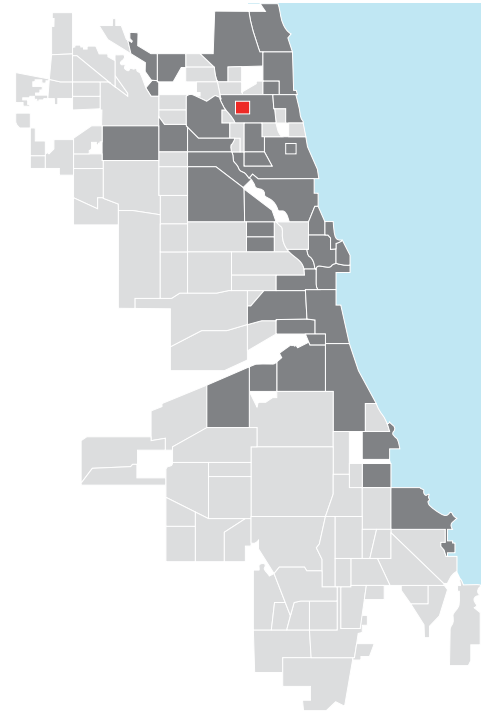


And we can't forget shopping – shops on the Southport Corridor, independent businesses on Lincoln Avenue, and unique boutiques sprinkled throughout the neighborhood.

Lakeview includes a variety of housing styles and prices and some of the city's top-rated schools. Homes run the gamut from vintage walk-ups, condominiums, new construction three-flats, loft buildings, converted courtyard buildings and high-rises. There are also a variety of single-family homes from stately mansions near Lincoln Park to contemporary new construction throughout the neighborhood.

lincoln square

Lincoln Square manages to be both trendy and old-world charming at the same time. The community celebrates its century-old German heritage with a number of ever-popular restaurants and bars, while Lincoln Avenue offers an eclectic mix of sophisticated eateries and corner cafes.



Centered around a bustling shopping and dining district on Chicago's North Side, Lincoln Square became one of Chicago's first commuter suburbs when the Ravenswood elevated train line was completed in 1907. Today residents have convenient access to the CTA Brown Line and Metra's Union Pacific North Line.



The neighborhood's quiet streets are lined with bungalows, greystones and brick two- and three-flats, many recently rehabbed. Lovely Victorian and Prairie School homes can be found along the North Branch of the Chicago River. Although single-family homes in Lincoln Square can run upwards of \$1 million, vintage apartment buildings restored as condominiums offer a more affordable option. New-construction options are also available in the neighborhood, including single-family homes, townhomes, three-flat condominiums and mid-rise buildings.

Lincoln Square's lively cultural scene includes the Old Town School of Folk Music as well as annual festivals including the Square Roots festival and the German-American Fest, which draws crowds from all over the Midwest.

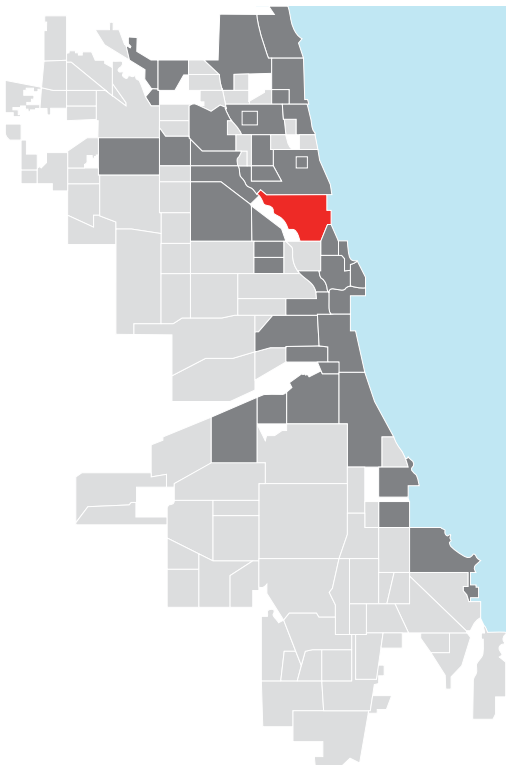
lincoln park

Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my. Lincoln Park residents have it all – from the arts to its famed zoo – right in their backyard. It’s no wonder the North Side neighborhood is one of the most sought after in the U.S.

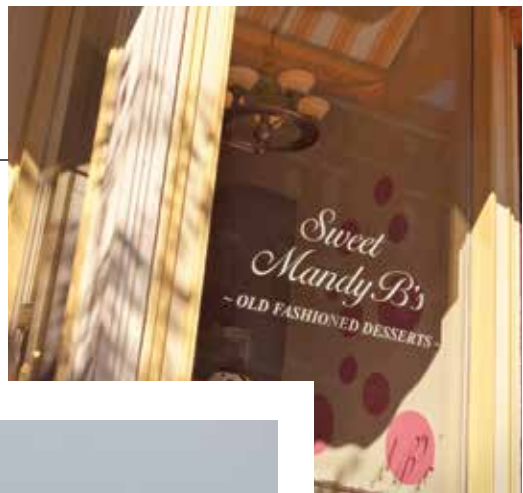


The neighborhood includes quiet tree-lined residential blocks, top-rated schools, DePaul University and two major museums in addition to the Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the country’s oldest zoos. There’s also a wide array of entertainment, eateries and hotspots.

An evening in Lincoln Park might include seeing a play at the acclaimed Steppenwolf Theatre and dining at a Michelin-rated restaurant or a quaint neighborhood café. Sports fans will find as many dive bars with the game on as foodies will find fine-dining restaurants with al-fresco seating.



Sweet Mandy B's, located at 1208 West Webster Avenue, is one of Lincoln Park's many neighborhood spots.



Lincoln Park is steps from Chicago's lakefront and **two short miles from downtown.**



daytime DELIGHT

Lincoln Park is just as delightful by day. The neighborhood is just a walk, jog or bike ride away from the lakefront and North Avenue Beach, where there's bound to be a volleyball tournament in action and beach-goers taking advantage of the kayak and Stand Up Paddle Board rentals. Then there's the parks, farmers' markets, festivals and countless shops, ranging from upscale boutiques on Armitage to larger retailers at the Clybourn Corridor.

Smaller townhomes and vintage condominiums offer homebuyers a more affordable entry into Lincoln Park, but prices rapidly escalate for rehabs and new construction. Buyers around DePaul University can find loft condominiums in converted factories and warehouses. On its eastern edge, Lincoln Park features beautiful vintage brownstones along with high-rises with breathtaking views of the lake, park, North Pond and city skyline.

zero COMPETITION

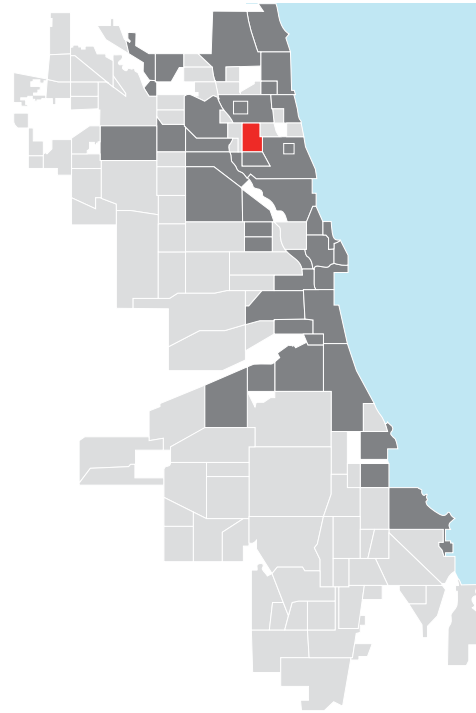
Located just two miles from downtown, Lincoln Park offers residents a quick commute to work. Public transportation abounds, with the CTA's Brown and Red lines serving the neighborhood in addition to several bus routes and Lake Shore Drive.

With its location and mix of city parks, restaurants, bars, theaters and top schools, Lincoln Park is virtually unrivaled among urban neighborhoods.



north center

North Center is no middle-of-the-road neighborhood, any way you look at it. Residents enjoy picturesque views of the Chicago River, large parks, a vibrant shopping district and an abundance of things to do.



Anchored by the North Center Town Square, the community offers events including a farmer's market and annual festivals headlined by Ribfest. Three city parks, Waveland Bowl and an indoor ice arena provide recreational activities and sports, while the neighborhood's shopping area includes retail boutiques and art galleries. Chicagoans also frequent the Half Acre Beer Company and local performance venues such as Martyrs'.



North Center offers a variety of housing options ranging from riverfront properties to Victorians with wrap-around porches. Newly-constructed residences coexist with historic buildings, while aging apartment buildings are being converted to updated condos.

The neighborhood is located a mile from the lakefront and seven miles from Chicago's Loop, which is within easy reach for commuters thanks to numerous bus routes and two CTA Brown Line stops.

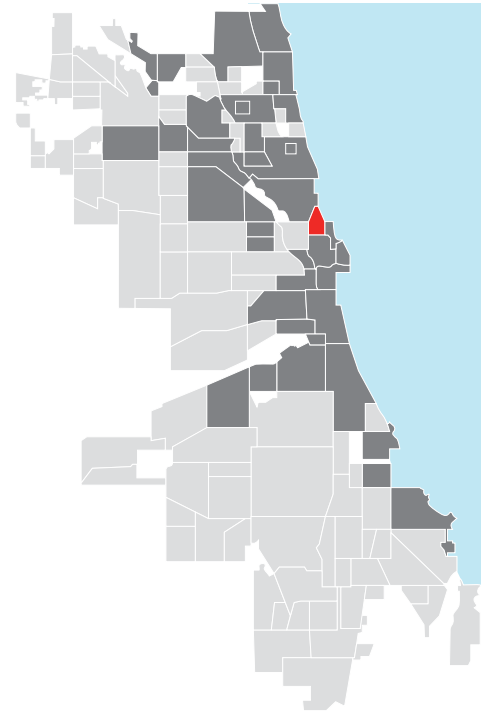
old town

Too hip to ever get old. This once hippie haven, located between Lincoln Park and the Gold Coast, continues to capture the interest of homebuyers with its diverse collection of restaurants, shops and entertainment venues.



The go-go clubs of the '60s and '70s may be gone but Old Town's hip spirit lives on with popular pubs, Zanies comedy club and the world-famous Second City, where everyone from John Belushi and Bill Murray to Tina Fey and Steve Carell launched their comedy careers.

In addition to nightlife, residents enjoy the neighborhood's walkability, central location and variety of independent shops, restaurants, boutiques and specialty stores that highlight a fabulous mix of old and new. The community thrives during the summer, when The Old Town Art Fair and Wells Street Art Festival showcase the exceptional work of local artists.



The upscale neighborhood includes some of the city's best-preserved historic homes; single-family homes priced well over \$1 million and many newer condominiums. As the community has edged west in recent years, new development is bringing moderately-priced housing to the area.

With its proximity to the lake, Lincoln Park and The Loop, Old Town is a top choice among Chicagoans. Easily accessible by public transportation, including two CTA train stops and numerous bus routes, the neighborhood also has well-traveled designated bike lanes along Wells Street.

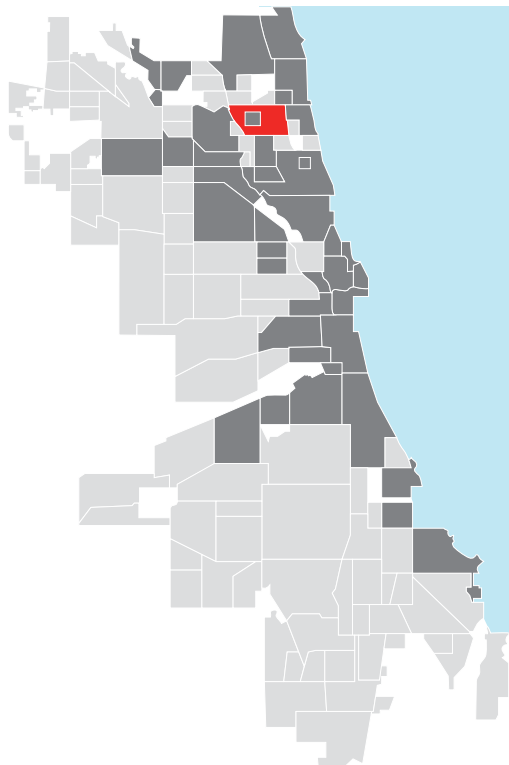
ravenswood

Ravenswood defies definition. Although nearby neighborhoods may claim it as their own, the North Side neighborhood has its own unique feel.



Bordered by Foster Avenue, Montrose Avenue, Clark Street and the Chicago River, the wooded area was home to ravens when real estate speculators saw its potential as an exclusive commuter suburb. The neighborhood became that and so much more after it was annexed to the City of Chicago in 1889.

Metra tracks run through Ravenswood Avenue at the heart of the neighborhood, surrounded by community gardens, businesses, eateries, bars and both new and old homes.



Lillstreet, located at 4401 N Ravenswood, offers many art classes and workshops for students of all ages.



The Ravenswood Metra Station connects to the Union Pacific North Metra Line, traveling south to The Loop or north to Kenosha.



creative HUB

The community has also established itself as a creative hub. Once its machine shops moved on and factories shuttered, artists moved in. Today, artists of all kinds thrive in the neighborhood – from microbrewers and distillers to furniture makers, metalworkers and performers. The community is home to an architectural artifact salvage firm that occupies a warehouse from the early 1900s, and a wedding and event venue that is housed in a former factory with sweeping windows.

When it comes to housing, Ravenswood features spacious lots on tree-lined streets. Homes include courtyard buildings, Victorian and Prairie School homes, brick row houses, two- and three-flats, single-family homes, lofts and condominiums. Many homes have been rehabbed to add modern amenities while retaining their vintage charm.

commuter’s PARADISE

As early developers imagined, the neighborhood’s convenient location just 10 miles from downtown makes it a popular choice for commuters. Public transportation includes multiple CTA bus routes, nearby CTA Brown Line stops and the Ravenswood Metra station. Various local events also make Ravenswood a destination for residents of surrounding communities. Each year the community hosts The Taste of Ravenswood, Ravenswood ArtWalk and Ravenswood on Tap, featuring live music and craft beer.

The community is served by schools within the Chicago Public Schools district.



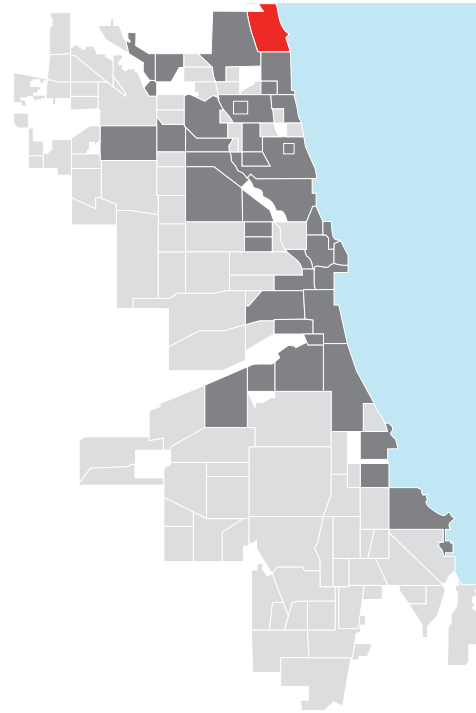
rogers park

Rogers Park may not be the flashiest or newest neighborhood, but this worldly, artsy community has a vibe all its own.



Located on the northern edge of the city just south of Evanston, Rogers Park is home to Loyola University. Students and long-time residents alike love the neighborhood's diversity with legendary restaurants and shops that highlight cultures from the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Caribbean, Latin America, Eastern Europe and more. Devon Avenue is considered to be the main South Asian shopping district in Chicago.

The neighborhood is divided into east and west sections and includes smaller pocket neighborhoods such as Peterson Park. Loyola University and the lakefront are focal points on the east, while West Rogers Park includes larger single-family homes and a number of city parks.



Rogers Park's lively scene has popular dive bars, local restaurants and coffee shops catering to both students and locals. With scenic beaches and more than 30 parks, there's always plenty to do here. The neighborhood's artsy side is evident in Miles of Murals, an initiative featuring 14,000 square feet of commissioned art including block-long pieces, viaducts and an overpass.

Homebuyers can find a variety of housing styles including vintage walkups, new construction, and block after block of classic Chicago bungalows. Downtown Chicago is easily accessible via Lake Shore Drive and public transportation including the CTA's Purple and Red lines.

roscoe village

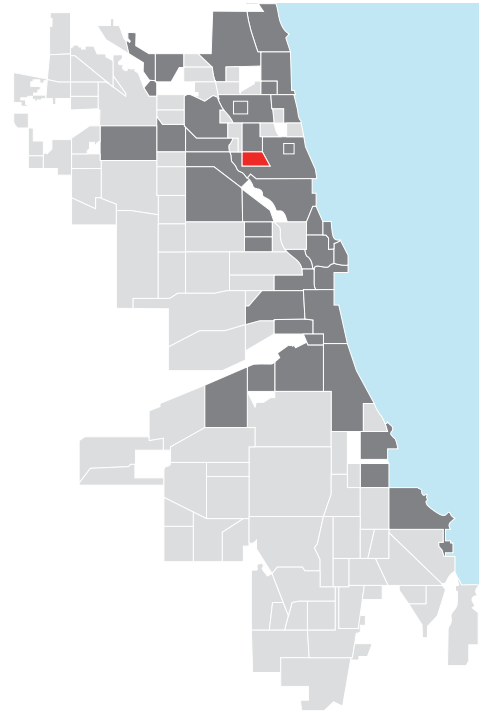
Having a quaint village atmosphere right in the middle of the city is no easy task, but Roscoe Village pulls it off.



Defined by Roscoe Street, the neighborhood offers residents a mix of businesses, residences and parks just six miles northwest of Chicago's downtown.

Roscoe Village is dominated by single-family homes with beautiful gardens. There are also classic three-story walkups and duplexes along with luxury new construction, which is giving the neighborhood a bit of a metropolitan feel.

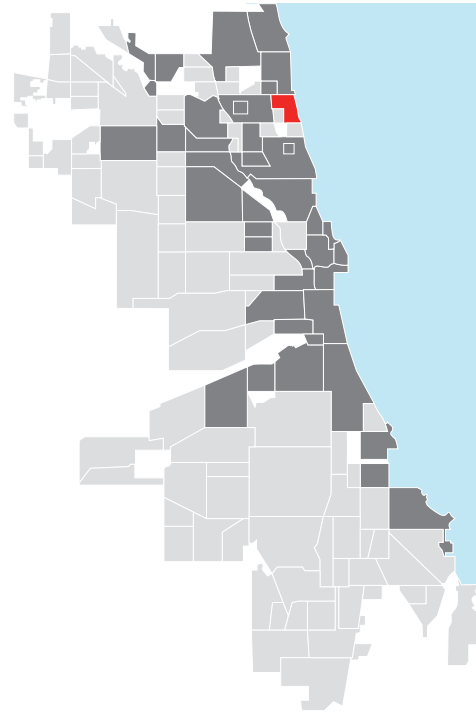
City parks include the recently renovated Fellger Playlot Park and offer neighbors playground equipment and grassy areas for picnics.



Roscoe Village is especially lively in the summer, when it hosts Retro on Roscoe and the Roscoe Village Burger Fest. Getting there is easy with the CTA's Brown Line, which has two stops in the neighborhood.

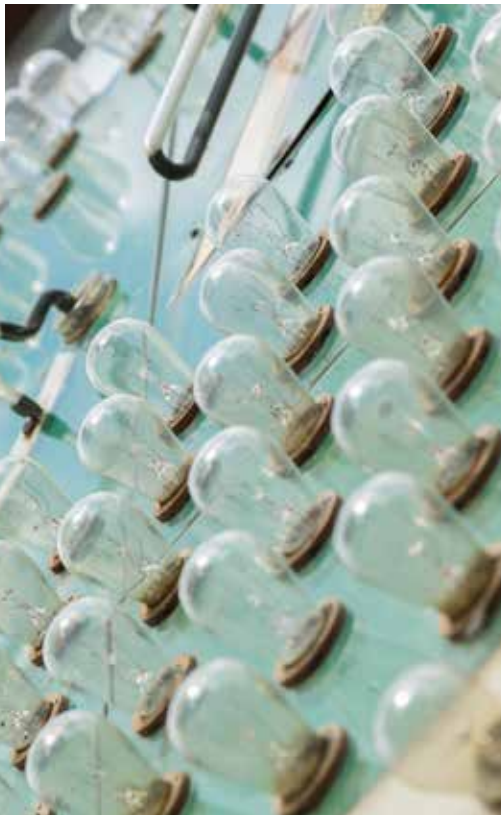
uptown

Uptown has a glamorous past as the stomping grounds of Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson and Al Capone. Today it shines as a place to call home for Chicagoans seeking incredible access to the lakefront, public transportation and relative affordability.



Uptown's early glamour is still reflected in its historic buildings. The neighborhood's commercial and cultural center is Broadway, with historic Uptown Square at its center.

The area experienced a housing construction boom following the World's Columbian Exposition. Several of the neighborhood's luxurious entertainment venues were built in the 1920s reflecting the ornate artistry of the Exposition pavilions.



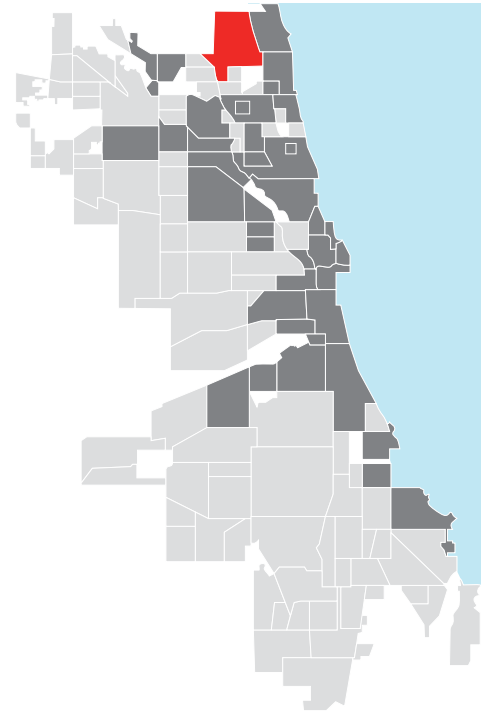
Uptown continues to be one of the city's most popular destinations for music lovers, with rock concerts at The Aragon Ballroom and Riviera Theatre; and jazz at the legendary Green Mill. The jazz venue was a favorite of notorious gangster Capone, who used its underground tunnels to bootleg whiskey and make a hasty retreat from police.

In addition to entertainment, the neighborhood has a number of independent bookstores, art galleries, cafes, and restaurants. The community works to balance new development with a commitment to preserve its past.

Homebuyers have their choice of many housing styles, from lakefront high-rises and vintage walk-ups to new-construction condos and townhomes. A number of beautiful old mansions also line several streets just west of Margate Park.

west ridge

West Ridge is an eclectic neighborhood that defies a singular description. Located west of Rogers Park on the city's Far North Side, the large neighborhood has something for everyone. It's both a tranquil residential area and a vibrant cultural scene.



The Desi Corridor along Devon Avenue spans most of the neighborhood and includes many colorful shops and eateries. Locals and visitors flock to the area to enjoy cuisines from around the world as well as unique shopping and nightlife.

Residential areas are tranquil with historic mansions, beautiful homes and scenic parks. The neighborhood includes a variety of areas offering vintage three-flats, condominiums and bungalows; and tree-lined streets with historic mansions and large single-family homes with well-tended lawns.



Residents enjoy access to the great outdoors with the North Shore Channel Trail that runs along the Chicago River and several parks including Indian Boundary Park, which features a Tudor style field house that is on the National Register of Historical Places. The park includes a duck lagoon, nature areas, tennis courts and a kids' spray pool, and also hosts art and music classes, free concerts and theater productions.

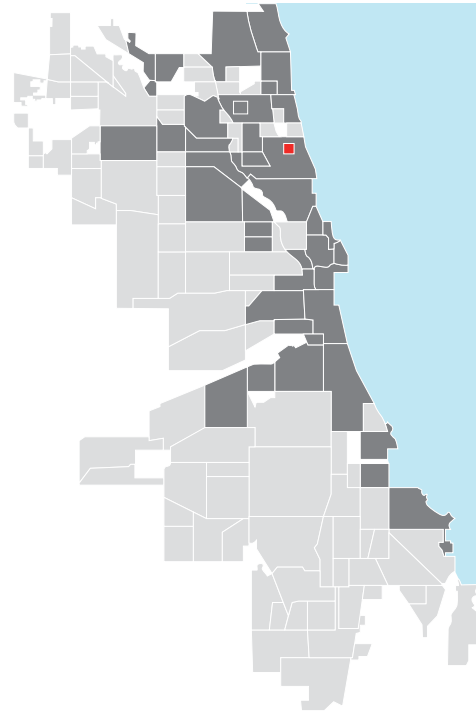
Students attend Chicago Public Schools' Mather High School, named after Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service. There also are numerous private and parochial schools in the area.

wrigleyville

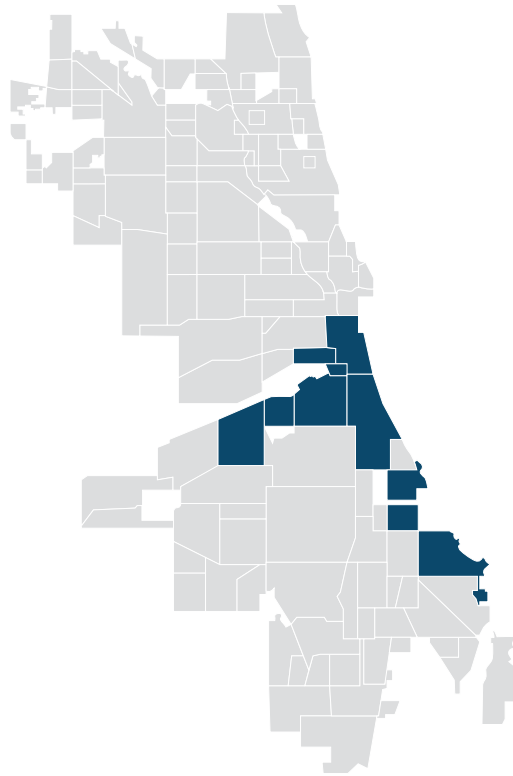
Wrigleyville is not only a destination neighborhood for Cubs fans, but also for Chicagoans who love to live in the center of the action.

Named after the friendly confines of Wrigley Field, the neighborhood is experiencing a major transformation following renovations to the ballpark. In addition to the ever-popular sports bars, restaurants and souvenir shops, the neighborhood boasts new upscale chef driven restaurants and a boutique hotel.

The new Gallagher Way – Wrigleyville's town square – offers residents and visitors alike a gathering place to enjoy farmers markets, outdoor movies, ice skating and neighborhood celebrations on days when the Cubs aren't playing.



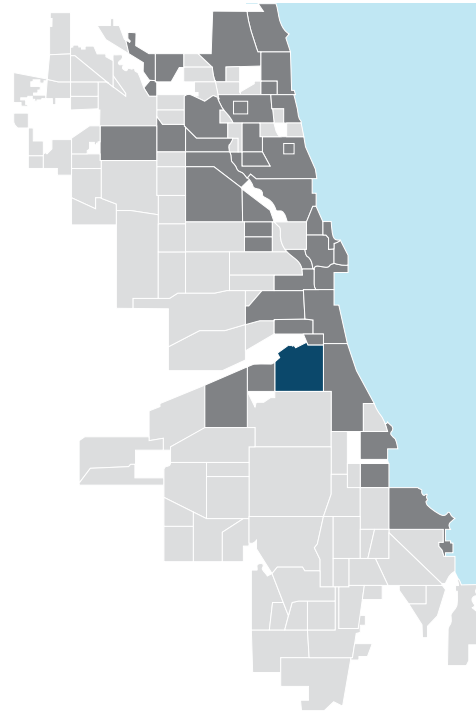
Located in Lakeview, the neighborhood includes tree-lined streets with greystone three-flats, low-rise apartment buildings and single-family homes. The CTA's Red Line and numerous bus routes run through the area, making it easily accessible by public transit.



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bridgeport

Located on Chicago's South Side, Bridgeport is the birthplace of five Chicago mayors, the home of the Chicago White Sox, and one of Chicago's original ethnic working-class neighborhoods. But that's only the beginning of Bridgeport's story.



Today the close-knit neighborhood is experiencing a renaissance of sorts. Early on, immigrants of all nationalities moved to the area to work on construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal along the Chicago River.

In recent years, residential developers have jumped on opportunities to convert older warehouses and manufacturing plants into loft homes that appeal to buyers discovering the area for its affordability and proximity to downtown. In addition to converted warehouses, new construction single-family homes and three-flat walk-up condominiums are springing up alongside historic bungalows.



Bridgeport has become a thriving artists' community with multiple galleries, the Zhou B Art Center, and neighborhood art festivals. The Bridgeport Art Center, occupying the former 500,000-square-foot Spiegel Catalog Warehouse, provides a stunning creative space, with incredible views for artists and events.

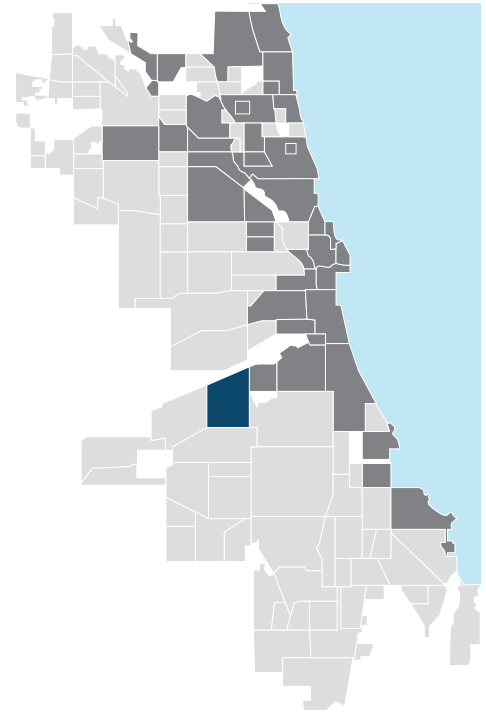
For the sports-minded, the excitement of a Major League Baseball game is right up the street when the White Sox play at Guaranteed Rate Field. Getting to the ballpark is as easy as taking the Red Line, which is located along the eastern side of the community.

brighton park

Brighton Park's destiny has always been closely tied to transportation. In the early days, horse-drawn streetcars and later, electric railways attracted factories and their workers to the Southwest Side neighborhood.

As the railways expanded, so did the neighborhood, which now includes a mix of residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

Residents are attracted to Brighton Park's affordable housing and easy access to transportation, including the Stevenson Expressway and the CTA's Orange Line, which provides rapid transit to Midway International Airport.



Residents enjoy the growing yet peaceful community. Homes are mostly bungalows, ranch-style homes and brick multi-unit buildings, many built in the early 20th century.

Nearby McKinley Park is the center of recreation, picnics, swimming, festivals, sports and outdoor activities for residents.

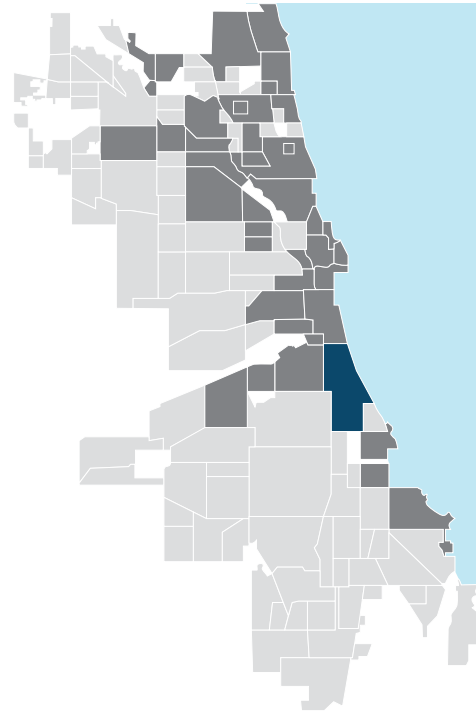
bronzeville

Bronzeville has a significant place in African American urban history. And there's plenty more history in the making today.



From the 1920s to the 1950s, the neighborhood was a stomping ground of famous African American musicians, intellectuals and artists such as Ida B. Wells, Langston Hughes, Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis.

Today the South Side neighborhood is enjoying a large-scale renewal as a new generation of residents rediscovers the neighborhood located along the main drag of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.



The renewed energy around Bronzeville is evident in the single-family homes and duplexes popping up along Prairie and Indiana Avenues as well as a boom of condominium and loft housing in the area. Many of the lovely greystones and brownstones lining King Drive and surrounding streets have also been renovated.

Bronzeville is also home to a new generation of restaurants, cafes and art galleries that are reinvigorating the area.

Restored landmarks such as the Parkway Ballroom, as well as public art throughout the community, serve as reminders of the neighborhood's rich cultural and artistic heritage. The neighborhood's proximity to Lake Michigan and downtown Chicago attracts a wide range of homebuyers.

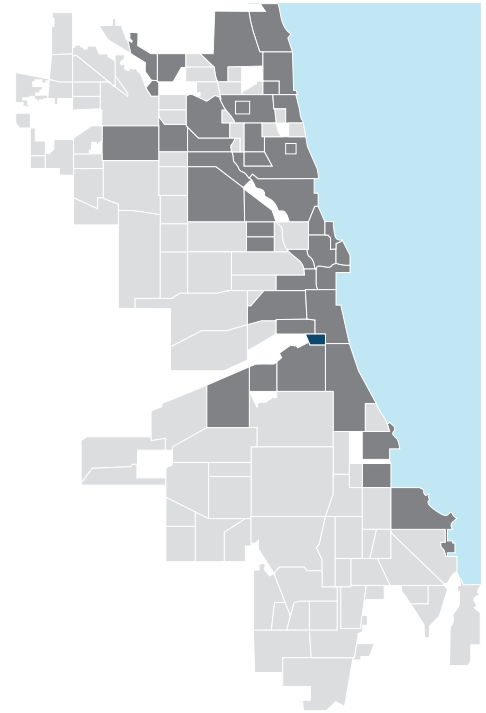
chinatown

Step through the enchanting Chinatown Gate and enter a colorful world where Chinese heritage is part of daily life.



The eight-block area around the intersection of Cermak Road and Wentworth Avenue, on Chicago's Near South Side, has been a haven for Chinese immigrants moving to Chicago since 1905. The neighborhood remains at the heart of Chinese culture in the city and is a must-see destination for tourists who want to experience the authentic cuisine and culture strolling down Wentworth Avenue.

Space for new housing is limited, but buyers can find existing two- and three-flats and older single-family homes.

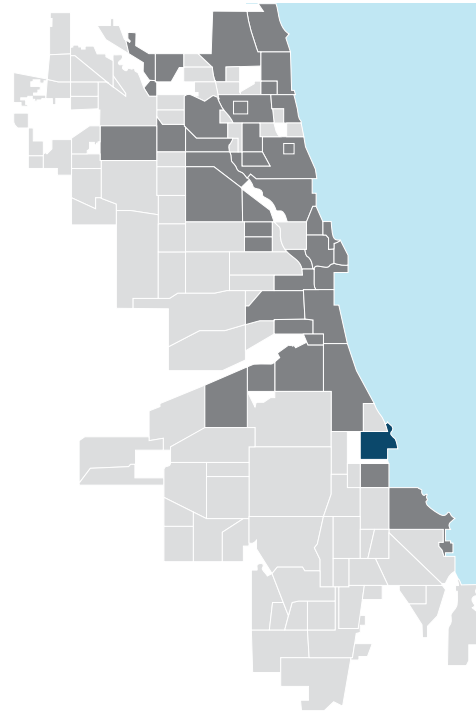


From the time visitors exit the “L” and enter through the landmark Chinatown Gate, they are connected to China through an array of cultural offerings. Landmarks such as Nine Dragon Wall, Chinese gardens and Ping Tom Park along the Chicago River lend an air of Far Eastern charm.

Chinatown celebrates its heritage with fairs and events including the Chinese Autumn Moon Festival, Chinatown Summer Fair and the annual Chinese New Year parade. Most of all, Chinese culture is celebrated through the everyday authenticity of its storefronts and restaurants.

hyde park

Host to a who's who of history makers, writers, word-class institutions and a former U.S. president, Hyde Park has a storied past as one of Chicago's most famous neighborhoods.



The famed lakefront neighborhood on Chicago's South Side is home to the University of Chicago, where Barack Obama was a professor before becoming the 44th President of the United States. Hyde Park is also the setting of Richard Wright's *Native Son* and former home to residents from Muhammad Ali to Saul Bellow and Clarence Darrow.



Only 10 minutes from The Loop, Hyde Park draws an eclectic mix of residents and a melting pot of cultures. Residents enjoy tree-lined streets, landmark mansions, beautiful beaches and one of the best views of the Chicago skyline.

In addition to its stately mansions, Hyde Park has a number of pre-war high-rises, modern high-rises and architecturally significant mansions. Hyde Park also has a variety of new construction condominiums, lofts, townhomes and single-family homes.

A number of cultural gems are located in Hyde Park, including The Museum of Science and Industry, the DuSable Museum of African American History and the Oriental Institute to name a few.

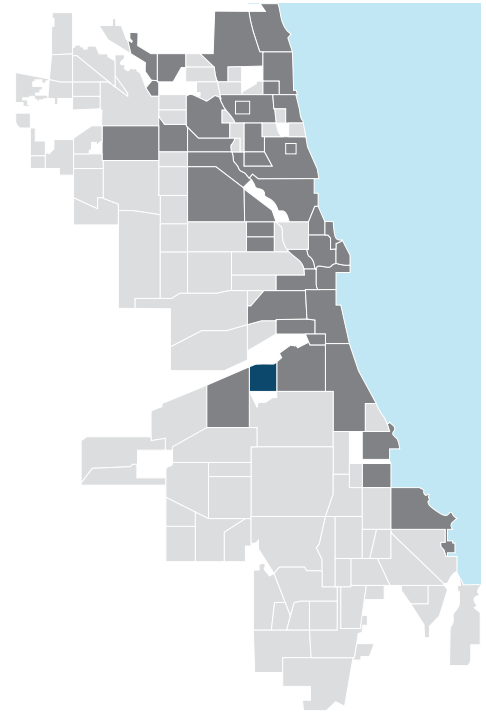
mckinley park

A working-class neighborhood dating back to the 1830s, McKinley Park was forged by industry, with dozens of businesses moving to the area after the Chicago Fire of 1871.



Like the industrial businesses that flocked here in the past, Chicagoans are discovering it's a great place to build their futures with moderately priced single-family homes and a convenient location with two CTA Orange Line stops.

The 69-acre McKinley Park offers residents recreational facilities including a field house, baseball diamonds, a lagoon and ice-skating rink. The park is the site of several festivals and cultural events. It's also a place for residents to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the great outdoors right in the city.



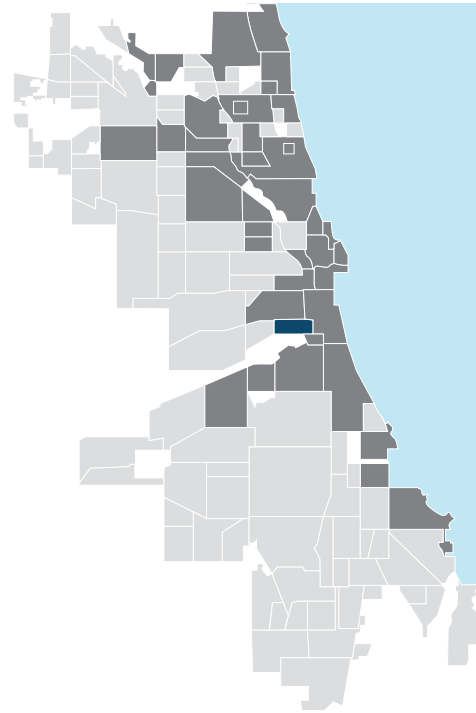
Homes are quite affordable, including well-kept two-and four-flat buildings, ranches and bungalows, many from the '50s and '60s. Reasonably-priced new construction townhomes and single-family homes are beginning to pop up as well as developers tap into the area's unmet need for new housing.

The neighborhood's residential resurgence has not gone unnoticed by retailers that have followed including Target, Home Depot and Jewel-Osco.

pilsen

Home to the highly-regarded National Museum of Mexican Art, Pilsen itself has become a brilliant canvas with bold and colorful murals decorating its storefronts, homes and overpasses.

Art, music, culture and authentic food are at the heart of this vibrant lower West Side neighborhood. Along 18th Street, residents enjoy a lively walking district featuring Mexican restaurants, bakeries, shops and grocery stores. The community's heritage also shines during events like the Fiesta Del Sol - the largest Latino festival in the Midwest. The annual event brings carnival rides, live entertainment and delicious food to Pilsen each summer.



While the neighborhood is but a quick 15-minute drive from downtown Chicago, residents also have convenient access to several bus routes as well as the CTA Pink Line and Metra's BNSF Railway.

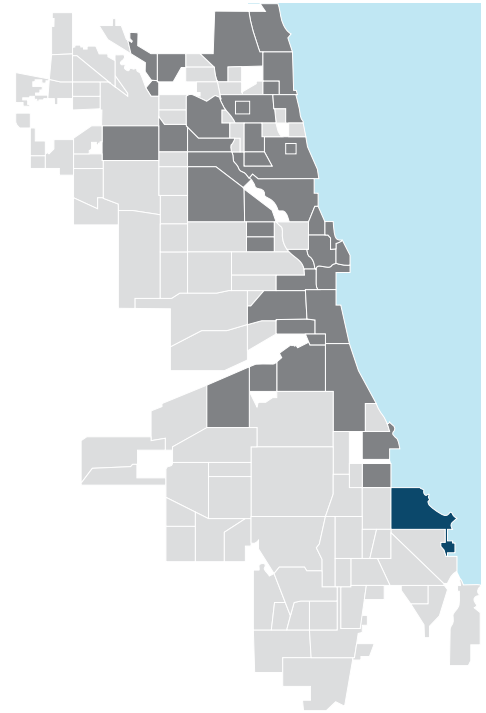
Pilsen's thriving art community, affordably priced housing and proximity to The Loop continue to attract Chicagoans. Infill development of condominiums and some single-family homes is in full swing, and large loft conversions are becoming common throughout the community. Real estate values are on the rise as many developers consider Pilsen one of Chicago's most exciting neighborhoods.

south shore

Once a vacation destination for Chicago's elite, the South Shore has become an increasingly popular place to call home.

Located on Chicago's scenic lakefront, the neighborhood's beautiful beaches, plentiful green space and easy access to downtown via Lake Shore Drive are attracting a new generation of residents and development. Rainbow Beach, one of the city's largest beaches, draws residents and visitors all summer long.

At the heart of the community is the South Shore Cultural Center, once an exclusive lakeshore country club that is now home to a theater, nature center and nine-hole golf course open to the public. The center offers an array of cultural arts programming and performances.



The South Shore's lakefront high-rise condominiums offer some of the most stunning views in the city. Larger older mansions, smaller single-family homes and a number of condominium conversions offer homebuyers a variety of options.

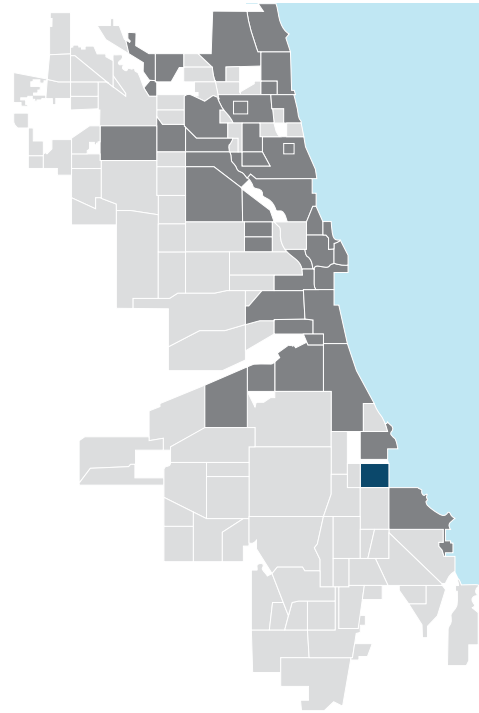
woodlawn

Currently in the midst of a major revival, Woodlawn is finally getting the attention it deserves with its prime location near the lake, museums, the University of Chicago and the planned Obama Presidential Library.



The South Side neighborhood is surrounded by beautiful parks including Washington Park and Jackson Park, site of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and home to the largest and oldest beach house in the city.

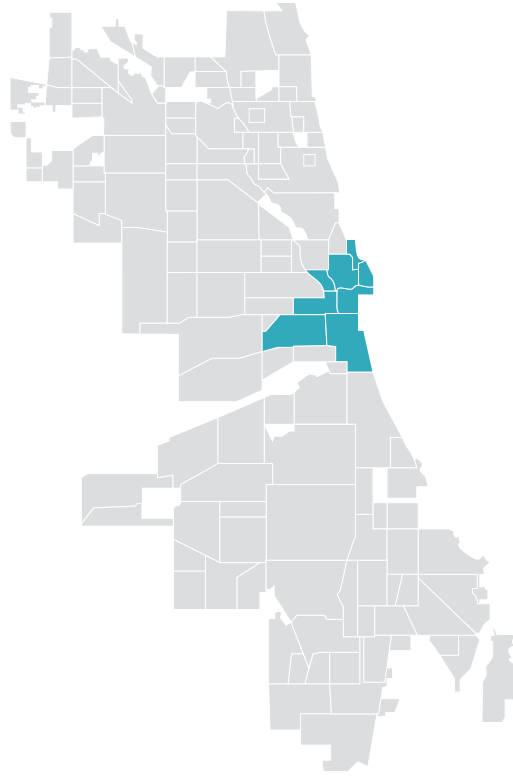
While there is some existing housing stock, including tidy brick two-flats, there's a lot of open land just waiting to be developed. Tax incentives initially got the construction ball rolling, eventually picking up steam and attracting more developers and bigger projects.



Several new projects are underway including single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums. Construction is ongoing on everything from new University residence halls to mixed-use complexes with retail spaces and affordable housing options.

Woodlawn is accessible by public transportation including the CTA Green Line and Metra, as well as nearby Lake Shore Drive.

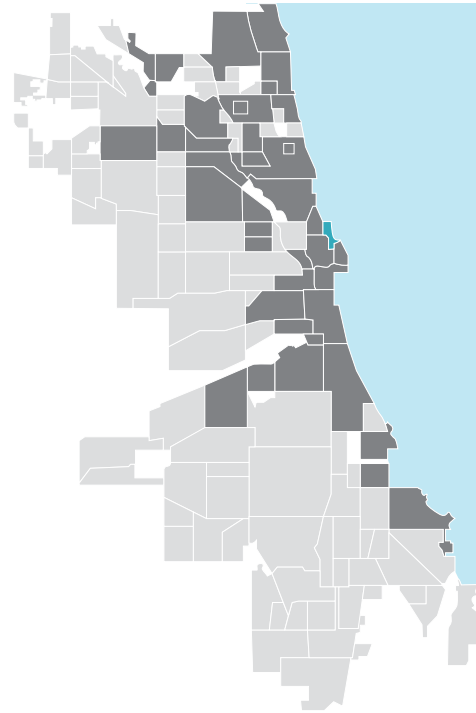
High school students attend Hyde Park Academy and the all-boys Catholic Mount Carmel High School in the neighborhood.



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gold coast

When you reach the Gold Coast, you know you have arrived. In one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in America, you'll find some of the city's most famous residents and the world-class real estate they call home.



Within one square mile, the Gold Coast offers lively beaches, internationally-renowned boutiques, incredible cuisine and vibrant nightlife. It also has a number of top public and private schools, beautiful parks, and cultural attractions.

Residents live just a few steps away from the best the city has to offer – a stroll down Michigan Avenue, a day at the beach, shopping along Oak Street, dinner at an award-winning restaurant or cocktails with a view atop the building formerly known as the Hancock Tower.



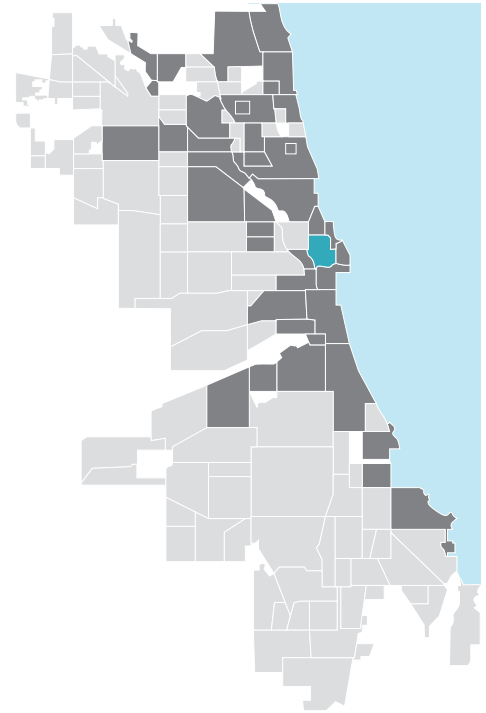
From the stately mansions on Astor Street to the magnificent high-rises overlooking the lake, the Gold Coast offers a surprising variety of housing choices. In addition to the historic apartment buildings that line Lake Shore Drive, there are walk-ups, townhomes and a number of contemporary high-rises offering all the modern amenities.

Horse-drawn carriages await those who enjoy traveling in style down Michigan Avenue. For those heading to work downtown, their "commute" is a brisk walk or a quick ride on a CTA bus or train.

river north

If River North had a motto, it would be, “build it and they will come.” First came the art galleries and restaurants, then hip, urban homebuyers followed. Stretching from the Chicago River to Chicago Avenue, west of the Magnificent Mile, the old loft district has found its groove.

Dozens of residential developments in recent years give buyers a lot of choices, from classic timber lofts and upscale row homes to contemporary high-rises. Development has also pushed west of the Chicago River into an area dubbed River West, which includes a number of new condominium buildings.



Chicago's biggest office building, the Merchandise Mart, anchors the southern edge of the neighborhood along the revitalized Chicago River and the new pedestrian Riverwalk that includes restaurants and park seating along with kayak and boat rentals. Residents have convenient access to several bus lines as well as the CTA Red and Brown lines.

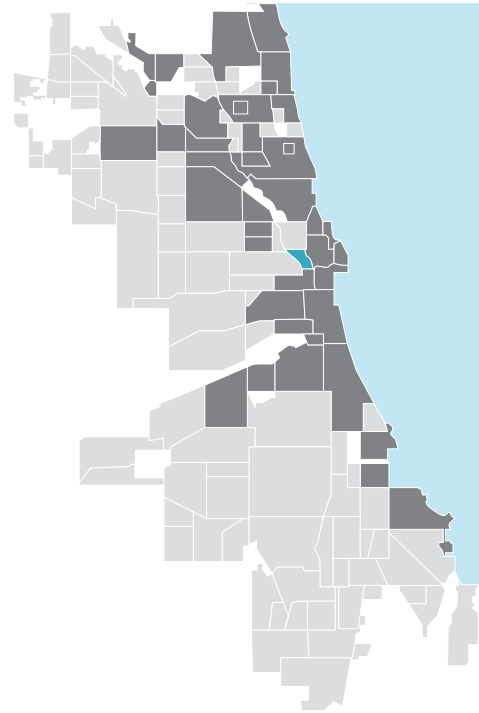
Home to many of Chicago's premier eateries with famed chefs, River North is where you will find the finest steakhouses and just about every type of cuisine. The neighborhood is packed with shopping, entertainment and nightlife, including some of the city's trendiest clubs and favorite hangouts.

river west

River West is an urban Cinderella story. The once-industrial area has been rediscovered and transformed seemingly overnight into a growing urban neighborhood.

Factories and warehouses are now home to spacious residential lofts, apartments and condos. Meanwhile, high-rises with modern amenities continue to go up to meet increasing demand.

Bordered by the Kennedy Expressway to the west and the River to the east, residents love the area's convenience and its urban aesthetic. River West's location also makes for stunning views of downtown and quick commutes to The Loop, suburbs and O'Hare International Airport via car, bus or the CTA Blue Line.



In addition to new residents, the area has welcomed galleries, restaurants and bars serving up cocktails, bites and nightlife.

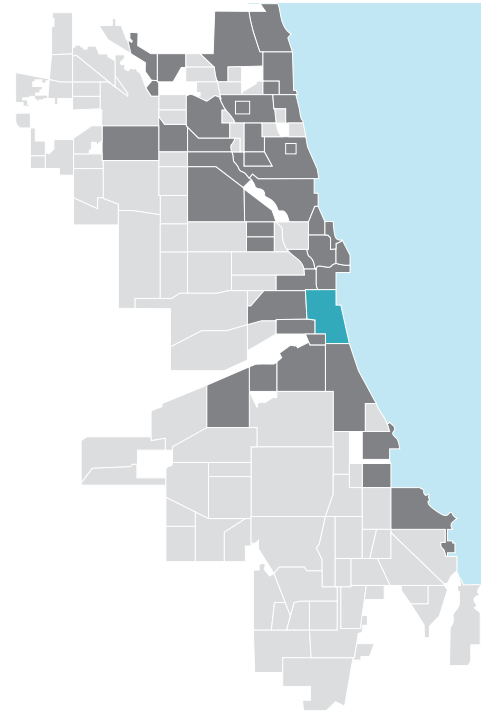
south loop

We would call the South Loop a boomtown – but that would be an understatement.



Chicago's original Gold Coast in the late 19th century, the South Loop was once home to the likes of Marshall Field, George Pullman and Philip Armour. Today the vibrant neighborhood is known for its access to the lakefront, shops, restaurants, parks, Museum Campus and The Loop. The area continues to evolve and is in the midst of a major transformation, with residential construction booming.

Large developments planned and underway include mixed-use projects along the Chicago River and a number of supertall skyscrapers including 1000M – a 74-story luxury condominium tower designed by Helmut Jahn. Meanwhile, several apartment buildings are under construction, bringing thousands of new rental units to the neighborhood.



Existing homes offer more choices, from high-rises and mid-rises to townhomes and single-family homes. Buyers can also find unique loft conversions in Printer's Row.

The South Loop's housing boom has brought with it an influx of retailers along with eateries and nightlife on South Michigan Avenue. The Roosevelt Collection is a popular destination featuring a movie theater and an assortment of retailers.

Museum Campus is the cultural and educational hub of the South Loop and features a collection of attractions including the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and Soldier Field. Residents also enjoy being in close proximity to Northerly Island and public transportation including the CTA's Roosevelt station.

streeterville

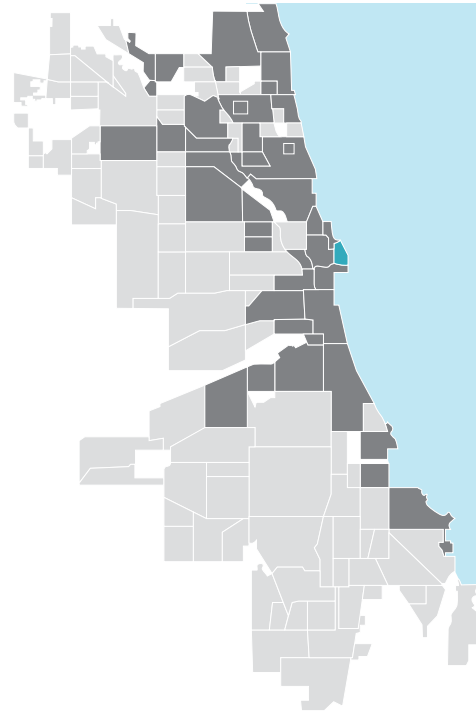
Captain George Wellington Streeter may have discovered this neighborhood when he famously ran aground here in 1886, but major development in more recent times put Streeterville on the map.



In the past two decades alone, dozens of new buildings, high-rises, hotels, stores and institutions have sprung up, bringing with them a flock of residents to the high-energy community.

A wide range of housing is available, the majority in high-rise buildings. The neighborhood's stunning array of architecture includes pre-war buildings, a collection of Mies van der Rohe buildings, and landmarks including the building—formerly-known-as the John Hancock Center.

New construction and smaller mid-rise buildings, a few walk-ups and the occasional townhome or single-family home can be found throughout the neighborhood as well.



Streeterville is home to such notable attractions as The Magnificent Mile, Water Tower Place and the Museum of Contemporary Art. It is also home to Northwestern Memorial Hospital's state-of-the-art medical campus and the downtown campuses of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

While the neighborhood offers a number of smaller “pocket” parks and playgrounds, the lakefront is the center of attention and it's never more than a couple of blocks away. Dining out is easy; deciding where to dine with so many great restaurant options is not.

Residents are just steps from the CTA's Red Line and numerous buses that run up and down Michigan Avenue.

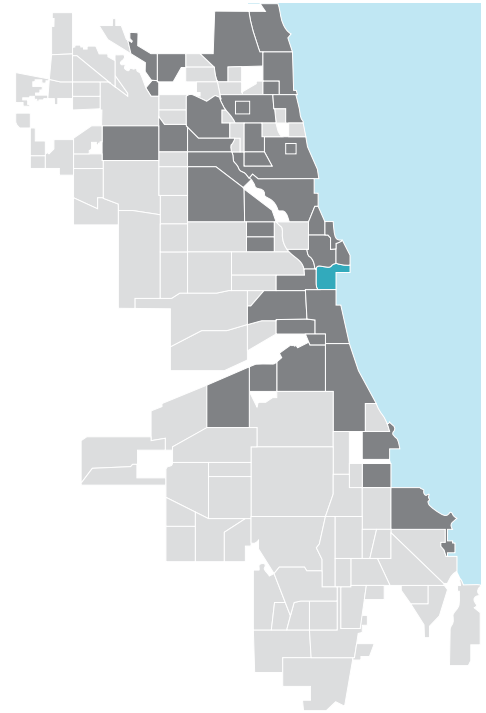
the loop

Chicago's iconic business district has embraced the beauty of balance. Once considered all business, The Loop has become an increasingly popular place to live, work and play.



The Loop's evolution began in the 1990s as developers built new high-rises and repurposed office buildings for residential use. Today homebuyers can find a wealth of housing options in the historic center of downtown Chicago.

In addition to luxury condominium buildings interspersed among office high rises, The Loop is also home to several large-scale mixed-use developments. These planned communities include amenities such as grocery stores and schools that were previously unavailable in The Loop. Home prices reflect the growing popularity of The Loop as a residential area.



The Loop offers a unique opportunity to live among Chicago's most iconic landmarks and must-see attractions – from Grant Park, Millennium Park and Navy Pier to the Theatre District and the Art Institute. Residents also have a front row seat to Chicago's marquee events, such as the Taste of Chicago, the Air and Water Show and the Chicago Blues Festival.

Fine dining, cocktails and quick bites can be found at the many restaurants in the area and also at Revival Food Hall – a 24,000-square-foot marketplace that spotlights more than a dozen of the city's favorite eateries.

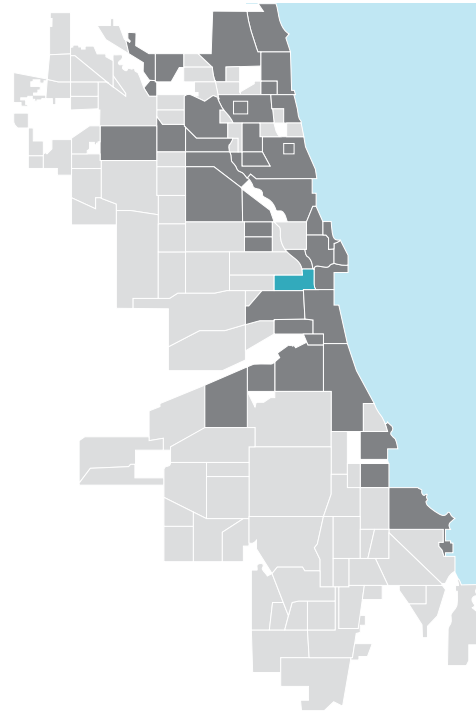
Shopping is an easy stroll down the Magnificent Mile. Music is enjoyed at any number of venues and events. And on Monday, when it's time to get back to work, the office is just a walk away.

west loop

A longtime domain of family-owned meat-packing businesses, the West Loop has become a serious foodie's fantasy in recent years – and it's shown no sign of slowing down.

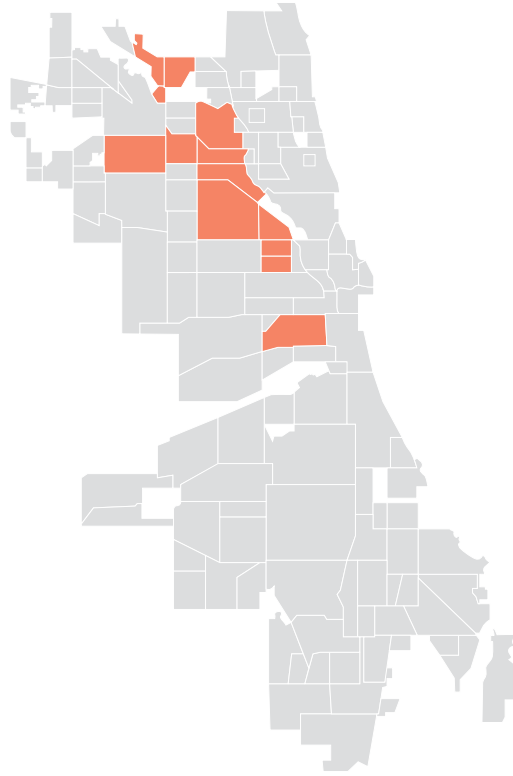
The West Loop was a downtrodden neighborhood for much of the 20th century before it became home to the United Center, then host to the Democratic National Convention in 1996. Thus began its dramatic transformation.

The land between The Loop and the home of the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks filled rapidly with trendy loft conversions, new construction condos, art galleries, boutiques, nightclubs and dozens of new restaurants. The Randolph Street Market continues to be a draw with more than 200 vendors.



The West Loop is home to a thriving restaurant district on Randolph Street, offering up everything from sushi to haute cuisine. Some of the city's finest restaurants and celebrity chefs can be found on Randolph, but the restaurant scene doesn't end there. In fact, diners also enjoy an assortment of eateries in nearby Greektown and Fulton Market.

West Loop's hotspot reputation has attracted everything from residential development and boutique hotels to major corporations including Google and the new McDonald's headquarters.



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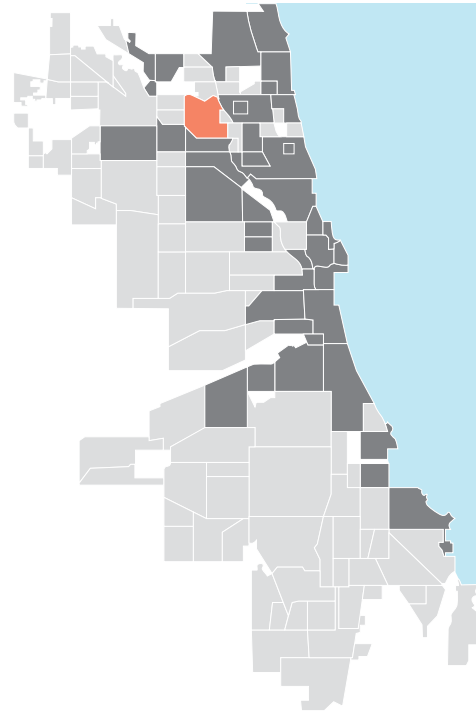
albany park

If variety is the spice of life, Albany Park is on fire. The eclectic neighborhood, long known for welcoming newcomers from many different countries, has a culture all its own.



Neighbors are not strangers in this tight-knit Northwest Side neighborhood. Shops and eateries reflect the neighborhood's diverse cultures, with Lebanese, Swedish and Persian restaurants as well as Korean barbecue, fine Filipino and nouveau Mexican.

Homes include an affordable mix of single-family homes, bungalows, brick two-flats, apartments and duplexes. Nearby North Mayfair, part of the larger Albany Park community, is a mecca of historic Chicago bungalows, earning a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.



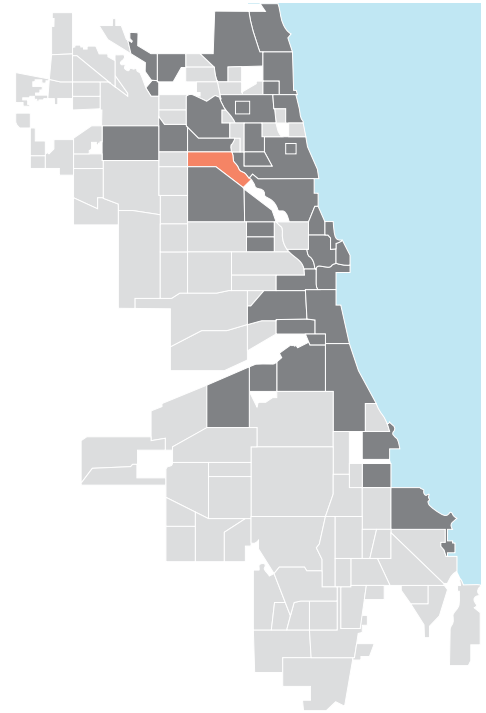
The neighborhood's 16-acre Eugene Field park includes two bridges as well as a playground, tennis courts, athletic fields, a 60-foot tall light tower and historic Tudor Revival-style brick field house. The park was named for American writer Eugene Field, a Chicago journalist best known for his work as a children's poet including the classic Little Boy Blue.

Residents of the highly walkable and bike-able neighborhood will have even more to love with the addition of the 312 RiverRun trail. The two-mile trail will connect Albany Park and other nearby neighborhoods and will include the longest pedestrian bridge in Chicago with a wide expanse for runners, walkers and cyclists.

Whether heading downtown, to the suburbs or O'Hare International Airport, commuters have access to the CTA Blue Line, Brown Line and Edens Expressway.

avondale

Once known as the neighborhood of “smokestacks and steeples”, Avondale’s industrial vibe is just one of the reasons *Lonely Planet* named it one of the hottest neighborhoods in the country.



At the start of the 20th century, Avondale’s proximity to the Chicago River and railway corridors attracted industry including Florsheim Shoes, Olson Rug and Dad’s Root Beer. The family-owned Dad’s Root Beer factory eventually was converted to condominiums but its iconic turret is still visible from the Kennedy Expressway. Also visible is one of the neighborhood’s key cultural and architectural sites: St. Hyacinth Basilica, a historic, extraordinarily opulent Roman Catholic cathedral.



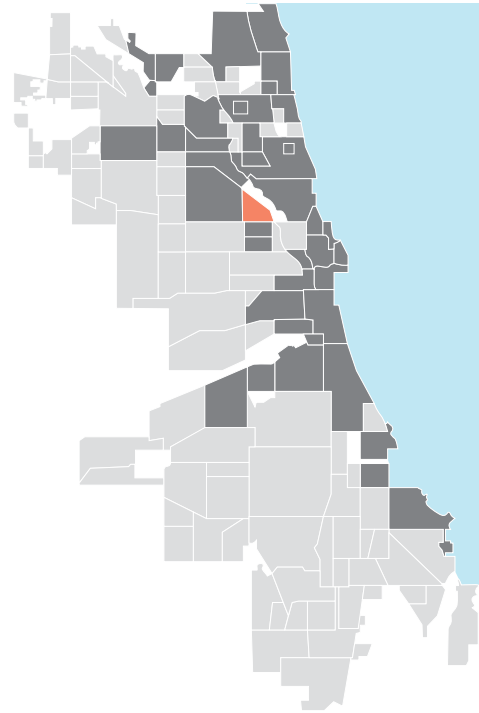
The Northwest Side neighborhood’s chill vibe, tree-lined streets, affordable homes and public transportation have all the makings of a great neighborhood. But Avondale has plenty more to offer including eateries and bars for every taste - from a Michelin-rated restaurant to long-time neighborhood bars and take-out spots.

In addition to bars and restaurants, shopping is plentiful with a mix of unique family-owned shops. For recreation, residents will have access to the 312 RiverRun, a two-mile recreational path expected to have the longest pedestrian bridge in the city.

The neighborhood has two CTA Blue Line stops at the Belmont and Addison stations. Several CTA bus routes serve the neighborhood, and there’s easy access to the Kennedy Expressway as well.

bucktown

As the story goes, Bucktown was named after the goats that roamed there once upon a time. Another one of Chicago's fabled goat tales? We can't say for sure. What we do know is this: The once-working-class neighborhood has had an incredible evolution.



As an artists' community, nightlife hotspot, foodie destination and shopping mecca, Bucktown is undisputedly one of Chicago's trendiest neighborhoods.

Bucktown's restaurant scene is diverse and local friendly. Residents also enjoy a unique mix of independent bookstores, shops, bars, galleries and theaters. Meanwhile, upscale retailers have made the neighborhood a designer destination with Damen Avenue emerging as a must-shop destination.



Overlooking the six corners intersection, a stunning Art Deco skyscraper is now a modern boutique hotel with a rooftop bar and amazing views. A stately historic bank building on the corner is now home to a Walgreens with stunning archways and stained-glass ceilings that embody happy and healthy.

Located a few miles northwest of The Loop, Bucktown has a variety of housing including modern new construction, stately brownstones and loft apartments and condominiums. Getting around couldn't be easier for homeowners - from walking, running and biking the 606 Trail to riding the CTA's Blue Line and numerous buses. Drivers appreciate they can hop on the Kennedy Expressway just east of the community for easy access to The Loop and the suburbs.

edgebrook

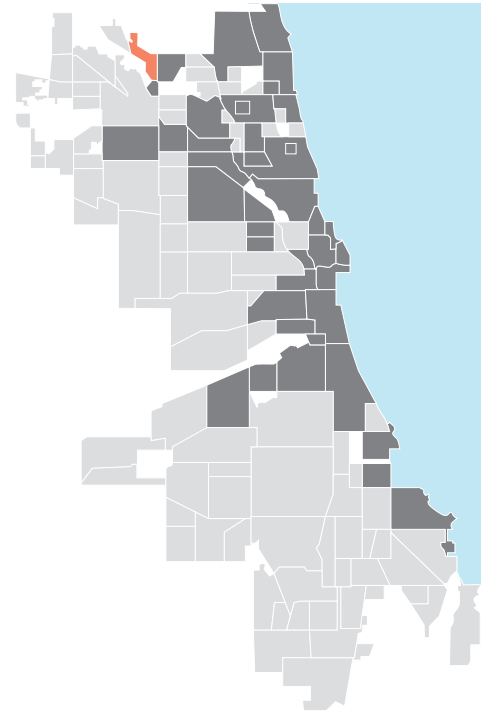
Graced with golf courses, biking trails and forest preserves, Edgebrook is a tight-knit neighborhood located within the Forest Glen community area.



Homes in this bedroom community are mostly single-family ranging from new construction to beautifully-maintained older homes.

Several upscale eateries along Touhy and Devon avenues offer residents dining options from around the globe. For nightlife and shopping, there are a number of nearby neighborhoods to peruse.

Edgebrook offers easy access to the Kennedy and Edens expressways. Commuting downtown is easy with two CTA bus lines serving the neighborhood along with the Metra Milwaukee District North Line, which has a stop in Edgebrook.



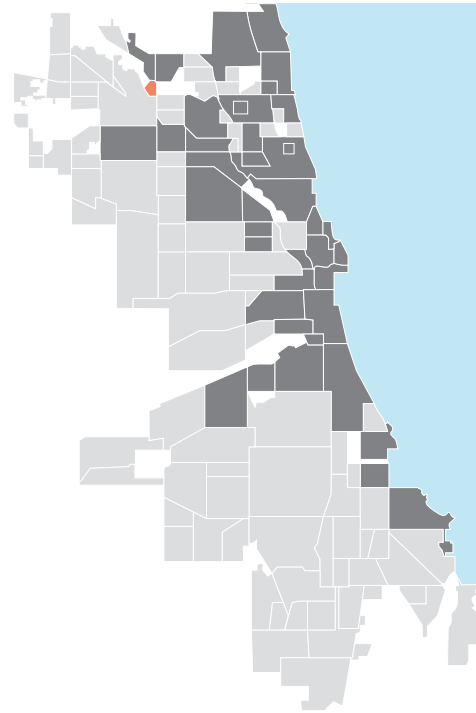
Students attend Chicago Public Schools' highly-rated Edgebrook Elementary School and Taft High School.

forest glen

Forest Glen is not modest by any means. The neighborhood that proclaims itself “Chicago’s Finest Community” has plenty to back that up. Forest preserves, golf courses and parks surround the community bounded by the Chicago River to the north and Metra’s Milwaukee Line to the west.

The affluent area grew in the 1940s, driven in part by a requirement that city workers live within city limits. High-ranking administrators, lawyers, judges and police and fire commanders longing for a more suburban lifestyle found it in Forest Glen. The area continues to attract those looking for peaceful seclusion and an easy commute to work downtown.

Homes are a mix of 1940s bungalows, ranch houses, Tudors and Georgian single-family homes; many still in the original owner’s family.



The Chicago Public Schools’ secondary school serving the neighborhood is William Howard Taft High School. There also are several private schools nearby.

When it comes to dining, locally-owned eateries and chain restaurants provide plenty of options. Recreation abounds with access to bike trails in neighboring Sauganash and wooded forest preserves.

Commuters have two stops on the Metra Milwaukee District North Line with a station in Forest Glen and Edgebrook, and two other stops just outside the community’s boundaries. Also nearby is the CTA Blue Line, offering train service to O’Hare International Airport, and the Edens Expressway.

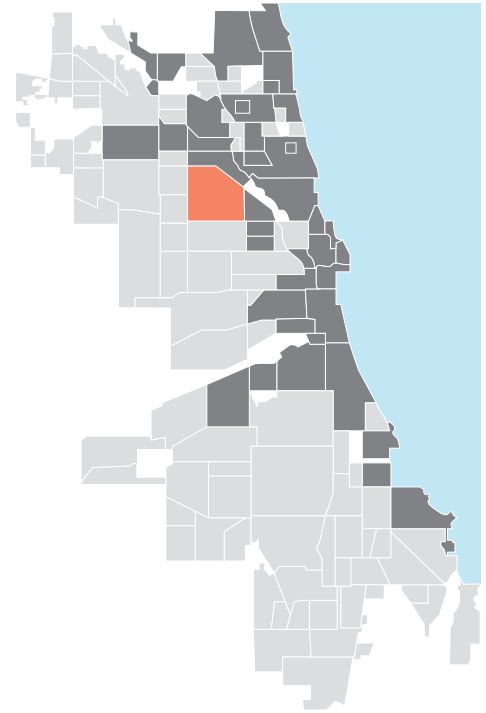
logan square

Logan Square proves that it is hip to be square after all. The Northwest Side neighborhood, named one of the coolest in the country, attracts residents with its artistic bohemian vibe, park-like boulevards and thriving dining scene.



The Logan Square Boulevards District, lined with beautiful homes and mature trees, is a designated Chicago landmark.

Although it's surrounded by some of Chicago's trendiest areas for nightlife, the neighborhood definitely holds its own. Logan Square is home to locally-owned restaurants, bars and bistros, including hotspots noted by *Bon Appétit* as among Chicago's best. Artists and musicians live and work in the neighborhood, performing and displaying their art at local coffee shops, cafes and theaters.



Known for its historic greystones, large bungalows and stately mansions, Logan Square is undergoing a boom of residential development, including condominiums, lofts, townhomes, three-flats and single-family homes at a variety of price points. While there is ample new construction, the community still retains its historic charm by repurposing and preserving its landmarks.

The neighborhood's easy access to the CTA Blue Line is another draw for residents along with The 606 trail.

irving park

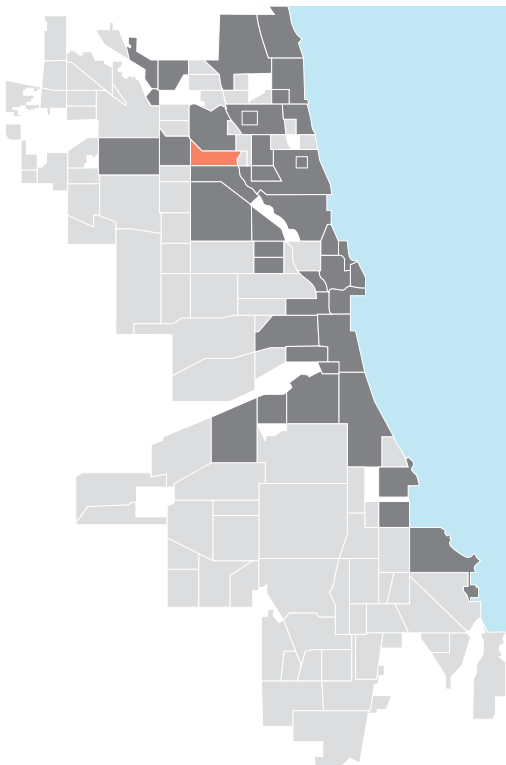
As the saying goes, “If you want something done right, do it yourself.” The neighborhood on Chicago’s Northwest Side has a long history of doing just that.



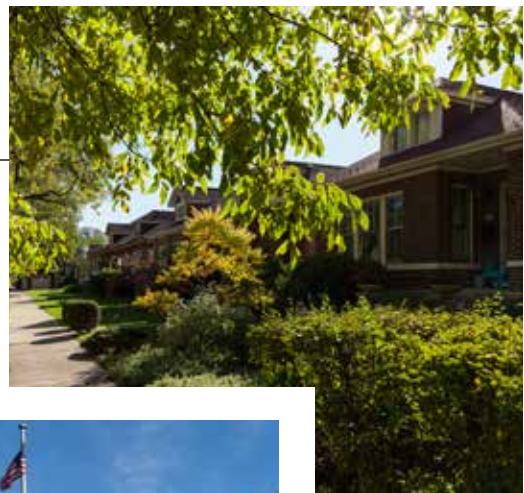
Residents started their own park district and amateur baseball team, and struck a deal with the railroad to build a station there. The park district ultimately merged with the city; the Irving Park White Sox are no more; but the station still stands today.

Irving Park’s rich history is evident in its parks, manicured neighborhoods and historic homes. Independence Park is one of the neighborhood’s first and one of the city’s finest. The park is home to parades, sports events and concerts.

There are beautifully-restored homes and others waiting to be renovated to their previous grandeur. The majority are single-family homes, some converted to duplexes and apartments, providing plenty of options to fit different lifestyles and budgets.



Irving Park’s **Villa District** is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Irving Park residents frequently gather at **Independence Park**.



neighborhood RESURGENCE

Although the Kennedy Expressway cuts directly through the heart of the neighborhood taking many homes and businesses with it, the neighborhood is undergoing a resurgence as it's discovered by a new generation of Chicagoans.

An active historical society has preserved the neighborhood's history and architecture, with some homes dating back as early as the 1870s, including old Victorian homes and classic Chicago-style two-flats. The Villa District, a pocket of the neighborhood, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

feels like HOME

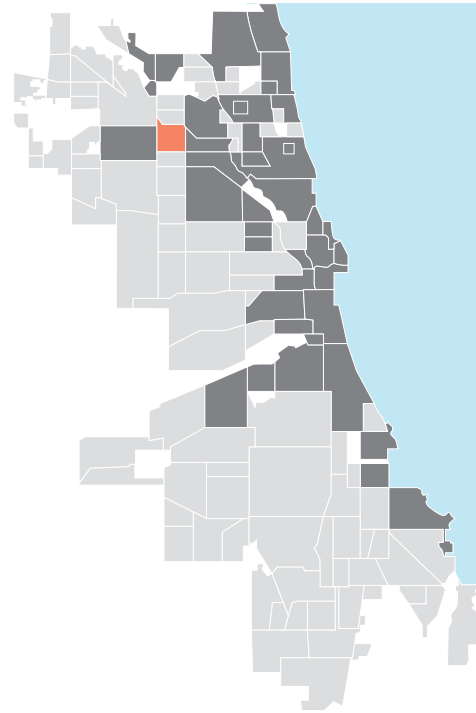
Several restaurants reflect the neighborhood's European roots with everything from German, Italian and Irish cuisines to barbeque. There are a handful of theaters and live music lounges but make no mistake, the neighborhood is not a happening scene, it's home.

The CTA Blue Line and the Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line have stops here. A number of CTA buses also serve the area and the Kennedy Expressway parallels the Metra station.

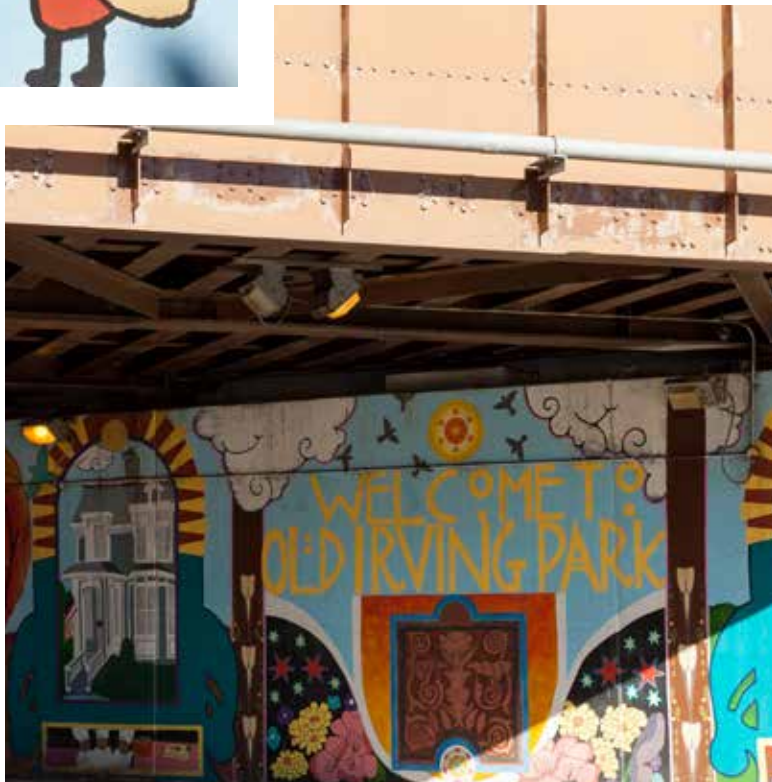


old irving park

Something old. Something new. Something blue. Old Irving Park has it all. Historic well-preserved homes with spacious yards, new development and easy access to the CTA Blue Line make this a highly-desirable neighborhood.



The Northwest Side neighborhood is known for its quiet streets and historic homes including meticulously-maintained single-family homes in a variety of architectural styles from Chicago bungalow, Victorian and Queen Anne to Farmhouse and Italianate. Many of its relatively-affordable historic homes are in various stages of renovation or preservation while new construction is underway as well. Community organizations are active in maintaining the neighborhood's historic charm.

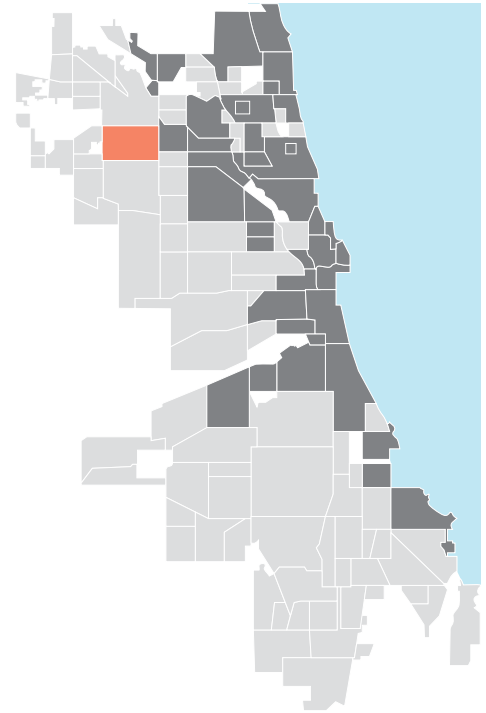


Old Irving Park has a variety of eateries – from corner taverns to delis – as well as boutiques that dot the retail districts. In addition to the Blue Line, the neighborhood is close to Metra stations and just off the Kennedy Expressway.

City parks and community centers offer Old Irving Park residents outlets for sports, music and theater.

portage park

As the city's streetcar line was extended out from the city center in the early 20th century, residents discovered Portage Park, a small enclave on the city's Northwest Side.



The neighborhood was a breath of fresh air for residents escaping crowded city tenements. Today residents still enjoy the respite the neighborhood offers, along with parks, affordable homes and accessible public transit.

Homes are at the heart of this community, part of Chicago's historic Bungalow Belt. The majority of homes are classic bungalows or single-family homes, with a few condominium buildings. The neighborhood's architecturally-significant churches add historic charm.

Portage Park's namesake park in the neighborhood's center is the largest on the city's Northwest Side. A community gem since 1913, the park has walking trails, playgrounds, wide-open spaces and an Olympic-sized pool used in the 1970s for U.S. Olympic Team time trials.



Along Irving Park Road there is an eclectic mix of eateries including traditional steakhouses, Mexican restaurants, classic diners and casual coffee shops. There are also bars ranging from trendy cider houses and breweries to small dives and karaoke hotspots. Shopping is abundant in the Six Corners area with a resurgence of new shops.

Portage Park is accessible by the CTA Blue Line's Montrose Station and Metra's Milwaukee District North stop just west of the expressway.

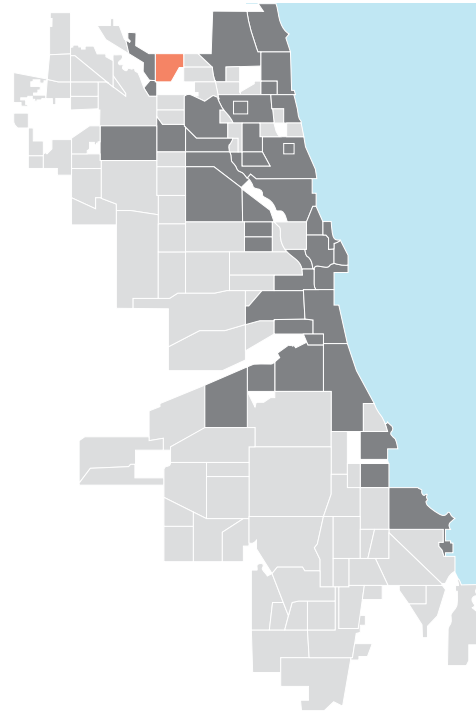
sauganash

Officially, Sauganash is a neighborhood on Chicago's Far North Side. But residents know it's more like a suburb with a very short commute.



Designed as a haven for those fleeing the hustle and bustle of the city, Sauganash is a tranquil retreat with its wide-open spaces, forest preserves, tennis courts, trails, parks and beautiful homes.

Sauganash's unique homes date back to the 1920s and include brick bungalows and English Tudors, single-family, and attached homes in a range of sizes. Homes are situated around carefully-designed streetscapes and public spaces.



Downtown is easily accessible by two Metra stops, CTA buses and a 15-minute drive on the nearby Edens Expressway. Students attend Sauganash Elementary and highly-rated Taft High School.

The community has a vibrant restaurant scene with a variety of cuisines. You won't find the chains or shopping centers of suburbia; instead the neighborhood has a uniquely local vibe.

A colorful mosaic mural under the Peterson Avenue overpass pays tribute to the neighborhood's namesake, Chief Sauganash, also known as Billy Caldwell.

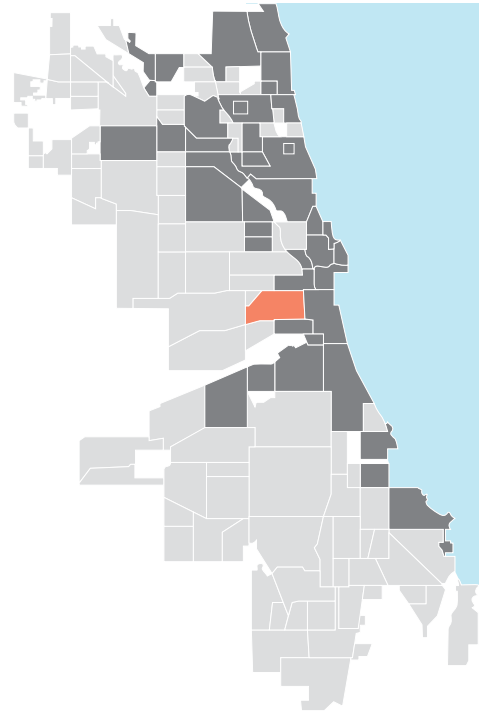
tri-taylor

Once a port of entry for immigrants at the turn of the century, Tri-Taylor fought hard to preserve its old-world charm. Located just west of Little Italy, the neighborhood sought and won historic landmark status as construction of the Illinois Medical District and Eisenhower Expressway closed in.



Today the neighborhood, named for its shape and the street that runs through it, is a testament to preservation. Its historic European-style homes and quiet charm continue to attract new residents.

A majority of the homes in Tri-Taylor have been awarded landmark status including 19th century row homes, two- and three-flats, single-family homes, larger vintage apartments and townhomes. The neighborhood's affordably-priced housing options include new construction and rehabbed lofts as well as University Village with hundreds of new homes.



Surrounding development that once threatened to overtake the neighborhood now contributes to its growth, appealing to new residents who work at nearby teaching hospitals.

Locals enjoy the legendary restaurants of Little Italy heading east on Taylor Street and the famed Greektown dining district along nearby Halsted Street.

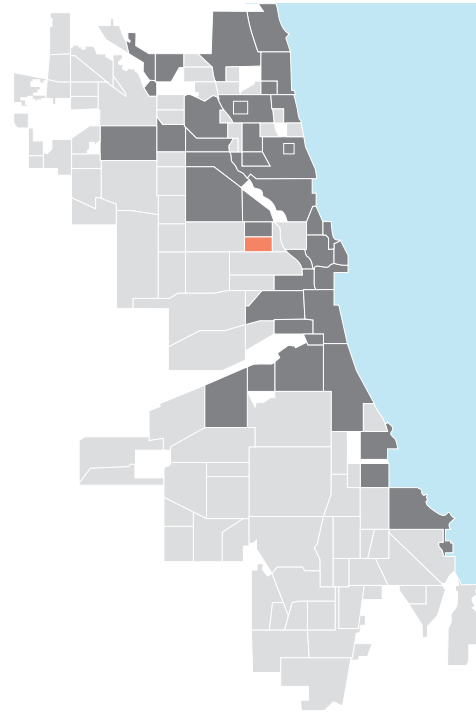
ukrainian village

Ukrainian Village is an interesting mix of old and new. It's not as trendy as neighboring Bucktown and Wicker Park - but that's one of its charms.



Located on the west side of Chicago, Ukrainian Village is a residential area that reflects the German, Polish and Ukrainian immigrants who settled in the area in the 1800s and early 1900s. As the popularity of nearby neighborhoods grew, Ukrainian Village had a resurgence, attracting a new generation looking for an affordable option in a great location.

In addition to new residents, the neighborhood has also seen a number of hip eateries, bars and boutiques pop up along Division Street, Chicago Avenue and Damen Avenue. With Wicker Park nearby, residents also have easy access to dozens of restaurants, eclectic shops, art galleries and nightlife.

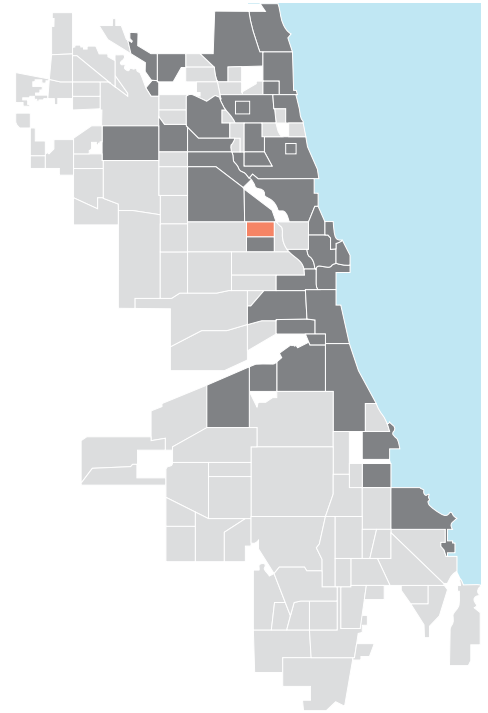


While Ukrainian Village is growing rapidly, its roots and culture are still evident today in the community's Ukrainian National Museum, Ukrainian Cultural Center, historic churches and festivals including the annual Ukrainian Village Festival.

Homes in Ukrainian Village include single-family, multi-family, Victorian-style homes, brick cottages and two-and three-flats on quiet tree-lined streets. The community is accessible by the Kennedy Expressway, the CTA Blue Line and several bus routes.

wicker park

Residents and businesses flocked to Wicker Park to rebuild after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Today, Chicagoans flock to the hip, happening neighborhood for its eateries, arts and entertainment.



Residents and visitors love Wicker Park's eclectic assortment of hip cafes, independent stores, dive bars, upscale boutiques, art galleries and city parks including the popular four-acre Wicker Park. The neighborhood is home to some of Chicago's most popular and acclaimed restaurants, elevating pizza and tacos to foodie fare and offering a wide variety of options for drinking and dining pleasure.



Located just south of Bucktown and northwest of The Loop, the neighborhood includes large historic 19th century brick and stone mansions and landmark Victorian homes on tree-lined streets. Modern new construction condominiums and single-family homes along with vintage walk-ups, three-flats and lofts round out the diversity of housing available.

Like neighboring Bucktown, Wicker Park's notable commercial architecture remains — reimagined, redeveloped and restored. The iconic Flat Iron Arts Building, home to artists who moved to the hip neighborhood in the 1980s, still houses various art studios and local businesses today.

The CTA Blue Line offers convenient access to The Loop and O'Hare International Airport, while the Kennedy Expressway allows for an easy drive to surrounding neighborhoods and suburbs.

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