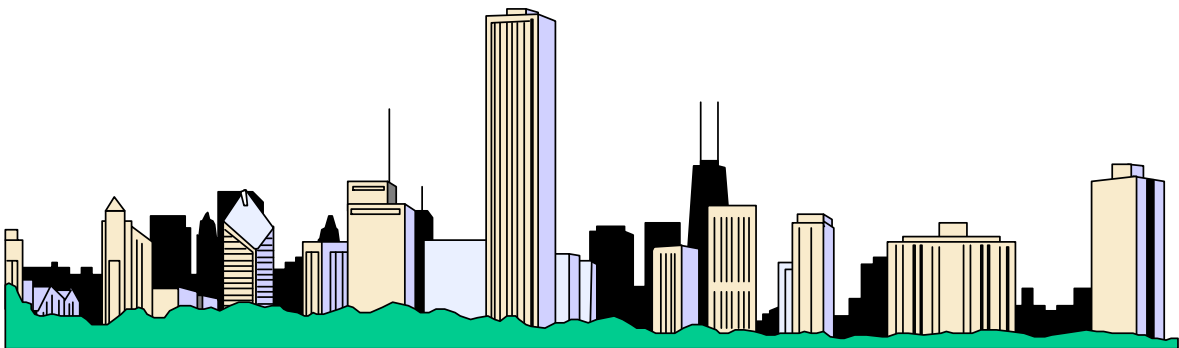


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## 1<sup>st</sup> THINGS FIRST

**Call the Chamber of Commerce** of Lake County, or stop by M-F 8:30-4:30 to pick up a package of relocating materials; includes an area map and local information. 5221 West Grand Ave, Gurnee; (847) 249-3800.

**The best greater Chicagoland area maps** are put together in a 'book' (similar to the 'Thomas Guide' if you are from CA) which is published by the Chicago Tribune. It details streets in all of the counties north, south, and west. In paperback, it costs around \$29 at Wal-Mart, you may pay more elsewhere.

**Buy a Chicago 'FastMap'** laminated map for quick viewing of downtown and highway system. It should cost \$3 or so and will save you when driving downtown.

**Phone Books:** to obtain local or out-of-town directories or to change the number of directories you currently receive call **1-800-541-8000**: hours 7 am-5 pm Monday-Friday.

## AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Getting to and from the Chicago area's different airports can be inconvenient and expensive if you don't know the best way to do it. When friends with cars aren't around, cab companies and limousine services that offer flat-rate pricing provide the most economical way to and from the airport. As a helpful hint for you and visiting friends and relatives coming in from O'Hare, boards located near most luggage carousels advertise flat-rate cab companies and provide direct lines to these companies to arrange a pick-up. The cab stands at O'Hare are for city cabs only. City cabs will take you the RFUMS, but will charge incredible prices. Always verify the price before stepping into any cab. Below are just a few of the companies that offer flat-rate fees and their various fees one-way to or from the three major accessible airports (Mitchell Field is Milwaukee's airport).

### **American Taxi** – (847) 566-3131

O'Hare - \$39.60

Midway - \$63.00

Mitchell Field - \$63.40

\*rates do not include tolls and there is a \$2 fee for each additional person

[www.americantaxi.com](http://www.americantaxi.com)

### **Continental Airport Express** – (888) 284-3826

O'Hare - \$43.00 (from a residence)

\$40.00 (from a hotel)

Midway - \$66.00 (from a residence)

\$63.00 (from a hotel)

CAE operates regular shuttle service 7am-10pm daily. If you need service outside those hours, you must call the number above at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. You will likely be asked for a credit card number to confirm the reservation (since CAE will make special arrangements to provide you with service) and you will be given a confirmation number.

[www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com)

### **All Suburban** (limousine) – (847) 473-9300

O'Hare - \$39.00 (1 person shared)

\$55.00 (private)

Midway - \$99.00 (from 1-3 people)

Mitchell Field - \$94.00 (from 1-3 people)

\*rates do not include tolls and there is a \$5 fee for each additional person

### **Public Transportation to O'Hare**

- Ride the RFUMS shuttle (3,4,5 or 6pm, M-F), or hitch a ride to the Lake Bluff Metra Station.
- Take the Metra to Ogilvie Transportation Center
- Take an outbound Metra train to Jefferson Park.
- Get off and get on the Blue Line "el" to O'Hare. Both Metra and the el are in the same station here. The Blue Line will take you all the way into the terminals.
- Costs less than \$10. Take a book. Check out <http://tripsweb.rtachicago.com>

### **ABC Metro** – (847) 244-1000

O'Hare - \$42.90

Midway - \$58.30

Mitchell Field - \$77.00

\*rates do not include tolls and there is a \$2 fee for each additional person

*While a more comprehensive listing of businesses can be found at [www.citysearch.com](http://www.citysearch.com) or the Yellow Pages, below are listed some of the closer and / or more popular businesses for RFUMS students.*

## BAKERIES

### **Bank Lane Bakery**

670 North Bank Lane, Lake Forest  
(847) 234-8801

### **Deerfield Bakery**

813 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
(847) 945-0068  
GREAT donuts, cinnamon rolls, pastries, and  
homemade ice cream.

## BANKING

### **Chase**

300 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest  
847-234-7111  
[www.bankone.com](http://www.bankone.com)  
M-F: 7:30am - 6pm  
Sat: 8am - 2pm

### **Great Lakes Credit Union**

2525 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
(847) 578-7000  
M, T, Th: 9am - 5pm  
W: 9am - 3pm  
F: 9am - 6pm  
Sat: 9am - 12:30pm

### **Lake Forest Bank & Trust**

103 E. Scranton Ave., Lake Bluff  
(847) 615-4060  
[www.lakeforestbank.com](http://www.lakeforestbank.com)  
M-F: 8:30am - 5:30pm  
Sat: 8:30am - 2pm

### **LaSalle Bank**

515 E. Townline Rd, Vernon Hills  
(847) 816-0650  
[www.lasallebanks.com](http://www.lasallebanks.com)  
M-Th: 9am - 5pm  
F: 9am - 6pm  
Sat: 8am - 2pm

### **Washington Mutual**

303 Waukegan Rd., Lake Bluff  
(847) 735-0134

## BARS & BREWERIES

### **Flanagan's**

3201 Buckley Rd, North Chicago  
(847) 689-9062

### **Ram**

700 N. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling  
(847) 520-1222

### **Flatlanders**

200 Village Green, Lincolnshire  
(847) 821-1234

### **Rockland Cafe**

525 Rockland Rd, Lake Bluff  
(847) 295-7140

### **Mickey Finn's**

412 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
(847) 635-6688

## BED & BREAKFASTS

### **Round Robin Guesthouse Bed and Breakfast**

231 E. Maple Ave, Mundelein  
(847) 566-7664

### **Sweet Basil Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast Inn**

15937 W. Washington St, Gurnee  
(847) 244-3333

### **North Shore Guest House**

1207 Glencoe Ave, Highland Park  
(847) 433-4898

## BOOKSTORES

### **Barnes and Noble**

720 Hawthorne Center, Vernon Hills  
(847) 247-1157  
M-Sat: 9am - 11 pm  
Sun: 10 am - 9 pm

728 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
(847) 914-9293  
9am - 11 pm Mon- Sat 9am-9pm Sun.

55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie  
(847) 676-2230  
9 am - 11pm daily

### **Borders**

6971 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847)249-1845  
Mon – Thursday 10am-10pm Friday- Sat 9am-11pm  
Sun: 10am-9pm

45 S. Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
(847)559-1999  
9am – 11pm Mon – Sat 9am-9pm Sun.

595 Central Ave, Highland Park  
(847) 433-9130  
M-Th: 10am - 10pm  
F: 10am - 11pm  
Sat: 9am - 11pm  
Sun: 10 am - 9pm

## COFFEE SHOPS

### **Caribou Coffee**

725 Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
(847) 573-8271  
M-Th: 5:30am - 9pm  
F: 5:30am - 10pm  
Sat: 6:30am - 10pm  
Sun: 7am - 9pm

6641 W Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 856-8530  
M-F: 5:30am - 9pm  
Sat: 6am - 10pm  
Sun: 7am - 8pm

### **Tivoli Café**

(847) 680-1200  
1742 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
M-F: 6am - 7pm  
Sat: 7am - 7pm  
Sun: 8am - 5pm

### **Starbucks Coffee**

(in the Dominick's shopping plaza)  
203 N Waukegan Rd, Lake Bluff  
(847) 283-0592  
M-F 5:30am - 8pm  
Sat: 6am - 9pm  
Sun: 7am - 7pm

7105 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 855-1623  
M-Th: 6am - 9pm  
F-Sat: 6am- 10pm  
Sun: 7am - 9pm

## FURNITURE STORES

A majority of the major stores listed in the "Useful Stores" section carry furniture suitable for student budgets.

Below is a list of other stores where furniture and household items are sold. The two furniture rental stores listed also carry second-hand furniture. Helpful hint: you can make almost anything out of cardboard boxes and duct tape.

### **Bed Bath & Beyond**

6132 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 855-0045

96 S. Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
(847) 205-1500

### **Bed Bath & Beyond**

3232 Lake Ave, Suite 125, Wilmette  
(847) 251-0101

### **Brook Furniture Rental**

20510 N. Milwaukee Ave, Deerfield  
(847) 945-6696

**Cort Furniture Rental**

955 E. Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights  
(847) 981-1450

**Dania International Furniture**

1001 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook  
(847) 205-1822

**Ethan Allen**

3550 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 249-5300

**Gurnee Discount Furniture**

3535 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 623-5060

**Pier 1 Imports**

701 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
(847) 816-6555

**Pottery Barn**

111 Old Orchard Center, Skokie  
(847) 673-8416

**Ikea**

1800 E. McConnor Pkwy, Schaumburg  
(847) 969-9700

**Crate and Barrel**

1775 Northbrook Court, Northbrook  
(847) 272-8920

40 Old Orchard Center, Skokie  
(847) 674-6850

515 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills  
(847) 367-1333

**GROCERY STORES**

The closest grocery store located to campus is **Dominick’s** in Lake Bluff. The closest 24 hour supermarkets are **Pick ‘N Save** in Waukegan and **Jewel-Osco** on Green Bay Road. Jewel-Osco and Dominick’s are the two major grocery stores in the Chicago area. In general, you will probably find Dominick’s to be the more expensive of the two. Pick ‘N Save is a large grocery store that is noted for their low prices and their selection of produce. **Sunset Foods** and **Don’s Finest Foods** specialize in carrying more hard-to-find and specialty items.

**Dominick’s**

201 S. Waukegan Rd, Lake Bluff  
(847) 604-8580

6655 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee\*  
(847) 856-8502

290 Hawthorne Village Commons, Vernon Hills  
(847) 816-3900

**Pick ‘N Save**

2700 Belvedere Rd, Waukegan\*  
847-336-1900

**Sunset Foods**

825 S. Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest  
(847) 234-8380

1812 Green Bay Rd, Highland Park  
(847) 432-5500

**Don’s Finest Foods**

850 N. Western Ave, Lake Forest

**Whole Foods Market**

760 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
(847) 444-1900

Store hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

(847) 234-2700

**Trader Joe’s**

1407 Waukegan Rd, Glenview  
(847) 657-7821

Right behind Starbucks

**Jewel Osco**

890 N. Western Drive, Lake Forest  
847-735-8018

922 N. Green Bay Road, Waukegan  
847-662-0042

6509 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-1991

*\*open 24 hours*

## HEALTH CLUBS

### **Bally Total Fitness**

30 E. Phillip Rd, Vernon Hills  
(847) 680-3000

### **Fit For Life**

11 N. Skokie Highway #210, Lake Bluff  
(847) 234-4847 (appointment only)

### **41 Sports Club**

2930 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park  
(847) 433-7611

### **Powerhouse Gym**

950 Lakehurst Road, Waukegan  
(847) 473-1028

## HOTELS & MOTELS

Prices are variable depending on which day of the week you're staying, for how long, and at what time of the year.

### **Candlewood Suites**

1151 S. Waukegan Rd, Waukegan  
(847) 578-5250  
• Studio: \$50-67/day  
• One-bedroom: \$70-89/day

### **Deerpath Inn**

255 E Illinois Rd, Lake Forest  
(847) 234-2280  
• Suite: \$167-177/day  
• Executive: \$143-153/day

### **Marriott Courtyard**

3800 Northpoint Blvd, Waukegan  
(847) 689-8000  
• \$87/day with free breakfast  
• \$69/day student rate with buffet

### **AmeriSuites**

450 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
(847) 918-1400  
• Standard: \$105/day (1-20 nights)  
• Family: \$115/day (1-20 nights)  
• Standard: \$79/day (20+ nights)  
• Family: \$89/day (20+ nights)

### **Harrison Conference Center**

136 GreenBay Rd, Lake Bluff  
(847) 295-1100  
• Single: \$89/day  
• Double: \$130/day

## MOVIE THEATERS

### **\*Kerasotes Showplace 8**

555 N. Lakeview Pkwy, Vernon Hills  
(847) 247-9827

### **\*Kerasotes Rivertree Court**

701 N. Milwaukee Ave, Ste.244, Vernon Hills  
(847) 549-6880

### **\*Lakehurst Cinema**

601 Lakehurst Road-Rte 43, Waukegan  
(847) 688-0200

### **\*Marcus Gurnee Cinemas**

6144 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
(847) 855-9940

### **\*RMC Liberty 1 & 2 Theatre**

708 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
(847) 362-7989

### **Highland Park Theatre**

445 Central Ave, Highland Park  
(847)432-3300

### **Cineplex Odeon Garden Cinemas at Old Orchard**

Skokie Boulevard & Golf Rd, Skokie  
(847) 674-0072

### **General Cinema Northbrook Court 14**

1525 Lake Cook Rd, Northbrook  
(847) 562-1522

### **Regal Lincolnshire 20 and IMAX**

300 Parkway Dr, Lincolnshire  
(847) 229-9100

\* Discounted prices for students with ID cards

## POST OFFICES

Stamps may be purchased at the RFUMS Bookstore or Business Office. A Federal Express pick-up box is located near the Security desk at the north entrance. Also, the school's mailroom serves as a convenient drop box for your stamped, outgoing mail.

### **Gurnee**

1 North O'Plaine Rd  
(847) 662-6943

4606 Old Grand Ave  
(847) 249-0324

### **\*\*Lake Bluff**

26 East Scranton Ave  
(847) 234-2779

### **Lake Forest**

230 Northgate St (next to Marshall Fields)  
(847) 234-0654

### **\*\*North Chicago**

1514 Sheridan Rd  
(847) 689-1644

### **Vernon Hills**

675 Lakeview Pkwy  
(847) 566-3902

### **Waukegan**

326 North Genessee St  
(847) 662-6800

1519 North Lewis  
(847) 244-1400

*\*\* closest Post Offices*

## RADIO STATIONS

### **FM stations**

|       |       |                     |       |  |
|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 88.5  | ..... | WHPK                | ..... | University of Chicago                                    |
| 88.9  | ..... | WMXM                | ..... | Lake Forest College, non-commercial radio                |
| 89.3  | ..... | WNUR                | ..... | Northwestern University                                  |
| 91.5  | ..... | WBEZ                | ..... | National Public Radio (NPR): talk radio, news, jazz      |
| 92.7  | ..... | WKIE                | ..... | Top 40   |
| 93.1  | ..... | WXRT (93XRT)        | ..... | Contemporary music, alternative styles, classic rock mix |
| 93.9  | ..... | WLIT (Lite FM)      | ..... | Adult contemporary, light/soft rock                      |
| 94.7  | ..... | WZZN                | ..... | Alternative rock   |
| 95.1  | ..... | WILL                | ..... | Adult rock   |
| 95.5  | ..... | WNUA                | ..... | Smooth jazz  |
| 96.3  | ..... | WBBM (B96)          | ..... | Dance contemporary, top 40, hip-hop, R&B, rap            |
| 97.1  | ..... | WDRV (The Drive)    | ..... | Classic rock   |
| 97.9  | ..... | WLUP (The Loop)     | ..... | Rock   |
| 98.7  | ..... | WFMT                | ..... | Fine arts station  |
| 99.5  | ..... | WUSN (US 99)        | ..... | Country all the time                                     |
| 100.3 | ..... | WNND (Windy 100)    | ..... | Adult contemporary music, light/soft rock                |
| 101.1 | ..... | WKQX (Q101)         | ..... | Alternative rock   |
| 101.9 | ..... | WTMX (The Mix)      | ..... | Adult contemporary                                       |
| 102.3 | ..... | WXLC                | ..... | Contemporary hits  |
| 103.5 | ..... | WUBT                | ..... | Top 40   |
| 104.3 | ..... | WJMK (Oldies 104.3) | ..... | True oldies station: 60s and 70s                         |
| 105.9 | ..... | WCKG (The Package)  | ..... | Talk/Classic rock  |
| 107.5 | ..... | WGCI                | ..... | Urban contemporary                                       |

### **AM stations**

|      |       |                      |       |   |
|------|-------|----------------------|-------|---|
| 670  | ..... | WSCR (The Score)     | ..... | Sports talk / events                                      |
| 720  | ..... | WGN                  | ..... | Talk, local sports (official station for the Cubs)        |
| 780  | ..... | WBBM (News Radio)    | ..... | News and weather  |
| 820  | ..... | WCSN (Sporting News) | ..... | Sports talk   |
| 890  | ..... | WLS                  | ..... | News, talk  |
| 1000 | ..... | WMVP (ESPN Radio)    | ..... | Sports talk / events (official station for the White Sox) |

## RESTAURANTS

### **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar**

6447 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-2748

### **Austin's**

481 Peterson Rd, Libertyville  
847-549-1972

Fun atmosphere, different type of food but the Mexican entrees are the best. Huge servings.

### **Baker's Square Restaurant and Pies**

6340 Grand Ave., Gurnee 847-855-1104  
1195 S. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
847-362-8550

### **Betise**

Plaza del Lago, 1515 Sheridan, Wilmette  
847-853-1711

A fine meal can be built just from appetizers, soups and salads. To start, try the rustic array of boldly seasoned relishes salads and spreads. More urbane is a snail strudel in a wine-butter sauce. Winning main courses: savory spit-roasted chicken and beef bourguignon over fresh egg noodles. End with blueberry-almond tart or chocolate-raspberry terrine.

Well-priced French wines.

Brunch: Sun 11 am - 2 pm.

Lunch: M-Sat 11:30 am - 2 pm.

Dinner: Sun-Th 5:30 - 9 pm; Fri & Sat till 10 pm.

### **Buffalo Joe's**

812 Clark, Evanston  
847-328-5525

### **Carlos'**

429 Temple, Highland Park  
847-432-0770

Contemporary

Red meats and game shine among them, lightly smoked marinated venison carpaccio with black truffle sauce, a and mild pan-fried wild boar with a bright soy reduction on glass noodles. Best desserts: frozen ginger mousse profiteroles, and fruit tarts. Meals begin and end with gratis treats and a la carte entrees include a pretty salad. For an all vegetable degustation ask when you book. World-class wine list: many fine choices by the glass.

Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu 5-9 pm

Fri, Sat 5-6:30 pm and 9-9:30 pm

### **Cheesecake Factory**

374 Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie  
847-329-8077

### **Chili's Grill and Bar**

6030 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-1025

### **Chuckwagon**

1120 Central Ave, Wilmette  
847-256-0120

### **Dave's Italian Kitchen**

906 Church, Evanston  
847-864-6000

Highly rated for good food (they also give you lots of it!) Cheap prices and a Northwestern University student hangout.

### **Denny's Restaurant**

890 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-362-3590

6429 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-1680

### **Egg Harbor Café**

512 North Western Ave, Lake Forest  
847-295-3449

This is a great place for breakfast. They have large, scrumptious omelets and great coffee.

### **Francesco's Hole in the Wall**

254 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook  
(Cross streets: between Dundee and Lake Cook)  
847-272-0155

Italian

Start with bruschetta, pinach bread, or thin pizza margarita. Chicken Vesuvio has great potatoes. A top quality veal version tops the entrees at \$17. For pasta, huge "raviolismo," lively capelli puttanesca with olives and capers, spicy spaghetti vaccinara. No groups larger than 8. Short waits with reservations.

Lunch: Mon, Wed, Fri 11:30 am - 2:15 pm.

Dinner: Mon, Wed, Thurs 5 - 9:15 pm

Dinner: Fri, Sat to 10:15 pm; Sun 4 - 8:45 pm.

### **Giordano's**

7105 Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL  
847-856-6100

**Grille on Laurel**

181 E. Laurel Ave, Lake Forest  
847-234-9660

**Hunan North**

227 Waukegan Rd, Lake Bluff (847)-615-7122  
Plenty of delicious Chinese specialties.

**International House of Pancakes (IHOP)**

700 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-247-9307

**Jasmine Thai**

242 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook  
847-205-1414

No MSG. Ask for it spicy if you want it that way.  
Entrees 5.95 – 9.95. All other courses are less.

**The Lantern**

768 N. Western Ave, Lake Bluff  
847-234-9844  
A favorite hangout for some Chicago Bears.

**Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon**

6210 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-8182

**Lotus Brasserie**

Chinese  
475 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield  
847-562-0088

**Max & Irma's**

6420 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-1122

447 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-816-6700

**Mickey Finn's Brewery**

412 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
847-362-6688

Microbrewery with outdoor patio. Good burgers and onion rings. Across the street from the central town square. Great place to hang out and relax and watch the game.

**New York Bagel and Bialy**

4714 West Touhy, Lincolnwood  
847-677-9388

THE place to get real bagels – chewy and fresh.

**Olive Garden**

701 N. Milwaukee, Vernon Hills

847-816-0293

5590 Northridge Dr, Gurnee (Just off Grand)  
847-336-3628

**Outback Steakhouse**

5652 Northridge Dr, Gurnee  
847-599-1300

**Peacock India Restaurant**

701 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-816-3100

**Potesta's**

434 S. Green Bay Rd., Waukegan  
847-662-0602  
Great pizza. 'Nuff said.

**Rainforest Café**

6170 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-7800

**Red Lobster**

900 Lakehurst Rd, Waukegan  
847-473-3500

445 E. Town Line Rd, Vernon Hills  
847-918-9140

**Rigoletto**

293 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest  
847-234-7675

**Rockland- Fatman's Tavern and Grill**

525 Rockland Rd, Lake Bluff  
847-295-7140

The big bar and all-you-can-eat pizza on Wednesday makes this place popular with locals.

**Ruby Tuesday**

6170 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-662-0756

307 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills  
847-816-0227

**Scooters**

1/2 N. Waukegan Rd, Lake Bluff  
847-295-7797

Great grease pit with delicious burgers, fries, and Chicago-style hot dogs. Locals love it! Not health food, but worth the occasional splurge.

**The Silk Mandarin**

4 E. Phillips Rd, Vernon Hills  
847-680-1760

Most authentic Chinese food around. Ask for the Chinese menu to get the really special dishes.

**The Silo**

625 Rockland Rd, Lake Bluff  
847-234-6660  
Good food and well-known for their pizza

**Southgate Café**

655 Forest Ave, Lake Forest  
847-234-8800

**Sushi Kushi Toyo**

825 S. Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest  
847-234-9950

**Tasty Thai**

276 Hawthorne Village Commons, Vernon Hills  
847-367-1980

**Thai Noodles Café**

318 S Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048  
847-362-3494

**TGI Friday's**

151 E. Town Line Rd, Vernon Hills  
847-680-9980

**TGI Friday's**

6557 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-0007

**Tony's Subs**

1480 N. Waukegan Rd, Deerfield  
847-940-7352

**Trio**

1625 Hinman, Evanston  
847-733-8746

Fusion/Contemporary

8 – 10 course degustation menu (\$70, vegetarian \$55) brings mostly different dishes to the same table. Lively wine list of mostly newer vintages, more than a dozen by the glass.

Tu-Th 5:30 - 9:30 pm  
Fri, Sat till 10:30 pm  
Sun 5-9 pm.

**Tsukasa**

700 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-816-8770

Diners gather around a grill where a chef cooks and serves each meal and plays with your food. Entrees are delicious and prices are reasonable.

**Walker Bros. Pancake House**

200 Marriott Dr, Lincolnshire  
847-634-2220

Excellent breakfast foods. Try waffles, omelets, German and Dutch baby pancakes, and, of course, the popular cinnamon apple pancakes. Several locations, including one in Evanston.

**Wildberry Pancake House**

1783 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
847-247-7777

**Yan's Hunan II**

911 Lakehurst Rd, Waukegan  
847-473-1660

**FAST FOOD****Arby's**

2539 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
847-689-1200

3101 Grand Ave, Waukegan  
847-249-0400

**Boston Market**

905 N. Green Bay Rd, Waukegan  
847-623-7000

**Burger King**

850 N. Green Bay Rd, Waukegan  
847-263-7254

**Dunkin Donuts**

2829 22nd, North Chicago  
847-689-0054

**Einstein's Bagels**

728 North Western Ave, Lake Forest  
847-615-9888

1443 W. Peterson Rd, Libertyville  
847-549-9888

6641 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-0130

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**

700 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-816-4888

**McDonald's**

2211 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
847-473-1699

**Quizno's**

701 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-247-0500

**Subway**

2302 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
847-473-0006

5350 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-336-4533

**Taco Bell**

2222 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
847-473-4230

6360 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-0190

2780 Belvidere Road  
847-662-8799

**Wendy's**

2310 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago  
847-473-1244

2005 N. Lewis Ave, Waukegan  
847-336-0067

**White Castle**

6290 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-855-9441

**PIZZA****Domino's**

2600 22nd, North Chicago  
847-473-3030

2207 Grand Ave, Waukegan,  
847-360-0800

**Little Caesar's**

2237A N. Lewis Ave, Waukegan  
847-249-5533

5250 Grand Ave, Gurnee  
847-249-7494

**Lou Malnati's Pizza**

1436 South Milwaukee, Libertyville  
847-362-6070

Excellent deep-dish pizza.  
Try their garlic deep dish.

**Papa John's Pizza**

2500 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, North Chicago  
847-785-8282

5101 Washington, Waukegan  
847-336-7272

2709 Grand Ave, Waukegan  
847-625-7272

**Pizza Hut**

2154 N. Lewis, Waukegan  
847-244-5303

6300 Grand Ave., Gurnee  
847-855-1200

**Pizzeria Uno**

6593 Rt. 132, Gurnee  
847-856-0000

## ICE CREAM

### **Baskin Robbins**

2213 Grand Ave, Waukegan  
847-623-9743

### **Ben & Jerry's**

701 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills  
847-816-9016

### **Dairy Queen**

4673 Rt. 132, Gurnee  
847-244-5283

## SHOPPING MALLS

Below is a list of the major shopping malls that RFUMS students frequent. Malls are listed in order of proximity, with the closest listed first. Malls on the left of this list are south of the school, while **Gurnee** and **Kenosha** listed to the right are north of the school. In addition, Gurnee and Kenosha provide more outlet-type shopping, while **Northbrook** and **Old Orchard** malls have more high-end retail stores (Bloomingdales, J. Crew, Banana Republic, Neiman Marcus, etc.). Also, a variety of other major stores (e.g. Target, Office Depot, Best Buy, Circuit City, Sam's Club) are located near a number of these malls (e.g., Gurnee, Vernon Hills).

### **Hawthorne Center**

Townline Rd and Milwaukee Ave  
Vernon Hills  
(847) 362-6220

### **Gurnee Mills**

6170 W. Grand Ave  
Gurnee  
847-263-7500

### **Northbrook Court**

2171 Northbrook Ct  
Northbrook  
(847) 498-8161

### **Prime Outlets at Kenosha**

Exit 347 off Interstate 94  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
(262) 857-2101

### **Old Orchard Center**

34 Old Orchard Center  
Skokie  
(847) 674-7070

### **The Original Outlet Mall**

I-94, Exit 344  
Kenosha, WI 53142  
(262) 857-7961

## SPECIALTY FOODS/COOKING

### **The Best of the Midwest Market at Ravinia**

Look for advertisements. This is a HUGE farmer's market featuring all Midwest food and drink. It is held at the Ravinia Festival Amphitheater south of Highland Park. Tickets are pretty reasonable.

**Farmer's Market in Libertyville Town Square:** Thursdays from 7am-1pm all summer long.

### **Let's Spice It Up! Inc**

105 Washington Ave., Highwood 847-433-6309

Killer bulk spices, extracts, dried fruits, pastas, and tons more. Good pricing. Mail order available.

### **The Meat Quarter and Delicatessen**

408 Peterson Rd., Libertyville 847-367-7980. A real butcher.

### **Tortelleria Gonzalez**

821 10th Ave., North Chicago 847-473-1199

### **Soohan Market Place**

100 East Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights 847-956-6699

Japanese market, food plaza, and mini-mall all in one.

## USEFUL STORES

Below is a listing of some stores that you may find helpful in getting "set up" in North Chicago. In general, the majority of addresses listed in Gurnee or Vernon Hills are very close to the major shopping malls in those cities. The nearest Costco, in Schaumburg, is unfortunately not that near -- approximately a half-hour drive from RFUMS.

### **Ace Hardware**

400 Lakehurst Road – Waukegan  
(847) 473-0320

4806 Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 336-0101

### **Best Buy**

701 N. Milwaukee Avenue – Vernon Hills  
(847) 549-9616

### **Borders**

6971 Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 249-1845

### **Circuit City**

551 N. Milwaukee Avenue – Vernon Hills  
(847) 362-2014

6609 Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 855-0212

### **CompUSA**

115 Skokie Valley Road – Highland Park  
800-266-7872

### **Costco**

1375 N. Meacham Drive - Schaumburg  
(847) 969-0790

1901 W. 22nd Street – Oak Brook  
(630) 928-0235

### **Home Depot**

2001 Belvedere Road - Waukegan  
(847) 782-8247

6625 Grand Avenue - Gurnee  
(847) 599-0180

493 Milwaukee Avenue - Vernon Hills  
(847) 549-0110

### **Kinko's**

6409 Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 856-8026

### **Kohl's**

6265 Grand Avenue - Gurnee  
(847) 855-0707

### **Office Depot**

701 North Milwaukee Avenue – Vernon Hills  
(847) 549-0199

3350 Grand Avenue – Waukegan  
(847) 249-5411

### **Office Max**

6523 Grand Avenue - Gurnee  
(847) 855-8111

555 Townline Road – Vernon Hills  
(847) 918-9600

### **Sam's Club**

335 Milwaukee Avenue – Vernon Hills  
(847) 955-9260

6570 Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 855-1130

### **Target – Greatland**

313 E. Townline Road – Vernon Hills  
(847) 680-0483

6601 W. Grand Avenue – Gurnee  
(847) 244-4990

### **Wal-Mart**

555 E. Townline Road - Vernon Hills  
(847) 918-0555

6590 Grand Avenue - Gurnee  
(847) 855-1242

### **Walgreens**

709 N. Green Bay Road – Waukegan  
(847) 662-8091

## WEBSITES

### **Chicago Area Information**

- Chicago Official Homepage  
([www.ci.chi.il.us](http://www.ci.chi.il.us))

### **Maps**

- MapBlast! ([www.mapblast.com](http://www.mapblast.com))
- MapQuest ([www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com))
- Maps On Us ([www.mapsonus.com](http://www.mapsonus.com))
- Yahoo! Maps (<http://maps.yahoo.com/maps>)
- Zip2 ([www.zip2.com](http://www.zip2.com))

### **Newspapers**

- Chicago Tribune ([www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com))
- Chicago Sun-Times ([www.suntimes.com](http://www.suntimes.com))
- Chicago Reader ([www.chireader.com](http://www.chireader.com)) -- personal favorite for Chicago nightlife information, concerts, club events, apartment hunting, classifieds, etc.

### **Restaurants**

- Chicago Reader ([www.chireader.com](http://www.chireader.com))
- Citysearch.com  
([www.chicago.citysearch.com/section/restaurants](http://www.chicago.citysearch.com/section/restaurants))
- Metromix Guide to Arts and Entertainment  
(<http://metromix.com>) -- also great for general
- Windy City Eating  
(<http://members.aol.com/mistamoose/eat.html>)

### **Search Engines**

- Alta Vista ([www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com))
- Ask Jeeves ([www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com))
- Excite ([www.excite.com](http://www.excite.com))
- Google ([www.webgator.com](http://www.webgator.com))
- Yahoo! ([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com))

### **Tickets**

- [www.theaterchicago.org/hot-tix.html](http://www.theaterchicago.org/hot-tix.html)

### **Traffic**

- [www.ai.eecs.uic.edu/GCM/CongestionMap.html](http://www.ai.eecs.uic.edu/GCM/CongestionMap.html)

### **Transportation**

- Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)  
([www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com))
- Metra ([www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com))
- Discounted Airfares
- <http://www.hotwire.com>
- <http://www.air-fare.com>

### **Weather**

- [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)
- [www.usatoday.com/weather](http://www.usatoday.com/weather)
- <http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/>

## WINE & LIQUOR

### **Knightsbridge Wine Shop**

824 Sunset Ridge Road, Northbrook  
847-498-4114

### **Lake Forest Wine and Cheese Shop**

672 N. Western Ave, Lake Forest  
847-234-0620

Besides a great gourmet selection of wines and cheeses, a delicious lunch spot for sandwiches, fresh baked goods, and European chocolates.

### **North Chicago Liquors**

2405 22nd, North Chicago  
847-689-1133

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## BARS

For the best Chicago bar scenes, there are two areas of the city to go to for bar-hopping: Rush and Division, and Lincoln Park areas. Most have a dance floor. Also check out Wicker Park.

Rush/Division:

**Bar Chicago.** One of the craziest bars in Chicago. 9 W. Division St, 312-654-1120

**Finn McCool's** 15 W. Division St. 312-337-4349

**Streeter's Tavern** 50 E. Chicago Ave. 312-944-5206

Lincoln Park:

**The Apartment/Lion's Head Pub.** See dance clubs.

**John Barleycorn.** Located in Wrigleyville and Lincoln Park. Both locations have great bar scenes and dance floors. 3524 N. Clark 773-549-6000 and 658 W. Belden Ave. 773-348-8899

Wicker Park:

**Bar Thirteen** 1944 W. Division St. 773-394-1313

## CHICAGO'S MAIN ATTRACTIONS

1. **Sears Tower Skydeck:** Jackson Blvd, between Wacker Drive and Franklin Street, 875-9696
2. **The Hancock Observatory:** 875 N. Michigan Avenue, 751-3681
3. **The Magnificent Mile:** Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to the Art Institute, shopping people, downtown, etc.
4. **Navy Pier:** 600 E. Grand Avenue, 595-7437
5. **Buckingham Fountain:** Grant Park, Congress Pkwy. and lake Shore Drive, 5/1-10/1, 742-PLAY
6. **New Maxwell Street Market:** Canal Street, between Roosevelt Road and 15th Place, every Sunday, 922-3100
7. **Lincoln Park Zoo:** 2200 N. Cannon Drive, (312) 742-2000
8. **Daley Civic Center "Under the Picasso" Entertainment:** Washington and Dearborn Streets, Weekdays, Noon, 744-6630, TTY 744-2947
9. **Chicago Stock Exchange:** 440 S. LaSalle Street, 663-2222
10. **Chicago Board of Trade:** 141 W. Jackson Blvd., 435-7180

## COMEDY CLUBS

### **Second City**

If you like comedy, you'll love Second City. Skits are mostly scripted, but have improv sections. Home to such stars as Bill Murray, Mike Myers, and Chris Farley. Shows are reasonably priced, and no drink minimum. 1616 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992

### **Zanies**

Check out several locations:

Chicago: 1548 N. Clark. 312-337-4027

Vernon Hills: 230 Hawthorne Village Commons. 847-549-6030

### **Comedy Sportz**

2851 North Halsted, 773-549-8080, [www.comedysportzchicago.com](http://www.comedysportzchicago.com)

Sports themed improv that keeps a PG-13 rating, but is still pretty funny. Look for coupons in the Reader.

### **The I.O. Theater**

The I.O. Theater formally, Improv Olympic, is located at 3541 N. Clark Street 773-880-0199. [www.iochicago.net](http://www.iochicago.net)  
Seat of your pants improv that seems to get raunchier as the night goes on. Usually well worth it, and probably the best long-form improv in Chicago. Alumni include Andy Dick and Andy Richter. Near Wrigley Field.

## CONCERT HALLS & LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

**Allstate Arena.** Big name and large production performers. Ticketmaster type concerts. The echo is not too bad. 6920N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 847-635-6601; allstatearena.com

**Alpine Valley Music Theatre.** (Southeastern Wisconsin) Outdoor style concert hall with plenty of lawn seating. Hosts Dave Matthews, Pearl Jam and Ozzfest. Ticketmaster. 2699 Hwy D, East Troy, Wisconsin. 262-642-4400; alpinevalleymusic.com

**The Aragon Ballroom.** Historic theatre that's turns into a roughhouse. Local and Big-namers. 1106 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-561-9500; aragon.com

**Beat Kitchen** Local club atmosphere with grill dining. Presents a variety of music from folk, to country, to rock. \$6 cover. 2100 W. Belmont. 773-281-4444; beatkitchen.com

**Chicago Theatre.** Not only the site for the CMS graduation but also various musical events. Very beautiful historic theatre. 175 N. State St. Washington el stop. 312-902-1500(Ticketmaster)

**Cubby Bear.** Wrigley Ville bar with local bands galore. Try their Italian Beef sandwich. Beware, it's sure to be packed after a Cub's game. 1095 Addison St., Washington el stop.(kitty corner to Wrigley field) 773-327-1662

**Double Door.** Ever-so-famous Chicago bar, and home to many, once local, big-time bands. Ex/ The Rolling Stones. Known for good sound and its long bar. 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. Wicker Park area. Damen el stop. 773-489-3160; doubledoor.com

**Elbo Room.** Known for its great ambiance, sound and hosting an eclectic array of music performers from local and national bands. \$5-10cover. 2871 N. Lincoln. 773-549-5549; elboroomchicago.com

**The Empty Bottle.** Local band bar that has been called cozy and hosts a variety of bands that dictate the price of cover (\$15-20-40). Located in the Ukrainian Village,1035 Western Ave. 773-276-3600; emptybottle.com

**House of Blues.** A must see while in Chicago site. A you-name-it-they host it concert hall. Very interesting decorations. Great performers at not so great prices (\$20-75). Drinks are pricey too. 329 Dearborn Ave. 312-923-2000; hob.com

**The Metro.** One of the most popular concert halls both local and big time. There's no doubt you'll here it on the radio. Great place to see a show. Most any band from Chicago has played at the Metro. Cover varies. The Smart Bar is downstairs. 3730 N. Clark St. Addison St. el stop. 773-549-0203; metrochicago.com

**No Exit.** Self claimed to be Chicago's oldest coffeehouse has a coffeehouse atmosphere. Relax with jazz music, comedy, or poetry reading on various days. Cover varies. 6970 N. Glenwood. 773-743-3355; heartlandcafe.com

**The Park West.** An interesting "nightclub" with good acoustics. It'll cost you to reserve table. 322 W. Armitage Ave. 773-929-1322; parkwestchicago.com

**The Riveria.** Also known as the "the Riv," is a great place to see pretty good bands with its great acoustics. 4746N. Racine Ave. 773-275-6800

**Schubas Tavern.** Live music from Honky-Tonk, Indie, Jazz to Country. A historical site since it's the old Schlitz brewery. 3159 N. Southport Ave. Belmont el stop. 773-525-2508; schubas.com

**Tweeter Center.** Typical concert theatre with outside lawn, and seated seating. You'll find your national touring bands here. Ticketmaster. 19100 S. Ridgeland Ave. Tinley Park. 708-614-1616; tweetercenter.com/Chicago

**United Center.** Home of the Chicago Bulls, as well as venue for nationally touring bands and performers. Ticketmaster. 1901 Madison St. 312-455-4500; united-center.com

### JAZZ

**Andy's. Jazz.** A total jazz scene hall filled with jazz memorabilia. Working crowd during the week but a totally different experience on weekends. Cover varies. 11 E. Hubbard Grand and State el stops. 312-642-6805; andysjazzclub.citysearch.com

**The Green Mill.** Unofficially formerly owned by Al Capone, The Green Mill packs a good crowd so you may have to fight for a seat on weekends. 4802 N. Broadway 773-878-5552

**Jazz Showcase.** You'll be welcomed by a tuxedoed staff at this popular Chicago jazz night club. Check out their website for popular performers. 59W. Grand St. 312-670-BIRD; jazzshowcase.com

**Underground Wonder Bar.** This jazz bar features about three performances a night and is open until 4am on weekends. It's a great place to finish off the night after dinner being near the famous Rosebud's Steakhouse and a great place to pre-finish the night since its also near the old Playboy Mansion, The Drake Hotel. 312-266-7761 undergroundwonderbar.com

**Blue Chicago.** Touristy site with a hit or miss roster of performers. Plenty of seating with a dance floor. 736 N. Clark. 312-642-6261

**B.L.U.E.S.** Featuring many local and national performances, BLUES is the self proclaimed place for Chicago original blues. Small and smoky, but great acts. 2519 N. Halsted. 773-525-8989; chicagobluesbar.com

**Buddy Guys Legends.** Grammy-winning Chicago guitarist opened this simple blues club with a Louisiana cuisine. Good sight lines. 754 Wabash. 312-427-0333 buddyguys.com

### **Kingston Mines**

2548 N. Halsted

773-477-4646 or 773-477-4647

(www.kingstonmines.com)

Across the street from B.L.U.E.S., with a good lineup almost every night. Two stages.

### **CLASSICAL**

**Orchestra Hall.** Home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 220 S. Michigan Ave. 312-294-3333; [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)

**Petrillo Music Shell.** Located in Grant Park , you'll find it the home of the Grant Park Symphony, Jazz fest and Blues fest. Columbus Drive and Jackson Blvd. 312-742-4763.

**Ravinia Park Music Festival.** Outdoor musical venue featuring classical music, jazz, ballet and chamber music, and occasional popular acts. Students are free for some shows. Lawn seats are normally \$10, and although you can't see the stage, you can bring a picnic or whatever. Located about 15 miles south of CMS, and the Metra stops at the gate. Seasonal. 847-728-4642 for reservations or ravinia.org

## **DANCE CLUBS**

**The Apartment.** THE bar/lounge of Lincoln Park. Always packed. Dance floor and loft-like lounge complete with beds and a fireplace upstairs of old English-style Lion's Head Pub. 3806 W. 47th St. 773-927-0465

**Berlin.** Diverse dance club featuring clientele of diverse sexual orientation. Self proclaimed "Chicago hottest dance spot." Check out their website for events and specials. 954 Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975; berlinchicago.com

**Betty's Blue Star Lounge.** This is a lower key lounge/dance club. Beware youngsters, this club requires 23yrs. and older with I.D. A good release from the typical jam-packed "younger crowd" dance clubs. Plus you can party till 5am on Sat. 1600W. Grand Ave. at Ashland. 312-243-1699

**Blu.** Upscale nightclub with all you can drink Thurs-Sat. 10pm-11:30pm for \$5. Have the friend with the nicest car drive that night, people are watching. Dress to impress. 2247 N. Lincoln. 773-549-5884

**Crobar.** Recently revamped, Crobar spins dance, hip-hop, and house. Open and airy South Beach feel, complete with a glass-encased VIP room. 1543 N. Kingsbury St. 312-266-9242

**Coyote Ugly.** You've all seen the movie, now live it. Possibly one of the only bars that allow dancing on the bar...sorry guys, girls only on the bars. NO Cover. 316 W. Erie. 312-642-2400

**Dragon Room.** A hot night club cool enough to serve sushi with killer DJ's. Party till' on Fri., 5am Sat. 809 W. Evergreen Ave. 312-751-2900.

**Dragonfly Restaurant and Lounge.** Swanky lounge setting with Asian-inspired decor features red velvet booths and gold accents. At night, the dining room walls open up to accommodate well turned-out barhoppers. 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-787-7600

**Funky Buddha Lounge.** Voted Chicago's best atmosphere by the Chicago Tribune, and Best Night Club by City Search. Everybody wants to go to Funky Buddha Lounge. Best Hi-hop on Thursday nights. Impress your date get VIP a room. Cover \$20 guys \$10 ladies. 728 W. Grand. Ave. 312-666-1695; funkybuddha.com

**Ghost Bar.** If you want exclusive this is it. After spending a few hundred dollars on dinner at the trendy restaurant NINE, you may be cool enough to be given a domino piece to be allowed to enter the upstairs Ghost Bar. It's a see and be seen bar so bring friends and dress to impress. You may run into celebrities such as David Schwimmer. 440 W. Randolph St. above NINE. 312-575-9900

**Leg Room.** Martini style club with all the trendiness that accompanies the Martini Bar image. Party till 5am on Sat. 7 W. Division St. 312-337-2583

**Le Passage.** Party in Chicago's gold coast on Rush street while the rich drive by in their Ferraris and Lamborghinis. Located in "the alley" behind *LeColonial* restaurant, the underground nightclub features cuisine and some of the best mixes in Chicago. Dress to impress and be prepared to see Chicago's beautiful people. Cover \$ 20 guys; gals \$10 unless you look good enough to get in for free. 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022

**Nacional 27.** Latin American dining that doubles as a dance club on weekends, when a deejay keeps the Latin rhythms coming. Salsa and Merengue, 11 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturdays. 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727

**Narcisse.** A place sexy enough to be called a "Champagne Salon and Caviar Bar." Features full menus to quench any palate from food, wine, to cigars. You'll find fine dining, dancing and people. Check out the website for pictures of fellow RFUMS students. Party 'til 3am on Sat. 710 N. Clark St. 312-787-2675; narcisse.us

**Moda.** Italian for "fashion," you'll feel awkward unless you wear you best. You'll see lots of Prada and Versace so don't come in torn jeans...dress code. It's very image based but isn't everything these days? 25 W. Hubbard. 312-670-2200

**The Note.** This Wicker Park club hosts local rock and funk bands on most nights. But when the post 2 a.m. crowd rolls in, deejays take over and spin anything with a beat, from salsa to hip-hop. Great for after hours dancing. 1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000.

**Pasha.** Chicago's posh nightclub. Known for the unique full service bar in the ladies lounge (known as the girls' restroom to the guys). See and be seen so dress to impress. Wine, dine, then dance the night away. 642 N. Clark. 312-397-0100; pasharest.com

**Red No. Five.** Recently underwent an image change for the upscale. Strict dress code. 440 Halsted. 312-733-6699; thedjgroove.com/clubinfo/fednofove.html

**Rive Gauche.** A beautiful person nightclub. Guys, if you don't get there before midnight, you better have two hot ladies with you to help you get in. Dress to impress. 306 N. Halsted. 312-738-9971;

**Rumba.** 2 dance floors and live music. Dress to impress. 351 W. Hubbard St. 312-222-1226. For more information, check out

**Sauce.** Dance club, lounge, and restaurant all in one. Start off with excellent cuisine and end up in the stellar lounge. 646N. Franklin. 1750. N. Clark. 312-932-1750

**Spy Bar.** Guys, you better bring hot girls to get in. This club is under ground and prides itself on the type of clientele, but once you get in it's a party till 5am. Cover \$20guys, \$10-0 ladies depending how you look, so dress to impress. 646 N. Franklin. 312-587-8779; spybarchicago.com

**Sugar.** Dessert, yes. Get in, maybe. Get there early or with reservations or you may be waiting outside. Once you get inside it is a sure comfortable lounge scene with great drinks and to die for desserts. Get a VIP room to look cool and bring the cash. Everybody sees what you roll up in so limos are a plus. Dress to impress or don't come at all. 108 Kinzie St. 312-822-9999

**Transit.** Despite it's sketchy setting underneath the `el` tracks, this club never disappoints. It carries several rooms of music ranging from trance to hip-hop to satisfy everyone. 1431 W.Lake St. 312-491-8600.

**Vision.** Got trance? Known for its excellent sound system and trance, Spundae weekends. Connected to Excalibur nightclub. 640 N. Dearborn St. 312-266-1944. <http://www.relude.com/>

**White Star Lounge.** Good hip hop after midnight on Fridays and if you sign up on the guest list before Friday, you can get in free for ladies and discounted for guys. 225 W. Ontario St. 312-440-3223

**Zentra.** Chrome fixtures and low red lights meet sultry Indian silks and bold Moroccan colors. Roomy booths and hookah pipes make for a very laid-back setting. On the club strip of the Crobar and Circus. 923 Weed St. 312-787-0400; zentranightclub.com

## FLORA & FAUNA

### **Brookfield Zoo**

Gen .Admiss. \$8  
Parking \$8  
First Ave. & 31<sup>st</sup> St.  
708-485-0263 or 708-688-8000  
[www.brookfieldzoo.com](http://www.brookfieldzoo.com)

### **Lincoln Park Zoological Gardens**

One of the largest gorilla collections in the world  
Free Admission  
2001 N. Clark St.  
312-742-2000  
[www.lpzoo.com](http://www.lpzoo.com)

### **Chicago Botanic Gardens**

More than 20 gardens on 385 acres. Narrated tram tours. Japanese gardens and samurai house are especially interesting. Admission free  
Tram tour \$5; Parking \$8.75  
Lake Cook Rd. ½ mile east of Eden's Expressway  
847-835-5440  
[www.chicago-botanic.org](http://www.chicago-botanic.org)

### **Forest Preserve District of Cook County**

Your guide to wildlife recreation, conservation, and information of Cook County. Find sites for mountain biking, fishing, hiking, conservation and more at [www.Fpdcc.com](http://www.Fpdcc.com)

## GBLT RESOURCES

### **Chicago area Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce**

glchamber.org  
773-303-0167

## HEALTHCARE

### **Howard Brown Health Center**

773-388-1600

[www.howardbrown.org](http://www.howardbrown.org)

### **Horizons**

773-472-6469

[www.horizonsonline.org](http://www.horizonsonline.org)

### **BEHIV**

1740 N. Ridge, Evanston

847-475-2115

[www.behiv.org/a.htm](http://www.behiv.org/a.htm)

## MORE BARS & CLUBS

[www.boystownclub.com](http://www.boystownclub.com)

**Berlin.** See dance clubs

**Clark`s on Clark.** 5001 N. Clark St. 773-728-2373

**Scot`s.** "Absolutely Fabulous" fans, martini connoisseurs and art lovers can be found at Scot's, the only predominantly gay and lesbian bar in Ravenswood. 1829 W. Montrose Ave. 773-528-3253

**The Closet.** Great way to come out. Don't worry straight ones, this is a straight friendly bar where everyone has a good time until 5am on Sat. 3325 Broadway 773-477-8533

**Spin.** Dance or relax on the sofas. You may feel wild enough to dance on the bar. \$4cover Corner of Belmont and Halsted. 773-327-7711; spin-nightclub.com.

**Roscoe`s.** Play pool or dance. Mostly male crowd with tendency towards no-holds-barred behavior. 3356 N. Halsted. 773-281-3355; roscoes.com.

**Big Chicks.** Voted best gay bar in Chicago, it's colorful and friendly. Unpretentious atmosphere and variable clientele. Always a good size crowd. 5024 N. Sheridan. 773-728-5511

**Lucky Horseshoe Lounge.** 3169 N. Halsted St. 773-404-3169

## MUSEUMS

**Adler Planetarium.** Museum for astronomy and space exploration. Features: exhibits, galleries, and shows. \$14-18Admiss. Monday, Tuesday free. 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr. 312-922-STAR; adlerplanetarium.org.

**Art Institute of Chicago.** Known as one of the world's finest art museums. \$10Admiss. Free on Tuesdays. 111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-443-3600; artic.edu/aic

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum of Art/Chicago Academy of Science.** The Great Lakes area's natural history museum. \$7Admiss. Thursday free. 2340 N. Cannon Dr. 773-549-0607; naturemuseum.org

**Chicago Cultural Center.** Features everything from recitals, lectures and films. FREE Admiss. 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630

**Chicago Historical Society.** Museum and research center for Chicago and American History. Call for tours. \$5Admiss. Mondays free. 1629 N. Clark at North Ave. 312-642-4600; chicagohs.org

**Field Museum of Natural History.** Known among the greatest four natural-history museums of the world specializing in Egyptian, Oceanic, African, and Zoological collections. \$17 Admiss. Roosevelt Rd. & Lakeshore Dr. 312-922-9410; fieldmuseum.org.

**Museum of Contemporary Art.**

220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660; mcachicago.org. Free on Tuesdays.

**Museum of Science and Industry.** An enormous and breathtaking experience. A must see. Featuring an Omnimax Theatre. Free on Mondays. \$9Admiss. 57<sup>th</sup> St. and Lake Shore Dr. 773-684-1414; msichicago.org.

**John G. Shedd Aquarium.** Boasts itself as the world's largest indoor aquarium. Featuring an oceanarium, sharks, rainforests and more. \$23 all access. Free on Mondays. 1200 Lake Shore Dr. 312-939-2438; sheddnet.org.

**Swedish American Museum and Children's Museum of Immigration.**

5211 N. Clark St., 773-728-8111. Free second Tuesday of every month. [www.swedishamericanmuseum.org](http://www.swedishamericanmuseum.org)

## NEIGHBORHOODS & HOT SPOTS

Listed below are a few well-known neighborhoods known for their numerous restaurants that serve great ethnic and continental cuisine as well as some popular hot spots to sightsee:

**Amaco Plaza.** Sit quietly by the Harry Bertoia fountain sculpture and listen to the wind sing through it. 200 E. Randolph.

**Buckingham Fountain.** World's largest illuminated fountain. See spectacular color displays between 9 and 10 on summer evenings. Grant Park at Congress.

**Chicago Board of Trade.** The world's oldest and largest futures exchange. A fun and free place to spend an afternoon watching the action from the visitor's center. 141 W. Jackson Blvd

**Chinatown.** Chinatown hosts an interesting and tasty array of places to eat. Located just south of Downtown Chicago on Cermak and Wentworth.

**Federal Plaza.** The bright orange-red Alexander Calder stabile is delightful to view from every angle. On Clark between Adams and Jackson.

**First National Bank Plaza.** Noon concerts near the Hamel Four Seasons mosaic and the majestic Hamel Fountain. Monroe at Clark and Dearborn.

**Grant Park.** In the heart of downtown on the waterfront, Grant Park is the site of many special events including the Taste of Chicago in early July for those who like to eat and spend the summer in Chicago. Buckingham Fountain is a major attraction at the park, which serves as a great meeting place.

**Greek Town.** Excellent Greek Restaurants. Halsted and Jackson Streets (South of downtown).

**John Hancock Center Observatory.** See Chicago from one of the tallest buildings in the world. Great views of the Lakefront and the Loop, and on a clear day you may see Wisconsin and Indiana. 875 N. Michigan Ave.

**Lincoln Park.** There are many restaurants with an international variety of cuisine. Concentrate mainly along Lincoln Ave and Clark Street. Located between north Ave and Diversey.

**Little Village.** In the area of Ogden and Harrison just Southwest of the city, you will find many restaurants serving authentic Mexican food. Try Chano Chano's for small Mexican appetizers tapas style.

**North Halsted Street.** Many great restaurants and good shopping area also. Athenian Room (Halsted and Webster) has consistently great and inexpensive Greek food. If you want a little bit of foreign, spicy, exotic food, try the Helmand Restaurant (corner of Belmont and Halsted), inexpensive, delectable, and very nice -- the sweet pumpkin appetizers are out of this world.

**Pilsen Neighborhood.** In the area of Ashland Ave and 1st Street just southwest of the city, you will find several restaurants serving authentic Mexican food.

**Richard J. Daley Plaza.** The Picasso sculpture stands over a continuing noontime parade of ethnic dancers and other events. Clark and Washington.

**Rush Street.** Scattered on and around Rush Street, from its origin near the Chicago River to its end near Division Street, are several of Chicago's finest eating and drinking establishments.

**School of the Art Institute.** Isamu Noguchi's marble bicentennial Fountain sculpture dramatizes the reflecting pool at the main entrance. Columbus Drive and Monroe.

**Sears Tower.** If you aren't satisfied with the view at the Hancock Tower, then the Sears Tower – one of the world's tallest buildings, is for you. The skydeck observation level is up a full 103 floors (that's 1,454 feet or 443 meters). Wacker Drive and Adams Street.

**Water Tower Place.** Shopping, shopping, shopping. Located in the heart of Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile, seven full floors of stores to suit every taste and budget. Also has Food Life on the Mezzanine floor. Great place for mindless-people watchers. 835 N. Michigan Ave.

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## NEWS/MEDIA

**Chicago Free Press**  
773-868-0005  
[www.chicagofreepress.com](http://www.chicagofreepress.com)

**Windy City Times**  
773-871-7610  
[www.windycitytimes.com](http://www.windycitytimes.com)

**Pride Fest/Pride Parade**  
[www.chicagopride.com](http://www.chicagopride.com)

## RESTAURANTS IN CHICAGO

Comments and ratings abbreviated from Chicago Magazine, Chicago Tribune, and North Shore Magazine; more information can be found in Zagat's Restaurant Guide for Chicago, and on [www.metromix.com](http://www.metromix.com). Reservations are also easily made online at [opentable.com](http://opentable.com). It's free and instantly confirmed.

Stars are assigned primarily on the basis of food quality; menu selection, service, ambiance, and value are also considered: \*\*\*\*=superlative; \*\*\*=excellent; \*\*=very good; \*=above average

Symbols that follow each listing indicate how much diners can expect to spend per person for a meal (appetizer, main course, dessert and coffee) without tax, tip, or wine: <=<=less than \$8, <=<=\$8-12, <=<=\$12-20, <=<=\$21-30, <=<=\$31-45, <=<=\$45.

## JAPANESE

**\*Cocoro – 668 N. Wells.** Chic, sedate setting for high-quality Japanese basics, plus a few wild cards. Better than average miso soup accompanies entrees. Bento box combinations come with teriyaki salmon, chicken, beef, or sashimi along with crisp ungreasy tempura. Good selection of sakes. Gracious service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun.* 312-943-2220. \$

**\*Itto Sushi – 2616 N. Halsted.** Ultra fresh sushi and sashimi are the lures to this trim two-room spot, but they're not the only ones. More than four dozen appetizers don the menu, entrees and combos are predictable and competently prepared. Most dinners come with miso soup, salad, rice, fruit, and tea. Service tends to be speedy but considerate. *Lunch, dinner, closed Sun.* 773-871-1800. \$

**\*Matsuya – 3469 N. Clark.** Easily the most popular kid on the restaurant-loaded block, this cramped double storefront bustles at almost any hour. Chief draws include a tantalizing array of sushi, appealing combo plates and low-end prices. Green tea ice cream provides a smooth finale. Brush up on chopstick skills before visiting, as service tends to be speedy. *Lunch Sat, Sun, dinner.* 773-248-2677. ¢

**\*Sai Café – 2010 N. Sheffield.** Topnotch sushi keeps this three-room spot crowded and convivial. Especially good sashimi and nigiri-zushi, generous cuts of ultra fresh fish draped over well-formed rice balls, range from the familiar to such specials as white tuna and amberjack. Hot food is hit or miss. Beer, wine by the glass, and sake hot or cold are among the beverages. Service varies. *Dinner only.* 773-472-8080. ¢

**\*\*SushisambaRio -- 504 N. Wells St.** Offers the same chic scene and menu of Japanese-Brazilian-Peruvian fare as its siblings in Miami and New York. Various dining options include a sushi bar, lounge or dining room, which features Chicago's only caipirinha bar. *11:45 a.m.-1 a.m., M- Thurs; 11:45 a.m.-2 a.m. F, Sat.; 11:45 a.m.-12 a.m., Sun.* 312-595-2300. \$\$

**\*\*Sushi Wabi – 842 W. Randolph.** Hipper-than-thou, raw brick-walled storefront with butcher block tables and a 19 seat sushi bar features the city's flashiest sashimi and sushi. Big selection of classic sushi with eccentric maki selections. Back kitchen cooks good versions of Japanese classics as udon noodles topped with tempura and steak teriyaki. Sakes, beer, short list of well-chosen wines. Service can lag when busy. *Lunch M-F, dinner.* 312-563-1224. \$

## CONTEMPORARY

**\*\*\*Ambria – 2300 N. Lincoln Park West.** Refined French- and Spanish-inspired cuisine of executive chef Gabino Sotelino and chef de cuisine Anselimo Ruiz. While the cooking may not be cutting edge and the chef displays a fondness for salt, generous portions in elegant presentations are the rule. Regular menu plus four degustations (\$55-75 including seafood and vegetarian options). Smooth, restrained service. *Dinner only. Closed Sun. Jackets required, Reservations recommended.* 773-472-5959. \$\$\$\$

**\*\*\*Blackbird – 619 W. Randolph.** Sleek, cramped and noisy, this Market district hotspot is packing in the smart set. For good reason: Chef Paul Kahan's French-based seasonal American cooking showcases pure, balanced flavors without being too busy. Kahan's style shines in entrees like pan-seared sea bass with tomato-garlic emulsion and gribiche; grilled guinea hen with intense pot-au-feu-style juices. Dessert temptations include chocolate crepes filled with espresso mascarpone and hazelnuts. Growing list holds many boutique wines. Polished service. *Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sat. Reservations recommended.* 312-715-0708. \$\$

**\*\*\*\*Charlie Trotter's – 816 W. Armitage.** Trotter's long procession of small lapidary-perfect dishes are innovative, often improvisational, yet always harmonious. The grand menu (\$110) may offer complex sensations such as hamachi and a Malpeque oyster perched on a tiny citrus and fennel salad bathed in a chilled fennel soup and dappled with oestra caviar and crème fraîche. From the vegetable menu (\$90-100) comes a pair of braised artichokes, one filled with trumpet royale mushrooms and cipolline (onions), one with roasted eggplant, turnips, and white bean puree. Meals last up to four hours. Make reservations months in advance. *Dinner only, Closed Sun. Jacket and reservations required.* 773-248-6228. \$\$\$\$

**\*\*Erwin – 2925 N. Halsted.** Customers of all ages flock to this convivial bistro for hearty healthy yet sometimes uneven fare with Midwestern flair. The lineup keeps changing but the same ingredients often morph into new forms. Roast chicken may be combined with sweet potato and goat cheese in a ravioli appetizer one day and star as an entrée with spinach spaetzle, prosciutto, and wild mushrooms on another. Well-chosen wines, some by glass. Professional service can be harried at peak periods, when the place is very noisy. *Brunch Sun, dinner. Closed Mon. Reservations recommended. 773-528-7200.*

**\*\*Green Dolphin Street – 2200 N. Ashland.** This jazz and supper club has adventurous and sophisticated cuisine. Entrees come with delicious and unusual starchy sides, such as the potato-cheese gratin that might accompany the smoky beef tenderloin and the tortilla flan that sometimes partners the ancho-encrusted grilled pork loin chop with jicama-chayote salad. Fine spirits selection; intriguing wine list. Strong service. Dinner tab includes admission to the jazz club. *Dinner only. Reservations recommended. 773-395-0066. \$\$\$*

**\*\*\*MK. The Restaurant – 868 N. Franklin.** Captivating cooking is the rule at chef Michael Kornick's sleek and chic multilevel River North restaurant. His creations incorporate many influences in dishes such as starters of sautéed sweetbreads with caramelized endive and sherry vinegar, or tuna tartar layered with celery remoulade and accompanied by a bold mixture of chopped oil-cured olives, anchovies, and capers. Save room for Mindy Segal's clever desserts. Generally fine service, extensive wine list. Six-course tasting menu (\$67, 80 w/ cheese and port). *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-482-9179. \$\$\$*

**\*\*\*One Sixtyblue – 160 N. Loomis (Randolph at Ogden).** This understandably elegant room is located on the far west frontier of the Market District. Exec chef Patrick Robertson's beautifully balanced, nuanced American dishes are created with a three-course dinner progression in mind. Low-key, knowledgeable service. *Dinner only. Closed Sun. 312-850-0303. \$\$\$\$*

**\*The Outpost – 3438 N. Clark.** Monthly menus at this neighborhood spot inspired by the travels of the China Clipper draw on the world's cuisines. There are several salads and thin crust pizzas, such as the one Americanized with buffalo sausage, corn and barbecue sauce. Sometimes whole-wheat pasta makes a French connection with duck confit and Brie. Wine list is strong on Australians and Californians, lots by the glass; beers, martinis. Service varies. Tables are crammed together. *Brunch Sun, dinner. 773-244-1166. \$\$*

**\*\*The Pump Room – Omni Ambassador East, 1301 N. State Pkwy.** This grande dame of special occasion dining, complete with gleaming chandeliers and glorious floral arrangements, earns curtain calls for executive chef Martial Noguier's upbeat interpretations of French cuisine. Openers on seasonal menus may include sea scallops with truffles in asparagus vichysoise and succulent veal sweetbreads atop an artichoke heart filled with shallot confit. The wine list needs a rewrite (and expansion); service is at the dress rehearsal stage. Pretheatre (\$29) and several tasting menus (\$38-66). *Breakfast, brunch Sun, lunch, dinner. Jackets required, reservations recommended. 312-266-0360. \$\$\$*

**\*\*\*\*Ritz-Carlton Dining Room – 160 E. Pearson.** Chef Sarah Stegner's cooking oozes flair and gratifying flavor. It's ideal for the setting, a haven of warm wood paneling, crystal chandeliers, and plush booths. For entrees, perfectly roasted venison with black truffles and a tart of caramelized onion and delicate squash; or Maine lobster over a crab cake with roasted portobellos in a shellfish-mustard seed sauce. Topnotch wine list. Excellent unstuffy service. Degustation menus (\$75, \$95; vegetarian \$55-60). *Brunch Sun, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-573-5223. \$\$\$\$*

**\*\*Rivers – Mercantile Exchange, 30 S. Wacker Dr.** On opera nights, there's heavy trading in this handsome, noisy room in the Merc. Inside, high-backed mahogany booths; outside, in warm months, patio tables overlook the Chicago River. Grilled steaks and fish excel. For dessert: peach and berry cobbler, or caramel apple tart with maple ice cream. Single-malt scotches and martinis are first-rate; appropriate wine list. Well-paced, knowledgeable service. *Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sat (Sundays when there is a show at the Lyric Opera House). Reservations recommended. 312-559-1515. \$\$*

**\*\*\*\*Seasons – Four Seasons Hotel, 120 E. Delaware Place.** Chef Mark Baker's brilliant American cooking in this sumptuous wood-paneled room changes seasonally and draws on an international palette of flavors. His menu showcases custom-grown vegetables and luxury ingredients such as rare cheeses, truffles, and Japanese kobe beef. Five-course menu (\$68, 100 with rare wines) and eight-course menu (\$98, price varies with wines). Excellent, well-paced service. *Breakfast, brunch Sun, lunch M-Sat, dinner. Jackets required (dinner only). Reservations recommended. 312-280-8800. \$\$\$\$*

**\*\*Thyme – 464 N. Halsted.** Bubbling River West spot showcasing African, Asian, and Spanish antiques and crafts as a backdrop for the energetic European-influenced American cooking. Main courses feature succulent spit-roasted meats like pork chop served with cabbage, bacon, and mustard; also, seared rare yellowfin tuna with English peas and salsify. Adept lively service. Intelligent wine list. Lovely patio dining in warm weather; adjoining Sinibar room, a hip dessert lounge with a deejay for the beautiful and fashionable. *Dinner T-Sun. 312-226-3268. \$\$*

**\*\*\*Tru – 676 N. St. Clair.** In a luxurious white dining room blessed with flawless service, exciting dishes often arrive on playful objects: caviar on a glass staircase, Versace design china cups of ‘cappuccino’ soups or a three-layer Japanese bento box of petite salads. Home to famed dessert chef Gale Gand. Three course menu (\$70); several tasting menus (\$75-125), or sample a multi-course dessert menu for \$25. Meals can last four hours, no cell phones. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. Jackets required, reservations recommended. 312-202-0001. \$\$\$*

**\*\*Yoshi’s Café – 3257 N. Halsted.** This popular corner spot is worth a commute for the delightful cooking of talented chef-owner Yoshi Katsumura and the casual café setting presided over by his wife Nobuko. A broad, value-priced menu with Japanese touches offers many low-fat options. A communal dessert option is the \$9.50 combination plate of half portions of lemon tart, chocolate espresso crème brulee, fresh pear and marzipan tart, and homemade sorbets. Astute service. Value priced wines by bottle and glass as well as lavish Champagnes and Bordeaux. *Brunch Sun, dinner. Closed Mon. 772-248-6160. \$*

## SOUL & SOUTHERN

**\*Army and Lou’s – 422 E. 75th St. (Near Martin Luther King Jr. Dr)** Beautifully refurbished and comfortable haven for topnotch soul food. Good food choices are jollof rice Ghana, braised kosher beef short ribs, fried chicken and catfish. Friendly, welcoming service. *Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Closed Tue. 773-483-3100. ¢*

**\*Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop – 5225 S. Harper.** Laid back Hyde Park hangout. Cheerfully cluttered spots serve up flavor-filled Cajun classics and other low-country treats. Start off with spicy fried green tomatoes or breaded oysters, and move on to country-fried steak, catfish (fried or blackened). Best bets among sides: black-eyed peas, greens and coleslaw. Pecan pie, peach cobbler, and fluffy bread pudding for dessert. Dixie beers plus wine. Friendly service. *Lunch, dinner. 773-363-4943. ¢*

**\*\*Heaven on Seven -- 111 N. Wabash Ave., Seventh Floor.** New Orleans-style food renowned for Po’ boy sandwiches, andouille sausage, soft-shell crab and down-home sides like collard greens, cheese grits and corn muffins. Several locations downtown. *8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat; closed Sunday; open for dinner 5:30-9 p.m. on the 3rd F/mth 312-263-6443. \$*

**\*Wishbone – 1001 W. Washington. Also at 3300 N. Lincoln Ave.** This warehouse-rehab-district magnet exemplifies just what we like about the South from the buttery corn muffins to sassy crayfish cakes, spicy gumbo, blackened catfish, and hoppin’ John. Expectedly friendly, upbeat service. *Breakfast M-F, brunch Sat Sun, lunch, dinner. 312-850-2663. ¢*

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN

**\*\*\*Arun’s – 4156 N. Kedzie. (Thai)** Arun’s is again unquestionably the best and most rewarding Asian restaurant in the city. The lovely main dining room provides a serene setting for chef-owner Arun Sampanthavivat’s multicourse Chef’s Design Menu (\$75), a changing 12-part array of exquisitely presented dishes (entrées served family style) and two dainty Thai desserts. There is no printed menu, but meals may be customized according to dietary restrictions, spice levels, and old favorites (mention when seated). Generally polished service. *Dinner only. Closed Mon. Reservations required plus a credit-card guarantee. 773-539-1909. \$\$\$*

**\*Mr. Thai House of Noodles and Rice – 3811 N. Ashland Ave. (Thai)** Offers artful cooking that makes this slightly upscale, family-run double storefront worth a stop. Pad Thai is topnotch; green coconut-milk curry with snowy-white chicken breast, eggplant, peas, basil, mild red peppers, and hot green chilies sparkles; and even Chinese-inspired options like almond beef rise above average. Pluses include free steamed rice (unusual at Thai spots), fragrant jasmine tea, BYOB, and eager to please service. *773-244-9300. ¢*

**\*Le Colonial – 937 N. Rush. (Vietnamese)** Vietnamese with a French colonial ambiance at this New York import. Crispy whole red snapper swathed in a sweet-tart sauce and ginger marinated roast duck are signature entrees; also worthwhile, a rich curry, such as chicken with cashews and eggplant in a piquant coconut-milk sauce. Wines are selected to go with the food. Second story lounge and terrace. Generally proficient service. *Lunch M-Sat, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-255-0088.*

**\*\*Pasteur – 5525 N. Broadway. (Vietnamese)** While its location suggests your average neighborhood restaurant, Pasteur's elegant décor, accomplished cookery, and attention to detail make it a true dining destination. The kitchen uses top-quality ingredients, and the entrée selection does not overwhelm with dozens of options as at so many Asian restaurants, but instead offers a few well-chosen noodle, seafood, chicken, beef, and vegetarian dishes. Professional management and service. *Lunch W-Sun, dinner. Reservations recommended. 773-878-1061. \$*

**\*\*Penang – 2201 S. Wentworth. (Malaysian-Japanese)** Exotic Southeast Asian food is the draw at this eclectically kitschy restaurant. First-rate entrees include barbecued fish wrapped in banana leaf, moist room-temperature Hainanese chicken in soy-based sauce, spicy beef rendang curry and creamy Buddhist style tofu with seafood and vegetables in mild lobster sauce. Poor service. Avoid weekends. *Lunch, dinner. 312-326-6888. ¢*

**\*PS Bangkok – 3345 N. Clark. (Thai)** A humongous selection of artful dishes at reasonable prices is the draw at this art-filled spot. Grilled red snapper fillet bedded on spinach and topped with minced-garlic and white pepper sauce is a simple yet satisfying preparation. Standards fare well, among them satay, pad Thai, and especially coconut milk curries. An all you can eat buffet Sunday buffet (\$13) boasts more than 100 items. Variable service. *Brunch Sun, Lunch, dinner. Closed Mon. 773-871-7777. ¢*

**\*\*Siam Café – 4712 N. Sheridan. (Thai)** One of the city's oldest Thai restaurants continues to serve reliable food at rock bottom prices. Coconut milk curries are not to be missed; a few other winners: barely wilted Chinese broccoli with oyster sauce, pad Thai, and ground meat with hot peppers and holy basil. Service can be no-nonsense or somewhat cordial. *Lunch buffet M, W-F; Dinner. Closed Tue. 773-989-0157. ¢*

**\*\*Vong – 6 W. Hubbard. (Thai French)** Elegantly understated sibling of popular New York Vong, with a similar menu. Imaginatively fuses exotic Thai flavors with French sauces and techniques. Roomy tables and comfy chairs, but beware the noise level, glacial service, and occasionally uneven cooking when the room is jam packed. Lighthearted specialty cocktails, appropriate wines, coffee, and exotic teas served in rustic iron pots. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-644-8664. \$\$\$*

## ITALIAN

**\*\* A Tavola – 2148 W. Chicago.** Located in Ukrainian Village of Chicago. The menu, small but strong, changes weekly to provide variety. Starters include grilled seasonal vegetables and a salad of greens with pear and shaved Parmesan. The gnocchi are perhaps the best in town and the unusual and wonderful risotti are creative successes. *Dinner only. Closed Sun. 773-276-7567. \$\$*

**\*\* Bice Ristorante – 158 E. Ontario.** An exciting array of flavor-packed dishes shine at this dramatic Deco-design restaurant. Good selection of tempting pastas and risotti. Among robust grilled and sautéed entrees, beautifully grilled rare tuna and a thin-pounded breaded veal chop Milanese. Informed service can occasionally falter. *Lunch, dinner. 312-664-1474. \$\$*

**\*La Bocca Della Verita – 4618 N. Lincoln.** Pastas stand out, among them fettuccine tossed with baby artichokes, gnocchetti bathed in rich three-cheese sauce, and duck ravioli in tomato-kissed cream sauce. Rustic secondi include free-range chicken roasted with garlic and rosemary and veal "Pagliacci" smothered with mushrooms, eggplant, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and olives. Decent wine list and picks by glass. Haphazard service. *Dinner only, Closed Mon. 773-784-6222. \$*

**\*\*Café Spiaggia – 980 N. Michigan.** Spiaggia's less expensive sister successfully blends Renaissance-inspired frescos and stylish modern furnishings with fine city views. Topnotch pastas include melt-in-your-mouth gnocchi with paper-thin slices of smoked ham in creamy, tomato-kissed sauce and delicate leek-and-potato stuffed ravioli painted with fragrant pesto. Main courses range from wood-roasted salmon to sautéed chicken breast paired with baby artichokes in lemon-herb sauce. Small, well-chosen wine list. Uneven service. *Brunch Sun, lunch, dinner. 312-280-2750. \$\$*

**\*\*\*Coco Pazzo – 300 W. Hubbard.** This Manhattan import in a chic loft setting attracts some of the city’s major players for chef Tony Priolo’s delicious Tuscan-style food. Memorable main courses have been known to include pan-seared rack of pork with celery root-potato mash, grilled yellow fin tuna with red wine glaze and wilted Swiss chard, and a rotisserie special, often leg of lamb. Trendy Italian wines, good after-dinner drink selection. Generally professional service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-836-0900. \$\$\$*

**\*\*Mia Francesca – 3311 N. Clark. (Francesca’s on Taylor, 1400 W. Taylor, in Little Italy).** Thanks to big portions of robust food at reasonable prices, this family of lively restaurants keeps growing. Antipasti include black mussels in piquant tomato sauce and platter-filling carpaccio. Thin crust pizza make good shared openers. A few worthy pastas. Decent wines by the glass or bottle. Mostly good – if sometimes harried service. *Dinner only at Mia Francesca 773-281-3310; Lunch M-F also at F. on Taylor, reservations recommended, 312-829-2828).*

**\*Rosangelis – 1314 W. Wrightwood.** This rustic Southport neighborhood charmer doesn’t aspire to be a fancy restaurant, just a popular one. And it succeeds big time, packed nightly with hungry diners anticipating hearty, gargantuan portions of fairly simple, classic Italian dishes. Standouts include stuffed Portobello mushroom, lasagna al forno, and rich bread pudding. *Dinner only. Closed Mon. 773-296-0081. \$*

**\*La Rosetta – 70 W. Madison.** A lunchtime favorite, Alex Dana’s Loop ‘Rosebud’ features the chain’s classics, such as steak vesuvio and eight-finger cavatelli, as well as its go-that-extra-mile service. Start with some bruschetta replete with tomatoes, red onions, calamata olives, fresh basil and olive oil. Convenient pre-Shubert dining. Happy hour buffet M-F 5-7 pm. *Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sat. Closed Sun. 312-332-9500. \$*

**\*Strega Nona – 3747 N. Southport.** Eclectic, half a dozen different kinds of bruschetti, pasta in unusual shapes, and global influences distinguish Charlie and Joe Carlucci’s excursion into casual dining. This chic barn of a room is one of the hottest properties on sizzling Southport Avenue. *Dinner only. 773-244-0990. \$*

**\*\*Scoozi! – 410 W. Huron.** After more than a decade as the granddaddy of big Italian joints, Scoozi! with its enormous booths and tables dressed in linens, is not resting on its laurels. A wood-fired oven yields delicate pizzas on cracker thin crusts. An herb-roasted pork tenderloin is as silky as the finest beef fillet, and pairs gorgeously with caramelized onions and sweet potato gnocchi. Smart service. Bustling bar; good selections of Italian wines by the glass and bottle. *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-943-5900. \$\$*

**\*\*\*\*Spiaggia – 980 N. Michigan.** The tiered dining room overlooking the Magnificent Mile showcases ivory-toned chandeliers and contemporary art, and the food emphasizes the clean flavors of fine ingredients in understated juxtapositions. Main courses might include seared beef tenderloin in Barbera wine sauce, or a special of wood-roasted guinea hen with Brussels sprouts. Fine Italian wines and domestic clones, many by the glass. *Lunch T-Sat, dinner. Jackets required (dinner only), reservations recommended. 312-280-2750. \$\$\$\$*

**\*\*Trattoria No 10 – 10 N. Dearborn.** This stylish subterranean hideaway remains a top Loop destination for contemporary Italian cuisine. Ravioli are a specialty; try the offering with asparagus tips, aged mozzarella di bufala, and sun-dried tomatoes. Desserts are excellent. Engaging, professional service. *Lunch M-F; dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended. 312-984-1718. \$\$*

**\*\*Vinci – 1732 N. Halsted.** The pretheatre crowd are not the only ones who flock to this stylishly earthy Lincoln Park spot. Grilled baby octopus with cannellini beans deserves raves, and mixed greens with artichokes, salami, and Gorgonzola also please. *Brunch Sun, dinner. Closed Mon. 312-266-1199. \$*

**\*\*Vivere – 71 W. Monroe.** Jordan Mozer’s phantasmagoric interior is what first catches your eye, but the real showstoppers come on the plate. House made pastas are excellent; daily risotti; excellent house-cured duck prosciutto, many grilled meats and fish. One of America’s premier wine lists; a dozen selections by glass. Precise, polished, proud service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. 312-332-4040. \$\$*

**\*Vivo – 838 W. Randolph.** This pioneering Randolph Market restaurant has a lot more competition now than when it opened in 1991, but it still attracts its share of the young and hip. Vivo can attribute its staying power to a strong (if not particularly adventurous) menu and a stylish setting. Generally pricey wines. Adequate service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-733-3379. \$\$*

## FRENCH

\*\*\* **Aubriot – 1962 N. Halsted.** Located in Lincoln Park. Well-priced fare includes starters such as a lovely asparagus custard with arugula salad and curry oil. Seared foie gras encircled with bitter chocolate sauce, sautéed daurade with black trumpet mushrooms to grilled quail with caper berries, arugula, and Brussels sprouts in balsamic veal jus. Enthusiastic, knowledgeable service. Three-course pre-theatre menu (\$35, 50 with wine). *Dinner only. Closed Mon.* 773-281-4211. \$\$

\***Bistro 110 – 110 E. Pearson.** Tourists are beckoned by listings of city attractions on a chalkboard and the obligatory Toulouse-Lautrec posters. Start with garlicky snails en croute, steamed Mediterranean mussels, or artichoke stuffed with Brie. Signature wood-roasted and grilled entrees shine; watch for seasonal fish specials. Large luscious desserts; try rich chocolate paradisiac cake, apple tart, or masterful crème brûlée. Well-timed service. Overpriced wines, few by the glass. Expect noisy waits, especially on weekends. *Brunch Sun, lunch, dinner. Reservations recommended.* 312-266-3110. \$\$

\***Bistrot Zinc – 1131 N. State.** Buzzing, multi room Lakeview spot evokes France, right down to the rack of boiled eggs on the zinc bar. Reliable choices start with homemade pates, and a spinach salad with hazelnuts, hard-boiled egg, and beets. Winning entrees include sautéed skate, roasted chicken, and grilled salmon en papillote. Execution can be erratic. For dessert, fine crème brûlée and fun crepes suzette. Up front, Café Zinc offers more casual fare; most dishes under \$15. *Café: brunch Sat, Sun; lunch and dinner Tue-Sun. Bistro: dinner only, closed Mon.* 312-337-1131. \$

\***Le Bouchon – 1958 N. Damen.** This picture-perfect lace-curtain bistro packs them in for a taste of Paris at penny-pinching prices. Main courses range from steak frites to kidneys in mustard sauce. Duck for two and herbed roasted chicken are the primary poultry picks. When the crowds peak, cooking can become careless. Nice regional French wines. Long waits, even with reservations. Well-meaning service can be slow. *Dinner only, Closed Sun. Reservations recommended.* 773-862-6600. \$

\***Brasserie Jo – 59 W. Hubbard.** The ambiance and executive chef Jean Joho's pedigree (Everest) create great expectations, but the food is merely good – not superb. An exception is the smoked salmon. Start with the salmon, a thick onion tart, or perhaps a special ragout of wild mushrooms. Several beers brewed on site. Service may be blasé. *Lunch M-F, dinner.* 312-595-0800. \$

\*\*\***Café Absinthe – 1954 W. North.** It's a little too dark and fairly noisy, but this hip Bucktown bistro has style in spades. Exec chef Jim Hoban's menu changes nightly, but he bats close to 1,000 most any night. Oysters with mango and tomato-jicama relishes were a hit among cold appetizers, exquisite vegetables and starches accompany entrees such as pancetta-wrapped venison loin, seared tuna wrapped in a spiced nut phyllo, and a torte of potatoes and wild mushrooms. For dessert: cobbler-like cherry financier, crème brûlée, and chocolate hazelnut gâteau. *Dinner only. Reservations recommended.* 773-278-4488. \$\$

\***Café Matou – 1846 N. Milwaukee.** This sharp yet homey bistro delivers lovingly prepared French country fare with style not pretense, and with attention to the seasons. Standout main courses include a classic roasted chicken breast stuffed under the skin with herbed butter, poached salmon in Chablis cream sauce. Homemade desserts shine, notably the apple tart with caramel sauce. Good mostly French wine list, monthly wine dinners demonstrate serious enthusiasm for the grape. *Dinner T-Sun. Closed M. Reservations recommended.* 773-384-8911. \$

\*\***Cyrano's Bistro and Wine Bar – 546 N. Wells.** Little details make a big difference in this charming River North restaurant. The daily prix fixe might feature a lobster salad, tasty lamb chops, and for dessert, a "floating island" (a scoop of meringue in a pool of crème anglaise) for dessert – a three course bargain at \$24.95. Knowledgeable, professional waitstaff. *Lunch, dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended.* 312-467-0546. \$

\*\*\*\***Everest – One Financial Place, 440 S. LaSalle.** Up 40 floors, the crisp décor and urbane service fit the high-flying financial neighborhood. Chef Jean Joho's polished food combines Alsatian vigor with inventive delicacy and sophistication in creations like roasted ballotine of quail with foie gras and sautéed chanterelles; or wild sea bass on artichokes "a la barigoule" (braised in white wine with onions leeks and carrots). Biggest Alsatian wine list on the continent, plus many California cabernets. Degustation (\$79), early menu, three courses plus a starter (\$44). *Dinner only, jackets preferred, reservations required. Closed Sun, Mon.* 312-663-8920. \$\$\$\$

\*\***Kiki's Bistro – 900 N. Franklin.** This rustically romantic hideaway with its fairly authentic menu delivers such classics as escargots a la bourguignonne and onion soup gratinee for starters and sautéed calf's liver and steak au poivre for main courses. Desserts may not match their descriptions, but are excellent and numerous. Well-priced

wines by bottle and glass. Indifferent service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended. 312-335-5454. \$\$*

**\*Marche – 833 W. Randolph.** Hip, noisy Market District stalwart ablaze with wood burning ovens and wild décor. Wood-roasted meats and fish a draw but also consider pan-seared diver scallops with tarragon and tomato water garnished with shiitakes and fava beans. Good side dishes include asparagus topped with white lemon aioli sauce. Execution may waver. Fine cheeses, and unusual, broadly priced wines, trendy cocktails, and coffees. Energetic service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-226-8399. \$\$*

**\*\*Mon Ami Gabi – 2300 N. Lincoln Park West.** This lively, handsome bistro offers thumbs-up renditions of stalwarts such as onion soup, boeuf bourguignon with parsnip puree and roasted chicken, yet at hearts it's a French fish and steak house. Boffo bistro desserts include crepes Suzette and chocolate mousse. Apt service. Well-priced country French wines; try a sample from the rolling cart. *Dinner only. Reservations recommended. 773-348-8886. \$\$*

**\*\*\*\*Les Nomades – 222 E Ontario.** A quiet and civilized salon showcases the exquisite modern French cuisine of exec chef Roland and chef de cuisine Mary Wilke. Among delicious appetizer choices on the four-course prix fixe menu (\$65) are artichoke terrine with truffle vinaigrette, a duo of sautéed foie gras and cold foie gras with citrus sauce on a golden beet salad, and delicate lobster ravioli with smoked scallops and eggless Bearnaise. Impressive wine list. Low-key, generally professional service. *Dinner only, jackets required. Closed Sun, Mon. Reservations recommended. 312-649-9010. \$\$\$\$*

**\*\*La Sardine – 111 N. Carpenter.** Smart noisy spot with authentic bistro fare. Tempting appetizers include pates with beet and walnut salad, leek and bacon tart and codfish brandade with garlic croutons. Equally robust entrees on the seasonally changing menu. Good service, broadly priced wines. *Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sat. Reservations recommended. 312-421-2800. \$*

**\*\*\*Savarin – 713 N. Wells.** This stylish room's forest green walls with original artwork convey a serious tone. Chef-owner John Hogan offers excellent bistro standards – onion soup gratinee, salade lyonnaise, steak frites, braised rabbit with mustard sauce – but the excitement stems from his more elegant creations, many on a daily menu. Sometimes spotty service. Lesser known regional French wines dot the equally serious wine list. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended. 312-255-9520. \$\$\$*

## MEXICAN/LATIN AMERICAN

**\*Café 28 – 1800 W. Irving Park.** This is the kind of casual, agreeable storefront joint you'd want in your neighborhood. Friendly servers tout hearty, affordable Latino dishes such as a grilled honey jalapeno pork chop; colorful paintings adorn the brick walls; and the el rumbling by overhead completes the diamond-in-the-rough scene. *Brunch Sat, Sun; dinner. 773-528-2883. \$*

**\*\*\*Frontera Grill – 445 N. Clark.** Casual but gracefully appointed spot for earthy appetizers and hearty entrees, including wood grilled meats and fish. Be early for chiles rellenos, or late to avoid waits. *Brunch Sat, Lunch T-F, dinner. Closed Sun, Mon. 312-661-1434. \$*

**\*\*\*\*Topolobampo – 445 N. Clark.** The big sister restaurant to above Frontera Grill. Sides with main courses include jicama salads, wild Mexican greens, and lusty renditions of beans and rice. Exemplary desserts range from warm pecan pie with caramel ice cream and rum sauce to fresh fruit ices. Rare tequilas, Mexican beers, unusual wines fitting the piquant food. Service is knowledgeable and generally polished. *Lunch T-F, dinner. Closed Sun, Mon. Reservations required. 312-661-1434. \$\$\$*

**\*\*Nacional 27 – 325 W. Huron.** Dramatic, high-voltage restaurant nightclub for Pan-Hispanic cuisine and pulsating dance music from the 27 nations of the Caribbean and Latin America – although not all on the same night. Well-informed service can lapse into long delays anytime. Potent Latin American cocktails; many wines by the glass. Salsa or merengue dancing late Friday and Saturday nights. *Dinner only. Reservations recommended. 312-664-2727. \$\$*

**\*\*¡Salpicon! – 1252 N. Wells.** Festive setting for classy Mexican creations. Authentic sauces smooth over occasional miscues in the generally fine preparations of meat or poultry; fish consistently impress. Suitable wines, Mexican beers, fine margaritas, and premium tequilas (available in tasting flights). Seven-course tasting menu (\$45,

\$75 with wines). Early menu (\$25 three courses) *Brunch Sun, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-988-7811.*  
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## CHINESE, ASIAN

**\*Ben Pao – 52 W. Illinois.** Graceful room with Zen-inspired red and black décor draws a River North crowd for smartly presented Chinese dishes and a satay bar, plus other Asian fare. Starters and desserts more consistently successful than main courses. Except for noodles, portions are small by Chinatown standards. Knowledgeable but erratic service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-222-1888. \$*

**\*\*Emperor's Choice – 2238 S. Wentworth.** Located in Chinatown, almost everything is enjoyable at this attractive Chinatown mainstay known for its seafood. By all means, have deep-fried soft-shell crab with spicy salt and pepper, steamed fish, poached shrimp, or lobster one of seven ways. Don't ignore lacquer-skinned roasted duck; pea pod sprouts with fragrant shiitakes; piquant Singapore noodles. Service is helpful but harried, depending on the server and the crowds. *Lunch, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-225-8800. ¢*

**\*\*Mei Shung – 5511 N. Broadway.** Friendly neighborhood spot attracts a loyal following with its expansive repertoire and reasonable prices. While classic Mandarin dishes are skillfully prepared, it is the intriguing Taiwanese menu that makes the restaurant unique. No MSG is used in any of the entrees, which all pack ample flavor on their own. Amiable service, though it is apt to lag on busy nights. *Lunch, dinner, closed Mon. 773-728-5778. ¢*

**\*New Three Happiness – 2130 S. Wentworth.** Dim sum. Rolling carts laden with steamed dumplings and buns, roasted and barbecued meats, baked and fried savories and sweets and much more weave among crowded tables in this bustling dining room, one of Chinatown's most popular for the traditional brunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays, to 3 p.m. weekends). *Brunch, lunch, dinner. 312-791-1228. ¢*

**\*\*Phoenix – 2131 S. Archer.** This modern, spacious upstairs is a top Chinatown destination. Early on, it's a haven for first-rate dim sum in awesome variety; the dinner menu offers excellent fare from the Hong Kong chef. Very unpredictable service; flag a manager if waiters' English lapses. *Dim sum, lunch, dinner. 312-328-0848. \$*

**\*\*Red Light – 820 W. Randolph (Pan-Asian)** This exuberant fantasy of mosaics and metalwork offers creative, carefully prepared exotica. Main courses range from delicious diver scallops in lemongrass beurre blanc to a duet of grilled chicken breast glazed with ginger and braised leg in warmly spicy Malaysian curry. A couple of main course standbys are Wai Chee's duck and Taiwanese whole crispy catfish. House cocktails, boutique beers, compact wine list, and half a dozen specialty teas. Generally good service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-733-8880. \$\$*

**\*Shine Garden Chinese Restaurant – 901 W. Armitage.** The option of oil-free moo shus, kung paos and a host of other Szechwan, Mandarin, and Hunan treats makes this friendly attractive Asian kitchen unique. Dinner only. 773-296-0101. ¢

## AMERICAN

**Jake Melnick's Corner Tap (No rating available)– 41 E. Superior.** Try the Jake Burger, fish n' chips, barbecue spare ribs or hand-cut fries. 18 oz. bone-in ribeye, chocolate chip cookie sundae for dessert. Carry out available, reservations for 10 or more only. *Lunch, dinner daily. Reservations Accepted. 312-867-4908. \$*

**\*\*\*Crofton on Wells – 535 N. Wells.** Quiet room with subtle décor puts the focus on Suzy Crofton's cooking, which infuses hearty American flavors with French refinement. For the main course, grilled beef tenderloin with a molasses-peppercorn glaze and garlicky potato-parsnip mash, draped with sautéed Maui onions. Good desserts such as granny smith apple tart with caramel ice cream. Well-priced domestic boutique wines. Informed, helpful service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. 312-755-1790. \$\$*

**\*\*Grace – 623 W. Randolph.** Softly lighted, sleek Market District space showcases the imaginative game and seafood dishes of chef-owner Ted Cizma. The main course lineup may boast excellent preparations of wood grilled saddle of rabbit with roasted turnips and juniper berry-port wine prune sauce, venison loin stuffed with blackberries and chanterelle mushrooms with blackberry-thyme sauce, and rare grilled tuna on whole wheat noodles. Including

reserve list, 150 selections of mostly boutique wines. Enthusiastic service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun, reservations recommended. 312-928-9200. \$\$\$*

**\*Hard Rock Café – 63 W. Ontario.** En route to buying your T-shirt, take in the scenery (guitar owned by Bob Dylan, drum signed by Don Henley, and much more) and enjoy a mountain of nachos or American standards like barbecued chicken and ribs. *Lunch, dinner. 312-943-2252. ¢*

**Allen's-The New American Cafe – 217 W. Huron.** For hip diners who like to eat to the beat, this art-decorated nightclub pumping out jazz and more from an audiophile sound system fits the bill. Chef Allen Sternweiler's seasonally changing menu can satisfy serious foodies with a fusion-style menu. Well-chosen extensive wine list; stellar selection of spirits available in half-portions and tastings make the bar scene as attractive as the menu. Cordial service can lag. *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-587-9600. \$\$*

**\*Jack's on Halsted – 3201 N. Halsted.** Lakeview restaurant has dazzling, hip décor, often adept service, and a pleasingly proficient – if somewhat erratic – kitchen. The food is on the busy side, but it generally works. So-so wines by the glass. *Brunch Sun, dinner. 773-244-9191. \$*

**\*\*Meritage Café and Wine Bar – 2118 N. Damen.** Cozy room decorated in blond woods and metallic details and enhanced by a convivial terrace makes an inviting setting for Pacific-Northwest inspired cooking. Main courses always include a daily game offering. Or try pan roasted scallops served with black beans, asparagus, and Indian-spiced sweet potato puree. Deft informed service. West coast boutique wine list strong on namesake Bordeaux-style blends, more than 20 by the glass. *Dinner only. 773-235-6434.*

**\*\*\*Park Avenue Café – Doubletree Guest Suites, 199 E. Walton.** This glowing Gold Coast sibling of New York's Park Avenue Café is in steady hands under exec chef Jason Handelman. Trademarked pastrami salmon with a warm corn blin (pancake) and mustard-encrusted tuna teriyaki are still on hand, but exciting new starters like a generous lobster and shrimp cocktail with tangy avocado sauce and a spring onion tart with a poached quail egg and truffled hollandaise sauce deserve consideration. Inventive main courses and dramatic desserts. Enthusiastic service, fine selection of mostly American wines. Three- and five-course tasting menus with wines (\$49.50, \$59.50). *American dim sum brunch Sun, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-944-4414. \$\$\$*

**\*\*\*Rhapsody – 65 E. Adams.** This luxurious glass-walled room in the Symphony Center is a stellar Loop destination. The globally influenced menu with its strong French underpinnings offers irresistible starters like sautéed duck foie gras with candied ginger, sweet onion sauce, and cauliflower flan. Main course options include scrumptious Thai-seasoned chicken with shrimp brochette in spicy coconut sauce. Impressive wine list and attentive service. *Lunch M-F, dinner T-Sat. Reservations recommended. 312-786-9911. \$\$*

**\*Toast – 746 W. Webster.** You've got to like a place where the menu is shaped like a slice of bread. Ravenous early risers certainly seem to, swarming this fresh, inexpensive Lincoln Park breakfast superstar every weekend for omelets, pancakes – and yes, toast. Similar outposts in River North and Bucktown. *Breakfast, lunch. 773-935-5600. ¢*

**\*\*Wildfire – 159 W. Erie.** Blazing wood ovens and the crowds roar at these sleek, lively spots sporting stone and wood trim. Besides the display of ovens, grills, and rotisseries turning racks of beef, pork, and poultry, the main attractions are steaks, spit-roasted meats, barbecue, and wood-roasted or grilled fish. Service is prompt and peppy; portions are big. Deco fixtures and stacked firewood combine for sleek rusticity in River North. *Dinner only. 312-787-9000. \$\$*

## SPANISH/TAPAS

**\*\*Café Baba-Reeba! – 2024 N. Halsted.** The extensive menu spotlights paellas, but stick to the small stuff. Hot tapas range from ratatouille-like pisto manchego to mini entrees, such as grilled sea bass with romesco sauce. Desserts include a velvety flourless chocolate tart and bizcocho borracho, a rum-soaked variation on tiramisù. Spanish wines, sherries and other potables. Service/pacing are surprisingly good. *Lunch, dinner. 773-935-5000. \$*

**\*Café Iberico – 739 N. LaSalle.** An hour's wait is not unusual on weekends at this noisy bar and restaurant, but you won't so much if you go with a group and order a pitcher of refreshing sangria. Soups, salads, several full-size entrees and desserts are available, but tapas are the way to go here. Reasonably priced Spanish wines. Harried service. *Lunch, dinner. 312-573-1510. ¢*

## STEAKS

**\*\*The Capital Grille – 633 N. St. Clair.** Swanky mahogany-paneled, damask-draped Streeterville outpost of a popular East Coast steakhouse chain. Diners enjoy gargantuan portions of dry-aged Angus beef expertly cooked in the showcase open kitchen. Terrific roasted prime-rib (often a special) or broiled Delmonico steaks (same rib-eye cut) complete with 20-oz strip sirloins and 24-oz porterhouses for slam-bang beefiness. Market-priced lobster and wide selection of fresh fish. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-337-9400. \$\$*

**\*\*Chicago Chop House – 60 W. Ontario.** Restored Victorian brownstone packs in three floors of carnivores for massive portions of first-rate steaks and trimmings. Dependability is a menu strength. Thick prime rib roasted then charred and aged broiled steaks are strong suits. Big selection of California red wines, many by the glass. Piano bar. Prompt, professional service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-787-7100. \$\$*

**\*\*Gibsons Steakhouse – 1028 N. Rush.** Excellent prime beef and sides elevate this popular, clubby meat-eater's bastion above most of the city's steakhouse competition. Gargantuan steaks range from London Broil (\$20) to a double porterhouse (\$63) – waiters promote sharing even the smaller ones. Huge eponymous Gibsons and other martinis. Wine list is strongest on Champagne and American reds. Professional service. Expect waits even with reservations. *Dinner only. Reservations recommended. 312-266-8999. \$\$\$*

**\*\*Morton's – The Steakhouse – Newberry Plaza, 1050 N. State.** The corporate-clubby haven for huge prime steaks and potatoes the size of Idaho delivers the masculine goods to an appreciative audience of suits – locals and visitors alike. Meals begin with a tightly scripted account of the tableside display of plastic-wrapped raw meats, hefty live lobsters, daily fish choices, and vegetables on steroids. Portions are so big that starters are unnecessary. The primo of the prime is the 48 oz double porterhouse. Tangy 20 oz strip steaks and double filets also beckon. Appropriate wine list. *Dinner only, reservations recommended. 312-266-4820. \$\$\$*

**\*Eli's – The Place for Steak – 215 E. Chicago.** A photo gallery of satisfied celebs – Jack Brickhouse, Irv Kupcinet, Bill Clinton – leads the way to this noisy expense-account dining room. Table-hopping and schmoozing are almost as popular the New York strip steak followed by a hunk of cheesecake. *Lunch M-F, dinner. 312-642-1393. \$\$*

**\*\*The Palm – The Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker.** The famous New York-based steakhouse franchise occupies a soaring wood-trimmed space with large tables, high-backed booths, and walls plastered with caricatures. Jumbo prime steak and lobster entrees are main attractions, including 16 oz New York strips and 36 oz double strips. Monster Maine or Nova Scotia lobsters at monster prices are split and broiled with cream and butter. Compact but serious wine list. Adept service. *Lunch, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-616-1000. \$\$*

**\*\*Ruth's Chris Steak House – 431 N. Dearborn.** Prime cuts here are pretreated with salt and pepper and dabbed with butter after they're cooked. Good selection of wines by the glass. Lots of dark wood lends a classic, clubby feel. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended. 312-321-2725. \$\$*

## ECLECTIC

**\*Chic Café – 361 W. Chestnut.** With literally a different menu every day, you can't say the food is repetitive. This quiet lunch spot inside the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago is where tomorrow's chefs get their first taste of the business. *Brunch Sun, lunch, dinner Sat. Reservations recommended. 312-873-2032. ¢*

**\*Delece – 4004 N. Southport.** Entrée's may be as international as coconut-curry marinated chicken breast with sesame mint couscous or as American as grilled pork tenderloin on sliced sweet potatoes laced with apples. Pastas tend to be Italian with a twist, such as black angel hair with squid in a lemon-chive butter broth. Service is usually well-paced and attentive. *Brunch Sun, lunch W-Sat, dinner. 773-325-1710. \$*

**\*\*Tomboy – 5402 N. Clark.** Funky and friendly Anderstonville rehab is also a destination for diners who like to bring their own wines to enjoy with well-prepared global cooking. Pastas such as penne with sautéed artichokes, roasted red peppers, and spinach in tomato sauce account for about half the entrees. Hip, helpful service. *Dinner, Reservations recommended. 773-907-0636. \$*

## MIDDLE EASTERN

**\*\*Maza – 2748 N. Lincoln.** Simple yet stylish storefront is a first-rate source for mostly Lebanese cooking. The maza deluxe for two (enough for four) fills the table with tapas portions of all the a la carte appetizers and more. Finish with Lebanese coffee or mint tea. Generally good service. *Dinner only.* 773-929-9600. \$

**\*\*\*Reza's – 432 W. Ontario.** The biggest Persian restaurant in the city, with bounteous meals at budget prices. Your best bet is to go with a group and share, starting with vegetarian appetizers -- velvety hummus, refreshing tabouli, kashkeh bodemjan (an eggplant dip, much like the Arab baba ghanouj, but with lots more eggplant), falafel and dolmeh (stuffed grape leaves). Most of the main courses are kabobs, available individually or in countless combinations. Don't overlook braised lamb shank, stews (the Ghormeh Sabzi rivals my grandmother's) and anything in rich sweet-tart pomegranate sauce thickened with ground walnuts. Raw vegetables and feta cheese, pita bread, lentil soup and rice (either plain or flecked with dill and lima beans) come with meals. Most wines can be ordered by the glass or bottle. Desserts consist of traditional Persian honey-filled pastries. Often packed, and service can be slow. 312-664-4500.

**\*Sayat Nova – 157 E. Ohio. (Armenian)** Skillfully seasoned specialties and cozy, casbah-like setting make this venerable hideaway just east of the Mag Mile worth seeking out. Share appetizers of baba ghanouj, hummus, stuffed grape leaves, and lahmajoun, a delicate Armenian version of pizza. Wash it all down with dainty cups of thick, rich coffee. *Lunch M-Sat, dinner.* 312-644-9159. \$\$

## SEAFOOD

**\*McCormick and Schmick's – 41 E. Chestnut.** Macho two-floor mahogany and brass interior and an extensive selection of seafood flown in fresh daily. Entrees range from Washington steelhead to Oregon sturgeon to Maine sea scallops in preparations from complex to simple. Sporadically uneven execution. Appropriate large selection of West Coast chardonnays and other white varietals. For privacy, request one of the nifty secluded booths called 'snugs'. Well-briefed service. *Lunch, dinner.* 312-397-9500. \$\$

**\*\*Nick's Fishmarket – 51 S. Clark, 1 Bank One Plaza (Clark at Monroe).** In the Loop for more than two decades, this veteran overlooks the Plaza fountain. Recently streamlined menu at this large stylish restaurant caters to a loyal following of corporate and other seafood-fancying diners. Pricey wines by glass and bottle. Deft service. *Lunch M-F, dinner. Closed Sun. Reservations recommended.* 312-621-0200. \$\$\$

**\*\*Shaw's Crab House – 21 E. Hubbard.** The kitchen turns out a wide array of pristine seasonal fish and shellfish in this stylish evocation of a prewar Atlantic Coast seafood house. Simpler presentations such as clam chowder, chilled crab, sautéed sea scallops and unfussily broiled or grilled fish are the best bets. Adjoining Blue Crab Lounge offers raw bar items, plus a few entrees with jazz or blues Tue, Thu, Sun. *Lunch M-F, dinner.* 312-527-2722. \$\$

## WESTERN EUROPEAN

**\*A La Turka – 3134 N. Lincoln. (Turkish)** A host of appealing appetizers and kebabs, amiable staff, and ambiance make for a fun visit. Try for the rug-and-pillow laden floor-level seating. Belly dancer on Friday and Saturday nights. *Lunch and dinner.* 773-935-6101. \$

**\*Mario's Caffe – 5241 N. Harlem. (Bulgarian)** This combination restaurant-coffeehouse-lounge showcases unique Bulgarian specialties including hearty grilled meats, homey soups, and delightful salads including the lettuce free, feta-shrouded shopska. The mixed grill platter, kebabs, plump skinless sausages, and guvedze offer earthy pleasure. There's a small dining room for serious eaters and a larger area for smokers and revelers. *Lunch, dinner.* 773-594-9742. ¢

**\*Red Apple – 3121-23 N. Milwaukee. (Polish)** Massive quantities of rib-sticking comfort food at miniscule prices (\$4.50 for lunch, \$4.95 for dinner, \$5.95 on weekends) make the all-you-can-eat buffet at this light-wood and apple-green spot one of the best deals in town. Pile it in – but pace yourself! *Lunch, dinner.* 773-588-5781. ⇔

**\*Russian Tea Time – 77 E. Adams. (Russian)** Unique downtown destination that offers colorful filling meals that showcase specialties from all regions of the former Soviet Union. Several flavored vodkas offer potent pleasure and come with detailed instructions on how to imbibe the ‘proper Russian way’. Comfortable, refined quarters and generally attentive, cordial service add to the charm. *Lunch, dinner, reservations recommended. 312-360-0000. \$\$*

## FONDUE

**\*Geja’s Café – 340 W. Armitage.** Fun for a first date or a tenth anniversary, this grotto filled with wine racks and illuminated by flickering candles has been the city’s fondue specialist since 1965. Complete dinners include cheese fondue, green salad, entrée fondue (meat and/or seafood combos with vegetables) and chocolate fondue. Romantic guitar music. Children younger than 10 not allowed. *Dinner only. 773-281-9101. \$\$*

## GREEK

Greek town on Halsted is a Mecca of restaurants for Greek food at any time of the day.

**\*Greek Islands – 200 S. Halsted.** Multi room crowd pleaser adheres to the Grecian formula of hefty portions at bargain prices. The create-your-own combos (try moussaka paired with Greek meatballs) are particularly good bets. If only the staff were as nurturing as the food. *Lunch, dinner. 312-782-9855. ¢*

**\*\*\*Parthenon—314 S. Halsted.** There are more than 140 dishes offered, including sea bass, red snapper, calamari, moussaka and vegetarian preparations. The flaming saganaki is a must! Portions are huge. You can even order a whole roasted suckling pig (feeds 12; call ahead) and lamb's head. The floors in the cocktail lounge feature green Greek marble. *Lunch, dinner. 312-726-2407. \$-\$\$*

**\*\*Pegasus – 130 S. Halsted.** Popular Greek town restaurant and taverna has it all – good looks, friendly staff, intriguing menu, and a rooftop patio. When the weather cooperates, drinks, appetizers, and desserts can be enjoyed alfresco. Head indoors for inventive, lighter than usual entrees such a feta-and-spinach stuffed chicken ‘Alexander’. Family style dinners available. *Lunch, dinner. Reservations recommended. 312-226-4666. \$*

## INDIAN

**Indian Garden (no rating available)- 247 E. Ontario.** The large menu features dishes from several regions, including more than a dozen tandoor specialties -- including tandoori lobster -- and more than 15 tandoor-prepared breads. Extensive vegetarian options available. *Lunch buffet, dinner. 312-280-4910. ¢*

**Monsoon (no rating available)- 2813 N. Broadway.** Not really Indian, but a good starting point. Brothers Swetal and Rakesh Patel, and Krishna Iyer of the Indian Garden, recently opened their first upscale venture at the busy intersection of Broadway, Clark and Diversey. The food is Asian-Indian, with influences from Thailand, China and even France. Try the lumpia (vegetarian summer roll), tandoori beef (marinated rib-eye) and cardamom or rose milk ice cream. *Lunch, dinner. Closed Monday. 773-665-9463. \$-\$\$*

**\*\*Tiffin – 2536 W. Devon.** A relative newcomer to Chicago’s most venerable Indian strip, this cherry-wood-filled room delivers a feast for the eyes as well as for the stomach. Besides topnotch preparations as classics such as samosas, pakoras, and seekh kebab, entrees are consistently excellent. Strong service and highly recommended. *Lunch buffet, dinner. 773-338-2143. ¢*

**Udupi Palace (no rating available) - 2543 W. Devon.** Udupi Palace offers "Pure Vegetarian South Indian Cuisine" that neighborhood families and Devon Avenue visitors regard highly. The place serves pure vegetarian cuisine, low in fat and not very spicy. Unlike many Indian eateries, Udupi Palace doesn't offer a buffet, which results in fresher flavors. Reservations are a good idea. *Lunch, dinner. 773-338-2152. ¢*

## SPORTS – SPECTATOR

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

#### **Wrigley Field**

1060 W. Addison St.  
773-404-CUBS (box office)  
800-843-2827

The granddaddy of nostalgic ballparks, built in 1914 for a Federal League team called the Whalers. Two years later the **Cubs** moved in and William Wrigley bought a piece of the club. Though the Cubs haven't won a World Series since 1908, a day at Wrigley is a wonderful experience. Head to the bleachers to commune with the fervent fans; it is sure to be a good time. There is little parking at Wrigley during day games and no street parking for night games so think about taking the Metra to the Evanston Davis stop ([www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)), then switching to the el ([www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)), taking it to Addison. If you do want to drive to a night game, Lane Tech High School on Addison and Western has a shuttle from its stadium parking lot. Either way make sure to give yourself plenty of time to get to the game.

#### **US Cellular Field**

333 W. 35th Street  
866-SOX-GAME (box office)  
312-674-1000

The World Champion **White Sox** play at **US Cellular Field**. Another bonus is that traveling here from the suburbs is definitely easier than fighting your way through Wrigleyville.

#### **Miller Park**

One Brewers Way  
414-902-4400 (Park office)  
414-902-4000 (Brewers box office)  
800-933-7890 (Brewers box office)

Head up north to **Milwaukee** to catch the **Brewers** in the **BRAND NEW** Miller Park!!!

### NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Newly renovated **Soldier Field** is home to the "Monsters of the Midway," Da **Bears**. Despite having representatives in each of the major team sports, Chicago is regarded by most longtime hometown fans as a *Bears* town. Call 888-792-3277 to get your tickets.

The **Green Bay Packers** play at **Lambeau Field**. The trip north should take you about 3 hours but, if you can get your hands on some tickets and you're a true Cheese Head, I'm sure the experience will be worth the drive.  
920-494-3401 or 920-569-7501  
800-895-0071

### NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

#### **Blackhawks – United Center**

1902 W. Madison Ave in Chicago.  
312-455-4500  
312-943-7000

Since 1926, the Blackhawk logo that every player wore on their chest has been the symbol of greatness and pride. Although today, the same logo that stood as one of the most fearful symbols in the NHL has missed the playoffs for 4 years and has gone without a Stanley cup for 40, look for the Blackhawks to rise in the next few years as all their rebuilding begins to pay off.

### **Wolves – Allstate Arena**

2301 Ravine Way  
Glenview, IL  
847-724-GOAL

Why the Wolves? Wolves was the choice of former team President/General Manager Grant Mulvey, who wanted to make sure that this team had a name that would last forever, a name that would weather all trends and obstacles: "we went through lists and lists of possible names and then one day the name 'Wolves' came up, and it stuck for good."

### **MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**

The **Chicago Fire** has a new stadium in 2006 in Bridgeview IL  
888-MLS-FIRE

### **NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**The Bulls – United Center** on Madison Ave.  
312-455-4000

## **SPORTS – RECREATIONAL**

### **BASKETBALL**

**Hoops The Gym** – Private B-ball and Volleyball gym. Call 850-HOOP to reserve court time. 1001 W. Washington Blvd.

### **ROCK CLIMBING**

**North Wall** - 824 S Main St # 106, Crystal Lake, (815) 356-6855  
**Climb On** - 18120 Harwood Ave, Homewood, (708) 798-9994  
**Indoor Summits** - 1220 Mark St, Bensenville, (630) 616-1684

### **ICE SKATING**

**Rink Side Sports** – Gurnee Mills 847-856-1064  
**Lake County Ice Sports** -351 Oakwood Ave, Waukegan (847) 336-7444  
**Centennial Ice Arena** - 3100 Trailway Dr, Highland Park (847) 432-4790  
**McCormick-Tribune Ice Skating Rink** – 55 N Michigan Ave. Free. \$5 skate rental. Nov. 28- Mar. 16 (312) 742-5222

### **BOWLING**

Bowling leagues are big in this area. Getting a lane on a weekend can be difficult, so call ahead.  
**Fat man bowl** - 13860 W Route 176, Libertyville (847) 362-1623  
**Brunswick Recreation Center** -1 N Field Ct, Lake Forest (847) 735-4700  
**Hawthorn Lanes** - 316 Center Dr., Vernon Hills (847) 367-1600

### **HORSEBACK RIDING**

**Equidream School Of Horsemanship** - 18272 W Washington St, Gurnee 847-231-5150  
**Fields & Fences School Of Horsemanship Inc** - 37142 N Hunt Club Rd, Wadsworth  
847-244-4121 [www.fieldsandfences.com](http://www.fieldsandfences.com)

## TALK SHOWS

### **Jenny Jones Show**

NBC Tower, 454 N. Columbus Dr. 312-836-9485

### **Oprah Winfrey Show**

Call ahead or try your luck at last-minute reservations online. Harpo Studios, 1058 W. Washington St. 312-591-9222. or 312-633-0808 [www.oprah.com](http://www.oprah.com)

### **Additional Entertainment Info.**

#### **Ticketmaster**

General Info. 312-559-8989

Phone Charge. 312-559-1212

#### **Hot Lines**

Art line 312-902-1500

Chicago Cubs 800-843-2827

Chicago White Sox 866-SOX-GAME

Chicago Bears 888-792-3277

Chicago Bulls 312-455-4000

Chicago Black Hawks 312-943-7000

## TOURS

### **ARCHITECTURE TOURS**

#### **Chicago Architecture Foundation Walking/Biking/River Tours**

Starts at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Avenue, 312-922-3432 x240;

[www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org)

#### **Chicago Culture Center Architecture Tours**

78 E. Washington Street, 312-346-3278, TTY 312-744-2947

#### **Wrigley Field Tours**

Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison Street, 773-404-2827

#### **North Pier Architectural and Historical Cruises**

Architectural river cruises and historical lake cruises depart from North Pier Chicago, 465 E. Illinois Street, 312-527-1977

### **BOAT TOURS**

#### **Admiral Sightseeing Cruise line (Interlude II)**

Architectural and historical river and lake cruises depart from the Chicago River, 312-641-7245

#### **Chicago's First Lady**

Chicago Architecture Foundation boat tours and buffet dinner cruises depart from the southwest corner of the Michigan Avenue bridge, 847-358-1330; [www.cruisechicago.com](http://www.cruisechicago.com)

#### **Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruise line**

Michigan Avenue and Lower Wacker Drive, 312-332-1353

#### **North Pier Architectural and Historical Cruises**

Depart from North Pier Chicago, 465 E. Illinois Street, 312-527-1977

#### **Shoreline Sightseeing**

30-minute sightseeing tours depart from Shedd Aquarium, Buckingham Fountain, and Navy Pier, 312-222-9328;

[www.shorelinesightseeing.com](http://www.shorelinesightseeing.com)

**Spirit of Chicago**

Brunch, lunch, dinner, cocktail, and moonlight cruises depart from Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Avenue, 866-211-3804; [www.spiritcruises.com](http://www.spiritcruises.com)

**Wendela Boats**

Sightseeing cruises depart from the Chicago river, 400 N. Michigan Avenue, 312-337-1446;  
[www.wendellboats.com](http://www.wendellboats.com)

**BUS TOURS****American Sightseeing Tours**

Buses depart every 2-6 hours, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 27 E. Monroe Street, 312-251-3100

**Chicago Architecture Foundation Bus Tours**

224 S. Michigan Avenue, Every Saturday, 312-922-3432

**Chicago Trolley Company Tours**

Double-decker bus as well as trolley tours. Ten stops in the downtown area, including Sears Tower and the Historic Water Tower, 773-648-5000.

**Gray Line Tours**

Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 E. Monroe Street, 312-251-3107

**Untouchable Times, Inc.**

2-hour bus tours of historic Beverly Hills/Morgan Park area start at German House, 773-881-1831  
10924 S. Prospect Avenue, 773-881-1195

**CARRIAGE TOURS****Antique Coach and Carriage**

Carriage stand at Michigan Avenue and Huron Street, 312-787-1349 or 773-735-9400

**Chicago Horse and Carriage, LTD.**

North Rush St. Between Ohio Street and Grand Ave, 773-395-3980

**J.C. Cutter, LTD.**

Carriage stand at Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street, 888-664-6014

**INDOOR TOURS****Chicago Mercantile Exchange/International Monetary Market**

Scheduled Group Tours only. 312-930-1000 for more info. Also available: museum and visitor center.  
Free admission.

**Chicago Tribune**

435 N Michigan Ave. Guided tour of newspaper operation. Monday - Friday at 10:00 am. Reservations three days in advance required. Fee. No children under 11. 312-222-3232

**City Hall**

121 North LaSalle. Reservations required one week in advance. No children under 9 admitted. 312-747-4300

**Roosevelt University - Auditorium Theater**

50 East Congress parkway University building and theater by architects Adler and Sullivan is an architectural landmark. Visit the theater either to see a play or ballet, or call 312-341-3500 for tour information.  
*Also check out <http://www.chgocitytours.com/> for an up to date list of tours*

## TRANSPORTATION

The cheapest way to get into Chicago is to hop on the train. Catch the southbound Metra (suburban train) from the Lake Bluff station, about 2 miles from school on Sheridan Rd. Buy a ticket in the station, or from the onboard conductor if the ticket office is closed. Approximately \$4.50 to go to the end of the line (Ogilvie Station downtown), or \$3.50 to get to Davis Street in Evanston, where you can switch to the purple “el” (elevated city train) to hit a number of hot spots in the city for an additional \$1.50 (transit cards available in el station). See “Public Transit” section below for more info. \*\*\* **Note: University Shuttle offers free pickup from the Lake Bluff Metra Station at 7:40 and 8:30 am Monday through Friday, as well as drop off at the Lake Bluff Metra Station at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.**

### **Airports**

Midway Airport ..... 773-838-4005  
O’Hare International Airport ..... 773-686-2200

### **Auto Traffic Information**

Illinois Department of Transportation ..... 217-782-7820  
Mayor’s Traffic Hotline ..... S-T-R-E-E-T-S

### **Bus**

Continental Air Transport Express ..... 773-247-1200  
Greyhound Bus ..... 312-360-1603

### **Public Transit**

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace ..... 836-7000  
CTA (“el” and city buses): [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) ; Metra: [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

### **Rail**

Amtrak ..... 558-1075, 800-USA-RAIL

### **Taxicabs**

American United Cab ..... 773-248-7600  
Checker ..... 847-689-1050  
Flash Cab ..... 773-561-1444  
Yellow Cab ..... 847-662-6000

### **Parking**

Check out [www.dtnchicago.com/parking.html](http://www.dtnchicago.com/parking.html)

## TRIPS

**Indiana Dunes State Park-** is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Chicago. It has beaches, fascinating sand dunes, trees, and hiking trails. Take the South Shore train from the Randolph Street Station at Michigan Avenue. By car, take the Indiana Toll way to Valparaiso, then Route 49 to the Park.

**National Heritage Corridor-** is a 100-mile area along the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal which extends from the Navy Pier in Chicago to LaSalle/Peru Illinois. It contains numerous forest preserves and hundreds of archeological and historic sites. It also affords an opportunity to study the geological history of the glacial floodplains as well as rare native flora and migratory waterfowl. Some of the towns to visit in this region are: Lockport, home of a Pioneer Settlement and of the Illinois and Michigan Canal Museum; Joliet, a city with many historical buildings, and Lemont, which has a restored downtown area. Among the most popular state parks are the Illinois and Michigan Canal State park, located between Joliet and LaSalle, which offers hiking, biking and canoeing, and Starved Rock Park near Ottawa, with excellent hiking trails. excursion boats in the summer, and beautiful views of the Illinois River all year round. Most of the sites in the Corridor can be reached by the Rock Island Railroad which leaves from the LaSalle Street Station at LaSalle and Van Buren. For up-to-date information about this fascinating area which is currently being developed and its tourist services expanded and upgraded call the Upper Illinois Valley Association at 427-3688.

**Galena-** once a silver mining center and a leading Illinois city, is located almost on the Mississippi River. It lies 164 miles (262 kilometers) northwest of Chicago and will delight you with its quinines, antiques, and echoes of early midwestern American history. Overnight accommodations are available. Take U.S. Route 20 to get there by car, or take the Greyhound bus.

**Lake Geneva, WI-** is about an hour north of RFUMS, take 94 North to Wisconsin Hwy 50 West to any of the three Lake Geneva exits. A fun, relaxing getaway/tourist spot! The majestic lake community features water sports, quaint but distinctive shops and restaurants, golf, tennis, health spas, museums, parks, helicopter tours, and hot air balloon rides. Terrific nature hikes, theater, horseback adventures, and lake boat tours await. A popular escape for the Chicago elite (not to mention the Wrigley's themselves), this resort town can even accommodate simple CMS/student types! For more info, see <http://www.lakegenevawi.com/>

**Frank Lloyd Wright Visitors Center-** in Oak Park offers walking tour maps of area boasting a number of Wright designed homes, including his own. The Visitors Center is located at 158 N. Forest, and is open daily from 10-5. Both the CTA Lake Street "el" and the Chicago and North Western train (west line) stop in Oak Park, a nearby Chicago suburb. 848-1500.

These are only a few of the interesting places to visit near Chicago. Books such as the Weekend Getaway Guide and Chicagoland Nature Trails will give you more ideas (and directions) for places to go when you wish to explore the land and places beyond the city limits.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

### **Chicago Office of Tourism**

(<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Tourism>)

312-744-2400, TTY 312-744-2947

### **Illinois Bureau of Tourism**

(<http://www.enjoyillinois.com>)

1-800-2CONNECT, TTY 800-406-6418

### **Chicago Art Dealers Association**

312-649-0065

### **Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau**

(<http://www.chicago.il.org>)

312-567-8500

1-877-CHICAGO

### **Chicago Fine Arts Hotline –**

Department of Cultural Affairs

312-346-3278, TTY 312-744-2947

### **Chicago Music Alliance**

(Classical concerts and operas)

312-987-9296

### **Chicago Park District**

Sports and recreation

312-747-2200, TTY 312-986-0726

### **City of Chicago 24-Hour Info for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing**

TTY 312-744-8599

### **Concert Line** (Popular music concerts)

312-666-6667

### **Dance Hotline**

312-419-8383

### **Hotel/Motel Association of Illinois**

877-456-3446

### **Illinois Alliance for Arts Education** (Artsmart)

1-800-808-ARTS

### **Illinois Restaurant Association**

312-787-4000

### **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities**

312-746-5705, TTY 312-744-7833

Mayor's Office of Special Events

312-744-3315

312-744-2964

# LAKE COUNTY INFORMATION

[www.co.lake.il.us](http://www.co.lake.il.us)

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## LAKE COUNTY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

### **Antioch Chamber of Commerce**

882 Main Street  
Antioch, IL 60002-1509  
Tel 395-2233, Fax 395-8954  
<http://www.antiochchamber.org/>

### **Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce**

325 North Hough Street  
Barrington, IL 60010  
Tel 381-2525, Fax 381-2540  
<http://www.barringtonchamber.com/>

### **Buffalo Grove Chamber of Commerce**

50 ½ Raupp Blvd  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Tel 541-7799, Fax 541-7819  
<http://www.buffalogrovechamber.org/>

### **Deerfield/Bannockburn/Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce**

601 Deerfield Rd Suite 200  
Deerfield IL 60015  
Tel 945-4660, Fax 940-0381  
<http://www.dbrchamber.com/>

### **Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce**

66 Thillen Drive  
Fox Lake, IL 60020  
Tel 587-7474, Fax 587-1725  
<http://www.discoverfoxlake.com/>

### **Grayslake Chamber of Commerce**

10 S. Seymour Ave  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
Tel 223-6888, Fax 223-6895  
<http://www.grayslakechamber.com/>

### **Green Oaks/Libertyville/Mundelein/Vernon Hills Area Chamber of Commerce**

1123 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
Tel 680-0750, Fax 680-0760  
<http://www.glmvchamber.org/>

### **Highwood Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

17 Highwood Avenue  
Highwood, IL 60040  
Tel 433-2100  
<http://www.highwoodchamberofcommerce.com/>

### **Highland Park Chamber of Commerce**

508 Central Avenue, Suite 206  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
Tel 847-432-0284, Fax 432-2802  
[www.highlandparkchamber.com](http://www.highlandparkchamber.com)

### **Lake Bluff /Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce**

695 N. Western Ave  
Lake Forest, IL 60044  
Tel 234-4282  
<http://www.lakebluffchamber.com/>

### **Lake County Chamber of Commerce**

5221 West Grand Avenue  
Gurnee, IL 60031-1818  
Tel 249-3800, Fax 249-3892  
<http://www.lakecounty-il.org/>

### **Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce**

One First Bank Plaza, Suite 304  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Tel 438-5572, Fax 438-5574  
<http://www.lzacc.com/>

### **Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 6075  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
Tel 356-8446, Fax 356-8561  
<http://www.llvchamber.com/>

### **Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce**

1777 North Cedar Lake Road  
Roundlake Beach, IL 60073  
Tel 546-2002  
<http://www.rlchamber.org/>

### **Wauconda Chamber of Commerce**

100 Main Street  
Wauconda, IL 60084  
Tel 526-5580, Fax: 526-3059  
<http://www.waucondachamber.org/>

### **Winthrop Harbor Chamber of Commerce**

830 Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096  
Tel 872-7723  
<http://www.winthropharbor.com>

### **Zion Chamber of Commerce**

2671 Sheridan Road, Suite 212  
Zion, IL 60099  
Tel 872-5405, Fax 872-9303  
<http://www.zionchamber.com>

## LAKE COUNTY GOLF COURSES

**Antioch Golf Club**

40150 N. Rt. 59, Antioch  
**Phone: 847-395-3004**

**Libertyville Golf Course**

870 Country Club Dr., Libertyville  
**Phone: 847-362-5733**

**Marriott Lincolnshire Resort**

10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire  
**Phone: 847-634-0100**

**Midlane Country Club**

4555 W. Yorkhouse Road,  
Wadsworth  
**Phone: 847-623-4653**

**Pine Meadow Golf Club**

1 Pine Meadow Lane, Mundelein  
**Phone: 847-566-4653**

**Steeple Chase Golf Club**

200 N. LaVista Drive, Mundelein  
**Phone: 847-949-8900**

**Bobby's Driving Range**

419 S. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee  
**Phone: 847-549-6090**

**Heather Ridge Golf Course**

5900 Heather Ridge Dr., Gurnee  
**Phone: 847-367-6010**

**Orchard Hills Golf Course**

38342 N. Greenbay Rd, Waukegan  
**Phone: 847-336-5118**

**Renwood Country Club**

1413 Hainsville Rd., Round Lake  
**Phone: 847-231-4711**

**Shiloh Park Golf Course**

2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion  
**Phone: 847-746-5500**

**Vernon Hills Golf Course**

291 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills  
**Phone: 847-680-9318**

**Willow Hill Golf Course**

1350 Willow Rd., Northbrook  
**Phone: 847-480-7888**

**Stonewall Orchard Golf Club**

25651 W. Hwy. 60, Grayslake  
**Phone: 847-740-4890**

**Sunset Valley Golf Course**

1390 Sunset Road, Highland Park  
**Phone: 847-432-7140**

**Village Green Country Club**

2501 N. Midlothian, Mundelein  
**Phone: 847-566-7373**

**Highland Park Country Club**

1201 Park Avenue West, Highland  
Park  
**Phone: 847-433-9015**

**Brae Loch Golf Club**

33600 Route 45, Grayslake  
**Phone: 847-223-968-3444**  
Lake County Forest Preserves

**Countryside Golf Club**

(Prairie & Traditional Courses)  
20800 Hawley Street, Mundelein  
**Phone: 847-968-3466**  
Lake County Forest Preserves

**ThunderHawk Championship  
Golf Club**

39700 N. Lewis Ave., Beach Park  
**Phone: 847-968-4295**  
Lake County Forest Preserves

**Fort Sheridan Golf Club**

3650 George Bell Dr, Highland Park  
**Phone: 847-266-2120**

**Deer Path Golf Course**

500 W. Deerpath Rd., Lake Forest  
**Phone: 847-615-4290**

## LAKE COUNTY HOSPITALS

### **Condell Medical Center**

801 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
Tel 847-362-2900

### **Highland Park Hospital**

718 Glenview  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
Tel 847-432-8000

### **Lake Forest Hospital**

660 Westmoreland  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
Tel 847-234-5600

### **Medical Center of Lake County**

900 S. Garfield  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
Tel 847-362-2900

### **Midwestern Regional Medical Center**

2520 Elisha Ave  
Zion, IL 60099  
Tel 847-872-4561

### **Provena St. Therese Medical Center**

2615 Washington Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
Tel 847-249-3900

### **Victory Memorial Hospital**

1324 North Sheridan Road  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
Tel 847-360-3000

## OTHER HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN LAKE COUNTY

### **Veteran's Administration Hospital (Qualified Veterans)**

Buckley Road  
North Chicago, IL 60064  
Tel 847-688-1900

### **Great Lakes Naval Hospital (Qualified Military Personnel & Dependents)**

Great Lakes Naval Training Center  
Great Lakes, IL 60088  
Tel 847-688-5528

## LAKE COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

### **Antioch Parks & Recreation**

874 Main Street  
Antioch, IL 60002  
Tel 847-395-2160

### **Barrington Park District**

235 Lions Drive  
Barrington, IL 60010  
Tel 847-783-6772  
www.bc-pd.org

### **Deerfield Park**

836 Jewett Park Drive  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
Tel 847-945-0650  
<http://www.deerfieldparkdistrict.org/>

### **Foss Park District**

Hillcrest & Argonne Drive  
North Chicago, IL 60064  
Tel 847-689-7480

### **Grayslake Community Park District**

151 Hawley St.  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
Tel 847-223-7529  
<http://www.glpd.com/>

### **Gurnee Park District**

4374 Old Grand Avenue  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Tel 847-623-7788  
<http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com>

### **Park District of Highland Park**

636 Ridgeway Road  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
Tel 847-831-3810  
<http://www.pdhp.org/>

### **Lake Bluff Park District**

355 W Washington Ave  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
Tel 847-235-4150  
<http://www.lakebluffparkdistrict.org>

### **Lindenhurst Park District**

2200 E Grass Lake Rd  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
Tel 847-356-6011  
<http://www.lindenhurstparks.org/>

### **Lake Zurich Park & Recreation Dept.**

200 S Rand Road  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Tel 847-438-5146  
<http://www.volz.org/RecDept/splash.asp>

### **Libertyville Parks and Recreation**

625 W. Winchester Rd  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
Tel 847-918-PARK  
<http://www.libertyville.com/parks.htm>

### **Mundelein Park & Recreation District**

1401 N. Midlothian Rd  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
Tel 847-566-0650  
<http://www.mundeleinparks.org/>

### **Round Lake Area Park District**

814 Hart Road  
Round Lake, IL 60073  
Tel 847-546-8558  
<http://www.roundlakeareaparkdistrict.org/>

### **Vernon Hills Park District**

294 Evergreen Drive  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061  
Tel 847-996-6800  
<http://www.vhparkdistrict.org/>

### **Wauconda Park District**

600 N Main Street  
Wauconda, IL 60084  
Tel 847-526-3610  
[www.waucondaparks.com/](http://www.waucondaparks.com/)

### **Waukegan Park District**

2000 Belvedere Road, P.O. Box 708  
Waukegan, IL 60079  
Tel 847-360-4700  
[www.waukeganparks.org](http://www.waukeganparks.org)

### **Wildwood Park District**

33325 Sears Blvd  
Wildwood, IL 60030  
Tel 847-223-7275  
[www.wildwoodparkdistrict.com](http://www.wildwoodparkdistrict.com)

### **Zion Park District**

2400 Dowie Memorial Drive  
Zion, IL 60099  
Tel 847-746-5500  
[www.zionparkdistrict.com](http://www.zionparkdistrict.com)

## LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### **Antioch Public Library**

757 Main Street  
Antioch, IL 60002  
Tel 847-395-0874  
<http://www.antiochdistrictlibrary.org/>

<http://lfkhome.northstarnet.org/lfl.html>

### **North Chicago Public Library**

2100 Argonne Drive  
North Chicago, IL 60064  
Tel 847-689-0125  
[www.northchicagopubliclibrary.org](http://www.northchicagopubliclibrary.org)

### **Cook Memorial Public Library**

413 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
Tel 847-362-2330  
<http://www.cooklib.org/>

### **Vernon Area Public Library**

300 Olde Half Dat Road  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069  
Tel 847-634-3650  
<http://www.vernon-area.lib.il.us/>

### **Deerfield Public Library**

920 Waukegan Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
Tel 847-945-3311  
<http://www.deerfieldlibrary.org/>

### **Warren-Newport Public Library**

224 N. O'Plaine Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Tel 847-244-5150  
<http://www.wnpl.alibrary.com/>

### **Ela Area Public Library**

135 S. Buesching Road  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Tel 847-438-3433  
<http://www.eapl.org>

### **Waukegan Public Library**

128 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
Tel 847-623-2041  
<http://www.waukeganpl.org/>

### **Fremont Public Library District**

470 N. Lake Street  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
Tel 847-566-8702  
<http://www.fpld.alibrary.com/>

### **Zion-Benton Public Library**

2400 Gabriel Avenue  
Zion, IL 60099  
Tel 847-872-4680  
<http://www.zblibrary.org/>

### **Grayslake Area Public Library**

148 Center Street  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
Tel 847-223-5313  
<http://www.grayslake.lib.il.us/>

### **Highland Park Public Library**

494 Laurel Avenue  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
Tel 847-432-0216  
<http://hppl.lib.il.us/>

### **Highwood Public Library**

102 Highwood Avenue  
Highwood, IL 60040  
Tel 847-432-5404  
<http://web.nsls.info/highwood/>

### **Lake Bluff Public Library**

123 E. Scranton Avenue  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
Tel 847-234-2540  
<http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org/>

### **Lake Forest Public Library**

360 E. Deerpath Avenue  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
Tel 847-234-0636

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## CLUBS & PUBS

### **311**

311 E. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-225-0033

### **Aqua**

1011 N. Astor St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-272-1011  
<http://www.aquamilwaukee.com>

### **Beer Belly's**

512 W. Layton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
Phone: 414-481-5520  
<http://www.foodspot.com/beerbellys/>

### **Blu**

The Pfister Hotel  
424 E. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-8222  
<http://www.thepfisterhotel.com>  
E-Mail: [pfister.info@thepfisterhotel.com](mailto:pfister.info@thepfisterhotel.com)

### **Bogey's Bar & Grill**

Fox Hills Resort  
250 W. Church St  
Mishicot, WI 54228  
Phone: 920-755-2376  
Fax: 920-755-2002  
<http://www.fox-hills.com>  
E-Mail: [foxhills@fox-hills.com](mailto:foxhills@fox-hills.com)

### **Brady Street Area Association**

1218 E. Brady St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-744-5156

### **Brew City Bar-B-Q**

125 E. Juneau Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-278-7033  
E-Mail: [jim@ale-house.com](mailto:jim@ale-house.com)

### **Buck Bradley's Saloon & Eatery**

1019 N. Old World Third St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-224-8500  
<http://www.buckbradleys.com>

### **Buffalo Wild Wings/BW-3**

1123 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-277-0293

### **Calderone Club**

842 N. Old World Third Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-273-3236

### **Cans**

1815 E. Kenilworth Place  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-225-0421

### **Caroline's Jazz Club**

401 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
Phone: 414-221-9444  
[www.carolinesjazz.com](http://www.carolinesjazz.com)

### **Centanni . . . A Piano and A Bar**

218 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-221-6565  
E-Mail: [threebob@141.com](mailto:threebob@141.com)

### **Chancery Pub and Restaurant**

2575 N. Downer Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53211  
Phone: 414-332-9700  
<http://www.thechancery.com>

### **Club Havana**

789 N. Jefferson St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-0555  
Fax: 414-276-1179  
E-Mail: [clubhavana@powercom.net](mailto:clubhavana@powercom.net)

### **Eve**

718 N. Milwaukee St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-347-5555  
<http://www.everrestaurant.com>

### **Fire Pit Sports Bar & Grill**

Potawatomi Bingo Casino  
1721 W. Canal St  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Toll-Free: 800-/PAYS BIG  
Phone: 414-847-7992  
<http://www.paysbig.com>

### **Frontier Restaurant**

Lake Lawn Resort  
2400 E. Geneva St on Highway 50  
Delavan, WI 53115

Toll-Free: 800-338-LAKE  
Phone: 262-28-7950  
<http://www.lakelawnresort.com>

**Harry's Bar & Grill**

3549 N. Oakland Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53211  
Phone: 414-964-6800  
Fax: 414-964-6840  
<http://www.harrysbarandgrillmilwaukee.com>

**Heartbreaker's**

9442 W. National Ave  
West Allis, WI 53227  
Phone: 414-545-5330  
Fax: 414-545-9605  
<http://www.heartbreakersclub.com>

**Hooligan's**

2017 E. North Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-5230  
<http://www.foodspot.com/hooligans>  
E-Mail: [hooligans@milwpc.com](mailto:hooligans@milwpc.com)

**Houlihan's Restaurant Dining & Bar**

Radisson Hotel Milwaukee - Airport  
6331 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53221  
Toll-Free: 800-303-8002  
Phone: 414-764-1500  
[http://www.radisson.com/milwaukeeewi\\_air](http://www.radisson.com/milwaukeeewi_air)

**John Hawks Pub**

100 E. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-272-3199  
<http://www.johnhawkspub.com>

**Juneau Pub**

Wyndham Milwaukee Center Hotel  
139 E. Kilbourn Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-276-4793

**Kenadee's**

725 N. Milwaukee St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-431-5556  
E-Mail: [nserwin@wi.rr.com](mailto:nserwin@wi.rr.com)

**Knuckles Sports Bar**

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee  
333 W. Kilbourn Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-276-1234

**Lobby Lounge**

The Pfister Hotel  
424 E. Wisconsin Ave  
Phone: 414-273-8222  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
<http://www.thepfisterhotel.com>  
E-Mail: [pfister.info@thepfisterhotel.com](mailto:pfister.info@thepfisterhotel.com)

**Lodge (The)**

134 E. Juneau Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-278-8888  
<http://www.flannerysmilwaukee.com>

**Lookout Lounge**

Lake Lawn Resort  
2400 E. Geneva St on Highway 50  
Delavan, WI 53115  
Toll-Free: 800-338-LAKE  
Phone: 262-728-7950  
<http://www.lakelawnresort.com>

**Major Goolsby's, Inc.**

340 W. Kilbourn Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-271-3414

**Sauce**

217 N. Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-224-1480

**Saz's**

5539 W. State St  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
Phone: 414-453-2410  
<http://www.sazs.com>

**Vitucci's Cocktail Lounge**

1832 E. North Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-6477

**Von Trier**

2235 N. Farwell Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-272-1775

## FESTIVALS

### **African World Festival**

Henry Maier Festival Park  
Mailing: 2821 N. 4th St  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Phone: 414-372-4567  
Fax: 414-372-6054

<http://www.africanworldfestival.com>

### **Arab World Fest**

P. O. Box 517  
Milwaukee, WI 53201  
Phone: 414-727-5517  
Fax: 262-432-6788

<http://www.arabworldfest.com>

E-Mail: [awf@arabworldfest.com](mailto:awf@arabworldfest.com)

### **Asian Moon Festival**

WOAA  
P. O. Box 11754  
Shorewood, WI 53211  
Phone: 414-483-8530

<http://www.asianmoonfestival.com>

E-Mail: [debyt@sdbcglobal.net](mailto:debyt@sdbcglobal.net)

### **Craft Fair USA/Spring Craft & Gift Show**

Holiday Craft & Gift Show/Christmas Craft  
Fair USA  
9312 W. National Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53227  
Phone: 414-321-2100  
Fax: 414-321-4169  
Website: <http://www.craftfairusa.com>

### **Festa Italiana**

631 E. Chicago St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-223-2808  
Fax: 414-223-2804

<http://www.festaitaliana.com>

### **German Fest Milwaukee**

8229 W. Capitol Dr  
Milwaukee, WI 53222-1921  
Phone: 414-464-9444  
Fax: 414-464-3164

<http://www.germanfest.com>

Phone: 414-273-

### **Green County Cheese Days**

P. O. Box 606  
1505 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Monroe, WI 53566  
Toll-Free: 800-307-7208  
Phone: 608-325-7771

### **Indian Summer Festivals, Inc.**

10809 W. Lincoln Ave, Suite 101  
W. Allis, WI 53227  
Phone: 414-604-1000  
Fax: 414-774-6810

<http://www.indiansummer.org>

E-Mail: [indiansummer@wi.rr.com](mailto:indiansummer@wi.rr.com)

### **Mexican Fiesta/WHSE**

1220 W. Windlake Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
Phone: 414-383-7066  
Fax: 414-383-6677

<http://www.mexicanfiesta.org>

E-Mail: [info@mexicanfiesta.org](mailto:info@mexicanfiesta.org)

### **Milwaukee Holiday Parade**

Downtown Milwaukee  
Office: 1875 Hollyhock Lane  
Elm Grove, WI 53122  
Phone: 262-377-5935  
Fax: 262-377-5938  
E-Mail: [spaeth@directvinternet.com](mailto:spaeth@directvinternet.com)

### **Pride Fest**

315 W. Court St  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Phone: 414-272-3378  
[www.pridefest.com](http://www.pridefest.com)

### **River Splash**

900 N. Plankinton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-297-9855  
[riversplash.com](http://riversplash.com)

### **SummerFest**

200 N. Harbor Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-2680  
[www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com)

## MUSEUMS & TOURS

### **America's Black Holocaust Museum**

2233 N. 4th St  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Phone: 414-264-2500  
[www.blackholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.blackholocaustmuseum.org)

### **Artasia Gallery & Museum**

159 N. Broadway Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-220-4290  
<http://www.artasiagallery.com>  
Email: [info@artasiagallery.com](mailto:info@artasiagallery.com)

### **Brady Street Area Association**

1218 E. Brady St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-744-5156  
<http://www.bradystreet.com>

### **Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion**

2000 W. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Phone: 414-931-0808  
[www.pabstmansion.com](http://www.pabstmansion.com)

### **Cedar Creek Settlement**

N70 W. 6340 Bridge Rd  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
Toll-Free: 866-377-4788  
Phone: 262-377-4763  
<http://www.cedarcreeksettlement.com>

### **Charles Allis Art Museum**

1801 N. Prospect Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-278-8295  
<http://www.cavtmuseums.org>

### **Circus World Museum**

550 Water St  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Phone: 608-356-8341  
<http://www.circusworldmuseum.com>

### **Discovery World Museum - The James Lovell Museum of Science, Economics, and Technology**

815 N. James Lovell St  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Phone: 414-765-9966  
<http://www.discoveryworld.org>

### **Glorious Milwaukee**

2068 S. 95th St  
West Allis, WI 53227

Phone: 414-545-0026

### **Gold Dollar Tours**

11016 W. Lincoln Ave  
West Allis, WI 53227  
Phone: 414-321-8940  
<http://www.midwestlimocoaches.com>

### **Historic Cedarburg - Visitors Center**

Corner of Washington & Spring St  
P. O. Box 104  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
Toll-Free: 800-237-2874  
[www.cedarburg.org/](http://www.cedarburg.org/)

### **Historic Milwaukee, Inc.**

828 N. Broadway, Suite 110  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-277-7795  
Email: [hismilw@execpc.com](mailto:hismilw@execpc.com)  
[www.historicmilwaukee.org](http://www.historicmilwaukee.org)

### **Milwaukee Art Museum**

700 N. Art Museum Dr  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-224-3200  
[www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

### **Miller Brewery**

4251 W. State St  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Phone: 414-931-2000  
[www.miller.com](http://www.miller.com)

### **Milwaukee County Historical Society**

910 N. Old World Third St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-273-8288  
[www.milwaukeecountyhistsoc.org](http://www.milwaukeecountyhistsoc.org)

### **Milwaukee County Zoo**

10001 W. Blue Mound Rd  
Milwaukee, WI 53226  
Phone: 414-771-3040

### **Milwaukee Public Museum**

800 W. Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Phone: 414-278-2728  
IMAX: 414-319-4629  
[www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu)

### **My Kind of Town Tours**

2100 Linden Ave  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
Phone: 847-432-7003

<http://www.mykindoftowntours.org>

E-Mail: [tourtime@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tourtime@worldnet.att.net)

**Old Falls Village Museum**

N96 W. 15791 County Line Rd

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Phone: 262-532-4775

<http://www.menomoneefalls.ws>

Email: [jsteliga@wi.rr.com](mailto:jsteliga@wi.rr.com)

**Old World Wisconsin**

S103 W. 37890 Highway 67

Eagle, WI 53119

Phone: 262-594-6300

<http://oww.wisconsinhistory.org>

**Urban Anthropology, Inc. (UrbAn)**

707 W. Lincoln Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

Phone: 414-271-9417

<http://www.urban-anthropology.org/>

Email: [jflanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jflanthropologist@sbcglobal.net)

**Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum**

2220 N. Terrace Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-271-3656

<http://www.cavtmuseums.org>

**Wisconsin Maritime Museum**

75 Maritime Dr

Manitowoc, WI 54220

Phone: 920-684-0218

<http://www.wimaritimemuseum.org>

## RESTAURANTS

**ALADDIN Middle Eastern Cuisine**

202 W. Wisconsin Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: 414-271-9870

**Alterra Coffee Roasters**

2211 N. Prospect Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-273-3753

<http://www.alterracoffee.com>

**Anodyne Coffee Roasting Co.**

1208 E. Brady St

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-276-8081

<http://www.anodynecoffee.com>

**Apollo Café (Greek)**

1310 E. Brady St

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-272-2233

<http://www.apollocarfe.com/>

**Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro (French)**

3133 E. Newberry Blvd

Milwaukee, WI 53211

Phone: 414-962-6300

<http://www.bartolottas.com>

**Bavarian Inn (German)**

700 W. Lexington Blvd

Glendale, WI 53217

Phone: 414-964-0300

<http://www.bavarianinnmilw.com>

**Benihana - Japanese Steakhouse - Sushi Bar**

850 N. Plankinton Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: 414-270-0890

<http://www.benihana.com>

**Botanas Restaurant (Mexican)**

816 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St

Milwaukee, WI 53204

Phone: 414-672-3755

**Buca di Beppo**

1233 N. Van Buren St

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-224-8672

<http://www.bucadibeppo.com>

**Butch's Old Casino Steak House**

555 N. James Lovell St

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Phone: 414-271-8111

E-Mail: [butchsco@aol.com](mailto:butchsco@aol.com)

**Calderone Club**

842 N. Old World 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: 414-273-3236

**Carini's La Conca d'Oro**

3468 N. Oakland Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53211  
Phone: 414-963-9623

**China Gourmet Chinese Restaurant**

117 E Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-272-1688  
Fax: 414-272-2288  
<http://www.china-gourmet.com>

**Coquette Café (French)**

316 N. Milwaukee St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-291-2655  
Fax: 414-291-2655  
<http://www.coquettecafe.com>

**County Clare, An Irish Inn & Pub**

1234 N. Astor St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Toll-Free: 800-94-CLARE  
Phone: 414-27-CLARE  
Fax: 414-290-6300  
<http://www.countyclare-inn.com>  
E-Mail: [ctyclare@execpc.com](mailto:ctyclare@execpc.com)

**Crawdaddy's Restaurant (Cajun)**

6414 W. Greenfield Ave  
West Allis, WI 53214  
Phone: 414-778-2228  
Fax: 414-778-0250  
E-Mail: [crawdadd@execpc.com](mailto:crawdadd@execpc.com)

**Cream & Crepe Café (French)**

0 N N70 W6340 Bridge Rd  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
Phone: 262-377-0900

**Cucina**

725 Woodlake Rd,  
Kohler, WI 53044  
Phone: 920-452-3888

**Dancing Ganesha (Indian)**

1692 N. Van Buren St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-220-0202  
Fax: 414-220-0264  
<http://www.dancingganesha.com>

**Eddie Martini's**

8612 Watertown Plank Rd  
Milwaukee, WI 53226  
Phone: 414-771-6680  
Fax: 414-771-5034  
<http://www.eddiemartinis.com>

**Fitzgibbons Pub**

1127 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-278-8847  
E-Mail: [fitzgibbonspub@aol.com](mailto:fitzgibbonspub@aol.com)

**Flannery's Bar & Restaurant**

425 E. Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-278-8586  
Email: [flannerys425@aol.com](mailto:flannerys425@aol.com)

**Jose's Blue Sombrero (Mexican)**

6430 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406  
Phone: 262-886-5600  
<http://www.josesbluesombrero.com>

**Karl Ratzsch's Restaurant (German)**

320 E. Mason St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-276-2720  
<http://www.karlratzsch.com>

**Konohana, LLC**

815 E. Brady St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-271-1117  
<http://www.sushiwithstyle.com>  
E-Mail: [janet@sushiwithstyle.com](mailto:janet@sushiwithstyle.com)

**La Fuente (Mexican)**

625 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
Phone: 414-271-8595

**Lodge (The)**

134 E. Juneau Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-765-9999  
<http://thelodgemilwaukee.com/>

**Mader's Restaurant (German)**

1041 N. Old World 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-271-3377  
<http://www.maders.com>

**Major Goolsby's, Inc.**

340 W. Kilbourn Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-271-3414  
<http://www.majorgoolsbys.com>

**McGillycuddy's**

1135 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414-278-8888  
<http://www.onwaterstreet.com/MCG>

**Mocais Café, Inc.**

111 E. Wisconsin Ave, Suite 105  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-271-6622  
<http://www.foodspot.com/mocaiscafe>  
E-Mail: [mocaiscafe@icqmail.com](mailto:mocaiscafe@icqmail.com)

**Mo's...A Place for Steaks**

720 N. Plankinton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-272-0720

**NANAKUSA Japanese Restaurant**

408 E. Chicago St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-223-3200  
E-Mail: [nanakusa@milwpc.com](mailto:nanakusa@milwpc.com)

**Newport Grill**

7036 Grand Geneva Way  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147  
Phone: 262-249-4788  
<http://www.grandgeneva.com>

**Nomad World Pub**

1401 E. Brady St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-224-8111  
<http://www.nomadworldpub.com>  
E-Mail: [info@nomadpub.com](mailto:info@nomadpub.com)

**Pacific Rim Restaurant (Asian fusion)**

830 N. Old World 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-277-8100  
<http://www.pacificrim-restaurant.com/menu.htm>

**Sahar Restaurant**

307 E. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-270-0970  
[www.saharrestaurant.com](http://www.saharrestaurant.com)

**Shiraz Persian Cuisine**

6030 W. North Ave  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
Phone: 414-777-0270  
[www.shirazpersianrestaurant.com](http://www.shirazpersianrestaurant.com)

**Steamer's Coffee**

626 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-277-7679

**Thai Palace Restaurant**

838 N. Old World 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-224-7076

**The King & I**

823 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-276-4181  
<http://www.kingandirestaurant.com>

**Weissgerber's Gasthaus (German)**

2720 N. Grandview Blvd  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
Phone: 262-544-4460  
<http://www.weissgerbers.com>  
E-Mail: [gasthaus@weissgerbergroup.com](mailto:gasthaus@weissgerbergroup.com)

## SPORTS

**American Hockey League**

**The Milwaukee Admirals**  
<http://www.milwaukeeadmirals.com>  
For tickets call: 414-227-0550 or 800-927-6630

**Major Indoor Soccer League**

**The Milwaukee Wave**  
<http://www.milwaukeeewave.com/>  
For tickets call: 414-224-9283

**Major League Baseball**

**The Milwaukee Brewers** at Miller Stadium  
[www.milwaukeebrewers.com](http://www.milwaukeebrewers.com)  
For tickets call: 414-902-4000 or 800-933-7890

**National Basketball Association**

**The Milwaukee Bucks** at the Bradley Center  
<http://www.nba.com/bucks>  
For tickets call: 414-227-0500

## THEATERS

**Alverno Presents at Alverno College**

P. O. Box 343922  
3400 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53234-3922

Phone: 414-382-6000  
<http://www.alverno.edu/presents/presents.html>

<http://www.execpc.com/mptheatre>

**Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre**

2252 S. Kinnickinnic  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
Phone: 414-744-5757  
<http://www.boulevardtheatre.com>

**Milwaukee Repertory Theater**

108 E. Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-224-9490  
<http://www.milwaukeeerep.com>  
E-Mail: [mailrep@milwaukeeerep.com](mailto:mailrep@milwaukeeerep.com)

**Broadway Baby Dinner Theatre, LTD** 56

5132 W. Mill Rd  
Milwaukee, WI 53218  
Phone: 414-358-2020  
<http://www.foodspot.com/broadwaybaby>

**Milwaukee Shakespeare Company**

225 East St. Paul Ave Suite # 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-747-9659  
[www.milwaukeeshakespeare.com](http://www.milwaukeeshakespeare.com)

**Fireside Dinner Theatre**

1131 Janesville Ave  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0007  
Toll-Free: 800-477-9505  
Phone: 920-563-9505  
<http://www.firesidetheatre.com>

**Pabst Theater**

144 E. Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-286-3663  
Toll free: 800-511-1552  
<http://www.pabsttheater.org>

**Historic Third Ward Association**

219 N. Milwaukee St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-1173  
<http://www.historicthirdward.org>  
E-Mail: [office@historicthirdward.org](mailto:office@historicthirdward.org)

**Skylight Opera Theatre**

Broadway Theatre Center  
158 N. Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-291-7800  
<http://www.skylightopera.com>  
E-Mail: [skylight@skylightopera.com](mailto:skylight@skylightopera.com)

**Ko-Thi Dance Company**

342 N. Water St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-0676  
<http://www.ko-thi.org>

**Sunset Playhouse, Inc.**

800 Elm Grove Rd  
P. O. Box 2  
Elm Grove, WI 53122  
Phone: 262-782-4430  
<http://www.sunsetplayhouse.com>  
E-Mail: [sunset@netstream.net](mailto:sunset@netstream.net)

**Latino Arts, Inc.**

1028 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
Phone: 414-384-3100  
<http://www.latinoartsinc.org>

**United Performing Arts Fund, Inc.**

929 W. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-273-8723  
<http://www.upaf.org>

**Marcus Center for the Performing Arts**

929 N. Water St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Toll-Free: 888-612-3500  
Phone: 414-273-7206  
<http://www.marcuscenter.org>

**UW-Milwaukee School of the Arts**

Fine Arts Complex  
P.O Box 413  
2200 E. Kenwood Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI 53201  
Phone: 414-229-5714  
<http://www.uwm.edu/soa>

**Milwaukee Ballet**

504 W. National Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
Toll-Free: 800-472-4458  
Phone: 414-643-7677  
<http://www.milwaukeeballet.org>

**Milwaukee Public Theatre**

626 E. Kilbourn Ave Suite 802  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3237  
Phone: 414-347-1685

# Romp Neighborhood-by-Neighborhood Like a Local



You feel like blowing off the day, and don't have any particular idea what you feel like doing...maybe you just want to "get away." Or, maybe you are looking at another study day, but want to make it different in some way by going to a different coffee shop to read, AND YOU DON'T MEAN A DIFFERENT STARBUCKS.... There are many ways to begin exploring Chicago, but from where we are, a sunny meandering drive down Sheridan Road on the first warm day of the season sounds as delicious as ice cream from Sweet Pea's Ice Cream Shoppe!

## **When you don't feel like traveling far:**

In the sleepy little center of Lake Bluff, there is **Bluffington's Coffee and Sandwich Shop** tucked away like a little secret. It is not open very late (their hours are longer in the summer), and while there is always plenty of parking, there is the two hour limit on all spots. Outside seating is available in good weather.

*Address 113 E. Scranton, Lake Bluff  
Phone 847-395-3344*

## **A bit further down:**

### **Sweet Pea's Ice Cream Shoppe**

Welcome to Highwood!!!

They are open late, at least in the summers, and serve coffee as well as ice cream. In good weather, there is outside seating. Parking is never a problem...also, there are other places to eat within the same complex in which Sweet Pea's is located.

*Address 764 Sheridan Road  
Phone 847-266-1116*

## **Back on the road: Through Highwood**

Highwood is currently in a well-deserved revival phase. This quaint down-to-earth town center has so much to offer! Ice cream and coffee shops, a multitude of restaurants, and shopping for those who like to hunt for their treasures.

### **Alex Washington Gardens**

*256 Green Bay Road, Highwood  
847-432-0309*

### **Bertucci's**

*246 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-432-6663*

### **Buffo's**

*431 Sheridan Rd, Highwood  
847-432-0301*

### **Carlos' Restaurant**

*429 Temple Ave., Highwood  
847-432-0770*

### **The Cooling Station**

*315 Waukegan Ave., Highwood  
847-266-5164*

### **Del Rio Restaurant**

*228 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-432-4608*

### **Froggy's French Café**

*306 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-433-7080*

### **Gabriel's Restaurant**

*310 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-433-0031*

### **Las Tres Hermanas**

*329 Waukegan Ave., Highwood  
847-432-0774*

### **Mee Jun's Chop Suey**

*325 Waukegan Ave., Highwood  
847-432-5225*

### **Miramar**

*301 Waukegan Ave, Highwood  
847-433-1078*

### **Nite N' Gale Restaurant**

*346 Sheridan Rd., Highwood  
847-432-5244*

### **Pastificio, Inc.**

*122 Highwood Ave., Highwood  
847-432-5459*

### **Pierantoni's**

*406 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-432-3576*

### **Shrimp Walk**

*444 Lakeview Ave., Highwood,  
847-432-7080*

### **Yiannis Opa**

*440 Green Bay Rd., Highwood  
847-266-1700*

## **Choices, Choices: Highland Park? Rogers Park?**

Following Green Bay Road heading south leads into glittery Highland Park where you can eat, shop, watch movies, explore new coffee shops, or just study some more at Borders or Corner Bakery until they kick you out at closing. The following are just some of the places you will find:

### **Chipotle**

*1849 Greenbay Road, Highland Park  
847-433-6453*

### **Rosebud Restaurant**

*1850 Second Street, Highland Park  
847-926-4800*

### **Las Palmas**

*474 Central Ave., Highland Park  
847-432-7770*

### **Rosebud Restaurant**

*1500 West Taylor Street, Chicago  
312-942-1117*

### **Mimosa**

*1849 2nd St, Highland Park,  
847-432-9770*

### **Walker Pancake House**

*153 Green Bay Road, Wilmette  
847-251-6000*

But if you keep going down Sheridan Road, you will pass through some of the finest architectural beauties the North Shore can boast of. This drive will take you through **Highland Park, Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette, Evanston**, (all of these can be explored some fine day) **AND FINALLY:**

## **CHICAGO, Rogers Park!!!**

[www.rogerspark.com](http://www.rogerspark.com)

### **Ennui Coffee House.** (Corner of Sheridan and Lunt)

Outdoor seating is extensive with shady trees, and amenable to serious studying, as long as you are not one to be annoyed by pleasant background chatter on politics, books, and local gossip. People do smoke in the smoking section inside, as well as outside, and sometimes, that is too close for comfort. There is no air conditioning inside in the summers, only fans circulate the air. Ennui is open till at least 11 pm, and until 1 am on weekends.

### **Heartland Café**

**To the west of Ennui**, also a venue for local music and poetry sessions. Located on Lunt, just beneath the Metra and CTA tracks, Heartland Café is a great place for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, and drinks! It has its own parking lot a ½ block away.

### **The Secret Garden Café.**

It is on the corner of Sheridan and Granville, in the middle of a tiny park, and sits on the lake's edge, out of view of the passing traffic. Accessible most easily in the summer months (I am not sure if it is open in the winters at all), last time I was there, it had evolved into a more formal affair with wait staff, etc. Parking will be tricky, since you have to find parking in the nearby Granville Ave. area and walk to the café. Other choices include:

#### **Big Star Cafe**

*1439 W. Jarvis Ave, Chicago  
773-764-0413*

#### **Morseland**

*1218 W. Morse Ave, Chicago  
773-764-8900*

#### **Cafe Suron**

*1146 W. Pratt Blvd Chicago  
773-465-6500*

After sniffing out these little nooks, we are again on the road, hurtling south on Lake Shore Drive, taking in the sun and breezes! As you can see for yourself, there are oodles of parks to lose your <sup>61</sup> along the lake. The bicycle path technically begins at Ardmore Ave., just prior to our merging on Lake Shore Drive from Sheridan Road. Parking is available at many points along the parks where you can park for all day for free (or almost free- keep some change on you).

The **Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course** is located at the Irving Park exit, as is the brand new **Clock Tower Café**. There are also tennis courts, a baseball diamond (or two), a totem pole for your viewing enjoyment, boat docks, and the bike path is bustling at all hours.

Heading south to Fullerton Ave. will lead you to the **Theatre on the Lake**. Check out the website below for their schedules, prices, etc. Be sure to ask about parking. Whether or not you are there for a show, there is a coffee shop there you can study at during the day! How exciting!

**Check out these websites for more information on:**

The Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course: [www.wavelandgolf.com](http://www.wavelandgolf.com)

Theatre on the Lake: [www.centerstage.net](http://www.centerstage.net)

Don't forget- the Fullerton exit also takes you to the **Lincoln Park Zoo** and wonderful **Lincoln Park**, in general. You can see the zoo from Lake Shore Drive, so it is possible to make a right as you head off the ramp, and park in the zoo lot or on the street (for free). Some other places in the vicinity include:

**Bourgeois Pig** (*café*)

738 W Fullerton, Chicago  
773-883-5282

**Emilio's Tapas Restaurant**

444 W Fullerton, Chicago, 773-327-5100

**Clarke's** (*diner*)

2441 N Lincoln Avenue, Chicago  
773-472-3505

(from intersection of Fullerton and Lincoln, north on Lincoln)

Going into Lincoln Park offers a vantage point from which a person can head in one of many directions. As Fullerton heads westward, one passes the cross-streets: **Clark**, with its many restaurants and cafes:

**Duke of Perth**

2913 N. Clark, Chicago  
773 -477-1741

2548 N Southport, Chicago  
773-975-6110

**Frankie J's**

4437 N. Broadway, Chicago  
773-769-2959

(From Fullerton, north on Clark to Diversey, where Broadway begins)

**Steppenwolf Theatre Co.**

1650 N Halsted St, Chicago  
312-335-1650

**9 Muses (Greektown)**

315 S Halsted, Chicago  
312-902-9922

(Much more south, routes to utilize include 90/94 highway or Lake Shore drive)

**Intelligentsia Cafe**

3123 N. Broadway, Chicago  
773-348-8058  
(From Fullerton, north on Clark to Diversey where Broadway begins)

**Southport City Saloon**

**South of Lincoln Park: Old Town**

The bicycle path alongside Lake Shore Drive may continue on, even past Navy Pier, but one of the most popular destinations is North Avenue Beach, the next exit after Fullerton. The summer season sees North Ave. Beach covered like a blanket with people and volleyball nets. This is also the site of **Castaways**, a lakeside dining venue on the beach.

**Castaways**

1603 N Lake Shore Dr, Chicago  
773- 281-1200

North Avenue Beach is the eastern end of a fine, old Chicago neighborhood, appropriately called Old Town. This is the home of the **Chicago Historical Society**, as well as **24 hour Starbucks** (corner of North and Wells)! Other great Chicago landmarks in this neighborhood include the **Second City Training Center** for improv theatre, and many, many restaurants, some of which are:

**Adobo Grill**

1610 N. Wells, Chicago  
312-266-7999

**Kamehachi**

1400 N Wells St, Chicago  
312-664-3663

**Fireplace Inn**

1448 N Wells Street, Chicago  
312-664-5264

**Twin Anchors**

1655 N. Sedgewick, Chicago  
312-266-1616

At this point, you may be about 30 miles away from school, but you're not finished exploring Chicago. On the other side of downtown is Chicago's South Shore, and the neighborhood that University of Chicago and Museum of Science and Industry call home, **Hyde Park!** Hyde Park is difficult to express in words, maybe because it is an extremely dynamic, layered and multi-faceted community, "*acclaimed as one of the most successfully integrated neighborhoods in the United States*" ([www.chicagoneighborhoods.cc](http://www.chicagoneighborhoods.cc)). A great resource for information is the University of Chicago website with its link to Hyde Park culture and riches: [www.uchicago.edu](http://www.uchicago.edu)

Landmark places to visit in Hyde Park include:

**Medici's Restaurant (Italian)**

1327 E. 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago  
773-667-7394

**Calypso Café (Caribbean cuisine)**

5211 S Harper Ave, Chicago  
773-955-0229

**Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop**

(Southern/Soul food)  
5225 S Harper Ave, Chicago  
773-363-4943

Chicago is a vast landscape of intellectual, artistic, political, and religious life. We hope you have fun in your adventures while you are here in our neck of the woods.

