

# GURNEE

## Far North Suburbs



Population	28,835
Avg. Home Value	\$343,613
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Gurnee, 45 miles north of the Loop, has transformed itself from the sleepy railroad stop of yesterday, to a fast-growing suburban community and commercial leader of today. In 1873 the Gurnee train station was named after Walter S. Gurnee, railroad board member and former mayor of Chicago. The town later followed suit and took the name. In 1928, the year of its incorporation, Gurnee was a rural village of 500 residents. Today, that number has grown to 28,800. The Gurnee Park District has nine parks which boasts numerous sports fields, tennis courts, playgrounds and a one-mile fitness courses. The park district also offers a variety of classes and programs for both children and adults. A new village-owned golf course was paid for by developers who came up with a unique agreement between the village and themselves. Its surrounding land is currently being developed into exclusive, family-centered subdivisions. Gurnee is a major shopping and recreational center. In addition to the 200-store Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall, the community is home to Six Flags Great America, a magnificent theme park drawing more than 3 million people annually and providing nearly 3,000 jobs.

**Housing:** House hunters may choose from Colonials, Cape Cods, split levels, ranches and Victorians. Prices for a new house usually range from \$250,000 to more than \$700,000. Older homes range

in price from \$180,000 to \$650,000. There are also a wide variety of new homes from which to choose. There are four brand new subdivisions that feature single-family that range from a low of \$250,000 to \$650,000. The 2006 average home value for single family housing was \$343,613.

**Schools:** Elementary students attend either Gurnee Grade School, in District 56, or Woodland Elementary School, in District 50. In addition to the normal curriculum, both districts offer gifted programs and other special-needs programs. Approximately 1,900 students attend Warren Township High School in District 121. A new high school facility, also named Warren Township High School, opened during the fall semester.

**Transportation:** I-94 and U.S. 41 run through town. Drive time to the Loop is an hour. O'Hare is a 40-minute drive, and Midway is 80-minutes away. Mitchell Field, in Milwaukee, is a half-hour drive from Gurnee. Commuters may board the Metra trains in Libertyville and Waukegan for a 60-minute trip to the Loop. Bus service is available.