

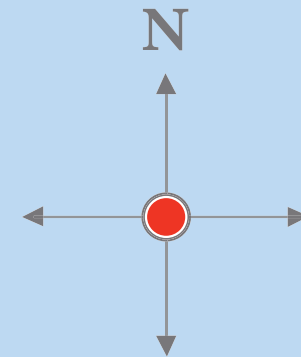


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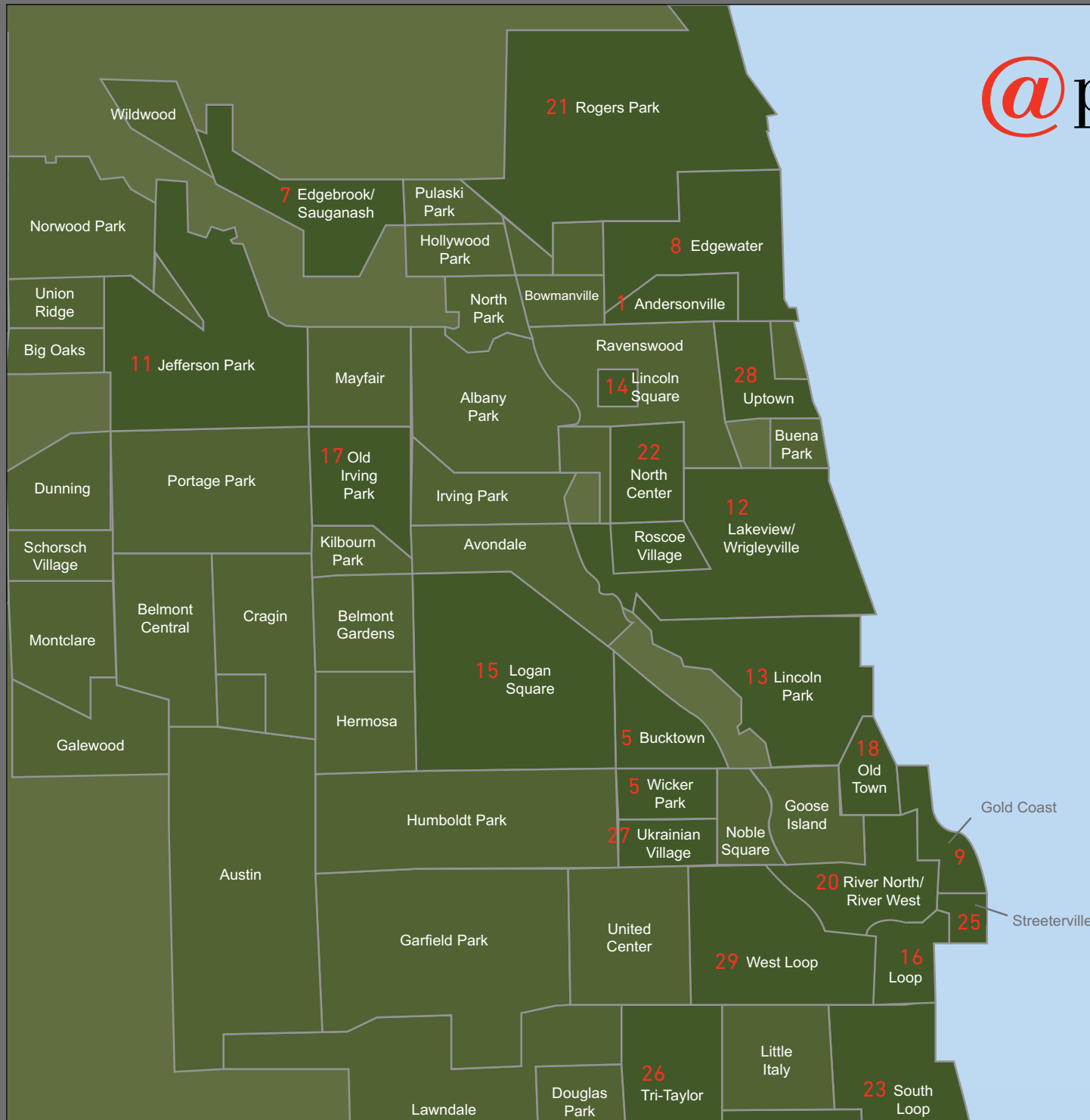
A GUIDE TO CHICAGO'S NEIGHBORHOODS

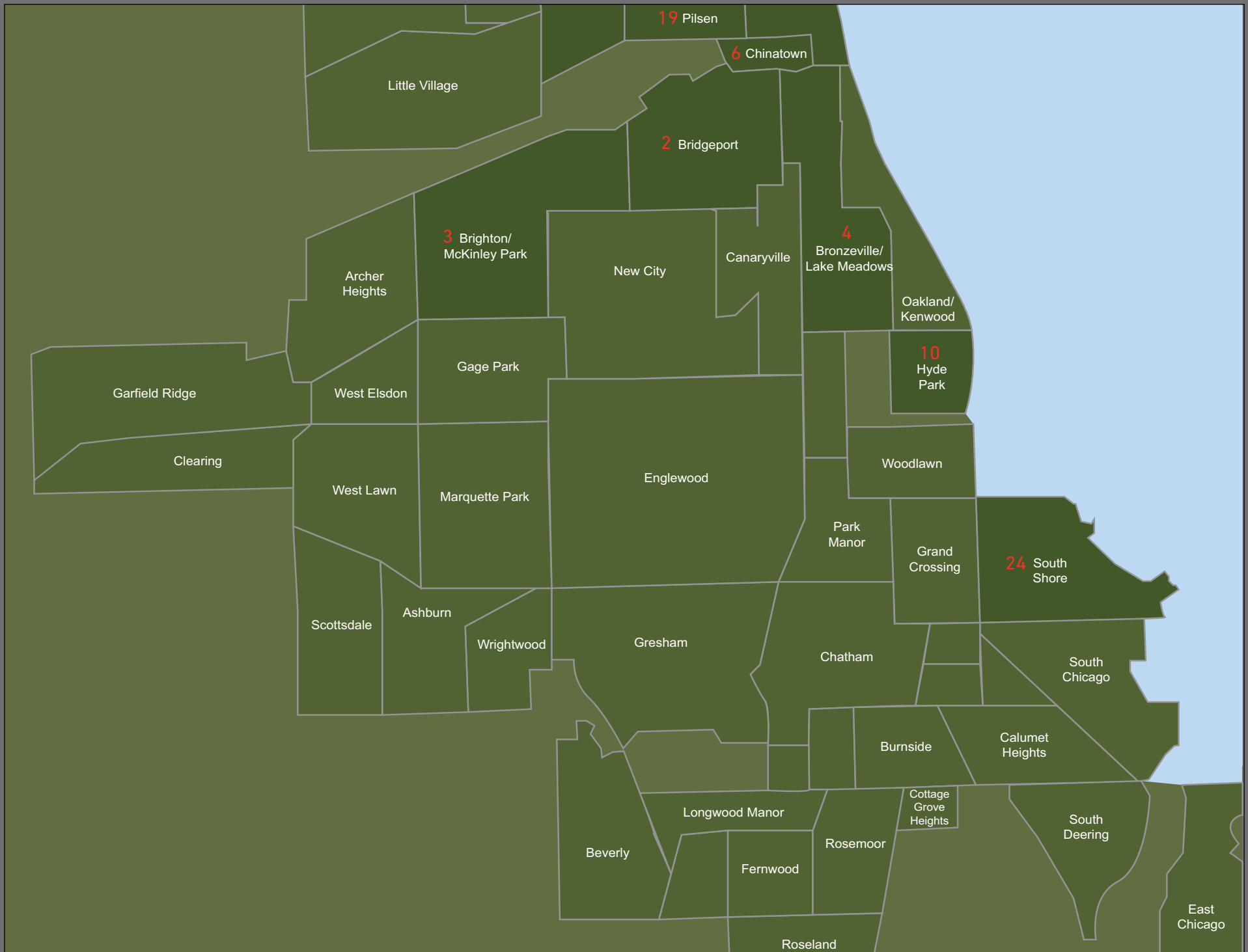
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ANDERSONVILLE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Just north of Ravenswood lies Andersonville, an old Scandinavian neighborhood, whose borders are loosely defined by Foster Avenue on the south, Peterson on the north, Broadway on the east and Ravenswood on the west. Andersonville offers residents a vibrant, self-sustaining community just blocks from the lakefront and less than five miles from downtown.

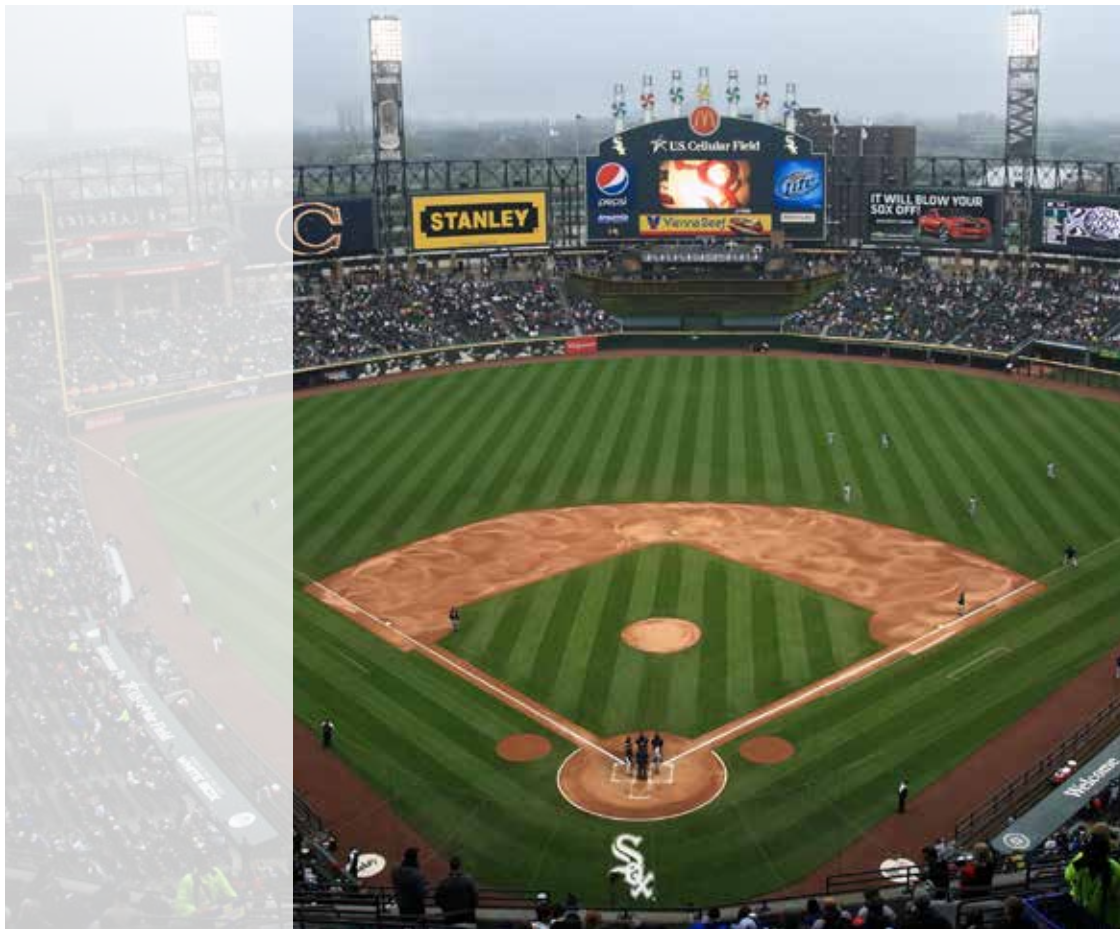
HOUSING

Quiet, residential side streets feature handsome Greystone two-flats, red brick apartment buildings and large, wood-framed single-family homes. Buyers can also find gut rehabs, teardowns and new-construction homes.

LIFESTYLE

Andersonville's Swedish heritage is still evident in its shops and restaurants, including the famous Ann Sather's. The area has also sprouted an eclectic mix of Middle Eastern, Asian and European eateries, American gastro pubs and coffee houses. Its commercial district is made up almost entirely of locally owned, independent shops, taverns and service companies. A favorite attraction in Andersonville is the Swedish American Museum, which chronicles Swedish immigration to the Midwest in the early 1850s. Additionally, residents of the neighborhood are in close proximity to the lakefront and several beaches.





BRIDGEPORT

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

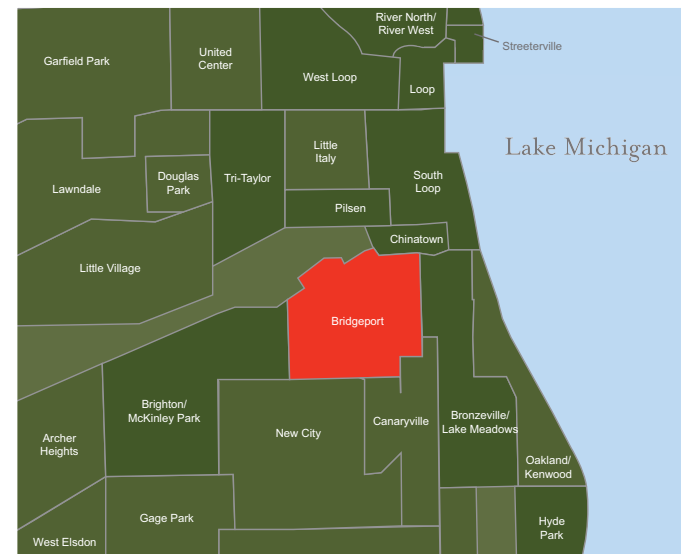
Located on Chicago's South Side, Bridgeport is the birthplace of five Chicago mayors, the home of the Chicago White Sox, and one of Chicago's original ethnic working-class neighborhoods. The community's rich history is rooted in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal along the Chicago River, which brought immigrants of many nationalities to work and live in the area. Today, the close-knit residential area is experiencing a renaissance of sorts as younger homebuyers who grew up in Bridgeport return to take advantage of the community's affordable housing and proximity to downtown Chicago.

HOUSING

In recent years, residential developers have jumped on opportunities to convert the older warehouses and manufacturing facilities peppered throughout Bridgeport, creating loft homes that appeal to the younger buyers discovering the area. New construction single-family homes and three-flat walk-up condominiums are also springing up in the community alongside Bridgeport's historic bungalows.

LIFESTYLE

While Bridgeport started out as a working-class neighborhood, the area has become a thriving artists' community with multiple galleries, the Bridgeport Museum of Modern Art, the Version, and Select Media art festivals. Of course for the sports-minded, the excitement of a Major League Baseball game is right up the street when the White Sox play at U.S. Cellular Field.





BRIGHTON/MCKINLEY PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

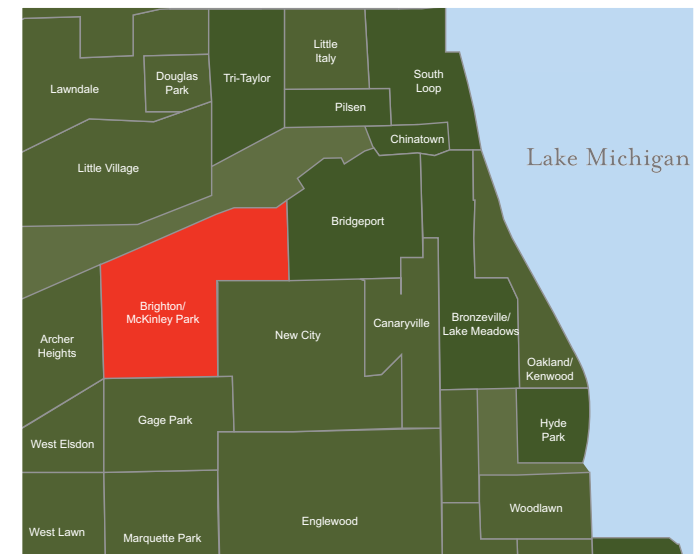
Brighton Park and McKinley Park on Chicago's Southwest Side are poised to become the next hot spots for moderately priced new homes in the city. Working-class areas that date back to the 1830s, Brighton and McKinley Park have been home to numerous industries such as iron forging and meatpacking. Today, these neighboring communities along the CTA Orange Line are cultural melting pots offering peaceful residential areas within easy reach of the city.

HOUSING

Existing homes in Brighton and McKinley Park are quite affordable and include well-kept two- and four-flat buildings, raised ranches and bungalows. Reasonably priced new construction town homes and single-family homes are beginning to pop up more and more frequently as developers tap the area's unmet need for new housing.

LIFESTYLE

New retail stores such as Target, Home Depot and Jewel are following new residential development into Brighton and McKinley Park. The Chicago Park District's McKinley Park, from which the neighborhood draws its name, offers up many recreational facilities for residents, including a field house, baseball diamonds, a lagoon and ice skating rink.





BRONZEVILLE/LAKE MEADOWS

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located on Chicago's South Side, along the main drag of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and 47th Street, is one of the nation's most significant areas in African-American urban history. In its heyday, from the 1920s to the 1950s, the neighborhood was the stomping ground of famous musicians, intellectuals and artists such as Ida B. Wells, Langston Hughes, Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis. Today, Bronzeville is enjoying large-scale renewal as a new generation of residents rediscovers the neighborhood.

HOUSING

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.

LIFESTYLE

Dubbed the "Black Metropolis" during the 1920s for its clubs, retail shops, music and publications geared toward the African-American population, Bronzeville today is 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. Proximity to Lake Michigan as well as downtown Chicago is attracting singles and young couples as well as families to the area.





BUCKTOWN/WICKER PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

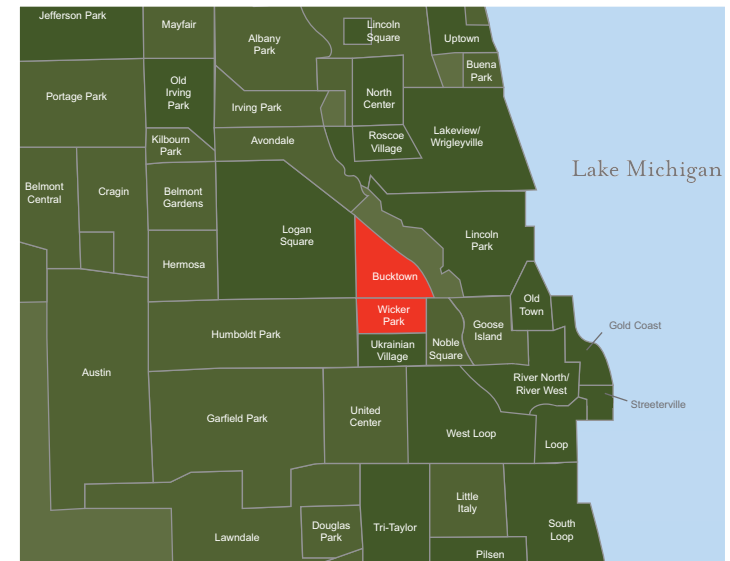
Within the past decade, Bucktown/Wicker Park has emerged as one of the most exciting neighborhoods in Chicago and one of the trendiest in the country. Located around the six-corner intersection of North, Damen, and Milwaukee, Bucktown/Wicker Park boasts a thriving artist community that hosts the annual Festival of the Arts. But Bucktown/Wicker Park has also grown popular with young urbanites who enjoy the energy and diversity of this North Side neighborhood.

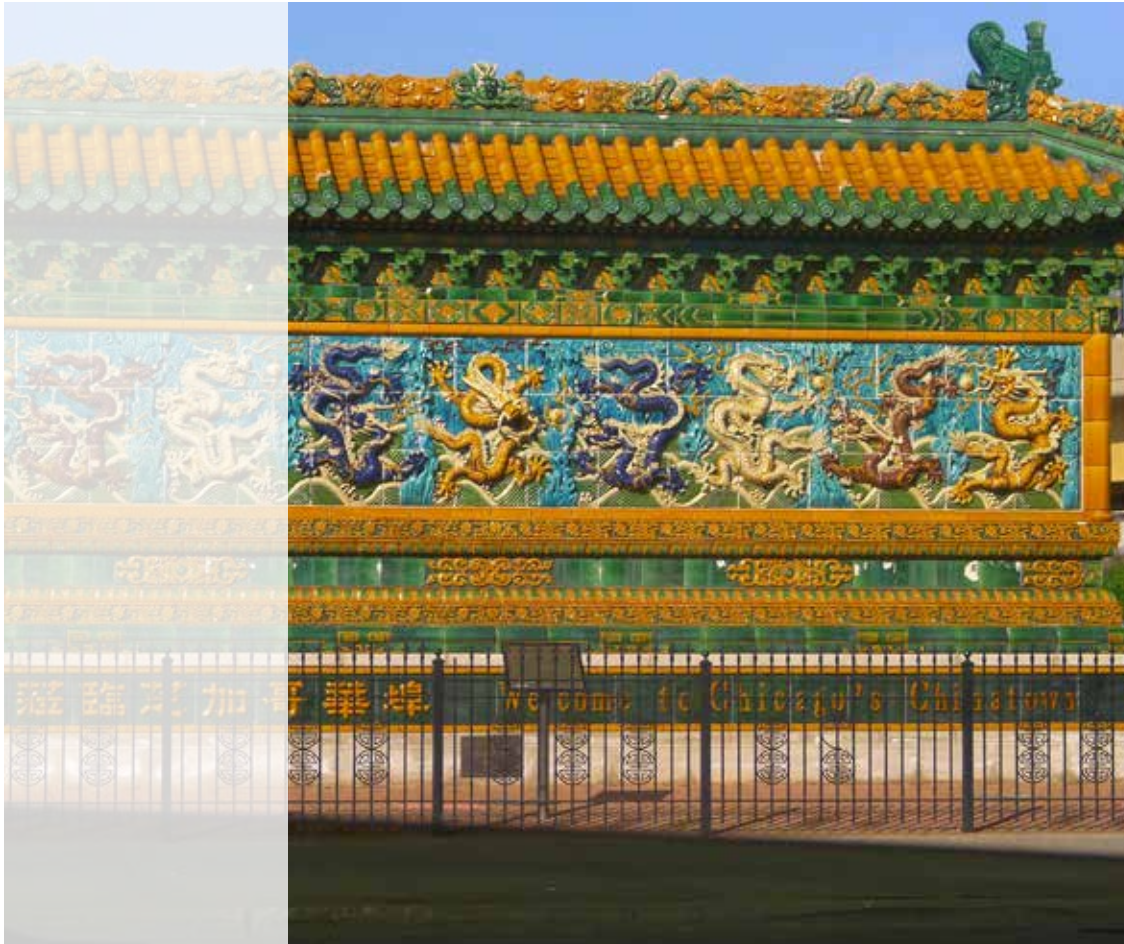
HOUSING

Bucktown/Wicker Park features a variety of housing styles and price ranges. Condominiums take the form of vintage walk-ups, rustic lofts and new construction three-flats and mid-rises. Single-family homes range from smaller cottages and bungalows (often prime candidates for teardowns) to gut-rehabbed Greystones and eye-popping multi-million-dollar new construction. The Wicker Park District features a number of historic 19th century mansions that also fetch top dollar.

LIFESTYLE

A Saturday stroll up Damen Avenue takes you past hip cafes, independent bookstores, raucous bars, expensive boutiques, hole-in-the-wall art galleries, yoga studios and peaceful city parks. The neighborhood has become a mecca for shoppers in search of the hottest New York and L.A. fashions, and for foodies in search of a variety of cuisine from French bistro to sushi. Bucktown/Wicker Park is equally adored by tattooed punk rockers and stroller pushing moms, meshing well for a comfortable atmosphere. Another reason to love Bucktown/Wicker Park is its incredibly convenient location. The CTA Blue Line takes residents into the Loop in less than 10 minutes and out to O'Hare Airport in a half-hour. Bucktown/Wicker Park is also right off the Kennedy Expressway for easy access to the city and suburbs.





CHINATOWN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

An eight-block area around the intersection of Cermak and Wentworth Avenues on Chicago's Near South Side, Chinatown is one of Chicago's most colorful neighborhoods, where Chinese heritage is a part of daily life. The community has been a haven for Chinese immigrants moving to Chicago since 1905, and is today the heart of Chinese culture in Chicago as well as a popular destination among tourists who want to experience authentic Chinese cuisine and stroll the stores along Wentworth Avenue.

HOUSING

While space for new housing in Chinatown is limited, a large-scale redevelopment is currently underway and includes plans to bring new construction town homes and condominiums to the area. Buyers also can find existing two- and three-flats and older single-family homes that are more typical of the area.

LIFESTYLE

From Asian grocery stores and medicine shops to traditional services and dozens of restaurants, Chinatown connects visitors and residents to China itself through an unparalleled array of cultural offerings. Landmarks such as the Chinatown Gate, Nine Dragon Wall, Chinese gardens, and Ping Tom Park along the Chicago River lend an air of far eastern charm to the community. Likewise, events such as the Chinese Autumn Moon Festival, Chinatown Summer Fair and the annual Chinese New Year parade create an ongoing celebration of Chinese heritage in the neighborhood.





EDGEBROOK/SAUGANASH

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located on Chicago's Far North Side, Edgebrook/Sauganash was once part of the Sauganash land tract and was annexed to the city of Chicago in 1889. This affluent residential area combines the best of both worlds for those who want to live in the city yet also appreciate spacious yards, distinctive homes and quiet streets.

HOUSING

Edgebrook/Sauganash offers many housing options, ranging from new construction to meticulously maintained older homes. Single-family homes are most common, though condominiums and apartment conversions are sprinkled throughout the area. Starter homes can be found in the neighborhood, as well as some of the city's most beautiful mansions.

LIFESTYLE

Annual block parties, a local parade every Fourth of July and some of the best holiday light displays in the city create a strong bond among Edgebrook/Sauganash neighbors, many of whom are long-time residents. Cook County Forest Preserves are in abundance here, adding to the sensation of being removed from the hustle and bustle of the city.





EDGEWATER

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

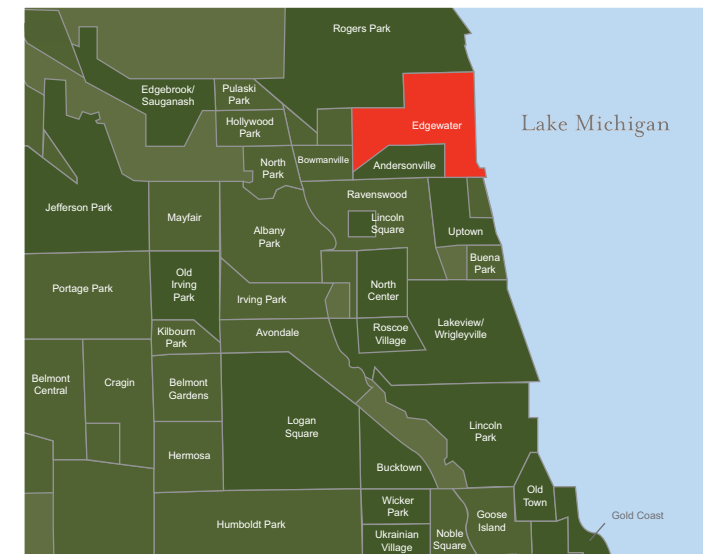
Located between Uptown and Rogers Park on Chicago's Far North Side, Edgewater was once a playground for Chicago's early 20th century elite. Today, the stately mansions and posh hotels have largely been replaced by high-rises with spectacular lake views and easy access to beaches and parks. The neighborhood offers excellent access to trains and public transportation, and Loyola University is also nearby.

HOUSING

Many large homes and classic apartment buildings remain in Edgewater, and good deals can be had on rehabs as well as new construction and investment properties. The housing stock ranges from Greystone three- and six-flats to courtyard buildings and high-rises.

LIFESTYLE

Moderate housing prices along with proximity to public transportation and the lakefront make this area very attractive to people of all ages, income levels and backgrounds. Residents can enjoy the beach, the park, lively cafes, restaurants, antique shops and theatres. Edgewater also has a strong network of community-based organizations.





GOLD COAST

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The incomparable Gold Coast, one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in America, is where one can find many of Chicago's most famous residents – and the world class real estate they call home. From the timeless mansions of Astor Street to the magnificent high-rises of Lake Shore Drive, the Gold Coast is truly an inspirational setting from which to savor life in the Windy City.

HOUSING

Despite the neighborhood's well-documented affluence, the Gold Coast's housing choices and prices are surprisingly diverse. Housing styles are equally diverse. In addition to the apartment buildings that line Lake Shore Drive, the Gold Coast offers walk-ups, town homes, row homes and a number of contemporary high-rises.

LIFESTYLE

Within one square mile, the Gold Coast offers lively beaches, internationally renowned boutiques, incredible cuisine and vibrant nightlife. It also happens to be one of Chicago's most family-friendly neighborhoods, offering a number of top public and private schools, beautiful parks and cultural attractions.





HYDE PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

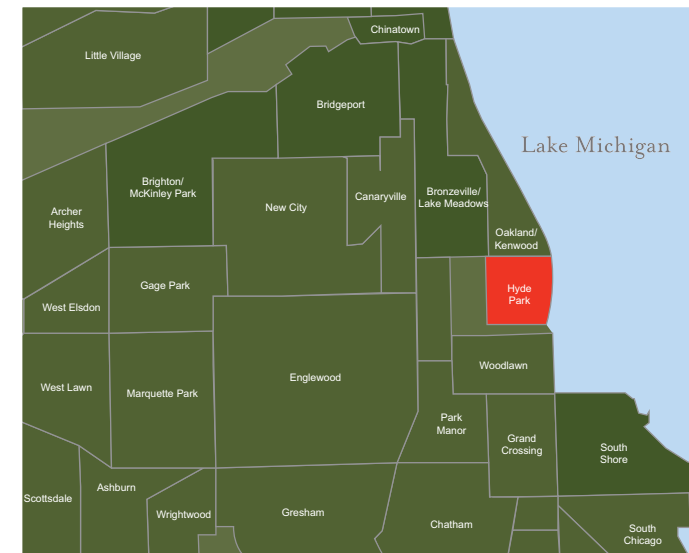
Home to the illustrious University of Chicago, Hyde Park is a delightful neighborhood on the city's south lakefront, just 10 minutes from the Loop. Founded in 1853 and annexed to Chicago in 1889, Hyde Park boasts beautiful beaches and parks, stately mansions and a number of pre-war high-rises, offering what many consider to be the very best views of the downtown skyline from anywhere in the city.

HOUSING

When it comes to housing, Hyde Park has it all – modern high-rises, landmark historic districts, architecturally significant mansions, and many new construction condominiums, lofts, town homes and single-family homes. Real estate prices in Hyde Park vary as much as the area's housing types.

LIFESTYLE

Besides the university, a number of other 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. The neighborhood is an eclectic mix of artists, intellectuals, students and businesspeople – a true melting pot of cultures, ideas and viewpoints that creates a rich backdrop to a uniquely Chicago lifestyle.





LIFESTYLE

Neighborhood parks, including Wilson Park and namesake Jefferson Park, offer many sporting and recreational opportunities as does nearby Portage Park, one of the largest neighborhood parks in the city. The community boasts a number of family-owned restaurants, including the Gale Street Inn, which has been a favorite among rib lovers for more than 40 years.

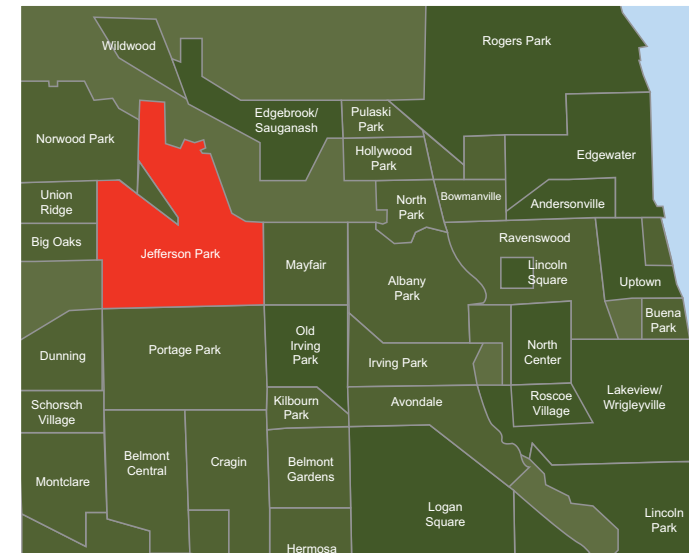
JEFFERSON PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located east of Norwood Park and Dunning, and south of Sauganash and Irving Park, Jefferson Park is a tree-lined neighborhood that puts residents in easy reach of the Kennedy Expressway as well as CTA and Metra trains. Originally home to a significant portion of Chicago's Polish community, the area has had an influx of new residents in recent years, particularly among city dwellers looking for an alternative to the suburbs.

HOUSING

Bungalows and single-family wood-frame homes dominate Jefferson Park, though there is quite a bit of new construction available including condominiums and town homes. The area is still quite affordable, although home prices have been steadily on the rise in recent years.





LIFESTYLE

A beautiful neighborhood of verdant parks, quiet residential streets and bustling retail districts, Lakeview/Wrigleyville beckons Chicagoans with attractions such as the lakefront, scores of restaurants and bars, eclectic shopping districts such as the Southport Corridor, and the friendly confines of Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. Like Lincoln Park, Lakeview/Wrigleyville boasts a number of the city's top schools and a wealth of cultural attractions including a thriving theater scene.

LAKEVIEW/WRIGLEYVILLE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located immediately to the north of Lincoln Park, Lakeview/Wrigleyville offers one of the most diverse communities in the city. Rubbing up to the shore of Lake Michigan, this North Side neighborhood has something for everyone, from shops, restaurants, bars, and entertainment that appeal to young singles, to top-rated schools and kid-friendly amenities for families.

HOUSING

Lakeview/Wrigleyville's housing stock runs the gamut in style and price making it a practical and popular choice of neighborhoods for many Chicagoans. Condominium residences are available in vintage walk-ups, new construction three-flats, loft buildings, converted courtyard buildings, four-plus-ones, and high-rises from just about every era dating back to the 1920s. Lakeview/Wrigleyville also features a variety of single-family home styles, from stately mansions near Lincoln Park and the lakefront to contemporary new construction.





LINCOLN PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Lincoln Park, one of Chicago's most sought after neighborhoods, is located just two miles north of downtown and bordered by North Avenue, Diversey Parkway, the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. The community offers an appealing blend of active retail streets, urban college campuses, and narrow tree-lined residential blocks.

HOUSING

Smaller town homes and vintage condominiums still offer buyers an affordable entrée into Lincoln Park, but prices rapidly escalate for rehabs and new construction. The average single-family home in Lincoln Park costs over \$1 million, and several new mansions are commanding multi-million-dollar prices. Lincoln Park also has a number of town homes, many within gated communities. Around DePaul University buyers can also find loft condominiums in converted factories and warehouses. On its eastern edge, Lincoln Park features beautiful high-rise buildings with breathtaking views of the lake, park and city.

LIFESTYLE

Lincoln Park is home to two major museums, DePaul University and one of the nation's oldest zoos. The community's amenities, location and housing options attract everyone from young, first-time homebuyers to local celebrities and CEOs. With its mix of city parks, restaurants, bars, theaters and top schools, Lincoln Park is virtually unrivaled among urban neighborhoods in the U.S.





LINCOLN SQUARE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Centered around a bustling shopping and dining district, Lincoln Square is located on the North Side at the intersection of Lawrence, Western and Lincoln Avenue. Lincoln Square became one of Chicago's first commuter suburbs when the Ravenswood elevated train line was completed in 1907. Today, this Chicago neighborhood still gives residents convenient access to public transportation including the CTA Brown Line and the Metra Union Pacific North Line. Likewise, the community effortlessly blends trendy hot spots with its century-old German heritage.

HOUSING

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

LIFESTYLE

Lincoln Square's German heritage lives on in a number of German restaurants including the Chicago Brauhaus and Lutz Continental Café; however, Lincoln Avenue also serves up an eclectic mix of sophisticated eateries, corner cafes and favorite neighborhood hangouts such as Jury's and Pizza D.O.C. A lively cultural scene is fueled by the Old Town School of Folk Music as well as annual festivals like the Chicago Folk & Roots music festival and the German-American Fest, which draw crowds from throughout Chicago and the Midwest.





LOGAN SQUARE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Named for the public square at its heart, Logan Square is located north of Humboldt Park and west of Bucktown on Chicago's Northwest Side. While the community has long been home to a diverse ethnic, working-class population, Logan Square has been discovered in recent years by an influx of artists, students, professionals and families attracted to the area's bohemian lifestyle, relatively affordable housing, and easy access to the Loop via the CTA Blue Line.

HOUSING

Logan Square is characterized by tree-lined boulevards and large bungalow-style homes, and also boasts elaborate mansions along historic Logan and Kedzie Boulevards. However, the recent influx of buyers to the area has triggered a boom of residential development, including condominiums, lofts, town homes, three-flats and single-family homes at a variety of price points.

LIFESTYLE

While Logan Square is surrounded by some of Chicago's trendiest areas for nightlife, including Bucktown and Wicker Park, the area has its own low-key entertainment district featuring locally owned restaurants, bars and bistros. The work of the many artists and musicians who live in Logan Square can be sampled at local coffee shops, lounges, cafes and theatres that help fuel the community's artistic vibe.





LOOP

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Not too long ago, Chicago’s Loop was an area where people came to work or play, but not to live. That began to change in the 1990s as developers started constructing new high-rises and repurposing existing office buildings for residential use. Now, homebuyers can find a wealth of housing options – as well as amenities to complement their daily lives – in the historical center of downtown Chicago. The Loop is home to Lakeshore East, a rising community in Chicago’s New East Side neighborhood. Considered a “Walker’s Paradise” by Walkscore.com, Lakeshore East is just steps from great dining and beautiful parks.

HOUSING

In addition to luxury condominium buildings interspersed among office high-rises, the Loop also is home to several large-scale mixed-use developments with a variety of housing types, from condominiums and town homes to row homes. These planned communities, like Lakeshore East, include amenities like grocery stores and schools that were previously unavailable in the Loop. Home prices in the area are high, reflecting the growing popularity of the Loop as a residence.

LIFESTYLE

The Loop offers an unparalleled opportunity to live among the landmarks that define Chicago, from Grant Park, Millennium Park and Navy Pier to the Theatre District and the Art Institute. Loop 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. The Loop and Lakeshore East residents can readily experience downtown Chicago’s Museum Campus, “Magnificent Mile,” and plentiful shopping.





OLD IRVING PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Just off the Kennedy Expressway on Chicago's Northwest Side, Old Irving Park is a comfortable community that offers many of the conveniences of busier Chicago neighborhoods but with room to move and breathe. Quiet residential streets lined with historic homes run into commercial boulevards that offer a variety of conveniences and recreational options for area residents.

HOUSING

Old Irving Park is known for its meticulously maintained single-family homes in a variety of architectural styles including Chicago bungalow, Victorian, Queen Anne, Farmhouse and Italianate. Large lots allow for gardens and yards, a coveted amenity within the city. There are also neat rows of two- and three-flats and larger vintage apartment buildings. Many homes are in various stages of renovation or preservation. Despite the larger homes that can be found here, the neighborhood is still relatively affordable.

LIFESTYLE

Old Irving Park features a variety of ethnic restaurants, corner taverns, delis, bakeries and boutiques within its smaller retail districts. City parks and neighborhood community centers offer a number of recreational outlets including sports leagues, music and theatre.





OLD TOWN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

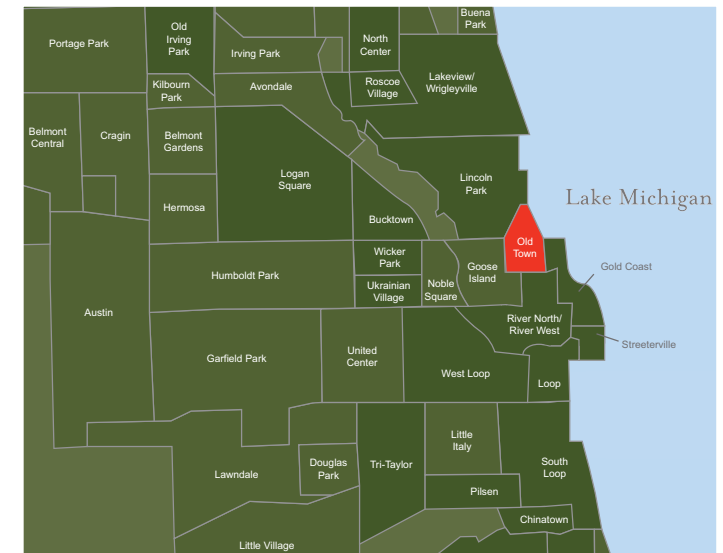
Principally located along North Wells Street, between Division and North Avenue, Old Town connects Lincoln Park to the Gold Coast and is known for its diverse collection of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues. It also features some of the city's best-preserved historic homes.

HOUSING

Old Town has evolved into an upscale neighborhood with single-family homes priced well over \$1 million and many newer condominiums. The community has also edged west in recent years with a number of large redevelopment projects that have brought new life and some more moderately priced housing to the area.

LIFESTYLE

A hippie haven in the 1960s and 1970s, vestiges of Old Town's past live on in local institutions like Zanies comedy club, The Old Town Ale House, the annual Old Town Art Fair and the world famous Second City Improv. Old Town's active street life and proximity to the lake, Lincoln Park and downtown make it a preferred choice among many Chicagoans.





PILSEN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located along 18th Street between Western Avenue and Halsted, on Chicago's lower West Side, Pilsen has a diverse population that is attracted to its affordably priced housing, thriving art community and proximity to the Loop.

HOUSING

Infill development of condominiums and some single-family homes is in full swing in Pilsen, and large loft conversions are also becoming common throughout the community. Real estate values are on the rise as many developers consider Pilsen one of Chicago's most promising neighborhoods.

LIFESTYLE

Pilsen's colorful heritage comes alive along 18th Street, a lively walking district featuring Mexican bakeries, many small shops, restaurants, and grocery stores. The community is also known for public murals, commissioned by the neighborhood, that decorate buildings, streets and even the "L" station. Additionally, Pilsen is home to the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum and the largest Hispanic festival in the Midwest, The Fiesta Del Sol. Many artists have also settled in Pilsen giving rise to a number of cafes, book stores and galleries.





RIVER NORTH & RIVER WEST

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Stretching from the Chicago River to Chicago Avenue, west of The Magnificent Mile, River North/River West is an old loft district that came alive with art galleries and restaurants quickly followed by a number of hip, urban homebuyers. Chicago's biggest office building, the Merchandise Mart, anchors the southern edge of the neighborhood, while just a few blocks east, Donald Trump's 92-story Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago is redefining the city skyline.

HOUSING

Dozens of new residential developments have hit the neighborhood in recent years. Buyers can choose from classic timber lofts, upscale row homes and contemporary high-rises ranging in price from about \$300,000 to \$3,000,000. Development has also pushed west of the Chicago River into an area dubbed River West, which includes a number of new condominium buildings.

LIFESTYLE

Today, River North is home to many of Chicago's premier eateries, including Rick Bayless' Frontera Grill and Topolobampo, Japonais, Naha, Coco Pazzo and a number of fine steak houses. Both River North and River West are packed with shopping, entertainment and nightlife, including some of the cities trendiest clubs and well-known favorites like the House of Blues. Before and after work, the city's movers and shakers congregate at East Bank Club, the largest stand-alone health club in Chicago and one of the largest in the country.





ROGERS PARK

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

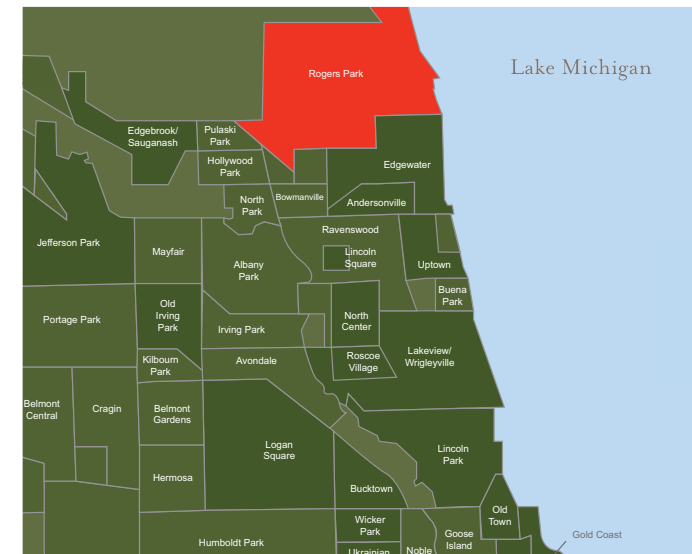
Located on the northern fringe of the city, bordering suburban Evanston, Rogers Park is one of Chicago's most diverse neighborhoods – and also one of the most affordable places for North Side homebuyers. The neighborhood is divided into east and west sections and includes smaller pocket neighborhoods 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.

HOUSING

Buyers can choose from a variety of housing styles including vintage walkups, new construction, and block after block of classic Chicago bungalows.

LIFESTYLE

Rogers Park's legendary restaurants and shops highlight cultures from the Middle East, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, Eastern Europe and more. Devon Avenue is considered to be the main South Asian shopping district in Chicago. The neighborhood also has more than 30 parks and beaches, which offer an assortment of activities and services including a skate park and even a small zoo. Downtown Chicago is easily accessible via public transportation, including the CTA Purple and Red lines.





ROSCOE VILLAGE/NORTH CENTER

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Located around the intersection of Roscoe and Damen, just west of Lakeview, Roscoe Village/North Center features a quaint downtown area with a remarkable small town feel. With residential touches like tree-lined streets and independent neighborhood stores, Roscoe Village/North Center continues to draw professionals, couples and new families to live in the area.

HOUSING

This peaceful community is comprised primarily of post World War II bungalows and two-family flats dating from the early 1900s. However, developers have been busy building new construction condominiums and single-family homes.

LIFESTYLE

Antique Row, a five-block stretch of Belmont Avenue attracts collectors from all over the Midwest, and new boutiques and restaurants are popping up in the neighborhood all the time. Many families seek out Roscoe Village/North Center for its award-winning public schools. Commuters can access the Loop via the 'L', and Wrigley Field is just a 15-minute walk for Cubs fans.





SOUTH LOOP

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Recently dubbed the fastest growing neighborhood in America by Chicago magazine, the South Loop is a boom town with a storied past and an incredibly bright future. Chicago's original "Gold Coast" in the late 19th century, the South Loop was home to such business icons as Marshall Field and George Pullman. However, the area went undeveloped for most of the 20th century. The introduction of Central Station in the mid 1990s brought the first wave of thousands of new homes. Virtually every corner of the South Loop is experiencing new development today, from the lofts of Printer's Row and the Motor Row Historic District to the high-rises of Central Station and a booming retail corridor along Roosevelt Road.

HOUSING

Renovations and conversions abound in the South Loop, and many older warehouses and factories have been completely gutted and refashioned into trendy lofts, condos, and apartments. However, the big story is new construction – in every size and shape. High-rises featuring classic and contemporary architecture, single-family homes, town homes and mid-rises are going up everywhere with prices ranging from about \$200,000 to \$1,000,000-plus.

LIFESTYLE

Residents of the South Loop benefit from proximity to the Loop, Museum Campus and lakefront; great access to transportation; and incredible views of the lake and skyline. The area's housing boom has brought with it an influx of retailers, sophisticated eateries and a trendy nightlife scene.





SOUTH SHORE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

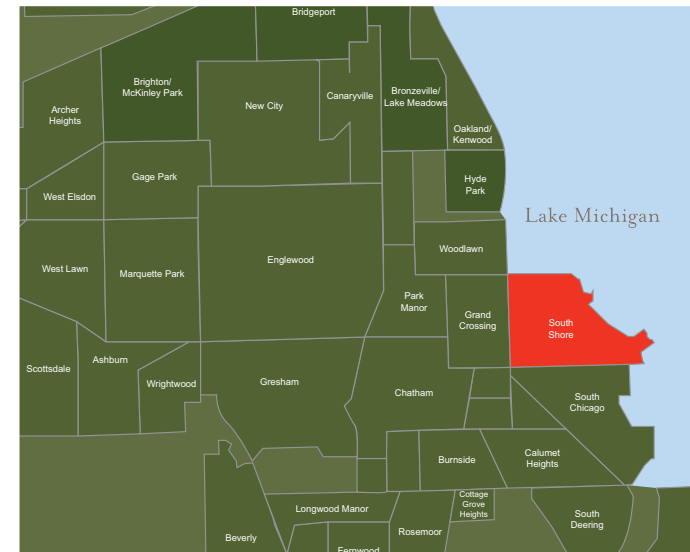
Located on Chicago's scenic lakefront, southeast of the University of Chicago and Museum of Science and Industry, South Shore was once a retreat for Chicago's society set. Today, the neighborhood's beautiful beaches, plentiful green space and easy access to downtown via Lake Shore Drive are prompting renewed interest from homebuyers and sparking redevelopment in the area.

HOUSING

South Shore's lakefront boasts high-rise condominiums with stunning lake views that rival those found anywhere in the city. The neighborhood includes large, older mansions, smaller single-family homes at reasonable prices, and a number of condominium conversions.

LIFESTYLE

The heart of South Shore is the South Shore Cultural Center, formerly the exclusive South Shore Country Club. This lakefront gem includes a theater, nature center and a nine-hole golf course, all of which are now open to the public. The Center also offers a wide array of cultural arts programming and performances for residents of all ages. Additionally, South Shore's Rainbow Beach is one of the largest beaches in the city.





STREETERVILLE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Streeterville, located south of the Gold Coast and north of the Loop, is one of Chicago's oldest neighborhoods, yet one of its fastest growing. Within the last two decades, dozens of new buildings, including high-rises, hotels, stores and institutions have sprung up around the spot where Captain George Wellington Streeeter famously ran aground, laying claim to the area in 1886.

HOUSING

The majority of homes in Streeterville are located within high-rise buildings, but the architectural styles are wide-ranging. They include pre-war high-rises, a collection of Mies van der Rohe buildings, easily identifiable landmarks like the John Hancock Center and Water Tower Place, and a full assortment of contemporary new construction. Sprinkled throughout the neighborhood are smaller mid-rise buildings, a few walk-ups and even the occasional town home or single-family home.

LIFESTYLE

Streeterville includes 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 new, state-of-the-art medical campus and the downtown campuses of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. Streeterville is also the site of the proposed world's tallest building, The Chicago Spire, by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava. For recreation, Streeterville offers a number of smaller "pocket" parks and playgrounds, but the lakefront is never more than a couple of blocks away. Dining out is never a problem in Streeterville. Countless restaurants exist to serve local residents, the office crowd, and the business travelers and tourists who cascade down Michigan Avenue practically nonstop.





TRI-TAYLOR

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

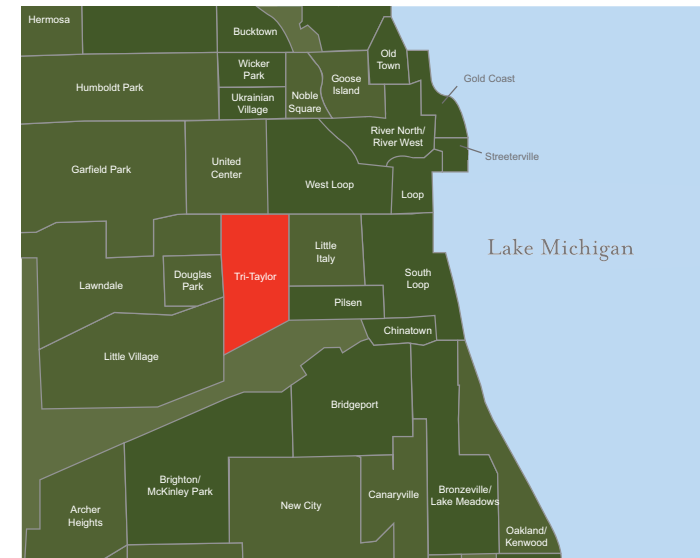
Tri-Taylor, roughly bordered by Halsted Street, Western Avenue, the Eisenhower Expressway and 15th Street, encompasses Chicago's Little Italy, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Illinois Medical District. Once a port of entry for new immigrants, this area was packed with people from all over the world at the turn of the century. Today, Tri-Taylor is anchored by the University of Illinois at Chicago and Chicago's medical district. On the east end of Tri-Taylor, UIC is undergoing a major expansion. It also sold off a large swath of land that has been developed into University Village, a residential neighborhood with hundreds of new homes.

HOUSING

Tri-Taylor features a variety of affordably-priced housing options including new construction and rehabbed lofts, 19th century row homes, town homes, single-family homes, two- and three-flats and larger vintage apartment buildings.

LIFESTYLE

Tri-Taylor is a bustling area thanks to a number of government, business and community organizations working to further its development. It offers a convenient location for those who work in one of several nearby teaching hospitals or a neighboring high-tech research park. Residents can enjoy a slice of Chicago history along Taylor Street, the heart of Little Italy, which includes a number of legendary Italian restaurants. Chicago's famed Greektown dining district along Halsted Street is also nearby.





UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

A residential area that reflects the German, Polish and Ukrainian immigrants who settled on the West Side in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Ukrainian Village is a neighborhood of solid, Victorian-style homes, workers cottages and tidy red brick two-and three-flats.

HOUSING

Rehabs and teardowns are plentiful in Ukrainian Village as young professionals continue to seek out an affordable alternative to Bucktown/Wicker Park to the north.

LIFESTYLE

In addition to a new generation of residents, the neighborhood has also seen a number of trendy eateries, bars and boutiques pop up along Division Street, Chicago Avenue and Damen Avenue. With trendy Wicker Park nearby, residents also have immediate access to dozens of restaurants, eclectic shops and art galleries. Both the Loop and O'Hare Airport are a quick ride from Ukrainian Village on the CTA's Blue Line.





UPTOWN

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

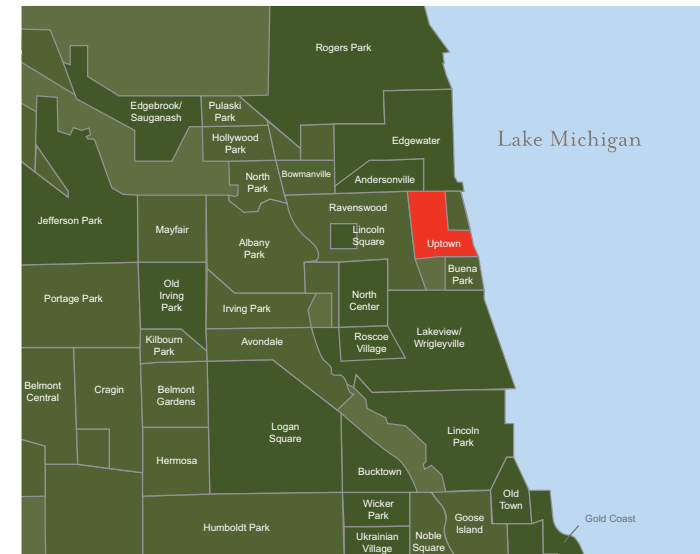
Located between Montrose and Foster, from the lake west to Clark Street, Uptown is the colorful Chicago neighborhood that was once the stomping ground of Charlie Chaplin and Al Capone. Today, the neighborhood is attracting a lot of new homebuyers with its relative affordability and easy access to the lakefront and public transportation. Uptown also encompasses the areas known as Sheridan Park and Buena Park.

HOUSING

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

LIFESTYLE

Uptown is one of the city's most popular destinations for music lovers. For rock and hip hop shows, there's the famous Aragon Ballroom and Riviera Theatre. For jazz, it's the legendary Green Mill, an old Capone haunt that Chicago's most notorious gangster tunneled under so he could bring in bootleg whiskey or beat a hasty retreat from the cops. The tunnels still exist. The neighborhood also has a number of independent book stores, art galleries, cafes and restaurants. Uptown has a very active resident population that seeks to balance new development with the preservation of the neighborhood's past and diversity.





WEST LOOP

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Few Chicago neighborhoods have undergone as dramatic a transformation in such a short amount of time as the West Loop. A downtrodden area for much of the 20th century, the West Loop turned a corner when the newly built United Center hosted the Democratic National Convention in 1996. In the ensuing years, the land between the stadium and the Loop would fill in rapidly with trendy loft conversions, new construction condos, art galleries, boutiques, night clubs and dozens of new restaurants.

HOUSING

New condo developments in the West Loop have become more sophisticated in recent years, both in terms of architecture and amenities – a reflection of the neighborhood’s escalating “cool factor.” Fortunately, buyers can still get a lot for their money.

LIFESTYLE

In addition to trendy shops and art galleries, the West Loop is home to a thriving restaurant district on Randolph Street, offering up everything from sushi to haute cuisine. Residents can also enjoy a range of excellent dining options in nearby Greektown, Fulton Market and Little Italy. The United Center, home to the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks, is located in the West Loop.



GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

CITY OF CHICAGO

- cityofchicago.org
- Non-emergency assistance: call 311

COOK COUNTY

- co.cook.il.us
- (312) 603-5500 or (312) 443-5500

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Chicago Fire Department
cityofchicago.org/fire
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CHICAGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- chicagolandchamber.org
(312) 494-6700

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- usps.com
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- Main Chicago Branch:
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peoplesenergy.com
(312) 240-7000

ELECTRIC SERVICE

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exeloncorp.com
1-800-Edison-1

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Comcast

- comcast.com
- (800) COMCAST

Dish Network

- dishnetwork.com
- (888) 825-2557

DirecTV

- directv.com
- (888) 777-2454

RCN

- rcn.com
- (888) 790-2121

RECYCLING SERVICES

- cityofchicago.org/environment
- (312) 744-7606

TRANSPORTATION

Chicago Transit Authority

- transitchicago.com
- 1-888-YOUR CTA

PACE (suburban and city bus service)

- pacebus.com
- (847) 364-PACE

Metra (commuter rail service)

- metrarail.com
- (312) 322-6777

Amtrak

- amtrack.com
- 1-800-USA RAIL

I-Pass (electronic toll collection service)

- getipass.com
- 1-800-UCI-PASS

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)

- flychicago.com
- (773) 838-0600

Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

- flychicago.com
- (773) 686-2200

Gary Chicago International Airport (GYI)

- garychicagoairport.com
- (219) 949-9722

SCHOOLS

Illinois State Board of Education

- isbe.net
- (312) 814-2220

Chicago Public Schools

- cps.k12.il.us
- (773) 553-1000

Private Schools

- illinois.privateschoolsreport.com

Chicago Area Independent Schools

- independentschools.net

Catholic Schools

- schools.archdiocese-chgo.org
- (312) 751-5200

Universities

- chicagoeducation.com

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION NETWORKS

Chicago Tribune

- chicagotribune.com
- (312) 222-9100

Chicago Sun Times

- suntimes.com
- (312) 321-3000

NBC (WMAQ)

- ncb5.com
- (312) 836-5555

CBS (WBBM)

- cbs2chicago.com
- (312) 202-2222

ABC (WLS)

- abc7chicago.com
- (312) 750-7777

FOX (WFLD)

- myfoxchicago.com
- (312) 565-5532

WGN

- wgntv.com
- (773) 528-2311

PBS (WTTW)

- wttw.com
- (773) 509-1111

ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION RESOURCES

Metromix

- metromix.com

City of Chicago Events

- cityofchicago.org/events

Chicago Kids (resources for families)

- chicagokids.com

Go City Kids (resources for families)

- gocitykids.com

THEATRE, MUSIC AND CULTURE

Broadway in Chicago (Ford Theatre, Schubert Theatre, Cadillac Theatre)

- broadwayinchicago.com
- (312) 977-1700

Chicago Theatre

- thechicagotheatre.com
- (312) 902-1500

Auditorium Theatre

- auditoriumtheatre.org
- (312) 922-2110

Briar Street Theatre (Blue Man Group)

- blueman.com/ticketinfo/chicago/
- (773) 348-4000

Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier

- chicagoshakes.com
- (312) 595-5600

Goodman Theater

- goodman-theatre.org
- (312) 443-3800

Steppenwolf Theatre

- steppenwolf.org
- (312) 335-1650

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

- cso.org
- (312) 294-3000

Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island

- charteronepavilion.com
- (312) 540-2668



Millennium Park Pritzker Pavilion

- millenniumpark.org

- (312) 742-1168

Ravinia Festival

- ravinia.org

- (847) 266-5100

Joffrey Ballet of Chicago

- joffrey.com

- (312) 739-0120

The Lyric Opera House

- lyricopera.org

- (312) 332-2244

Chicago Architecture Foundation

- architecture.org

- 312.922.3432

MUSEUMS

Field Museum

- fieldmuseum.org

- (312) 922.9410

Shedd Aquarium

- sheddaquarium.org

- (312) 939-2438

Adler Planetarium

- adlerplanetarium.org/

- (312) 922-STAR

Chicago Children's Museum

- chicagochildrensmuseum.org

- (312) 527-1000

Museum of Contemporary Art

- mcachicago.org

Art Institute of Chicago

- artic.edu

- (312) 443-3600

Museum of Science and Industry

- msichicago.org

- (773) 684-1414

Illinois State Museum

- museum.state.il.us

- (217)782-7386

RECREATION

Chicago Park District

- chicagoparkdistrict.com

- (312) 742-PLAY

Biking in Chicago

- cityofchicago.org/tranportation

Chicago Golf Guide

- golfchicago.com

YMCA of Chicago

- ymcachgo.org

Chicago Sport and Social Club

- chicagosportandsocialclub.com

- (312) 335-9596

Chicago Sports Monster

- sportsmonster.net

- (773) 866-2955

OUTDOOR DESTINATIONS

Navy Pier

- navypier.com

- (800) 595-PIER

Lincoln Park Zoo

- lpzoo.com

- (312) 742-2000

Brookfield Zoo

- brookfieldzoo.org

- (708) 688-8000

Chicago Botanic Gardens

- chicagobotanic.org

- (847) 835-5440

Six Flags Great America & Hurricane Harbor

- sixflags.com/greatamerica

- (847) 249-INFO (4636)

The Morton Arboretum

- mortonarb.org

- (630) 968-0074

Lambs Farm

- lambsfarm.org

- (847) 362-4636



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Chicago Cubs (MLB)

- Wrigley Field
- chicago.cubs.com
- (773) 404-CUBS

Chicago White Sox (MLB)

- U.S. Cellular Field
- chicago.whitesox.com
- (312) 674-1000
- (866) SOX-GAME (tickets)

Chicago Bears (NFL)

- Soldier Field
- chicagobears.com
- (847) 615-BEAR

Chicago Bulls (NBA)

- United Center
- chicagobulls.com
- (312) 455-4000

Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)

- United Center
- blackhawks.nhl.com
- (312) 455-7000

Chicago Sky (WNBA)

- UIC Pavilion
- wnba.com/sky
- (877) 329-WNBA

Chicago Fire (MLS)

- Toyota Park (Bridgeview)
- chicago.fire.mlssnet.com
- (708) 594-7200

Chicago Storm (MISL)

- Sears Centre Arena (Hoffman Estates)
- chicagostorm.net
- (866) STORM-81

Chicago Rush (AFL)

- All State Arena (Rosemont)
- chicagorush.com
- (773) 243-3434

Chicago Wolves (AHL)

- Addison Ice Arena (Addison)
- chicagowolves.com/main
- (312) 559-1212



