

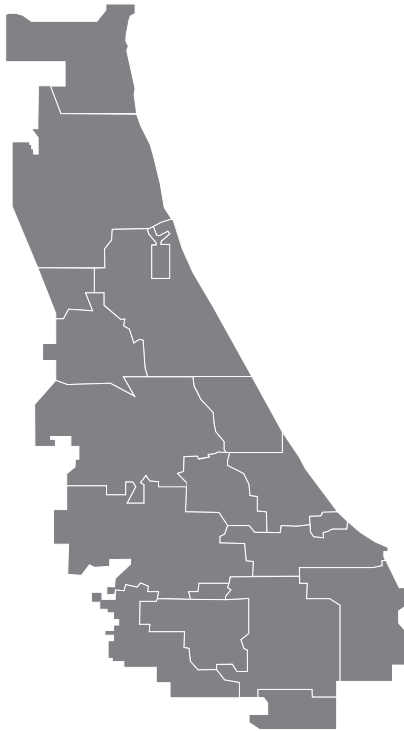


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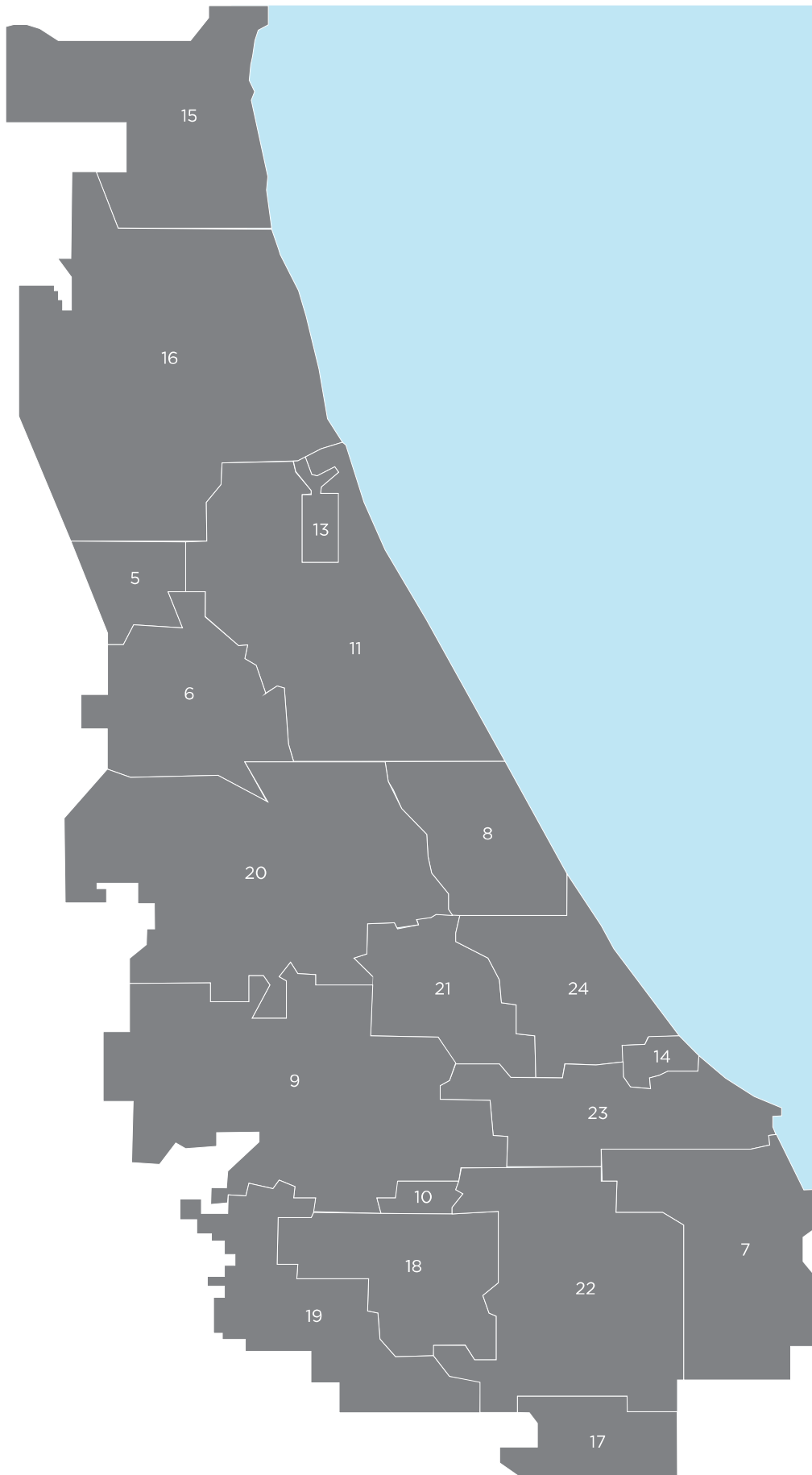


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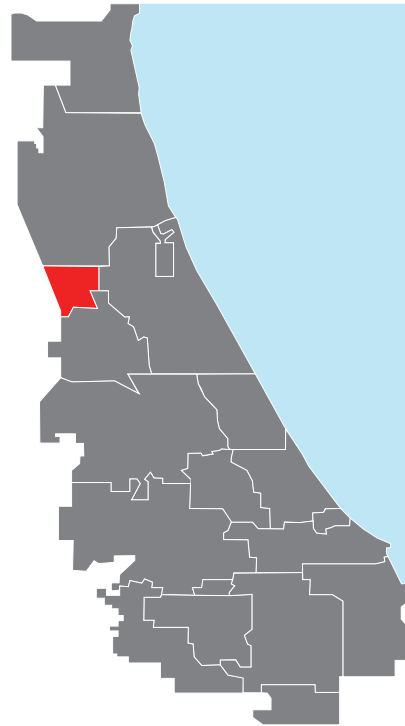
bannockburn

Although just 30 miles from downtown Chicago, Bannockburn is a tranquil community that feels a world away.



Originally built as country estates, Bannockburn's homes are set on expansive lots – many of which are set back from main roads and surrounded by mature trees. The village continuously works to preserve the uniquely rural feeling that the locals love.

Homeowners come for the privacy and stay for the peacefulness and great outdoors. Maybe that's why the community has been home to a few notable residents who might enjoy a break from the spotlight, including professional athletes and a Grammy award-winning musician.



Bannockburn residents enjoy the numerous biking and hiking trails nearby along with plentiful shopping and dining options in neighboring communities such as Deerfield.

Schools include Bannockburn School District 106 and Deerfield High School. The community is situated just east of the Tri-State Tollway, offering convenient transportation to downtown Chicago. Metra also is an option for commuters, who can access train stations in nearby Lake Forest and Deerfield.

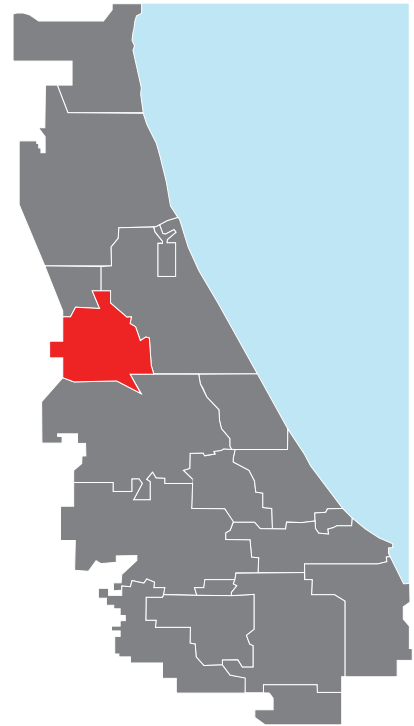
deerfield

Deerfield boasts the best of both worlds—the amenities and conveniences of city living with the charm of a small town.



Touting a variety of housing options, Deerfield offers condominiums, townhomes, and single-family homes in a wide range of architectural styles and prices. The village includes both in-town locations and more traditional suburban subdivisions.

When it comes to amenities, Deerfield checks all the boxes. Deerfield Square includes an assortment of shops, restaurants, and boutique workout studios, while the Sachs Recreation Center offers an indoor pool, tennis courts, gymnasiums, fitness classes, and more. Another popular attraction is the Deerfield Historic Village, where residents and visitors can explore buildings dating back to the 1800s.



The community is home to Deerfield High School, which ranks among the top high schools in Illinois, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

With two Metra stations and proximity to the Tri-State Tollway and Edens Expressway, Deerfield puts residents within easy reach of downtown Chicago, O'Hare International Airport, and numerous corporate headquarters.

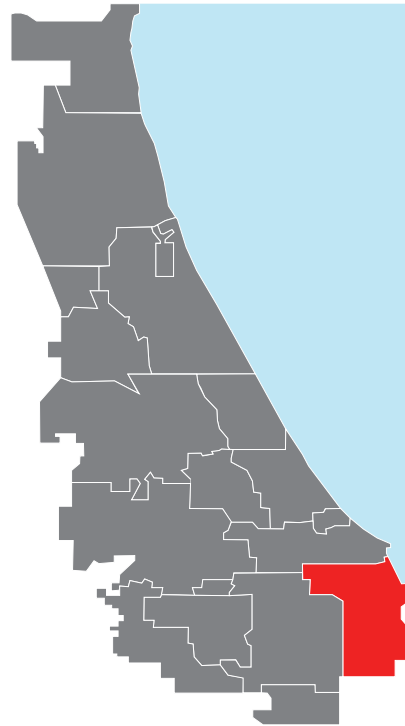
evanston

Located just north of Chicago, Evanston offers a beautiful natural setting on the shores of Lake Michigan. Its historic homes, tree-lined streets, and sprawling beaches may be the first things that catch your eye, but there's a lot more to love here.



Home to world-class Northwestern University, Evanston residents have plenty to cheer about – from watching Big Ten sports and enjoying cultural events to exploring academic pursuits.

The thriving downtown district includes bookstores, boutiques, galleries, theaters, and restaurants that attract city dwellers and suburbanites alike, while outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the many nature paths, parks, and public beaches the community offers.



Evanston boasts a variety of homes in a wide range of styles and price points. You can find everything from stately historic mansions along the lakefront and well-maintained single-family homes on tree-lined streets, to contemporary townhomes and newer high-rises that are close to shops and restaurants.

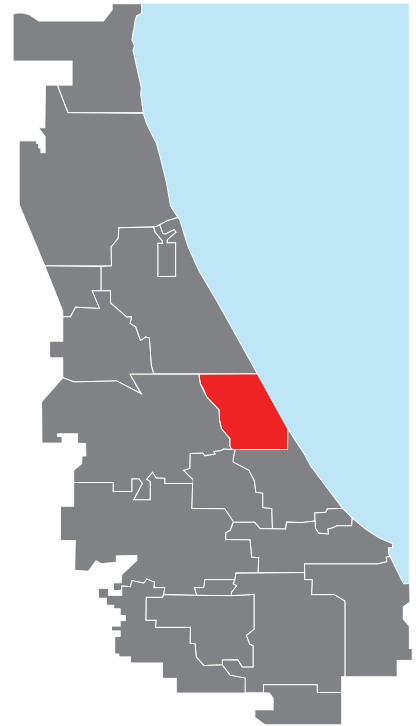
Residents have several convenient options to commute to downtown Chicago including the CTA's Purple Line and bus routes, as well as Pace buses and three Metra stations.

glencoe

With vast stretches of ravines, abundant parks, and a charming downtown district, there are plenty of reasons to appreciate the idyllic lakefront community of Glencoe.



Comprised of traditional and contemporary homes in a range of prices, Glencoe features beachfront mansions, architecturally significant mid-century modern homes, new construction, and a mix of townhomes and condominiums. Many neighborhoods are in close proximity to the village's downtown, which offers an array of eateries and upscale boutiques.



During the summer, residents can play 18 holes at the community's public golf course or take advantage of boat rentals, sailing lessons, and volleyball at Glencoe Beach. Then, of course, there are the amenities that can be enjoyed year-round, from the renowned Writers Theatre and public library to the Takiff Center, which has a gymnasium, fitness studios, conference and activity rooms, and more.

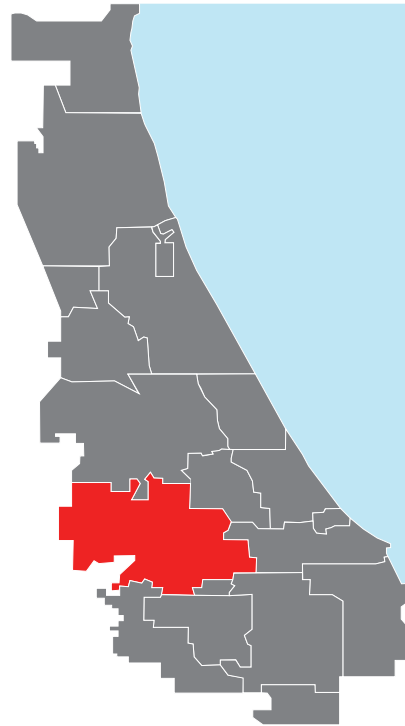
Glencoe is also home to the Chicago Botanic Garden – a breathtaking attraction with gardens, special events, and horticulture classes. Additionally, a Metra station in town makes for an easy commute to the city and New Trier High School.

glenview

Just 20 miles from downtown Chicago, Glenview is a destination in its own right. The scenic North Shore town has expanded rapidly thanks to its established neighborhoods, convenient access to transportation, and array of amenities.



More than 45,000 people call Glenview home, with properties ranging from townhomes and condominiums to luxury custom homes featuring the latest amenities. Newer homes can also be found at The Glen, a large development on the site of the former Glenview Naval Air Station that offers an assortment of shops and restaurants, a movie complex, the Kohl Children's Museum, and access to one of the town's two Metra stations.



Glenview is served by a number of public and private schools, including Glenbrook South High School, ranked among the top in the nation according to *Business Insider*.

The Glenview Park District offers indoor and outdoor pools, golf courses, soccer fields, nature trails, an ice center, tennis club, and multi-purpose community center.

In addition to modern development, Glenview celebrates and preserves its early days with two notable attractions: Wagner Farm and The Grove. A 20-acre working farm, Wagner Farm has hands-on programs – horseback riding, tractor driving, and other activities – that reflect a day in the life of a 1920s farmer. The Grove, a National Historic Landmark, includes a prairie, nature trails, historic buildings, and a log cabin that dates back to the 1850s.

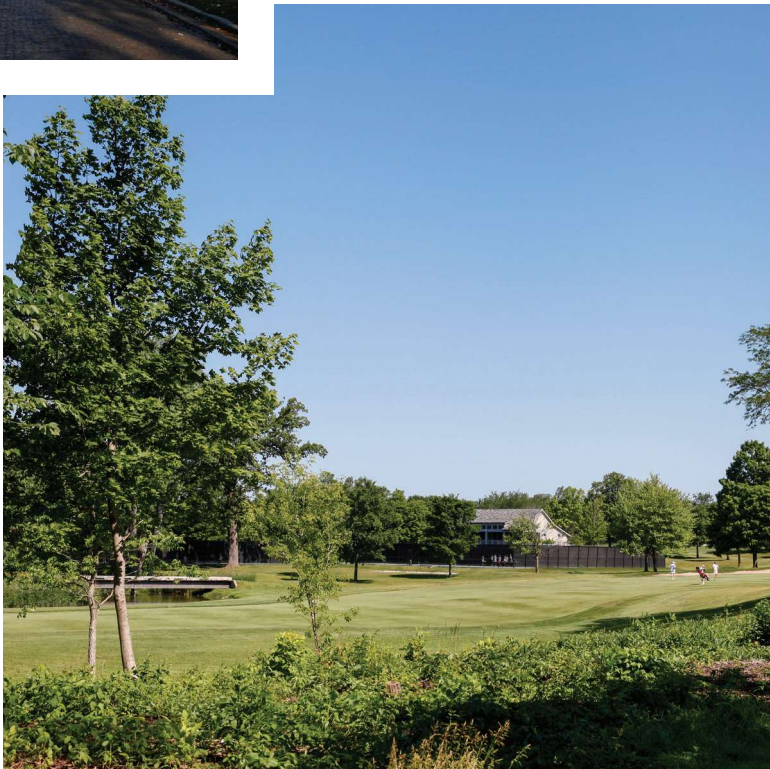
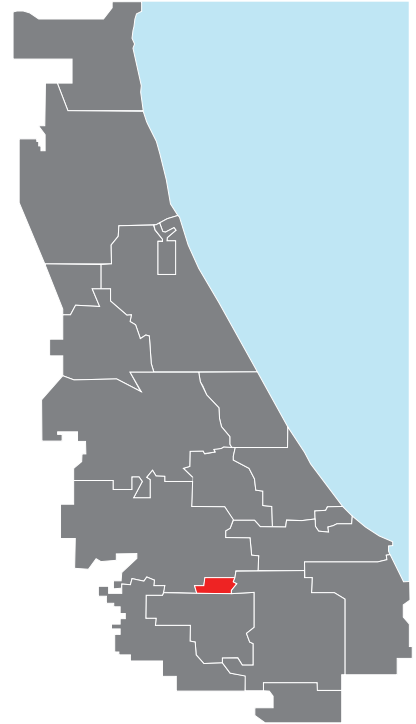


golf

The Village of Golf is home to approximately 170 households and the Evans Scholars Foundation. The village has its own police force, post office and Metra train station, and shares its schools, parks and fire department with neighboring Glenview.



Residents enjoy diverse single-family home options and the opportunity to reside on relatively large residential lots, all while being situated near parks, public transportation, shopping, and major expressways. A sense of community abounds with annual events, including a winter social event, daylong 4th of July festivities, a fall steak fry, and a Halloween haunted house.



Golf owes its existence—and its name—to its proximity to the Glen View Club. Around 1899, one member, Albert J. Earling, President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, started taking his private rail car from his offices downtown to golf at the Glen View Golf & Polo Club. He would tell people he was “going to golf.” Earling arranged to have his car switched to a special siding at what is now the Golf train station.

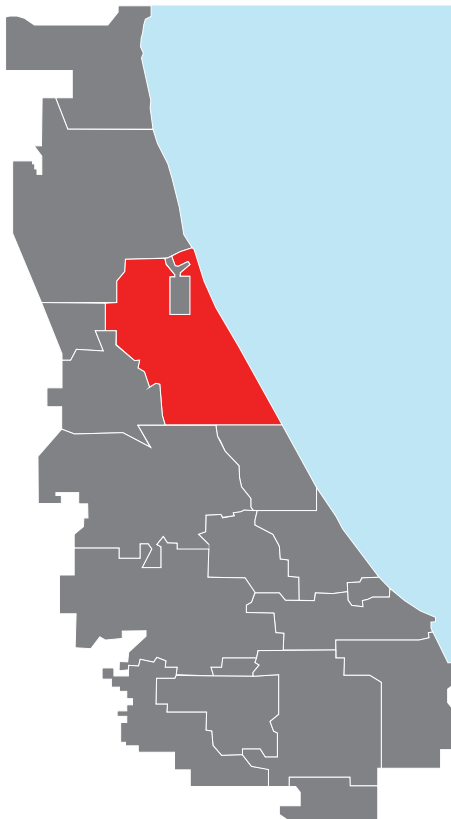
highland park

You had me at Ravinia – yet there’s so much more to love about Highland Park. Located 23 miles north of downtown Chicago, Highland Park is known for its vibrant downtown business district, abundant recreational facilities, and world-class cultural amenities.

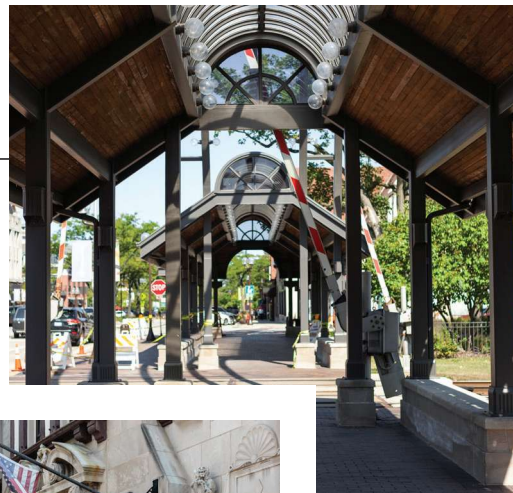


The city is home to several landmarks, including homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Highland Park also created the first community land trust in Illinois to develop and preserve high-quality affordable housing for residents.

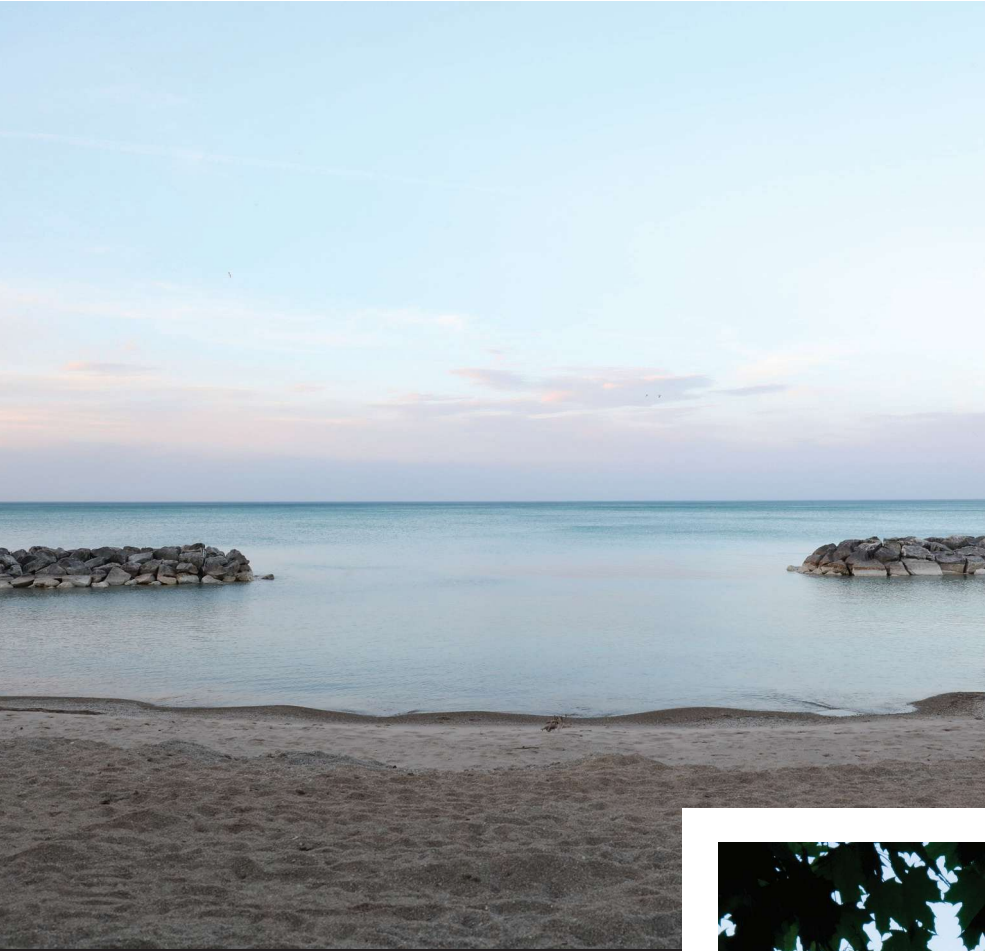
High-end homes in Highland Park range from custom lakefront mansions to multi-million-dollar contemporary estates. Mid-century moderns and in-town bungalows are plentiful, while a number of luxury condominiums offer maintenance-free living near downtown shops, restaurants, and commuter train stations.



Highland Park is home to **three Metra stations**: one in the downtown area and another that stops directly outside the Ravinia gates.



A variety of shops and restaurants can be found in **Downtown Highland Park**.



beachside BLISS

Residents enjoy two public beaches and the North Shore Yacht Club, a not-for-profit membership organization for sailors, kayakers, power boaters, and stand-up paddle boarders. Downtown Highland Park thrives year-round thanks to an eclectic mix of businesses including local restaurants, national retailers, and upscale boutiques.

music UNDER THE STARS

Highland Park shines brightest in the summertime, when the sprawling outdoor Ravinia Festival welcomes the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and a diverse lineup of popular musicians. Ravinia attracts concertgoers from near and far, including locals and city-dwellers who can hop on the Metra train that conveniently stops at the festival gates.



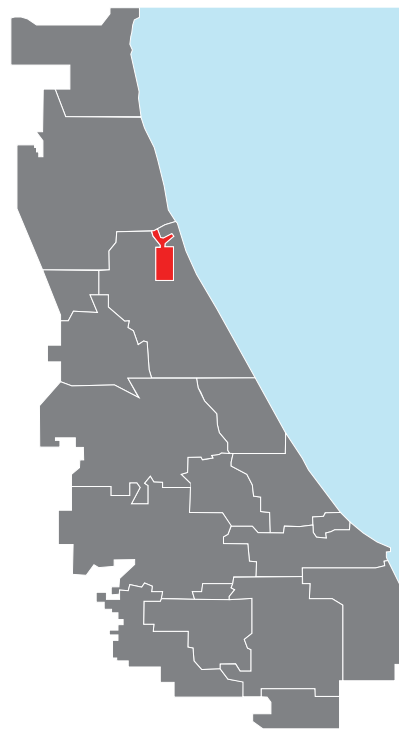
highwood

Highwood enjoys the good life with a thriving dining scene, festivals, and nightlife that attracts visitors from across the North Shore.



The city is known for its award-winning restaurants offering everything from Italian to French cuisine. In the summertime, residents enjoy Highwood's popular Evening Markets, recognized among the best on the North Shore for its vendors and variety of musical acts.

Additional community events include Highwood Days, the city's oldest festival. The city is also home to one of the area's premier bocce facilities, Highwood Bocce Club.



Aptly named for its high elevation relative to Lake Michigan and its wooded setting, Highwood is located just north of Highland Park. Real estate varies from duplexes and ranches to luxury apartments, condominiums, and single-family homes. The community also includes part of Fort Sheridan, a master-planned residential community and National Historic Landmark that was originally a U.S. military base.

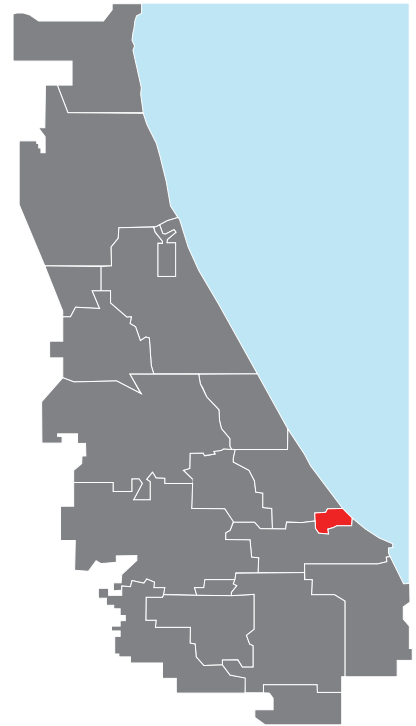
The main highway to Highwood is US-41, which connects Chicago to Milwaukee. Commuter rail service includes two Metra train stations offering direct access to downtown Chicago.

kenilworth

Kenilworth's allure was no accident. In fact, the community was conscientiously designed to provide residents the utmost in beauty and privacy as well as proximity to downtown Chicago. Today it remains one of the most affluent communities in the Midwest.



Founded in 1889 by Joseph Sears, Kenilworth has fewer than 1,000 homes within its .6-mile radius; and notably no large businesses. The village was designed around its town assembly hall, the Kenilworth Club, to make the most of its natural beauty. The community's innovative design captured the attention of architects during the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.



Kenilworth's lakefront mansions complement comfortable Prairie-style homes by architect and original resident George Maher. Noted architect Franklin Burnham designed the railroad station and Kenilworth Union Church, along with several original homes. Spectacular new construction is also available to homebuyers but must meet strict architectural standards to maintain Kenilworth's tradition of elegance.

Schools in the community include Joseph Sears School and New Trier High School, which consistently ranks among the top high schools in the country.

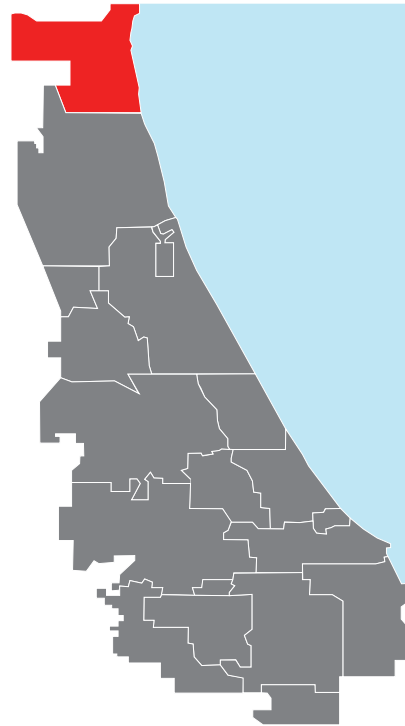
Residents enjoy dining out in nearby villages or taking a short ride into the city from the Kenilworth Metra Station. A beautiful public beach, flowing fountains, cozy parks, an active historical society, and annual traditions such as a Memorial Day parade preserve the community's charm.

lake bluff

Lake Bluff is a rare gem. Set atop the string of North Shore communities, the village boasts a welcoming laid-back lifestyle, historic architecture, a thriving downtown, and a priceless sense of community.



Each year, Lake Bluff hosts a number of special events – from art festivals and farmers markets to community barbeques, block parties and a Fourth of July Parade. Its annual Halloween event brings out hundreds of ghouls and goblins, while the Bluffinia concert series brings residents together on the Village Green for a wide range of live music. Residents also enjoy scenic parks, recreational activities, an assortment of small boutiques, and restaurants, and a beautiful lakefront with limited development.



A variety of architectural styles keep Lake Bluff interesting with Tudor, Colonial, Victorian, bungalow and modern homes. Properties range from multi-million-dollar lakefront estates to condominiums and townhomes.

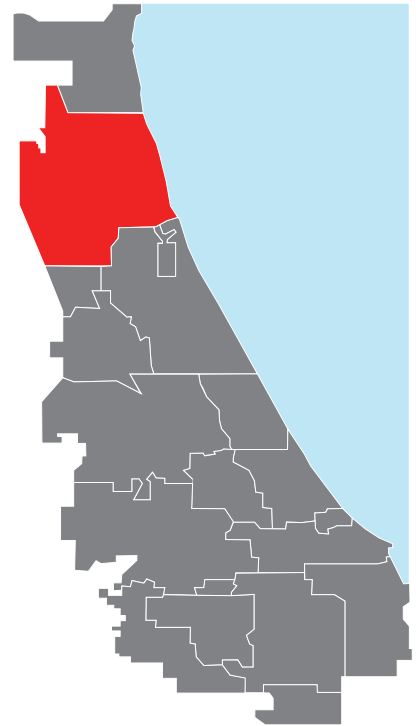
Residents find easy access to major interstates and U.S. Route 41, along with a Metra station that serves commuters going to Chicago.

lake forest

With its towering trees, picturesque street plan, and bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, it's easy to see why Lake Forest is known for its natural beauty.



Rich in history, the community offers true luxury in a resort-style setting. Historic estates built by legendary architects Howard Van Doren Shaw, David Adler, and Henry Ives Cobb are interspersed among elegant homes with impeccable landscaping. Properties range from multi-million-dollar mansions to maintenance-free new construction condominiums and single-family homes with a convenient in-town location.



The community boasts schools including Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest College, and Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

At the heart of Lake Forest is Market Square, a historically-significant landmark and charming hub of boutique shopping and dining. Cultural and recreational opportunities abound including the Gorton Community Center and Lake Forest Recreation Center, as well as at beautiful beaches, golf courses, and bike trails. There is also a Metra station right in town, providing commuters with convenient access to downtown Chicago.

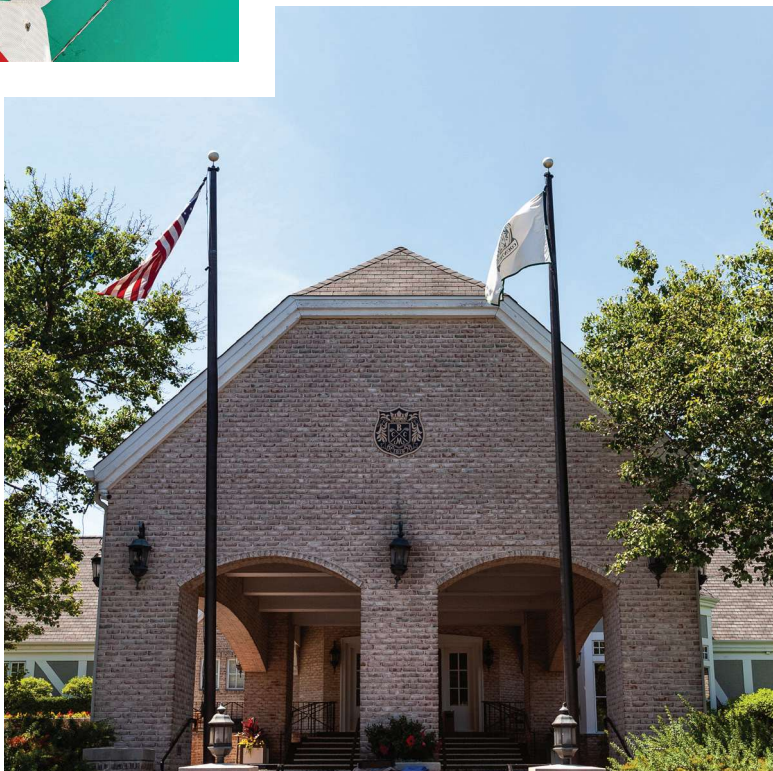
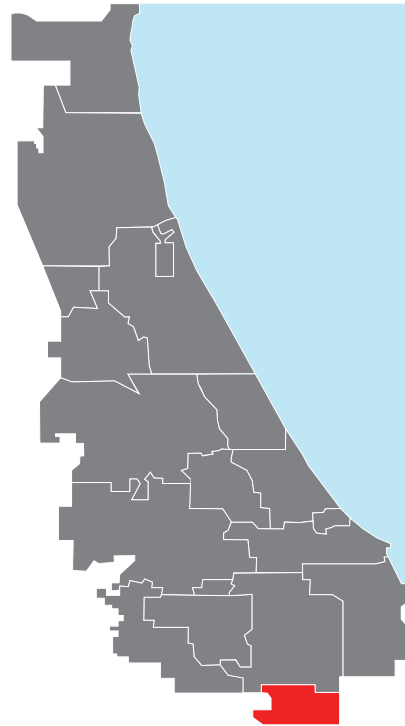
lincolnwood

Downtown Chicago is only a short trip away, but Lincolnwood residents have plenty to enjoy right in their backyard.



From festivals and a summer concert series to the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, the village hosts a number of events that contribute to its close-knit sense of community. Residents also enjoy a wealth of parks, pools, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, nearby forest preserves, and bike trails.

Shopping awaits at the Lincolnwood Town Center, as well as a number of independent stores. Among the village's dining options is a popular barbeque restaurant where a scene from *Ocean's Twelve* was filmed.



Lincolnwood homebuyers will find a variety of property types including condominiums, well-maintained bungalows, and new construction single-family homes.

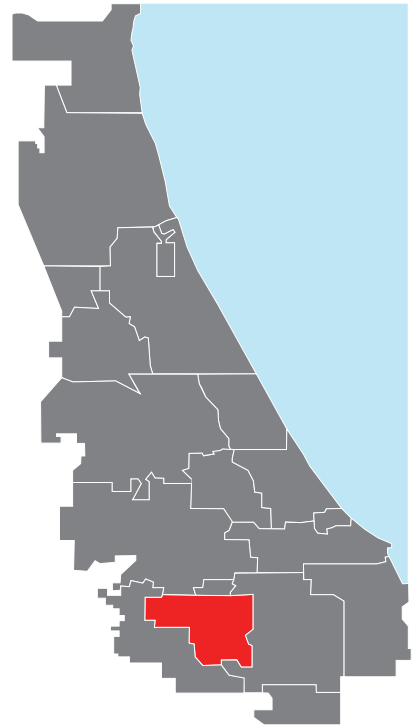
The nearby Edgebrook Metra station provides residents with commuter rail service to downtown Chicago. Commuters can also take a public bus to catch the CTA's Blue and Yellow Lines.

morton grove

With 20 percent of its land set aside for open space, Morton Grove offers an abundance of recreational amenities including a historic bike trail, the Cook County Forest Preserve, and numerous award-winning parks.



A variety of housing choices can be found throughout the community, from ranch homes to Chicago-style bungalows. Adding to its charm are tree-lined streets, local shops and eateries, and annual events that highlight Morton Grove's tight-knit community.



Community pride is especially evident in the summer, when residents come together to celebrate Morton Grove Days – a popular festival with carnival rides, live entertainment, and a Fourth of July parade. Morton Grove also shines when it comes to convenience, with the village offering direct access to downtown Chicago via Metra's Milwaukee District North Line and the Edens Expressway.

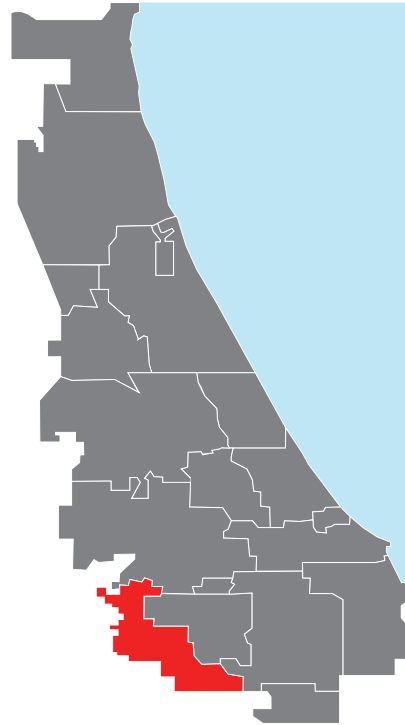
niles

Just 15 minutes from the hustle and bustle of downtown Chicago, the Village of Niles offers quiet residential neighborhoods shaded by towering trees.



Despite being outside the city, Niles still has a cosmopolitan vibe with its own half-size replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa and active Sister Cities program, promoting cultural exchanges. The community also has a strong commitment to sustainability, converting vacant land into the Farm on Franks, a community garden and educational experience.

Niles homebuyers will find a variety of homes in several styles and price ranges, from condominiums to well-maintained bungalows and new construction single-family homes.



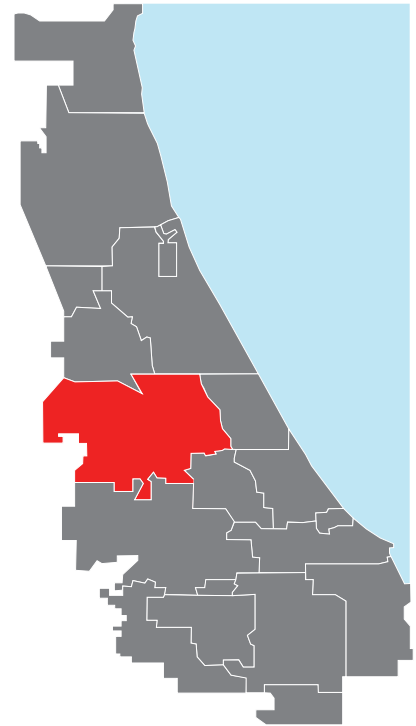
Niles residents have several transportation options including two nearby Metra rail lines providing direct service to downtown Chicago and a free bus for travel within the village. Commuters can also take a public bus to catch the CTA's Blue and Yellow Lines.

northbrook

Northbrook has many claims to fame, and “movie star” is just one of them. The backdrop for feature films including *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*, Northbrook is one of the largest communities on the North Shore. Locals love that despite its movie star status, it still maintains a small-town feel.



With some of the most diverse housing options on the North Shore, Northbrook features a variety of neighborhoods with single-family homes in architectural styles ranging from mid-century ranch to contemporary. There are also new townhomes and condominiums in a wide price range.



Northbrook’s beautiful residential areas are interspersed with parks, local business districts, corporate headquarters, and shopping centers, making the community a destination for many in nearby suburbs. One of the community’s top shopping attractions is Northbrook Court, a large regional mall with high-end retailers, restaurants, and a movie theater. Downtown Northbrook also offers locals shopping, dining, and celebrations including the annual Northbrook Days festival.

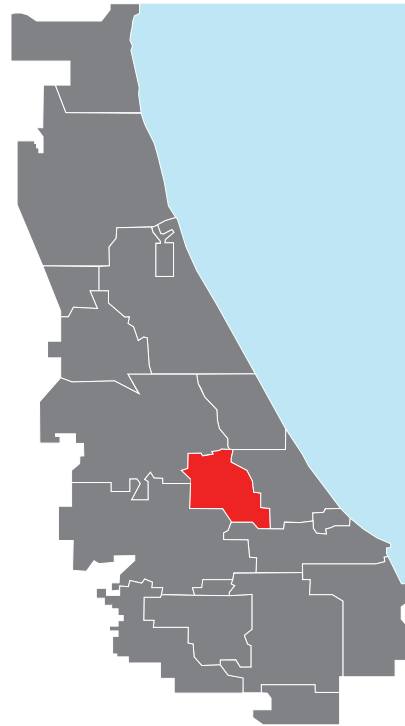
Recreational pursuits also contribute to the Northbrook lifestyle. The community has an outstanding park district with facilities and year-round programs for just about every sport – from baseball and golf to cycling and skating. Biking and running trails are also abundant, while Northbrook’s Velodrome offers bicycle racing, training, and entertainment.

northfield

Northfield is a community with enduring charm and tranquility.



Known for its distinctly residential character, Northfield is defined by sprawling ranch homes with spacious yards, European-inspired mansions on oversized lots, and condominiums in quiet locales. While the community has experienced growth through new construction, its welcoming atmosphere still remains.



Convenient access to I-94 and I-294 make for an easy drive to the city and O'Hare International Airport. Meanwhile, neighboring towns such as Winnetka and Glenview have Metra stations providing train service to downtown Chicago.

In addition to nationally acclaimed New Trier High School, Northfield offers residents proximity to corporate headquarters as well as an abundance of shops, restaurants, parks, and forest preserves.

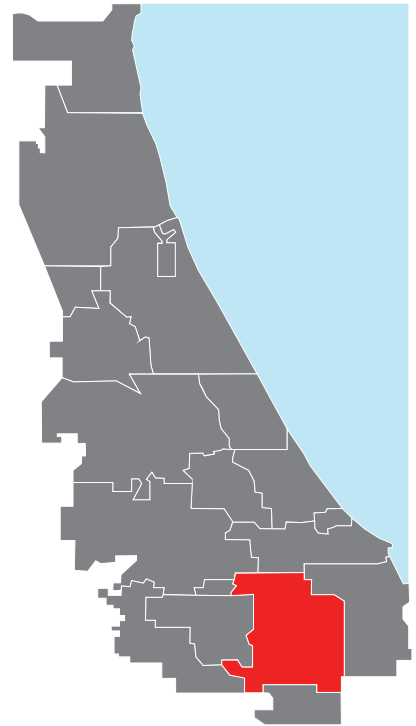
skokie

Skokie is a thriving community catering to suburban residents who enjoy a more urban lifestyle. Recognized by *Money* magazine as one of the fastest-growing suburbs in the U.S. and by *Livability.com* as one of the Top 100 Places to Live, Skokie's secret is out.



Homebuyers will find a diverse collection of housing and neighborhoods close to shops, restaurants, and grocery stores in downtown Skokie. Architectural styles include classic bungalow-style single-family homes as well as apartment buildings.

Home to one of the region's top shopping centers, Westfield Old Orchard Mall, Skokie offers numerous upscale retailers, a variety of dining options, and movie theaters. The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts and Northlight Theatre are among the community's cultural amenities that draw locals and visitors alike.



If you're looking for fun and games, Skokie has that covered too thanks to an award-winning park district with 240 acres of parkland and year-round programs and events. A recently renovated leisure center offers a variety of classes and workout options for residents on the move.

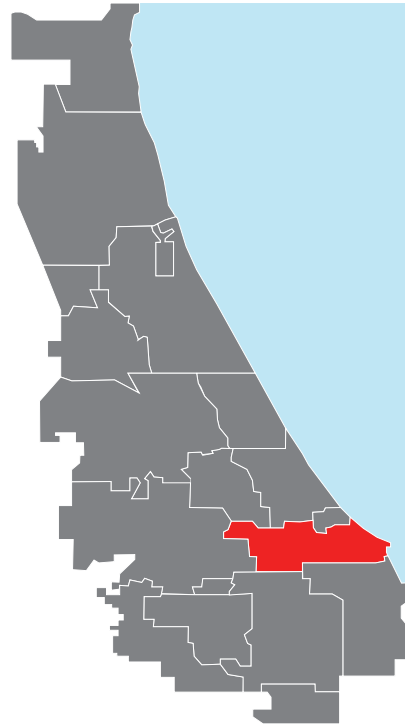
Skokie offers convenient access to the city with the Edens Expressway located along its western edge and the easily accessible CTA Yellow Line.

wilmette

Ranked by *Chicago* magazine as one of the Chicago area's best places to live, Wilmette is a vibrant town with a wealth of amenities.



When it comes to housing in Wilmette, there's no shortage of architectural styles and price points. Quintessential Cape Cod, Victorian, and Colonial homes line the village's historic streets, many of which are paved with clay-fired bricks from the 1800s. In addition to single-family homes, there are beachfront condominiums and townhomes. While well-kept homes maintain Wilmette's rich architectural history in all of its glory, new construction attests to the village's enduring popularity.



Residents also have access to nationally recognized New Trier High School, located in Winnetka.

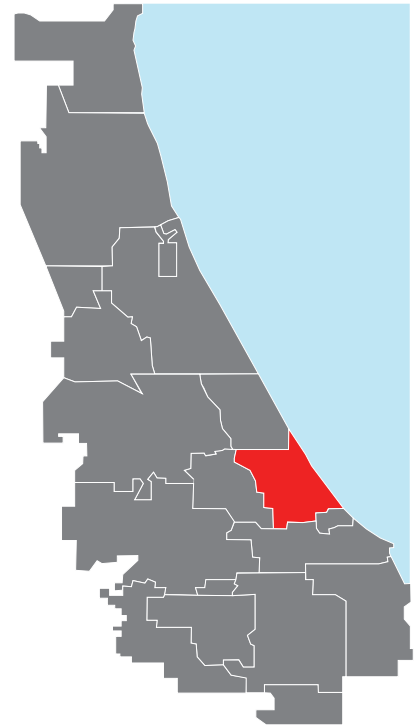
Wilmette's Metra station and access to I-94 make commuting a breeze, but there's plenty of reasons to stay local. At the heart of town is the Village Center, where you'll find specialty stores, restaurants, and The Wilmette Theatre. Ample recreational activities are also available at Gillson Park and beach, Wilmette Harbor, and the Centennial Recreation Complex, which includes swimming, tennis, and ice skating.

winnetka

Winnetka is beautiful inside and out – from its picturesque downtown and scenic beaches to homes designed by renowned masters of architecture.



Gorgeous neighborhoods surround the village's downtown business district, putting residents near a variety of boutique shops and eateries. Three Metra stations are also located throughout the community, providing convenient commuting options to downtown Chicago. Of course, with Winnetka's beautiful beaches, golf courses, A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center, ice arena, and numerous parks, you may never want to leave.



Public schools in Winnetka include New Trier High School, which consistently ranks among the best in the country.

Winnetka's housing choices range from multimillion-dollar lakefront mansions to in-town condominiums and townhomes. Victorians, Colonials, and Tudors are interspersed with contemporary and new construction homes on graceful tree-lined streets. Neighborhoods feature homes by some of the most distinguished architects of their day including George Maher, Howard Van Doren Shaw, and David Adler.

For all of its beauty, residents will tell you it's what's on the inside that counts. They love Winnetka's "Mayberry" feeling and sense of community, with neighbors coming together for block parties, parades, and fireworks.





