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Oak Park tops Chicago magazine's list of great neighborhoods and towns

Long-time Oak Parkers have always known their community was great. Now, *Chicago* magazine has made it official.

In the April issue of the magazine, currently available on newsstands, Oak Park is among what the cover story calls "20 great towns and neighborhoods," the selections based on housing, schools, shopping and transportation.

Oak Park's architectural variety earned the highest marks offered, of course, as did its mix of restaurants and shopping opportunities.

And the Village's extensive public transportation network, including two CTA rapid transit lines, PACE and CTA bus lines, and Metra commuter rail, combined with the Eisenhower Expressway, also earned the Village four out of four stars.

The community's schools, both public and private, were noted as key factors in Oak Park's appeal as well.

Oak Park shared the nearly 15-page article with nine communities and 10 Chicago neighborhoods. The other great towns were Glenview, Wilmette, Glen Ellyn, Western Springs, Woodstock, Lake Bluff, Orland Park, Tinley Park and Frankfort. The great Chicago neighborhoods were Edison Park, Rockwell Crossing, Lake Balmoral, Roscoe Village, Holstein Park, Lakeshore East, Bridgeport, Marynook, Calumet Heights and Beverly.

Of the suburban communities reviewed by the magazine, only Wilmette was rated as high as Oak Park overall.

The April issue of *Chicago* magazine also featured *Divine Consign*, an upscale resale shop on Oak Park Avenue, which they said has thrived at time when many other boutiques had closed.

For more information on Oak Park, visit www.oak-park.us.

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