

Oak Park

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Oak Park is the nurturing ground for entire schools of architecture, literature, visual and performance arts. Listen and you can hear the music – jazz, symphonies, folk, alternative, classical. Look and you’ll see dancers move seamlessly before you. Revel in performances by Festival Theatre and the Village Players. Theatre is encouraged at an early age, and both public middle schools and the local high school have acclaimed theatre programs.

Experience the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, the inspiration of Ernest Hemingway. Taste the cuisine of acclaimed local restaurants and intimate cafes. Oak Park has a separate Arts District on Harrison Street, home to many unique galleries, boutiques and restaurants.

This is a Village that appreciates art in so many forms, and spreads it before you in so many ways. The world’s largest concentration of Frank Lloyd Wright homes is joined by dozens of galleries, studios and antique shops showcasing the works of local artisans, clustered in pockets throughout the Village. An active Oak Park Area Arts Council has propelled the arts from an occasional event to an almost daily celebration. Three locations of the Oak Park Public Library, local bookstores and cafes – all havens for author readings, writer workshops, book discussions and literary events.

Oak Park’s culture is so widely known that it attracts more than 200,000 international and local visitors here every year – exploring the Village and its historical attractions on tours from the Frank Lloyd Wright’s Unity Temple and the Oak Park Visitors Center.

Only in Oak Park can you find so many forms of culture – so inviting and alive that you can’t help but ask for more.

Sights & Sounds

Library www.oppl.org
1 main library and 2 branches

Theatre
Oak Park Festival Theatre
Circle Theatre
Open Door Repertory Company
Lake Theatre
OPRF Performing Arts Center

Museums
Ernest Hemingway Foundation/Museum & Birthplace
Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust
Pleasant Home Foundation
Unity Temple Restoration Foundation
Historical Society of Oak Park-River Forest
Wonder Works Children’s Museum

Oak Park Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.visitoakpark.com

Local newspapers
Oak Leaves
Wednesday Journal

Arts
Oak Park Arts District
Oak Park Area Arts Council
Oak Park Art League
Public Art Advisory Commission

Music
The Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest
Oak Park Concert Choral
Oak Park-River Forest Children’s Chorus

Neighborhoods
Block parties
Coffee shops
Street fairs