



The Village of Oak Brook A Wonderful Place

Just 15 miles west of the Chicago Loop lies the flourishing Village of Oak Brook, with over 269 acres of natural spaces, including forest preserves, walking paths, and waterways. Yet, the Village is full of thriving businesses and executive offices as well. Oak Brook hosts approximately 2,000 professional companies and is considered “the most prestigious business center in the Chicagoland region.” Outside of work, residents can enjoy the various activities, such as the world-class Oak Brook shopping center, luxurious dining, unique historical sites like the Mayslake Peabody Estate, and the many sports and recreational facilities. The Village of Oak Brook combines the best of all worlds to form a unique living experience and professional environment.

History of Oak Brook

To understand what makes Oak Brook so special, one must first understand its rich history. In 1834, the first white settlers arrived in the Fullersburg area, which is now Ogden Avenue and York Road. Over the next 30 years families from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky began building their new home, enticed by the lush soil, streams, and woodland. One of these sites, Graue Mill (once an Underground Railroad stop) is still standing surrounded by many wooded acres of hiking and biking trails which are preserved by the Oak Brook Park District.



After these early years, Oak Brook rose to fame in the 1920's as Paul Butler established the Oak Brook Polo Club, making the Village one of the polo capitals of the world. This was the first official use of the name “Oak Brook.” The club went on to huge success as it hosted the U.S. Open (Polo) for 25 years. Charles, Prince of Wales, has even visited the club. This history of valuing recreational activities has made Oak Brook truly special, as it is now peppered with swimming facilities, bike trails, walking paths, and tennis facilities, benefits not common for a village of its size.

In 1942, people from the area between Hinsdale and Elmhurst bonded together to form the “Oak Brook Civic Association” as a civil-defense operation as a result of World War II. The Civic Association remained after the War. It went on to become a “quasi-government,” resolving local problems and even forming a volunteer fire department. Later in Oak Brook's history, the Oak Brook Civic Association fought against a high-rise building zoning ordinance. The residents of the Village defended the open natural space of the village and spacious residential lots for families which was so important to members of the Association. This heritage of a strong, engaged community is reflected in Oak Brook today.

Oak Brook Center

The Oak Brook shopping center is the second largest shopping center in the Chicago area, and is a part of what makes the quality of life and work in Oak Brook enjoyable and convenient. The mall encourages a luxurious shopping experience, housing brands such as Nordstroms, Gucci, Burberry, Tiffany and Co., Louis Vuitton, and the Mario Tricoci Hair Salon & Day Spa.



The mall is also home to many fine-dining options, such as Magiano's Little Italy, Wildfire, Mon Ami Gabi, Roka Akor, and Gibsons, as well as the latest trending shops such as Lolli and Pops, Stan's Doughnuts, and Jenni's Ice Cream. In addition, the shopping center hosts community events such as outdoor movie screenings, live music events, and the famous Father's Day Car Show. As an outdoor mall, Oak Brook Center features stunning landscaping with exciting fountain displays, an outdoor lawn with games like tic-tac-toe or bean-bag toss, and even life-size chess! If one is not in the mood to shop, the mall offers a refreshing place to simply sit outside and enjoy these outdoor activities.

Transportation around Oak Brook



As Oak Brook is just 15 miles west of Chicago, there are many ways to travel in, to, and from it. Roadways include the Tri-State Tollway, East-West Tollway, the Veteran's Memorial Highway and the Eisenhower Expressway. This makes it easy for commuters to travel conveniently to any direction, causing minimal traffic for the 90,000 business clients and visitors who arrive each day. In addition, Oak Brook is home to a useful public transportation system through its PACE busing system. If one needs to travel a

farther distance, there are many transportation options available with two international airports, O'Hare and Midway, close by.

Enjoy Oak Brook

The Village of Oak Brook has been and continues to be home to many important businesses, such as Paul Mitchell Corporation, Ace Hardware, and TreeHouse Foods. Families are excited to live in Oak Brook as well, forming a crucial part of Oak Brook's thriving community. So many individuals make Oak Brook their home because it is such a special place, with its natural beauty, unique recreational experiences, and professional opportunities.