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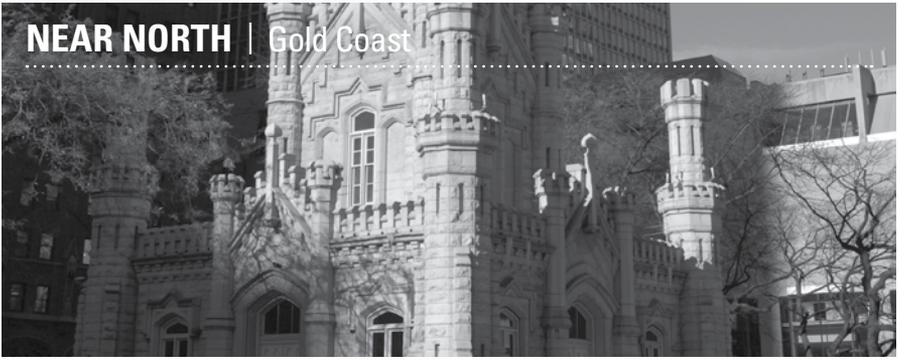
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## NEAR NORTH | Gold Coast

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Chicago's Gold Coast includes the Streeterville and Mag Mile neighborhoods and is true to its moniker. Perhaps some of the finest Chicago luxury real estate is located there. A long time elegant and sophisticated stop for living, working and playing, Chicago's Gold Coast has the finest shopping west of Park Avenue. KoenigRubloff's Mag Mile office, located at 980 N. Michigan, is at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Oak Street. The Mag Mile is home to Bloomingdale's, Chanel, Macy's, Neiman-Marcus, Prada, Sak's 5th Avenue and more than 120 retailers at Water Tower Place. Oak Street is home to dozens of boutique retailers including Hermes, Vera Wang, Kate Spade, Lester Lampert, Harry Winston and Barney's of New York.

The Gold Coast's Streeterville neighborhood is a residential pocket located between Michigan Avenue and the lake. The Museum of Contemporary Art is a famous neighbor, with Northwestern University and Lurie Children's Hospital on the border.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

0-2 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

6 minutes to Chicago Loop | 29 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 19 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

An elaborate system of expressways, taxis, buses, subway and elevated trains makes transportation convenient.

### **Recreation**

The Lakefront provides an array of activities including swimming, boating, bike trails and jogging paths. The nightlife in Chicago is extravagant with clubs open until the early morning hours. Music options run the gamut from rock to rap and blues to jazz. Dining alternatives range from fine dining to informal.



North of Chicago's Loop and Gold Coast neighborhoods, you find Lincoln Park. Like many Chicago neighborhoods, Lincoln Park's boundaries are somewhat malleable, though it is commonly agreed that Lincoln Park stretches from Diversey Parkway on the north, Clybourn Avenue on the west, North Avenue on the south, and Lake Michigan on the east. Housing options include brownstones, Victorians, 2-flats, 3-flats, single family homes and highrises.

Along Lincoln Avenue at Fullerton Avenue, the Lincoln Park community of DePaul takes its name from century-old DePaul University. DePaul offers stately single-family and multiple-unit housing, including original Chicago row homes with Victorian façades. The neighborhood has restored greystones and newer homes designed by top architects. Not just a home to students, some of Chicago's most luxurious properties are located in the DePaul neighborhood.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

2 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

12 minutes to Chicago Loop | 27 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 25 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

Lincoln Park is served by multiple CTA trains and bus service enables commuters to be downtown in minutes. The Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) exits are west on North Avenue and Fullerton Avenue.

#### **Recreation**

Lincoln Park offers an assortment of fine restaurants, night spots, boutiques and theaters. It is a refuge for joggers, tennis players, golfers, cyclists, and softball players, as well as Lincoln Park Zoo, The Chicago History Museum, The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the Lincoln Park Conservatory, the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pond and the park's nature preserves, crewing lagoon, and marinas.

## New Eastside

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Centrally located, The New Eastside is located with the Chicago River to its north, Grant Park to the south, Lake Michigan to the east, and Michigan Avenue to the west. The neighborhood is located within walking distance to numerous shopping venues, recreational activities, art galleries, theatres and the Lakefront Path. Many recreational activities are located right in The Loop, which is the heart of the City of Chicago. This location is perfect for the city dweller that loves the outdoors, but also needs access to public transportation.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

0 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

0 minutes to Chicago Loop | 25 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 25 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Commuters have great access to Downtown Chicago as they are located right inside the Chicago Loop. They are walking distance from almost any point in the Loop area and have very easy access to the CTA trains.

### **Shopping**

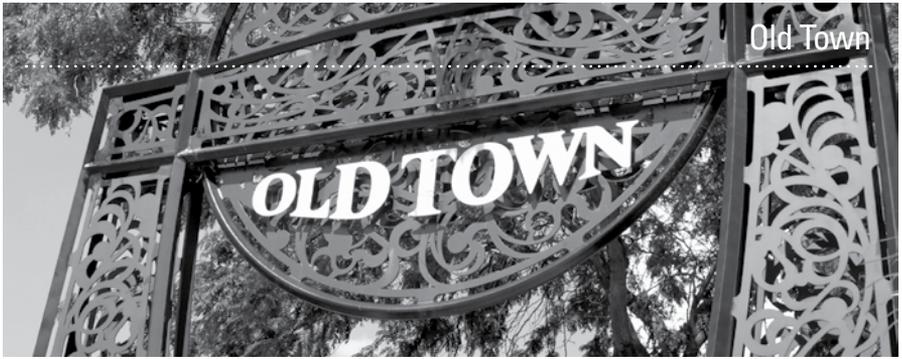
Michigan Avenue and State Street, both located within The New Eastside, have countless stores for shoppers. There are also several intercity malls, such as The Shops at North Bridge and Water Tower Place, both located within a 10 minute walk.

### **Recreation**

Millennium Park, Maggie Daley Park, Grant Park, the Lurie Garden and the Lakefront Trail are all located no more than 5 minutes from The New Eastside.

### **Hospitals**

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is less than 1 mile away and offers a variety of hospital services.



Spanning the eastern parts of Lincoln Park and the Near North area, Old Town is a vibrant community that is considered both affluent and historic. From the beginning of the lands settlement by German-Catholic immigrants in the 1850s to the movement of a more hippie culture in the 1950s to becoming an affluent neighborhood today, Old Town has seen many different crowds and times which is reflected in its buildings, neighborhoods and residents. Its boundaries are Clark Street on the east, Division Street on the south, Larrabee Street on the west and North Avenue on the north. The Old Town Triangle starts north of North Avenue and is formed by connecting the points of Sedgwick Street on the west, Armitage Avenue on the north and Lincoln Avenue and Clark Street on the east.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

2 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

10 minutes to Chicago Loop | 25 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 25 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

The CTA Red Line runs on the outskirts of Old Town with stops at North/Clybourn and Clark/Division. The CTA Brown line runs directly through Old Town stopping at Sedgwick.

#### **Shopping**

Located less than 10 minutes from Michigan Avenue, shoppers have everything they need close by.

#### **Recreation**

With Lincoln Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pond and the lakefront less than 10 minutes away by foot, individuals looking for outdoor activities will find many options.

## River North

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Also known as the Gallery District, River North has experienced many changes during the 21st century with the development of many new high-rise buildings, nightclubs and restaurants. With some of the best shopping, restaurants, art galleries and hotels outside the city center, the River North area has a lot to offer. The boundaries for the neighborhood are Michigan Avenue to the east, the Chicago River to the south and west and Chicago Avenue to the north.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

2 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

5 minutes to Chicago Loop | 25 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 25 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

The CTA Red Line runs through River North with the stops at Chicago and Grand. The CTA Brown line also runs directly through River North stopping at Chicago and the Merchandise Mart.

### **Shopping**

Located less than 10 minutes from Michigan Avenue, shoppers will find everything they need within walking distance.

### **Hospitals**

Many hospitals and health care providers are located throughout the metropolitan area.



Bounded roughly by Lake Michigan on the east, the Chicago River on the south, Michigan Avenue on the west and Grand Avenue on the north, the Streeterville area of the Gold Coast includes such landmark buildings as The Old Chicago Water Tower District which survived the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, and Fourth Presbyterian Church. The area, now home to some of Chicago's finest real estate, has a colorful history. In the 1880s, George "Cap" Wellington Streeter claimed the area as his own when his boat ran aground. The battle went on for decades, resulting in the eviction of the eccentric gentleman.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

0-1 mile

**Average Drive Times**

5 minutes to Chicago Loop | 27 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 22 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

An elaborate public transportation system includes the subway and elevated trains. Taxis and buses are also available. The Edens, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Stevenson, and Dan Ryan Expressways link the area with the rest of the city and suburbs.

**Shopping**

Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile" is among the most elite retail districts in the nation and features such exclusive shops as Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman-Marcus, Macy's, and Bloomingdale's. Water Tower Place is an elaborate eight floor indoor mall featuring more than 120 specialty shops.

**Recreation**

The Lakefront provides the setting for an endless array of activities, from swimming and boating to bike trails and jogging paths. The nearby Lincoln Park Zoo, the Art Institute, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Adler Planetarium, and the Shedd Aquarium promote fun and learning for all ages.



The Loop is between the Chicago River on the North and Roosevelt Road on the South, and from Lake Michigan West to Interstate 90/94. Although Chicagoans do not agree on the origin of the Loop's name, it is said to take after a streetcar from the 1880s or the CTA "El" tracks that looped through the city. After the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, many Chicago architects including John W. Root and Daniel H. Burnham began making their mark on the Chicago skyline. In 1885, at the intersection of Adams and LaSalle streets, the first Chicago skyscraper was born, designed by architect and engineer William LeBaron Jenney. By 1973, the Sears Tower was completed and became known as the world's tallest building, a title it would hold for a quarter of a century. Today, the 110-story building is known as Willis Tower.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

0-1 mile

**Average Drive Times**

0 minutes to Chicago Loop | 28 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 18 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

The Loop is the hub of the transportation network in Chicago. The Chicago Transit Authority or CTA includes the train system with 7 different color coated routes, and plentiful bus routes. For those traveling by car, access to I-90/94 and I-290 is close by. Taxis are also available.

**Recreation**

The Loop is blocks from the lakefront and Grant Park with their endless array of activities from swimming and boating to bike trails and jogging paths. Whether you're interested in dining, shopping, clubbing or theater, the Loop has something to suit every taste.

Andersonville, located west of Broadway and stretching over to Ravenswood, and running approximately from Winnemac to Elmdale on the north, is one of the city's most vital neighborhoods. It was once a quiet village founded by Swedish immigrant farmers who moved north of downtown in the mid nineteenth century towards what were then cherry orchards. Today, Andersonville is one of the most diverse neighborhoods on the north side of Chicago. Its Swedish roots are still reflected in the restaurants, delicatessens, and the Swedish American Museum which opened in 1976. Over the years, Andersonville has also become a prominent home to many ethnically diverse businesses and residents, furthering the neighborhood's commercial vitality and appeal. The unique commercial district is home to many independently-owned and locally-operated businesses.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

7 miles

**Average Drive Times**

19 minutes to Chicago Loop | 29 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 32 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

Andersonville is served by the CTA's Red Line with stops at Bryn Mawr and Berwyn. Several CTA buses also run north-south along Ashland, Clark, Broadway and Sheridan with some express buses running along Lake Shore Drive to the Loop. East-west buses run along Bryn Mawr, Peterson and Foster. Travel to the Loop on Lake Shore Drive takes about 15 minutes.

**Recreation**

Many recreational opportunities exist in Andersonville and the lakefront is close by to the East. Midsommarfest, a celebration of the summer solstice, has grown into one of Chicago's largest street fairs.



Lakeview, just north of Lincoln Park, extends from Lake Michigan to the west branch of the Chicago River, and Diversey Parkway north to Irving Park Road. Clark Street divides the two major sections of the neighborhood, Lakeview East and West Lakeview. Lakeview East includes the lakefront districts of Diversey and Belmont Harbors. The neighborhood thrives with over 300 retail and specialty shops and plentiful dining options.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

4 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

17 minutes to Chicago Loop | 27 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 28 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

Taxis, buses, the Red and Brown line trains make transportation convenient within the city and to and from the surrounding suburbs. The Red Line stops at Addison Street and Wrigley Field. The Marine Drive and Outer Drive Express buses run to and from the Loop. The Kennedy Expressway connects all major arteries and links the neighborhoods to surrounding suburbs.

#### **Shopping**

A variety of boutiques and shops dot the streets. Just a few miles to the south, Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile" is among the most elite retail districts in the nation.

#### **Recreation**

The lakefront offers something for everyone including the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, the Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course, and the Waveland Park Tennis Courts. Nearby is the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Notebaert Nature Museum and the Lincoln Park Conservatory. Within Lakeview is Wrigleyville which is home to the Chicago Cubs baseball team and Wrigley Field.



A unique neighborhood on Chicago's north side, Lincoln Square represents a variety of cultures through its restaurants, cafés, businesses, and boutiques. The boundaries are Ravenswood Avenue to the east, Montrose Avenue to the south, the Chicago River to the west and Bryn Mawr Avenue and Peterson Avenue on the north. Lincoln Square, whose history began as a remote farming village on the outskirts of the city was thrust into redevelopment and expansion after the Great Chicago Fire. In 1923, Lincoln Square officially became part of Chicago, and in 2000, was named Chicago's next great neighborhood by Travel & Leisure Magazine. The neighborhood has a distinct European or "Old World" ambiance due to throngs of German, Greek, and other Eastern European immigrants who brought their cultures to the area.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

8 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

22 minutes to Chicago Loop | 28 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 35 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

The CTA Brown Line 'L' train stops at Western Avenue and connects riders to the Loop and the rest of the 'L' system. In addition, the Metra's Union Pacific train, which travels from the suburbs to Ogilvy, has convenient stops located at Lawrence and Ravenswood. Lake Shore Drive and the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) are easily accessible.

#### **Shopping**

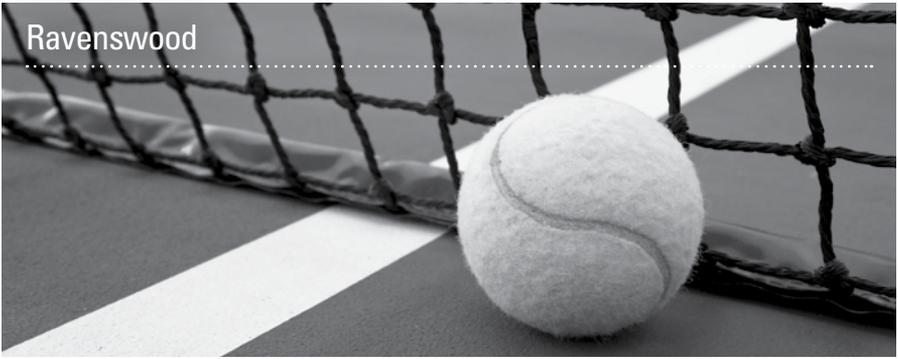
Lincoln Square offers excellent shops, galleries, and boutiques. The Merz Apothecary adds to the area's European feel by offering international products.

#### **Recreation**

Lincoln Square has a number of annual festivals including Oktoberfest, the Lincoln Square Block Party and Summer Concerts in the Square.

## Ravenswood

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The Ravenswood neighborhood, actually part of Lincoln Square, is a diverse community with architectural variety. Property owners in Ravenswood, bounded by Foster, Clark, Irving Park Road and the west branch of the Chicago River, carefully rehab the historic homes that abound in this area.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

7 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

19 minutes to Chicago Loop | 25 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 30 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Metra's Union Pacific trains stop at Lawrence and Ravenswood Avenues. The CTA's Brown Line rapid transit stops at Lawrence and Western, Lawrence and Damen, and on Montrose and Irving Park Road. Numerous CTA bus lines serve the area, and the Red Line is a short bus ride from most areas. Lake Shore Drive and the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) are a few miles away.

### **Shopping**

Individuals living in Ravenswood are located just 30 minutes from Michigan Avenue, Chicago's very best shopping area!

### **Recreation**

About 2.5 miles away from Ravenswood is Cricket Hill, the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, the Magic Hedge, the Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course, the Waveland Park Tennis Courts and the Lake itself. Ravenswood also has multiple parks located within its community for nature lovers.



Wrigleyville is bounded by Southport, Halsted, Roscoe and Byron and is home to the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field. Brought to life by boisterous fans during the baseball season, this neighborhood teems with nightlife and hometown spirit.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

5 miles

**Average Drive Times**

15 minutes to Chicago Loop | 28 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 28 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

Taxis, buses, the elevated trains make transportation convenient within the city and to and from the surrounding suburbs. The Red Line stops at Addison Street/Wrigley Field. The Marine Drive and Outer Drive Express buses run to and from the Loop. The Kennedy Expressway connects with all major arteries and links the neighborhoods to surrounding suburbs.

**Shopping**

A variety of boutiques and shops dot the streets of each neighborhood. Lakeview boasts over 300 stores and specialty shops. Just a few miles to the south, Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile" is among the most elite retail districts in the nation. The "Mag Mile" features such exclusive shops as Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman-Marcus, Macy's, and Bloomingdale's.

**Recreation**

Wrigleyville is the home of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field. Those lucky enough to own housing near the field enjoy rooftop seating for home games. Nearby Lincoln Park Zoo is the largest "free" zoo in the world featuring an award-winning ape house, a real dairy farm and a conservatory. A Bird Sanctuary is found on Belmont Harbor Drive at the lakefront.

## NORTHWEST | Albany Park

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Located on the Northwest Side of the City of Chicago, the Albany Park neighborhood is considered one of the most ethnically diverse communities in Chicago and the United States. Albany Park's boundaries are The Chicago River, California Avenue and Sacramento Avenue on the east, Irving Park Road on the south, Elston Avenue and Pulaski Avenue on the west and Foster Avenue and the North Branch of the Chicago River on the north. Residents and visitors enjoy access to a variety of restaurants, markets, bakeries and retail shops. For those who like musical and theatrical performances, several local colleges, Northeastern Illinois University and North Park University offer a schedule of events, and the Albany Park Theater Project, offers a youth theatrical ensemble that performs original works.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

10 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

20 minutes to Chicago Loop | 20 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 35 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Commuters have many different ways to get to Chicago from Albany Park, with the Loop only 20 minutes away. Residents can catch the CTA train at the Kimball, Kedzie and Francisco stop on the Brown Line or the Irving Park and Montrose stops on the Blue Line. Many bus stops are located within Albany Park and I-94 is another quick way for drivers to get into the city.

### **Recreation**

Individuals looking for outdoor recreational activities have plenty from which to choose. There are 13 parks to choose from in Albany Park as well as two community gardens, the Drake Community Garden and the Turtle Park Community Garden.



This neighborhood has been described as the “*city neighborhood with a country feel.*” Edgebrook’s approximate boundaries are Caldwell Avenue, Dowagiac Avenue, Lunt Avenue, Carpenter Road, Ionia Avenue, Cicero Avenue and the Billy Caldwell Golf Course. Old Edgebrook, a densely wooded section bounded roughly by Prescott Avenue, Mandell Avenue, Louise Avenue and N. Central Avenue, is a Chicago landmark district. The secluded area adjoining the Edgebrook Golf Course includes about 48 unusual country-style homes on large wooded lots.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

12 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

21 minutes to Chicago Loop | 19 minutes to O’Hare Airport | 32 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

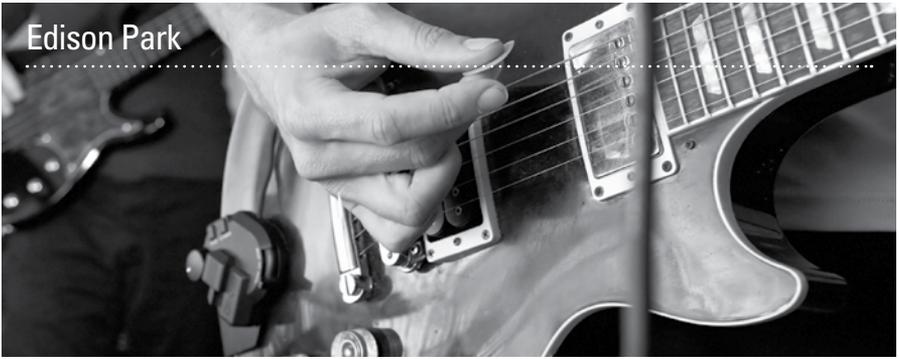
Metra’s Milwaukee Line trains stop at Edgebrook. CTA bus lines run on Touhy, Cicero and Peterson. The Edens Expressway (I-94) is nearby at the intersection of Cicero and Peterson Avenues. The Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) is a few miles west of the area.

#### **Recreation**

The area’s attractions include three golf courses, public transportation within walking distance and easy access to major city thoroughfares. Several hundred acres of Cook County forest preserves flank the North Branch of the Chicago River providing a recreational anchor for the neighborhood. The 18-hole Edgebrook Golf Course and 9-hole Billy Caldwell Golf Course are located within forest preserve perimeters. Sauganash Park has a fieldhouse, 4 tennis courts and 2 softball diamonds. The Whealan Pool Aquatic Center is nearby.

## Edison Park

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Edison Park is a friendly community on the Far North Side of Chicago bounded on the East and West by the suburbs of Niles and Park Ridge, the Kennedy Expressway (I-90), Harlem, Touhy, Ozanam and Canfield Avenues. Located about 13 miles northwest of the bustling Loop, Edison Park is quiet and peaceful. Originally settled by Germans and Swedes, the quaint neighborhood hasn't changed much in 80 years. Northwest Highway is the site of a robust business community. Businesses and residents join forces every year for the Edison Park Fest, an event that features live music, martial arts displays, juggling, magic and more.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

14 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

26 minutes to Chicago Loop | 16 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 37 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Metra's Union Pacific trains stop in Edison Park. The CTA's Blue Line rapid transit stops at Harlem and Higgins. The ride to O'Hare International Airport takes 10 minutes or less. Edison Park residents have easy access to the Kennedy and Edens Expressway (I-90/94).



With beautiful homes and a rich history, Old Irving and Irving Park offer residents a great middle ground between city and suburban living. Located only seven miles northwest of the Loop, the neighborhood has an active commercial district with a variety of housing options from two and three flat condos to frame houses and bungalows. Much of the area's architecture has survived since the late 19th century and includes Victorian, Queen Anne and Italianate homes. Spectacular mansions, huge lawns, and tree-lined streets make the area an ideal place to call home. Originally called Irvington, the area began as a farming community, but proximity to the Chicago & North Western railroad made it a natural choice for settlement. Today the area is a peaceful but exciting residential community packed with culture, restaurants, businesses, stores, and plenty of green space. The neighborhood is roughly bounded by the North Branch of the Chicago River on the east, Belmont Avenue and Addison Street on the south, Kolmar on the west and Lawrence and Montrose Avenues on the north.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

8 miles

**Average Drive Times**

17 minutes to Chicago Loop | 20 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 28 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

CTA bus routes serve the area as well as the Blue Line 'L' train with a stop at the intersection of Irving Park and Pulaski. At one end of the line is the Loop and the other end is O'Hare Airport. Metra stops at Addison and the Kennedy Expressway.

**Recreation**

In the early 1900s, residents established their own park district and created eight local parks of which Independence Park is the largest. California Park is also home to McPetridge Sports Center, the Chicago Park District's only indoor hockey and tennis facility.

## Jefferson Park

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Jefferson Park, bounded by Montrose, Narragansett and Cicero Avenues and the Milwaukee Railroad tracks, is a residential neighborhood known for its transportation and affordability. As a quiet neighborhood with an abundance of green space, Jefferson Park offers a suburban-feel in the city. Occasionally referred to as the “Gateway to Chicago” because of its importance to travelers and immigrants over time, Jefferson Park has a large Polish-American presence and is also home to many city and county workers. Jefferson Park real estate includes modern condos and many different types of single family homes, with styles including Victorian, Georgian, bungalow, Cape Cod, and ranch houses.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

10 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

16 minutes to Chicago Loop | 19 minutes to O’Hare Airport | 27 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Jeff Park, as residents often call it, is a transportation hub due to close proximity to the Kennedy and Eden’s Expressways, the CTA Blue Line and Metra Union Pacific/Northwest line. Trains connect riders to the Loop, O’Hare, and the suburbs. The CTA also operates several bus routes in the area.

### **Recreation**

The neighborhood’s namesake, Jefferson Park, and Wilson Park offer residents many recreational activities including baseball, football, soccer, tennis, tumbling and gymnastics. Jefferson Park also has a playground, a field house, a spray pool, and an outdoor swimming pool. In the summer, it is host to Jeff Fest, a music festival with food and vendors. Other cultural events include the Taste of Polonia which celebrates Polish culture, and various performances at the historic Gateway Theatre, now the Copernicus Center. The Jefferson Park Historical Society works to preserve the area’s history and culture.



Residents of Norwood Park on Chicago's far northwest side are proud of its charming residences and good schools. Bounded by Austin Avenue on the east, Albion Avenue on the north, Canfield on the west and Gunnison Street on the south, Norwood Park has homes and commercial properties dating back to the mid-1800s. Newer brick, Georgian, ranch, Tudor and Cape Cod homes line the streets surrounding Circle Avenue. In the oldest section, south of the Union Pacific train station, bright blue, yellow and white Victorian frame homes with shuttered windows occupy deep, wooded lots on the curving East Circle and West Circle Avenues. The town square's intersection at Nicolet, Nickerson and Nina, the residential main street of Old Norwood Park, is similar to those found in New England.

Real estate tycoon Thomas H. Seymour is often referred to as the father of Norwood Park. Seymour's residence has been restored by the Norwood Park Historical Society and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

13 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

22 minutes to Chicago Loop | 14 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 33 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

Metra's Union Pacific trains stop in Norwood Park. The CTA's Blue Line and rapid transit trains stop at Harlem and Higgins. The ride to O'Hare Airport takes about 10 minutes. CTA buses run on Harlem, Higgins, Foster, Canfield and Talcott. The Kennedy and Edens Expressways (I-90/94) are also easily accessible.



Located eight miles northwest of the Loop, Portage Park is a quiet residential neighborhood with a thriving shopping district and plenty of green space. Portage Park, named for the nearby park of the same name, is bordered by Montrose Avenue to the north, Narragansett Avenue to the west, Roscoe Street to the south, and Cicero Avenue to the east. In the early 1800s, the area was a “portage” used by Native Americans to transport canoes between the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers. The land was officially given the name Portage Park in 1912.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

10 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

20 minutes to Chicago Loop | 18 minutes to O’Hare Airport | 31 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

Portage Park is served by the CTA Blue Line ‘L’ which has two train stops at nearby Montrose and Irving Park and connects riders to O’Hare, the Loop, and the rest of the CTA system. In addition, a number of CTA bus routes serve the area and the Milwaukee District North Line of the Metra train is located close to the Montrose Blue Line stop.

#### **Shopping**

Portage Park’s famous “Six Corners”, at the intersection of Irving Park Road, Cicero Avenue, and Milwaukee Avenue, is a shopping district where most of the area’s commercial activity takes place. The area also has fun nightlife.

#### **Recreation**

Portage Park is a 36.5 acre park with many amenities including an Olympic-size pool, a bike path, five baseball fields, two combination football/soccer fields, a gymnasium and a cultural arts building. Youth activities include sports and music. A 6,500-square-foot senior center is an excellent amenity for adults and a 3,000 square-foot dog-friendly area is available for those with dogs.



This neighborhood has been described as a “*city neighborhood with a country feel.*” Sauganash is bounded roughly by Bryn Mawr Avenue, Cicero Avenue, Devon Avenue and the former right-of-way for the Union Pacific Railroad. Area residents have a great deal of civic pride. Many homeowners belong to community associations which hold meetings and arrange for streets to be plowed in the winter. Homes in Sauganash are known for elaborate and decorative Christmas light displays. Block parties held on neighborhood streets confirm that residents socialize with their neighbors. Generations of families seem to stay in Sauganash because they feel it is such a great place to live.

**Distance to Downtown Chicago**

12 miles

**Average Drive Times**

21 minutes to Chicago Loop | 21 minutes to O’Hare Airport | 32 minutes to Midway Airport

**Transportation**

Metra’s Milwaukee Line trains stop at Edgebrook. CTA bus lines run on Touhy, Cicero and Peterson. The Edens Expressway (I-94) is nearby at the intersection of Cicero and Peterson Avenues. The Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) is a few miles west of the area.

**Recreation**

The area’s attractions include three golf courses, public transportation within walking distance and easy access to major city thoroughfares. Several hundred acres of Cook County forest preserves flank the North Branch of the Chicago River and provide a recreational anchor for the area.

## FAR NORTH | Bowmanville



Part of Lincoln Square, little-known Bowmanville, bounded by Ravenswood Avenue, Foster Avenue, Western Avenue and the Rosehill Cemetery, is a quiet, uncongested and primarily residential area with plenty of single-family homes including frame cottages and bungalows.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

7 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

22 minutes to Chicago Loop | 28 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 33 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

The Metra commuter train stops at Lawrence and Ravenswood and the Brown Line at Western and Lincoln Avenues. Travel to the Loop on Lake Shore Drive takes about 15 minutes.



Edgewater is bounded by Lake Michigan to the east, Foster Avenue to the south, Ravenswood Avenue to the west and Devon Avenue to the north. The neighborhood began in the 1890s as a retreat for members of Chicago's elite society. Later, the affluence of the area was symbolized most by the Edgewater Beach Hotel that opened in 1916 right on Lake Michigan and Sheridan Road. Famous hotel guests included Marilyn Monroe, Charlie Chaplin, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, and Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower. Bands such as Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and Glenn Miller performed there. The extension of Lake Shore Drive from 1951 to 1954 cut the hotel off from the beach and the hotel closed in 1967. The central building was demolished shortly thereafter. The Edgewater Beach Co-op remains today and can be found in the Bryn Mawr Historical District.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

7 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

18 minutes to Chicago Loop | 33 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 31 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

The CTA's Red Line has stops at Loyola (Devon), Granville, Thorndale, Bryn Mawr and Berwyn. Buses run along Sheridan and Lake Shore Drive. The Metra train stops near Lawrence and Ravenswood. Travel to the Loop on Lake Shore Drive takes about 15 minutes.

### **Recreation**

Edgewater has five lakefront parks including Osterman Beach, George Lane Park, Berger Park and two others between Ardmore and Devon.

## Rogers Park

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Rogers Park is an eclectic combination of residential streets, small commercial areas and parks. Home to the Loyola University campus, vegetarian cafés and incense-scented bookstores, the lakefront neighborhood has many residential streets that end at the beach. Historically and today, Rogers Park is a melting pot within the greater city of Chicago, culturally and economically diverse. Devon Avenue's colorful South Asian and Middle Eastern markets lend to the culturally rich nature of this neighborhood. The boundaries for Rogers Park are Lake Michigan on the east, Devon Avenue on the south, Ridge on the west and Juneway Terrace on the north, bordering Evanston. West Rogers Park starts at Seeley, Bryn Mawr and Peterson Avenues on the south, Kedzie Avenue on the west, and Howard Street on the north.

### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

8 miles

### **Average Drive Times**

23 minutes to Chicago Loop | 35 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 36 minutes to Midway Airport

### **Transportation**

Drivers can access downtown Chicago via Sheridan Road and Lake Shore Drive. The Red Line 'L' train has stops at Howard, Jarvis, Morse, and Loyola.

### **Shopping**

An abundance of shopping opportunities are available. The suburb of Evanston, located just north of Rogers Park, offers more than 200 specialty shops and boutiques.

### **Recreation**

Rogers Park is also home to Indian Boundary Park, popular for its lagoon and tree lined trails, tennis courts, and playground.



Uptown has always been a community where people from diverse backgrounds come together. Community leaders are transforming that diversity into positive energy for the neighborhood bounded by Montrose Avenue, Foster Avenue, Clark Street and Lake Michigan. Uptown is close to the lakefront so residents and visitors can enjoy the many recreational activities that are available including the Montrose Beach, dog park, Montrose Harbor, The Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary and The Magic Hedge, the Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course, Movies in the Park at Cricket Hill and more.

Argyle Street is an economic dynamo similar to a shopping mall which attracts customers and generates substantial income for business owners. This area is known by many names including New Chinatown, Little Saigon or simply Argyle and offers many Asian specialty shops and restaurants.

#### **Distance to Downtown Chicago**

6 miles

#### **Average Drive Times**

16 minutes to Chicago Loop | 30 minutes to O'Hare Airport | 29 minutes to Midway Airport

#### **Transportation**

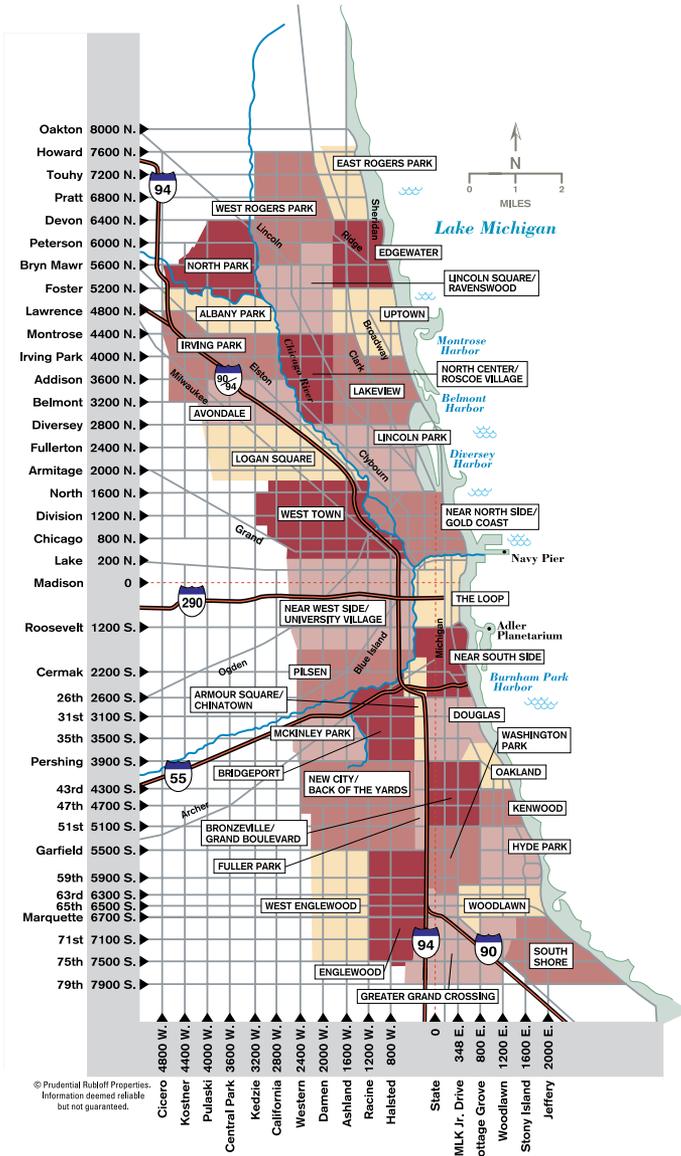
The CTA's Red Line serves the area with stops at Berwyn, Argyle, Lawrence, Wilson and Sheridan. Sheridan, Broadway and Lake Shore Drive express buses travel downtown. The Metra commuter train stops at Lawrence and Ravenswood. Travel time by car on Lake Shore Drive is about 15 minutes to the Loop.

#### **Recreation**

Entertainment options include the Black Ensemble Theater, the Profiles Theater and the Pegasus Players Theatre. The Aragon Ballroom, once the premium place for big-band music, is now a charming relic and home to modern rock and Latin concerts. The Riviera Theater, formerly a movie palace, also hosts live concerts. The Green Mill Cocktail Lounge is legendary for its late-night jazz sets.

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