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Rush University Off-Campus Housing Guide 2015-2016

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Dear Rush Student,

Hello and welcome to Chicago! As you may already know, finding off-campus housing during your time at Rush can be both an exciting and stressful experience. The purpose of this guide is to serve as a tool in your quest to find an off campus apartment. We hope it will provide you with a variety of living options in the Chicagoland area in order to make that move to the city as easy as possible. Before making your decision where to live, you should be well informed on the various options you have. Take some time and look over this guide while keeping in mind your needs with access to Rush University and the City of Chicago.

Please feel free to contact Rush University's Office of Student Life & Engagement for more information you may need. Good luck and happy apartment hunting!

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**Please note that Rush University accepts no responsibility for off-campus housing arrangements. Consequently, please make sure you understand the lease agreement before signing. It is also strongly recommended that any students renting facilities on- or off-campus should purchase renters insurance.

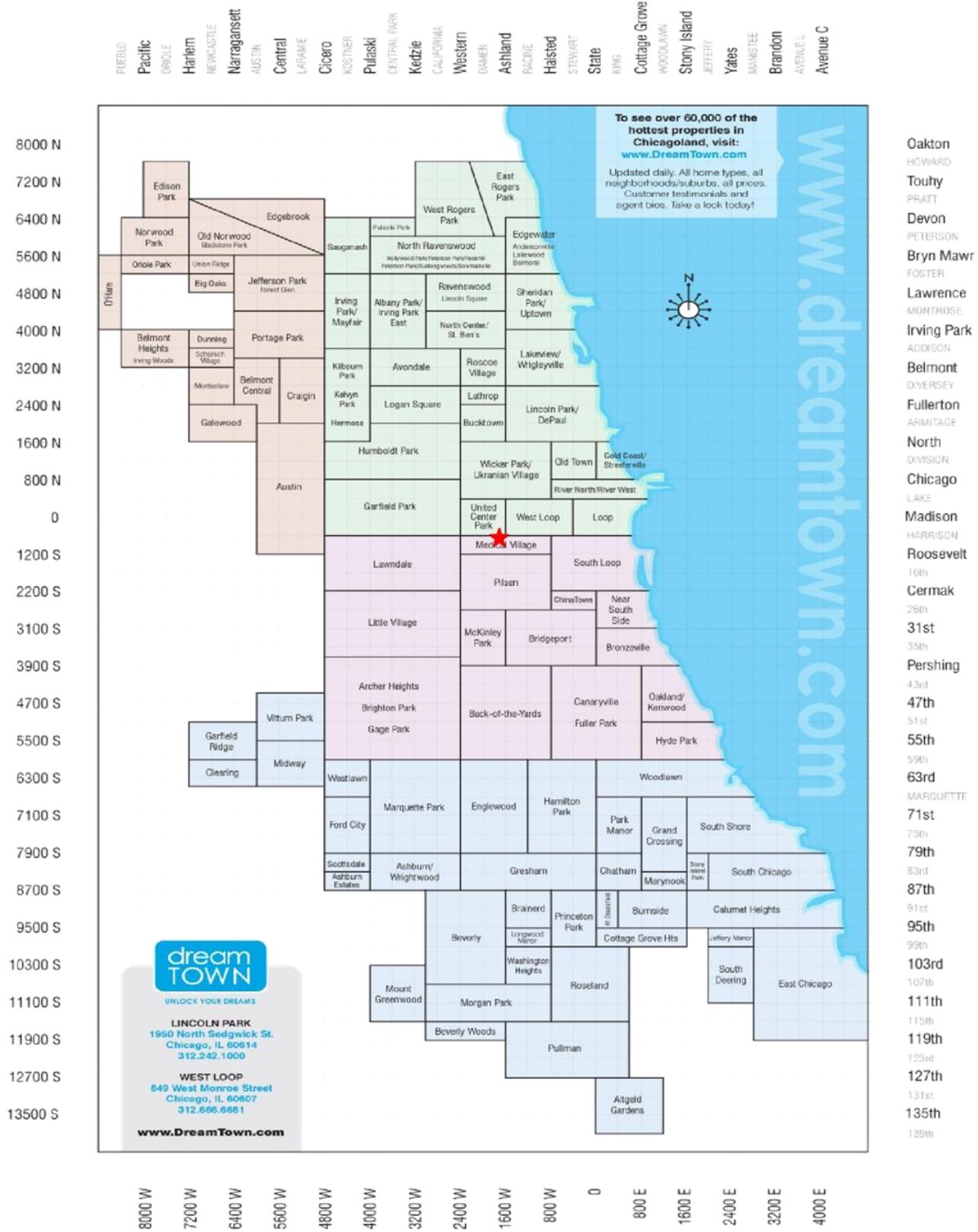
Things to Consider When Living Off-Campus

- **Rent.** How much will your rent payment be and when will it be due?
- **Safety.** How safe is this location? Remember, safety should be your first priority when searching for your new apartment. Check to make sure all locks on doors and windows work, and make sure your landlord will replace them if they do not.
- **Location.** How close to campus is the apartment? If it isn't within walking distance, is it close to public transportation? How close to friends and family is the apartment? How close to the street is it, and how noisy?
- **Level.** What floor is the apartment on? Out of how many floors? Consider the noise from neighbors above.
- **Parking.** Will you have a car with you? If so, does the apartment come with a parking spot? Ask about street parking and if it is safe to keep your car on the street. Many streets in Chicago require a permit to park on the street, so make sure to inquire about cost and logistics of obtaining such a permit.
- **Form of Rent Payment.** Consider the type of payment accepted, where the payment should be delivered, and whom the payment should be made out to.
- **Late Payments.** What are the fees for submitting a late rent payment? What is considered a "late payment"?
- **Security Deposit.** What is the amount required as deposit for faithful performance of tenant? Under what circumstances are you considered ineligible to get your security deposit back? Find out in detail what could cause you to lose your security deposit before you sign your lease.
- **Rules and Regulations.** Are you willing to comply with the building's and landlord's sanitary laws, rules, and ordinances?
- **Number of Occupants.** What are the total number occupants allowed to live in the residence?
- **Assignment and Subletting.** Most laws state that the tenant cannot sublet or grant license to a third party for use of the premises without consent of your landlord. If you are planning to sublet, talk to your landlord about the rules and regulations *before* you sign your lease.
- **Utilities.** What utilities are you responsible to pay for? Always assume total responsibility for utilities unless otherwise stated in the lease.
- **Pets.** Typically pets are not allowed without written consent of the landlord. If you have a pet, you may be required to pay a pet deposit at the time of lease signing.
- **Right of Inspection.** Know your rights as a tenant, but also know your landlord's rights for inspecting your apartment. Under what circumstances is your landlord allowed to enter your apartment with or without your permission?

*Adapted from Loyola University's sample lease section in "Your Guide to Off Campus Living"

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS MAP

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Living in Chicago

Understanding that it's challenging enough to enter a graduate program and even more daunting to move to a new city at the same time, we have attempted to give you the insider's guide to finding a residence in Chicago. Some basic facts:

- Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own unique character.
- Rent and other costs of living will vary depending upon what neighborhood you live in.
- Generally neighborhoods closer to downtown will be cleaner, safer and consequently more expensive.
- Many students who live in the city (as opposed to a suburb) live on the North Side. However, several live around the Medical District, Little Italy, and on the West or Northwest Sides.
- The following are some of the neighborhoods in which Chicago school students usually live. These neighborhoods are generally close to transportation.

For a map of the Chicagoland area and the neighborhood layout, please visit this web address

<http://www.dreamtown.com/services/map.pdf>

For a map of the surrounding suburbs, visit this web address

<http://www.chicago.il.org/SUBURBSMAP.HTM>

Chicago Neighborhood Guide

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods. The following is a list of Chicago neighborhoods that you may consider in your search for your new apartment.

Andersonville

Boundaries: Glenwood (1400 W) to Ravenswood (1800 W), Foster (5200 N) to Bryn Mawr (5600 N)

Proximity to Rush: 9.2 miles

Andersonville is a mixture of past and present. The shops and restaurants that line its streets range from Swedish Pastry shops, to coffee houses, or feminist book stores. Although blue and yellow banners proclaim the strong Swedish flavor, this diverse community sports a number of Persian, Japanese and Middle Eastern restaurants, craft stores and shops. A relaxed environment renowned by residents for its open, welcoming beat, Andersonville has long been a Chicago favorite. Andersonville has grown from either of two origins. According to the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce landowner and farmer John Anderson acquired the property in the 1850's and provided the name. The Chicago Historical Society believes the name was taken from Reverend Anderson whose church was a major meeting place for Scandinavian immigrants around 1900. The influence of the Swedish community is strong and Swedish can be heard throughout the area in shops and restaurants. The buildings consist of restored 2 and 3 floor apartment buildings, single-family homes, and restored or converted mansions. Parking is not a problem except on Clark and Foster where, especially on weekends, many Chicagoans enjoy breakfast and window-shopping in scenic Andersonville.

Bucktown / Wicker Park

Boundaries: Kennedy Expressway to Western (2400 W), North (1600 N) to Fullerton (2400 N) Ashland (1600 W) to Western (2400 W), Division (1200 N) to North (1600 N)

Proximity to Rush: 8.2 miles

Often grouped together, these neighborhoods have long been considered home to budding artists and writers. The boundaries spread into neighboring Logan Square and Humboldt Park. A mixture of trendy, eclectic, and artsy neighborhoods are peppered with restaurants, bars, clubs, coffee houses and art galleries, each with its own appeal. Recently, the area has acquired many newer developments but a mixture of hip and affordable, chic and dive, has prevailed helping Bucktown and Wicker Park remain one of Chicago's true cultural havens.

Originally home to a large population of working class Polish immigrants, Bucktown was named for the many goats kept in poorer immigrants backyards. Bohemian from its core this area attracts attention due to its reputation for diversity. Bucktown and Wicker Park are accessible by public transportation and there is easy access to the expressway.

Gold Coast

Boundaries: Lake Michigan to Clark, Oak (1000 N) to North (1600 N)

Proximity to Rush: 4 miles

As wealthy Chicagoans relocated to the lakeshore in the early 19th century their new community was renamed, The Gold Coast, by surrounding residents. The area, which curves along Lake Michigan, is home to historical landmark buildings, as well as shopping, nightlife and some of

the finest restaurants in Chicago. The Gold Coast is also known for some of the finest salons and spas in Chicago. Along the streets of this area, one can see nearly every type of Chicago architecture, including mansions, gray stones, brown stones, row houses, high rises, newly renovated buildings as well as new developments. Many properties in the area have received Chicago Landmark Status and can be viewed on foot, by car, or on a scenic buggy ride.

In the summertime a variety of outdoor eateries offer options from casual to upscale. The Gold Coast always boasts of something to do. Parking can be a hassle but many homes have secured parking or permit street parking. Public transportation is easily accessible. Lakeshore Drive, as well as downtown, is only minutes away.

Hyde Park

Boundaries: Lake Michigan to Cottage Grove, and 51st (5100 S) to 60th (6000 S)

Proximity to Rush: 7.3 miles

This diverse neighborhood has evolved into a place where the classically educated and the street wise meet. Home to the likes of Muhammad Ali, President Barack Obama and family as well as the largest concentration of Nobel Prize winners in Illinois, this neighborhood includes Frank Lloyd Wright masterpieces, row houses, and the campus of the University of Chicago. Harper's Court, one of the main strips in Hyde Park, offers an array of small boutiques and restaurants many specializing in authentic Southern cooking. Chess enthusiasts congregate in Harper's Square to match wits in outdoor contests during the summer months.

Residents of this neighborhood are proud to be so, and there is a strong sense of community. The architecture and historical presence is impressive. Located close to the Museum of Science and Industry, Hyde Park provides a mixture of intellectual stimulation and cultural infusion.

Lakeview / Wrigleyville

Boundaries: Diversey (2800 N) to Irving Park (4000 N), Lake Michigan to Chicago River

Central: Halsted (800 W) to Southport (1400 W), Wellington (3000 N) to Addison (3600 N)

East: Diversey (2800 N) to Addison (3600 N), Lake Michigan to Halsted (800 W)

Balmoral: Foster (5200 N) to Bryn Mawr (5600 N), Lakewood (1300 W) to Wayne (1332 W).

Proximity to Rush: 7.8 miles

Lakeview encompasses several smaller areas each with a different flavor spanning from Belmont Harbor on the east to Ashland Avenue on the West. Its abundance of attractions and cultural flavors makes Lakeview one of the most popular areas on Chicago's north side. Lakeview's central strips are alive with some of the funkier, trendier restaurants, bars and boutiques in Chicago. Belmont Harbor adds a contingent of rollerbladers, bike riders, and power walkers along the lake. Trendy, busy and friendly. Residents tend to be college students, post-college aged and young professionals, with some older working class residents scattered throughout. Many shops, restaurants and clubs/bars. Congested with people and cars - difficult to find parking. Public transportation readily available includes Wrigleyville area (near Wrigley Field, where the Chicago Cubs baseball team plays). East and Central usually more expensive and congested than West and North parts, although this is changing. Includes Belmont Harbor (Far East). Buena Park (far north) and Wrigleyville (around Wrigley Field).

Family owned businesses are common in the area, as are antiques. Lakeview is central to many forms of transportation (El and expressways), as well as Wrigley Field, the home of the Chicago Cubs, is located at the corners of Addison and Clark. Recently, new townhouses and condominiums have sprung up west of the lake while single-family homes and other apartment buildings remain readily available. Views of Wrigley as well as the abundance of nightclubs, restaurants, and theaters are a plus. Lakeview as a whole is well known for its proximity to the lake and a wide range of social options

Lincoln Park

Boundaries: North (1600 N) to Diversey (2800 N), Lake Michigan to Clybourn includes DePaul, Mid North, Old Town Triangle, Ranch Triangle, Sheffield

Proximity to Rush: 7.5 miles

Lincoln Park is a hodgepodge of down to earth business, bustling nightlife, shopping, tree lined streets, resale shops, and some of the oldest most well known restaurants to native Chicagoans. With access from Lake Michigan to the Park and the variety of things in between, Lincoln Park can be a community in and of itself. It hosts the Lincoln Park Zoo, Fullerton Beach, DePaul University and a number of art house movie theaters and improv theaters. Older, more expensive neighborhood populated mostly by professionals and some DePaul students. There are many park and recreation areas, including Lincoln Park Zoo. Wide variety of shops, restaurants and bars. Very difficult to find parking.

The homes range from stately mansions and restored Victorian flats to contemporary town houses and condominiums. With its pubs, summer street fairs, theater, bike trails, and historic buildings, it is a constant attraction to all. Lincoln Park is also home to some of Chicago's oldest and most well respected blues clubs and a music scene that features anything from live reggae to Opera, as well as photography and art exhibits courtesy of students at DePaul, as well as the local art community. Parking can be difficult but cabs and public transportation are easily accessible.

The Loop

Boundaries: Defined by the "L" track loop, Wabash (45 E) to Wells (200 W), Jackson (300 S) to Lake (200 N)

Proximity to Rush: 2.8 miles

Chicago's bustling financial center combined with the number of historic buildings, architecture, restaurants, shopping, museums, outdoor sculptures, and, of course, one of the largest buildings in the world The Sears Tower, makes the loop a must-see in Chicago. Monday through Friday the Loop buzzes with the sounds of office workers flooding into work and day tourists lining up to see the sights of Chicago. From Frank Lloyd Wright masterpieces to outdoor statues by Picasso, Chagall, and Nevelson, there is always something to discover. In the summer there is a Farmer's Market in Daley Plaza, and in the winter ice skating, and a giant Christmas Tree which draw visitors and natives alike downtown.

If the hustle and bustle gets to be too much step into the Art Institute of Chicago, or jump on a tour bus or trolley and whisk through the downtown area. After hours the nightlife springs into action as numerous bars and nightclubs open their doors and the theatergoing public rushes in to see

performances at any of Chicago's 4 largest theaters. Transportation is abundant in the Loop. Each El, Metra & Amtrak train line passes through downtown and there are numerous transfer points between lines. High-rises, new developments and rehabbed buildings are abundant in the Loop area and many have secured parking. Anything from a studio to a penthouse or multi-level apartments can be found. Driving in the loop can be expensive and time consuming but there isn't much that can't be reached by train or a quick walk.

Near North Side

The Near North Side is one of 77 defined community areas of Chicago, Illinois, United States. It is also one of the four areas that constitute downtown Chicago. The others being the Near West Side, Near South Side, and the Loop. All are located south of the Near North Side. The community area, itself, is located north and east of the Chicago River. To its east is Lake Michigan and its northern boundary is the 19th-century city limit of Chicago, North Avenue. In comparison to the other downtown community areas, the Near North Side has the second largest total area, after the Near West Side, and the highest skyscraper and population count. With the exception of Goose Island and Cabrini-Green on the west, the Near North Side is known for its extreme affluence, typified by the Magnificent Mile, Gold Coast, Navy Pier, and its famous skyscrapers.

Convenient to school, but more expensive than most areas. Difficult to find parking. Includes Old Town, Gold Coast, River West, Streeterville, River North. River North includes many popular restaurants, nightclubs and comedy clubs, including Rainforest Café and the Hard Rock Café. The Gold Coast is a beautiful, quiet and expensive neighborhood. Old Town has many beautiful buildings, many on the historic register. Many art galleries are in this area, as well as designer clothing stores.

Old Town

Boundaries: Division (1200 N) to North (1600 N), Clark (100W) to Clybourn and Larrabee (600 W)

Proximity to Rush: 4.8 miles

Old Town with its various pubs, storefront shops, bookstores and restaurants is removed from the busy downtown financial district, but easily functions as an area itself. Located between Lincoln Park and The Gold Coast, Old Town has a definite urban flair. Old Town's nightlife includes bustling Second City and Zanies Comedy Center. With critically renowned restaurants and bars, there is something for everyone.

Most of Old Town's businesses are independently owned, creating a diversity and uniqueness specific to the area. The neighborhood is comfortable and quaint cobblestone streets and Victorian architecture amplifies its homey feel. Amid the bustle of urban life, Old Town preserves its neighborhood feel. Close to DePaul University, the area is alive with a creative and cultural atmosphere. Parking can be difficult but transportation is easily accessible. Old Town is a beautiful setting to walk through. Housing includes renovated brownstones, Victorian frame cottages, and Queen Anne style homes.

Pilsen

Boundaries: Cermak (2200 S) to 16th (1600 S), Canal 500 W) to Damen (2000 W)

Proximity to Rush: 1 mile

With many small restaurants and a variety of shops there is always something to taste, hear, or see. There are a number of painted murals and mosaics adorning the sides of buildings and

thanks to a large contingent of artists, smaller theaters and galleries pepper the neighborhood. With an urban / industrial feel, warehouses and factories push their presence in on this community. Small theaters have taken advantage of the affordable open spaces. Homes are affordable and parking is easy during the day and becomes more difficult at night. Public transportation can be difficult, but is available. The homes are usually anything from single family through apartment buildings, and three or four story renovations.

Printers Row/Dearborn Park/Burnham Park/South Loop

South of the Loop, which is the central downtown business district, named for the elevated tracks that form a loop around this area? Good location for school, downtown, etc. Because this is part of the business district, there are less dining and entertainment options in the evening. Much more expensive than some other areas, but can be manageable if sharing rent. Close to lake, museums, transportation. Parking is expensive, but fairly plentiful, due to the large number of lots.

Ravenswood

Boundaries: Clark to Sacramento (3000 W), Montrose (4400 N) to Foster (5200 N)
Ravenswood Manor: Montrose (4400 N) to Lawrence (4800 N), Chicago River to Sacramento (3000 W)

Proximity to Rush: 10.3 miles

This area has been growing in popularity recently due to its spacious apartments and affordable rent. Ravenswood is a quaint neighborhood featuring The Sulzer Library and 40-acre Wells Park. Except for the main strips along Ravenswood, Lawrence and Lincoln, the area is largely residential and has recently seen an influx of new construction drawn in by the access to public transportation. German and Scandinavian farmers originally founded Ravenswood in the 1800's. Evidence of these roots can be seen in storefronts as well as in the unique styles of architecture. Ravenswood is now a culturally diverse neighborhood with many new restaurants and shops. The buildings here vary from condominium developments, to single-family homes, to multi-family apartment buildings.

River North

Boundaries: Clark Street to the Chicago River, Chicago River to Chicago (800 N)

Proximity to Rush: 4.3 miles

With approximately 30 galleries, over 100 restaurants, and Chicago's Merchandise Mart, River North is truly a unique area in the heart of downtown Chicago. This area is popular in Chicago with natives as well as tourists and hotels, clubs, bars, and theme restaurants are alive and hopping most of the year with live music and entertainment. Jazz, blues, and classical can all be heard on the street from sidewalk clubs and restaurants. Immediately to the east, the Magnificent Mile fills the area with shoppers seeking anything from The Sharper Image to Gucci and Prada. For something more low key, River North's galleries range from contemporary and modern art to furniture. With the most galleries in the country (outside of SOHO New York) River North is trendy, cultured, and always changing.

In recent years, new developments have skyrocketed in the area bringing the neighborhood an even livelier, cutting edge feel. Parking can be tricky here, but public transportation is easily accessible.

The homes range from renovated loft space, new townhomes and high-rise apartments. Many buildings have been remodeled from storage and warehouses creating unique lofted spaces.

Roger's Park

Boundaries: East Roger's Park: Lake Michigan to Ridge (2200 – 1800W), Devon (6400 N) to Howard (7600 N), West Roger's Park: also known as West Ridge, Kedzie (3200 W), Ridge (2200 – 1800 W), Devon (6400 N) and Howard (7600 N)

Proximity to Rush: 13.1 miles

With its close proximity to Lake Michigan as well as Loyola and Northwestern, Roger's Park is a neighborhood that is rapidly developing. Known for its affordable and spacious lakefront properties this multicultural neighborhood is full of rehabbed apartments, condominiums, unique architecture, and Frank Lloyd Wright works. The area is largely residential although along Clark, Sheridan, and Devon one can sample any number of cuisines, as well as peruse the many boutiques that line the streets selling anything from silk to cds.

There are several public beaches in the area as well as Loyola Park that offer refuge on a warm day and a spot for people watching. Live theater, a number of cafes and bookstores are also easy to spot in the neighborhood. Parking is available and is easiest to find on streets that are off of the main drags (Clark, Sheridan and Devon). The buildings here are known for their size, and range from vintage homes to large apartment buildings with studios, 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms flats.

Roscoe Village

Boundaries: Belmont (3200 N) to Addison (3600 N), Damen (2000 W) to Western (2400 W)

Proximity to Rush: 8.8 miles

With tons of antique stores, taverns, and boutiques, Roscoe Village is a neighborhood with a style all its own. On Saturday and Sunday morning, droves of people venture out for brunch at one of the many outdoor patios, walking their dogs on tree lined streets, or taking their children to the park or playground. Roscoe Village has its own rhythm as opposed to the more frenetic energies near Wrigley Field to the east and Western Avenue to the west. Roscoe Village remains comfortable and homey. There are plenty of diversions with a number of Dance Studios, Tai Chi and Karate schools, and galleries, as well as smaller clubs that offer open poetry nights and live music on the weekends. Also, family owned businesses are common, encouraged and supported by the community. Mom and Pop restaurants and storefront buildings are flourish and the affordable housing and parking options are more convenient than the surrounding neighborhoods. The homes are usually single family or three story apartment buildings. With the El train running through the neighborhood, one can reach downtown in 15 to 20 minutes.

South Loop

Boundaries: Roosevelt Road (1200 S) to Jackson (300 S), Michigan Avenue (100 E) to Chicago River

Proximity to Rush: 3.7 miles

An area rich in historical and cultural landmarks, Soldier Field, Grant Park, and Buckingham Fountain to name a few, the South Loop is rapidly redeveloping. Within the past five years Mayor Daley has gone to great lengths to reinvent this former haven for the wealthy and elite. During the

19th Century, mansions covered Prairie Avenue between 16th and 22nd streets. Soon after, the mansions were abandoned in favor of new houses on the Gold Coast or in the North Suburbs. Recently, Mayor Daley moved into one of the new developments in the area and brought with him a resurgence of vitality and energy, which snowballed into a gut rehab of the homes and buildings in the South Loop. The renovated buildings cover it all from rebuilt condos and lofts, to townhouses, single-family homes, mansions, and a series of new developments. Parking has not caught up with the rapid growth in the area but with easy access to Lake Shore Drive as well as public transportation, getting from place to place is not an issue. Close proximity (5 -10 minutes by bus or car) to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, and the Adler Planetarium provide welcome amusements to residents of the South Loop.

Streeterville

Boundaries: Lake Michigan to Michigan Avenue, Grand (500 N) to Oak (1000 N)

Proximity to Rush: 3 miles

Streeterville's prominent position off of Lake Michigan has provided a backbone for the community. There are a number of lakefront trails for biking, walking, and other activities especially in the summer. Many of the local restaurants pride themselves on ethnic cooking. Coffee shops and smaller businesses line the streets. There are also a number of theaters in the area as well as original sculptures, paintings and murals by community members, on display for residents. Parking in the area is a problem. The buildings range from renovated apartment buildings and single-family homes, to three and four story apartment buildings and some high-rise apartments.

Ukrainian Village

Boundaries: Grand (500 N) to Division (1200 N), Damen (2000 W) to Western (2400 W)

Proximity to Rush: 5.4 miles

Mostly residential in its interior, Ukrainian Village began as a haven for Chicago's Ukrainian, Polish, and Russian residents. A friendly neighborhood whose influences are evident in its architecture and storefronts, Ukrainian Village provides an escape from the bustle of Chicago proper and bordering Bucktown and Wicker Park. The woodwork on the archways of Holy Trinity Cathedral is an excellent example of the detailed artistry and cultural influence in Ukrainian Village. There are also a number of neighborhood bars and restaurants that are comfortable, affordable, and friendly. Live music can be heard at the Rainbow Club and Empty Bottle to name a few, while if that isn't up your alley you can visit the Ukrainian National Museum among other museums you can visit during the day. This peaceful village consists mainly of two and three floor homes and apartment buildings ranging from rehabbed brownstones to red brick front buildings. There are also a number of ethnic restaurants offering authentic European cuisines to sample. Parking is not a problem and public transportation is available.

Uptown

Boundaries: Lake Michigan to Ashland (1600 W), Irving Park (4000 N) to Foster (5600 N). Includes Buena Park, Clarendon Park, and Sheridan Park.

Proximity to Rush: 9.1 miles

Nicknamed Chicago's United Nations, Uptown is a mixture of urban and old fashioned with people from all walks of life. The surrounding areas comprised of lakeside mansions and

Victorian homes stretch which out along the lakefront, while high-rises and 3 or 4 story apartment buildings sit along Broadway.

The Foster Avenue Beach and the Montrose Beach provide welcome distractions in the summer. Similarly, Montrose Harbor Pier is great for a walk or fishing during the summer months. Uptown also hosts a number of small theater companies who have taken residence because of the affordable rent and larger spaces. Also, live music can be heard at the Riviera Theater, a renovated movie house that now hosts live bands and singers as well as the Green Mill Lounge, a Chicago staple for late night jazz in the speak-easy tradition. The Rainbow Roller Rink offers some alternative distraction, as well as puppetry and dance at the Dance Center of Columbia College. The beautiful views of the lake and Chicago skyline, as well as the affordable rent have kept Uptown vital. Public transportation is easily accessible. Parking can be difficult, especially late at night.

West Loop

Boundaries: West Loop is the area bounded by the Eisenhower Expy on the south, Lake St (200 N) on the north, from the Kennedy Expy west to Ashland Ave (1600 W). Includes Fulton Market, Greek Town, Jackson Boulevard and Randolph Market.

Proximity to Rush: 1.9 miles

The West Loop is known for its award-winning restaurants, burgeoning art gallery district, boutiques and unique residential loft-style living. The West Loop lies along the western bank of the Chicago River. It is bounded by Grand Avenue on the north, Ashland Avenue on the west, the Eisenhower Expressway on the south and the Chicago River on the east. It is the main zone within the Near West Side that is situated as part of the downtown area. Fantastic restaurants line Randolph Street. The area has experienced rapid gentrification and is a haven for young families.

Today, the West Loop Gate, now known simply as the West Loop, is one of the hottest neighborhoods in Chicago. Large numbers of people continue to move into the area every day, drawn to its proximity to the Loop and major expressways. Randolph and Fulton streets have become an epicenter for world-famous restaurants that bring in visitors from all over the city and beyond. Moreover, the West Loop is now considered a hub for fashion and the arts, staking claim to renowned galleries, dance companies, designers, boutiques and music venues. Coupled with trendy residential space and a vibrant history, the West Loop is now a place that Chicagoans not only want to visit but also call home.

West Town

Neighborhoods in this area vary greatly, from trendy, artistic Wicker Park (Damen, North & Milwaukee) in the north to European-style Ukrainian Village in the south (Chicago and Western). Multi ethnic neighborhoods, with varying levels of rehabilitation. Wicker Park has a very big art and music scene, with a mix of working class and young professionals. Wicker Park is less expensive and congested than Lakeview and Lincoln Park, but it's getting more so as more people discover the area. Ukrainian Village, East Village and Noble Square are less trendy, and as a result, housing is less expensive but amenities are scarcer.

*Adapted from Sperry Van Ness Commercial Real Estate Advisors

Finding a Chicago address is simple once you understand how the city is laid out. The streets are arranged in a grid pattern, with Madison and State Streets downtown marking the center of the grid. These two streets are numbered 0 (zero), and every block moving away from the center is one hundred (100). To find a particular address, you determine how many “hundreds” away from the State-Madison center it is. On every map of the city, you will see numbers next to the names of streets. These numbers tell you how many blocks away the street is from either State Street (if it’s an east-west street) or Madison Street (if it’s a north-south street). For example, to find 2400 North Sheffield, you first note that the address is 24 blocks north of Madison (24 “hundreds”). Sheffield is 1000 West, which means 10 blocks west of State (“10 hundreds”). So, 2400 North Sheffield is 24 blocks north of Madison and 10 blocks west of State.

Of course, nothing is perfectly clear. There are some angled streets, which result in confusing “Six Corners” intersections. Angled streets on the North Side include Lincoln, Clark, Broadway, Milwaukee, Elston, Clybourn and Grand west of Western Avenue. Angled streets on the South Side include Ogden, Archer, and Vincennes. Historical trivia: The angled streets follow former Native American trails.

Important Note: It is important to consider your own style, comfort level and preferences when deciding upon a place in which to live. If you are coming from an area in which the population density is low, perhaps a smaller city or rural area, consider whether you would be comfortable in a neighborhood that is crowded and noisy at almost all hours of the day and night. Remember, once you sign the lease, you’re basically stuck there for the duration of it.

Neighborhoods by Zip Code

Please note: Postal boundaries are not necessarily the same as neighborhood boundaries. Moreover, official neighborhood boundaries are not necessarily the same boundaries that are recognized by real estate agents or by people who actually live in the neighborhoods. These zip codes will be especially helpful if you plan on using the Chicago Reader on-line apartment listings.

Rogers Park – 60626 (northernmost neighborhood on the lake).

Edgewater – 60660 (south of Rogers Park on the lake).

Uptown (including Andersonville) – 60640 (south of Edgewater on the lake).

Lakeview (including Roscoe Village) – 60613 & 60657 (south of Uptown on the lake).

Lincoln Park – 60614 (south of Lakeview on the lake).

Logan Square – 60647 (west of the Kennedy Expressway – 90/94).

Bucktown – parts of 60647, 60622, and 60614 (west of the Kennedy, southeast of Logan Square).

Wicker Park – parts of 60647, 60622 (west of the Kennedy, southeast of Bucktown).

Lincoln Square – parts of 60625, 60640, and 60659 (northwest of Lakeview).

Hyde Park – 60637 (south of downtown).

Old Town – 60610 (just north of downtown).

Gold Coast, River North – parts of 60610, 60611 (south of Old Town).

Ravenswood – parts of 60613, 60657, and 60618 (west and north of Lakeview).

Ethnic Neighborhoods of Chicago

There are several ethnic neighborhoods in the City of Chicago. In each neighborhood, you will find a wide variety of restaurants, shops and cultural attractions. Here is a partial listing.

Greek

Called Greektown, this is located at Halsted (800W) and Jackson (400S).

Chinese

Chinatown is located at Cermak (2200S) and Wentworth (200W).

Asian

A large community of people from several Asian nations, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos. On Argyle (5000N) around Broadway (600W).

Italian

Called Little Italy, this neighborhood is less concentrated than it used to be, but you will still find several Italian restaurants and shops. Located on Taylor Street (1200S) around Racine (1200W) near the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

Korean

Along Lawrence Avenue (4800N) from approximately Western (2400W) to Kimball (3400W).

Middle Eastern/Indian/Jewish

Devon Avenue (6400N) from Western (2400W) to California (2800W).

German

Called Pilsen after the area in Germany from which its original inhabitants came, it is on the near South Side around 18th Street (1800S) and Damen (2000W).

Puerto Rican

Marked on either side by the large metal sculpture of the Puerto Rican flag, this area runs along Division (1200N) from Western (2400W) to California (2800W)

Swedish

Called Andersonville, this is a small area in Edgewater around Clark Street (an angled street around 1500W on the east side of the city) and Foster (5200N). Interestingly, there is a Middle Eastern community here as well.

Polish

In the Avondale neighborhood along Milwaukee Avenue (an angled street around 3400W), between approximately Belmont (3200N) and Addison (3600N)

City Living

The Chicago Reader was by far the most mentioned source for finding apartments. The Reader is a free weekly newspaper that contains extensive apartment listings. The Reader comes out on Thursday and is available in many locations throughout the city (such as restaurants and shops) especially Downtown and the North Side. The Reader also has an apartment finder service on the internet. You mark your preferences (neighborhood by zip code, price, how many bedrooms, etc.) and a list of apartments that correspond to those preferences are displayed. This list is updated every Tuesday night, two days before the paper Reader comes out, so you can get a jump on the listings. Find them at www.chireader.com.

There are many apartment finders in the city. These services are usually free, although some do charge a fee. Many will drive you to the apartments after going over your requirements and preferences in their office. You usually don't have to make an appointment, but call ahead to be sure about this and whether they charge a fee. Student reactions to these finders were mixed. One student suggested that you use such services cautiously. "Be specific in your criteria, or you'll be dragged all over the city as they try to palm off their lurky apartments." Another student suggested that you let an apartment service show you some apartments and then go back on your own to find similar apartments for cheaper rent. If you find an area you like, you can also walk around looking for "For Rent" signs.

In general, apartment finding services can be a quick and efficient way to find an apartment. However, the agents can be insistent to the point of being pushy, as they often work on commission. It is possible to find better buys outside of these services, but it takes more effort and time. (See enclosed list of a sampling of apartment finders in Chicago).

So, if you like the challenge of looking for a place on your own, or if it's worth it to spend a little more time and effort in order to get the right place, you'd be better off looking in the Reader or walking around specific neighborhoods. If convenience and saving time are important, use an apartment finder.

Things to know before renting an apartment

Housing options include rental apartments, houses and rooms. We suggest finding an apartment, as a house will most likely be prohibitively expensive and quite difficult to find and a room won't offer you the quiet, privacy and space you will need in which to live and study. Use the information included in the section to locate an apartment that best fits your needs.

In almost every circumstance, you will have to sign a lease for an apartment. This is a legal document that services as a contract between you and the landlord. You each have rights and responsibilities that are established by the city in which the apartment is located. At minimum, the lease should list the dates of occupancy (usually one year) who is to live there, what the tenant (you) is responsible for, such as heat, electricity and telephone, the amount of the rent and **security**

deposit (an additional sum of money that covers any damage or cleaning expenses once you move out, if there is no damage, you will get it all back after you leave) and any restrictions, such as whether you can have a pet. In general, the landlord is responsible for general maintenance of the common areas (hallways, entryways) and anything that breaks or stops working in your apartment (broken windows, stove stops working, sink is clogged). You are responsible for cleaning the apartment and such things as light bulbs and batteries for the smoke detectors. A copy of Chicago's municipal code can be obtained from city hall if you wish to review the specific rights and responsibilities of the landlord and the tenant. These laws vary outside of Chicago (i.e., in the suburbs), so you'll need to ask those cities about their landlord/tenant laws.

Be aware that if you break your lease (move out before the lease is up), you can be sued by the landlord for the remainder of the rent plus other fees. It is possible that you might be able to arrange with the landlord you're moving out early, but the landlord is not obligated to do this. You may also **sublease** your apartment (find someone else to move in under the terms of your lease), depending on your lease terms.

You are responsible for paying for your telephone and cable television, if you choose to have it. Most places will also require you to pay for your electricity. Sometimes heat is included, sometimes it is not. The landlord almost always pays for water, sewer and garbage pickup.

Glossary of Terms

Studio/Efficiency Apartments: For one person. Many students live in these. Usually one large room, plus a bathroom and kitchen facilities. Sometimes the kitchen will be separate, or there might be an alcove for a bed. Usually room for a futon (a Japanese-style mattress on a frame that folds from a couch to a bed), a small table or desk and a dresser. Sizes vary widely depending upon the area and the building.

A **convertible** is a small apartment that usually has an alcove or other space that can be blocked off with a screen or other divider. Bigger than a studio and smaller than a one bedroom.

Other apartments are **one, two or three bedrooms**. Apartments with more than three bedrooms are rare and more difficult to find.

Most apartments are **unfurnished**. You must supply your own furniture. Most apartments, however, will supply window blinds and major appliances.

You will pay more for **amenities** such as a pool, door attendant, and fitness room.

Many apartment buildings do not have **elevators**, so be sure to check this out if stairs are difficult for you. Most elevated buildings will have a charge for moving in and out along with specific move times.

Most, but not all, apartment buildings have **laundry facilities** in a basement or other room. Usually a wash costs up to \$2 (in quarters) and a dry from \$.25 to \$1. If there isn't a washer and dryer on site, find out where the nearest Laundromat is and imagine yourself traveling that distance every time you need to wash clothes.

Some apartments will have a **building manager** who lives on site (in the building). The manager takes care of rent, maintenance and complaints. Others are owner-occupied (the owner/landlord lives in the building). Still others have neither, and you will have to call the landlord or manager if you have a problem.

A **garden apartment** is on the lower level, usually half below ground like a basement, but with windows. These tend to be cheaper, but are also not as safe, as the windows are very accessible. If you choose to live in one, make sure there are security bars on all the windows, or ask if the landlord will install them prior to you moving in.

When you find an apartment you want, the landlord may want to do a **credit check** (a check of your credit, including where you lived before, to see if you have paid rent on time and in full in the past). Credit checks cost around \$25 and you are generally responsible for the cost.

****INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**** – explain that you are an international student and ask if s/he would be willing to forego the check. Be aware that some may not want to rent to you without a credit check.

Once you have been offered a lease and sign it, you will most likely have to give the landlord the first month's rent plus the security deposit. The security deposit typically is equal to one month's rent and maybe up to two months. Your security deposit and first month's rent is typically due when you sign your lease.

Security deposit example, if the apartment rents for \$700 a month, and the security deposit is \$700, you will have to pay him/her \$1,400 up front to secure the apartment. Remember, if your apartment is in good shape when you move out, you will get back the \$700 security deposit. One way to guarantee the return of your security deposit is to take pictures of your apartment prior to moving in and after you move your furniture out and do the cleaning. Then, if the landlord tries to say you damaged or left the apartment dirty, you can prove that you didn't.

Pet security deposits are typically required in buildings that accept pets in addition to the regular deposit.

Other miscellaneous term explanations

Rehab – short for rehabilitated. Usually an older building that has been fixed up. Also referred to as remodeled.

Vintage means an older, usually very beautiful building that has been rehabbed (but not necessarily). Often means that the rent is higher.

A **two-flat** means a building with two apartments in it. These, as well as three-flats, are very common in Chicago. They are usually brick.

Be aware that apartments may not actually be as described in the ad. For example, “cozy” often means small. **Common abbreviations found in newspaper ads.**

1BR/2BR/3BR	one, two or three bedrooms
Ww cpt	wall-to-wall carpet
Nr L	near El (elevated train/subway train)
Nr trans	near transportation (usually means El)
Hdwd flrs	hardwood floors
DR	dining room
Bath	bathroom
Ht	heat
Elec	electricity
1BA/2BA	one bathroom/two bathrooms
Frpl/wbfp	fireplace/wood burning fireplace
Balc	balcony
Cking gas	cooking gas
Appls	appliances
Rm	room
Ca	central air (air conditioning)
Bsmt	basement
Refs req	references required
Kit	kitchen
Lndry	laundry
Gdn apt	garden apartment
Inc	included
Sec dep	security deposit
W/D	washer/dryer
Lv msg	leave message
Pkg	parking
Avail	available

This is an example of how a classified advertisement in the newspaper might look:

Logan Square 2BR, sep DR, hdwd flrs, nr L, \$850 + sec dep.
Pkg avail. Avail immed. Call 555-5454

Translation: Logan Square (a northwest side neighborhood) two bedroom apartment with a separate dining room, and hardwood floors, near the elevated/subway train. Parking space is available (for an additional fee). \$850 a month, plus security deposit (most likely the same amount as the monthly rent, though you would need to ask).

General Tips

- Start your search for housing early. You may end up choosing an apartment you wouldn't normally select because you're in a hurry.
- Know your rent limit and stick to it. Remember, you are probably going to be living on a fixed income and the cost of living in the Chicago area can be high. Additionally, you will want to have some extra money to enjoy the city while you're here.

- Make sure you're going to be comfortable wherever you live. Graduate school can be stressful at times and dealing with traffic, crowds, etc., may take additional time and add to your overall stress level. You want your home to be a place where you can relax.
- Each city/suburb has its own laws regarding tenant/landlord relations. In Chicago, landlords are required to attach a summary of the part of the Municipal Code that addresses this area. This code delineates the rights of the tenant, as well as how to remedy specific problems. You can get the complete code at City Hall. There are also several tenants rights organizations in the city.
- Ask about what happens to your security deposit while you're living in the unit. In the City of Chicago, landlords are required to put your deposit in an interest-bearing account that is separate from the account into which your rent payment goes and return the interest to you each year. This ordinance affects only buildings with a certain number of tenants. Ask the landlord or call one of the tenant organizations to check. Other cities may have different laws regarding this, so make sure you ask. Also, it is illegal for landlords to require you to mail your rent to a post office box. They need to have an actual street address.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

ComED (electric) Service Dept.	(800) 334-7661
People's Energy (gas/heat)	
To establish service	(312) 240-7000
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	
In Chicago	(312) 836-7000
Outside Chicago	(800) 968-7282
Chicago Department of Housing Landlord-tenant questions	(312) 744-5000
Illinois Tenants Union Landlord-tenant problems, tenant rights	(312) 478-1133
Metropolitan Tenants Organization Questions and references	(312) 292-4980
Chicago Department of Inspection Services City Building Inspector	(312) 744-3400
Chicago Police Department	
Emergency	911
Non-emergency	311
Auto Pound Tow Records	(312) 747-5513

Mayor's Office

Rahm Emanuel Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities	311 (312) 744-2964
Cook County State's Attorney's Office	(312) 603-1880
Free Legal Aid by Phone M-F, 9-11 am & 2-4	(312) 951-7400
Immigration & Naturalization Service's	(312) 385-1500
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Driver's License/Titles/Plates	(312) 793-1010

CHICAGO TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Chicago has one of the best public transportation systems in the country. It is possible to live in the city (and even some of the suburbs) without a car. Here is some basic information about the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority).

RTA has three segments – CTA (Chicago Transit Authority), Metra Suburban Rail, and PACE suburban bus system.

The CTA consists of the Elevated trains (the L or El) and the bus system). The L has six lines, each coded by color, as well as by a route name.

The Red Line (Howard-Dan Ryan) runs north-south from Howard Street, which separates Chicago and Evanston in the north, to 95th Street on the South Side, along the Dan Ryan Expressway (90/94). This is a 24-hour train.

The Blue Line (Congress/Douglas/O'Hare) runs from O'Hare Airport southeast to downtown, then goes to the west/southwest on two separate lines. This is a 24-hour train.

The Green Line (Harlem/Lake) runs west from downtown to the suburb of Oak Park and south from downtown to 63rd Street. This train stops running in the late evening.

The Brown Line (Ravenswood) circles downtown (The Loop) and then goes north and northwest to Kimball and Lawrence. Certain legs of this train stop running late at night.

The Orange Line also circles downtown and goes southwest to Midway Airport. This is a 24-hour train.

The Purple Line (Evanston Express) also circles downtown and follows the same route on the north side as the Red Line, but makes fewer stops and goes further into Evanston. This train has limited weekly hours and no weekend service.

The Yellow Line (Skokie Swift) connects the suburb of Skokie with the Red and Purple Lines at Howard. This train has limited weekly hours and no weekend service.

CTA buses run on all major streets and cost the same as the L. Some run all night (Owl Service), while others only run until early or late evening. While not as fast as the L, there are more of them and they go to all parts of the city.

There are certain stations at which you can transfer between L lines for free. At the Belmont and Fullerton stations, you can transfer free between the Red, Brown, and Purple Lines. At the Clark/Lake station, you can transfer between the Blue, Brown, Green, Orange, and Purple lines. At the Washington and Jackson stations, you can transfer between the Red and Blue Lines. At the Howard station, you can transfer between the Purple, Red and Yellow Lines. You can also transfer between the Brown, Orange, Green and Purple lines at any station in the downtown loop area (it's called the Loop because the tracks circle a section of downtown). A few train stations offer free transfers from/to bus. Call CTA for more information, or see their map.

Several L stations have Park and Ride lots and Kiss and Ride drop-off points. Only some stations have disability accessibility, unfortunately. Many buses now have the ability to lower the front part of the bus for ease of boarding. All are wheelchair accessible.

Metra Suburban Rail runs from downtown in several directions to the suburbs. The fares are calculated upon the zone to which you are traveling. You can buy tickets on the train or at the station. There are three stations downtown from which trains depart. Note: if you buy your ticket on the train, and you got on at a station that had a ticket agent, you'll get charged an additional dollar.

The Metropolitan Railroad operates 12 surface train lines serving the six-county areas which hub into downtown Chicago from the outlying Chicago suburbs. Visit www.metrarail.com or call Metra Passenger Services at:

Weekdays 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m. CT
Metra Passenger Services
(312) 322-6777
TDD (312) 322-6774

Evening and Weekends
Transit Information Center
(312) 836-7000 – City and Suburbs
TDD (312) 836-4949

PACE Suburban Buses run in the suburbs. You can call RTA at (312) 836-7000 for detailed schedule and fare information, as well as for maps and other information. RTA includes CTA, Metra and PACE. Check out their website at www.transitchicago.com

Taxi Services

Chicago taxis, despite a recent increase in fares, are more reasonable than those of many other major US cities. Charges are \$2.25 at the drop of the flag, \$1.80 per mile and \$1.00 for each additional passenger. Cabs can be hailed anytime in the Loop and other central neighborhoods;

otherwise call Yellow (312) 829-4222 or Checker taxis (312) 243-2537.

If you have a car and plan on driving in the city, here is some very basic information about Chicago roads and traffic.

Expressways – there are several major expressways (interstates) that intersect Chicago. Expressways are identified by number, which do not change, but the name given to each stretch is different depending upon what part of the Expressway in which you are referring.

Interstate 90/94 North/West is called Kennedy Expressway from downtown north to where the two roads split (around Irving Park Road). Interstate 90 goes northwest to O’Hare Airport and retains the name of Kennedy Expressway, while Interstate 94 heading north to Milwaukee becomes the Eden’s Expressway. After O’Hare, Interstate 90 becomes the Northwest Tollway.

Going south from downtown, 90/94 South/East is called the Dan Ryan Expressway. When the two split around 65th Street, Interstate 94 remains the Dan Ryan, and Interstate 90 becomes the Chicago Skyway into Indiana. Later Interstate 94 splits again (around 100th Street) and the west leg becomes Interstate 57, while the east leg becomes the Calumet Expressway. Interstate 55, which goes southwest from downtown, is called the Stevenson Expressway. It does not change names.

Interstate 290, which runs due west from downtown, is called the Eisenhower Expressway (or the Ike). It goes to the western suburbs and eventually connects with Interstate 88/Regan (tollway).

Traffic

Traffic can be a nightmare on the Expressways during rush hour. Here in Chicago, rush hours are from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is often better to wait until rush hours are over to travel on the Expressways, especially the Kennedy and the Eisenhower. Traffic is often bad any time on these two expressways, however. Traffic is also worse any time it rains or snows, regardless of the condition of the roads. Friday afternoons are hellish, with rush hour beginning any time after noon. Traffic is also affected by season and, as they say here, there are two seasons in Chicago, winter and construction, and nothing in between.

Owning a car in Chicago

Owning a car in the city can be expensive and frustrating. Parking can be difficult, as well as pricey. Insurance is more expensive in the city. City residents also need to buy a city sticker. Additionally, if you live on certain blocks, you may need to buy a parking permit. If a certain percentage of residents sign a petition, the city designates that block as permit parking only. Permits are not expensive, and you can get visitor permits for a small fee.

A word about No Parking and Tow Zone signs

Take these signs seriously. Never park in an area marked Tow Zone. In all neighborhoods, and other upscale and parking-deficient areas, your car will likely be towed before you’re even all the way inside the building. Towing charges are expensive (\$100 or more), the towing storage lots are seldom convenient and often in areas where safety may be a concern. There is nothing more heart-

stopping than walking outside and realizing that your car is not where you left it. Additionally, it is illegal to “feed the meters”; this is putting additional money in after the original maximum amount has run out. Parking enforcements officials will chalk your tire to monitor.

Other quirks of Chicago transportation

Watch for orange street cleaning signs tied to fences and trees. If you are parked on that side of the street on the day posted, you will be towed. This is important for those of you who have found a great spot and don’t want to move it, make sure you check on your car daily. Also, from approximately October 1 until April 1, many major streets are designated Snow Routes. This means that after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, it becomes a tow zone. This occurs even in the middle of the night, so if the forecast calls for snow overnight, you might want to move your car from those streets.

Contacts for Apartment Searching

Searching for housing online is a great place to start. Not only is it quick, but it can be done from home, work, or school. Most sites allow you to personalize your search down to every last detail, so you will only see the apartments that meet your criteria. Here are a few suggestions to help you get started in the search for your new apartment!

Name of Search Site	Website	Services
Apartment People, The	www.apartmentpeople.com	Search by size, price range, and neighborhood. Free in person service.
Apartment Guide	www.apartmentguide.com	Search thousands of apartments, photos, and floorplans in the Chicago community.
Apartment Guys of Chicago	www.apartmentguysofchicago.com	Free online and in person services. Search all types of housing in all of Chicago’s neighborhoods.
Apartment List	ApartmentList.com	Free resource to find housing. Each city on the website is broken down into neighborhoods, highlighting pricing, noise level, nearby attractions, restaurants, shopping, etc.
Apartment Source, The	www.apartmentsource.com	Finds apartments, sublets and roommates.
Apartments.com	www.apartments.com	An intensive search through thousands of Chicago apartments and houses available for rent by area or neighborhood. The Chicago Tribune’s preferred resource.
Buckingham, The	www.thebuckinghamchicago.com	Independent off campus living in fully furnished apartments within walking distance to Chicago’s top colleges and universities. Individual leases available for academic year, summer and annual housing.
Chicago Apartment Finders	www.chicagoapartmentfinders.com	Free online and in person services. Constantly updated and offices open every day.

Chicago Reader, The	www.chicagoreader.com	Search housing for rent and for sale; updated daily.
Chicago Sublet	www.sublet.com	Apartment rentals, sublets, houses and rooms for rent.
Chicago Sun-Times	searchchicago.suntimes.com/homes/index.html	Local Chicago newspaper available in newsstands and on the internet.
Craigslist	www.craigslist.org	Free online classified ads with hundreds of apartment ads posted each day. Single room occupancies also available.
Domu Chicago Apartments	www.domu.com	Search for apartments using detailed search function, videos, photographs, and interactive neighborhood maps.
My Cheap Apartments	http://www.mycheapapartments.com/	Search by price range, proximity, amenities, etc. Have a “cheap scale” where apartments are rated to ensure you are getting the best value for your money.
My New Place	www.mynewplace.com	Interactive maps and searches. Moving resources.
Places for Students	www.places4students.com	Search off campus housing in Chicago according to location. Roommate Finder.
Rent.com	www.rent.com	Detailed rental listings and an extensive search tool that is quick and easy to use.
Trulia	www.trulia.com	Detailed rental listings with photos. Includes maps of neighborhoods, safety scores, walkability scores, locations of grocery stores, etc.

Rental Resources Near Rush

Name	Address	Phone	Web Address	Rates/ Information	Furnished?
Apartments 4u	Office: 9229 N. Marmora Morton Grove, IL 60053	(847) 966-1695	www.apartments4u.biz Apartments4u@comcast.net	Newer 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Apts \$1350-\$1450 Ask for Rush Student Discount See website for available locations	No
The Automatic Lofts	410 S. Morgan Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 850-1234 or (872) 221-3834	www.automaticlofts.com	12 months or 9 month lease available; Individual rates	Yes
Carana Properties	923 S. Loomis St. Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 243-5661	www.CaranaProperties.com	Little Italy and UIC neighborhood. See listings posted on website	
Circle Apartments	633 Laflin St. Chicago, IL 60607	(847) 607-9113	www.circleapts.com	1 Br \$1035/mo 2 Br \$1410/mo Duplex 2 Br \$1050/mo + utilities, parking Available	No
Habitat Corporate Suites Network	555 W. Madison Chicago, IL 60661	(800) 833-0331	www.habitatcsn.com	Various locations in Chicago, Various Suburbs. See website for locations and rates	Yes
Lipe Property Company	1250 N. Paulina Chicago, IL 60622	(773) 489-9600	www.lipeproperty.com (click apartments for rent)	Various locations in UIC/east Pilsen & some Wicker Park	No
Medical Center Apartments	1926 W. Harrison Chicago, IL 60612	(312) 829-1166	www.medcenterapts.com	Call for details.	No

Medical District Apartments	1903 S. Ashland Chicago, IL 60607	(866) 908-5885	www.medicaldistrictapts.com	Studios \$1358-\$1710/mo. Convertibles \$1398-\$1628/mo. 1 Br \$1530-\$1890/mo. 2 Br \$2115-\$2642/mo.	No
Regal Distinctive Apartments	651 S. Wells Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 939-3033	www.historiclandmarks.com/regal	1 Br \$1495 to 1695/mo	No
Roosevelt Collection	1335 S. Delano Court East Chicago, IL 60605	(312) 279-7179	http://rooseveltcollection.com	Various loft sizes. See website for details.	No
R.R. Callahan Company, Apartment Rentals	1702 S. Halsted Chicago, IL 60608	(312) 666-8093	www.rrcallahan.com	Various locations in Pilsen. See website for details.	No
Tailor Loft	315 S. Peoria Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 563- LOFT (5638)	www.tailorlofts.info.apts.com	Price is per bedroom: Individual rates	Yes/No
University Rentals	1449 W. Flournoy St. Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 666-3829	www.univrentals.com	Special considerations and discounts for Rush students	No
Waterton Residential	30 S. Wacker Chicago, IL 60606	(312) 948-4500	www.watertonresidential.com	Three locations, see website for details	Yes

Rental Resources In Magnificent Mile, Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Far North in Lakeview

Name	Address	Phone	Web Address	Rates/ Information	Furnished?
Belden Stratford Apartments	2300 Lincoln Park West Chicago, IL 60614	(877) 647-8105	www.beldenstratford.com	Studio \$1195-1455/mo 1 Br \$1655-\$2390/mo 2 Br \$3665+/mo	Unfurnished & furnished available
Canterbury Court Apartments	1220 N. State Pkwy Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 944-4900	www.canterburycourtapartments.com	Studios and 1 Bedrooms available. Call for details.	Yes
Chicago Infinite	28 E. Jackson St. Chicago, IL 60604	(312) 724-6767	chicagoinfinite.com	Studios-4BR Call for prices	
Grand Plaza	540 N. State St. Chicago, IL 60654	(312) 448-9423	www.grandplazachicago.com	Call for rates and availability	
Oakwood Apartments	77 W. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60654	(312) 642-7477 or (877) 902-0832	www.oakwood.com	Call for rates; corporate housing, temp. furnished apts in Chicago and suburbs	Yes

Rental Resources in Oak Park

Name	Address	Phone	Web Address	Rates/ Information	Furnished?
Bon Villa Apartments	320 S. Wisconsin Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302	(708) 763-9927	www.glapropertymanagement.com	Various locations available.	No
Orlander Property Management Apartments	855 Lake St. Oak Park, IL 60301	(708) 848-0596			No
Weichert Realtors, Nickel Group	101 N. Oak Park Ave. Oak Park, IL 60301	(708) 848-5550	www.weichertnickelgroup.com	Frequently updated apartment listings with pictures and descriptions	N/A
Oak Park Apartments Greenplan Management	35 W. Chicago Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302	(708) 386-7368	www.oakparkapartments.com	Frequently updated apartment listings with pictures and descriptions	No

Oak Park Regional Housing Center	1041 S. Boulevard Oak Park, IL 60302	(708) 848-7150	www.liveinoakpark.com	Studio \$650-795 1BR \$800-\$1095 2-3 BR \$1100+	N/A
Oak Park Residence Corporation	21 South Boulevard Oak Park, IL 60302	(708) 386-6061, ext. 126	http://www.oakparkrc.com/	Various locations available. Please see website for details	N/A
One Hundred Forest Place Apartments	100 Forest Place Oak Park, IL 60301	(708) 622-9333	www.100forestplace.com	Several listings per unit	N/A

Apartment Realtors in Chicago

Name	Address	Phone	Email Address	Rates/ Information
ABA National Realty	217 W. Huron, Suite 001 Chicago, IL 60654	(312) 440-6800	www.manta.com	Several locations
Coldwell Banker Gold Coast	Several office locations	(312) 751-9100	tim.freeman@cbexchange.com	Contact: Tim Freeman
Colfax Realty	1255 North State Pkwy., Suite #1S Chicago, IL 60610	(312) 274-1470	info@colfaxrealty.com	
Helen Phillips Realty	515 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 207 Chicago, IL 60614	(773) 665-7464	www.Realtor.com/Helen-Phillips	Serves most Chicagoland neighborhoods
New West Realty	1440 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL 60607	(312) 829-2100	www.newwestrealtychicago.com	brokerage@nwrchicago.com
Physicians Realty Group	1030 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 16 LaGrange, IL 60525	(708) 352-3655	www.physiciansrealtygroup.com	
Prudential Robloff	1602 Sherman Ave., Suite A Evanston, IL 60201	(847) 425-5262	judithharris@robloff.com	Contact: Judith Harris

Apartment Resources in the Suburbs

Name	Address	Phone	Email Address	Rates/ Information
Gloor Realty	114 N Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60301	(708) 524-1100	www.gloor.com	info@gloor.com
Planned Property Management	806 W. Belmont Chicago, IL 60657	(773) 435-9177	www.plannedproperty.com	
Prudential Properties		(866) 795-1010	www.rubloff.com	
RK Management	PO Box 5919 River Forest, IL 60305	(708) 383-7010	www.rkmanagement.com	Serving Oak Park, Forest Park and Hillside
Town Square Associates, Ltd.	7577 Lake St. River Forest, IL 60305	(708) 366-0400		

Transportation Resources

Name	Phone	Web Address	Rates/Information
Amtrak	(800) USA-RAIL	www.amtrak.com	Train services to and from Chicago and beyond.
CTA	(312) 836-7000	www.transitchicago.com	Buses, elevated and subway train maps and schedules available.
Metra	(312) 322-6777	www.metrarail.com	Commuter train services to and from Chicago suburbs
Pace Bus Service	(847) 364-7223	www.pacebus.com	Buses for Chicagoland area. Schedule and fares available online
Greyhound, Inc	(800) 321-2222	www.greyhound.com	Bus service for US travel
Yellow Cab Chicago	(312) 744-9400	www.yellowcabchicago.com	Call for current fares to and from airports and around Chicago