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& Community Tavern team



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Meet the locals making it
happen on the Northwest Side



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In these pages, you'll get the inside scoop on shopping local. When you shop local, you know the owners. And when you know the owners, you know you'll be treated right.

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Explore storefront boutiques and galleries set along tree-lined streets where merchants welcome you with "indie" finds and personalized service. Shopping is an adventure here on the Northwest Side of Chicago. Come explore!



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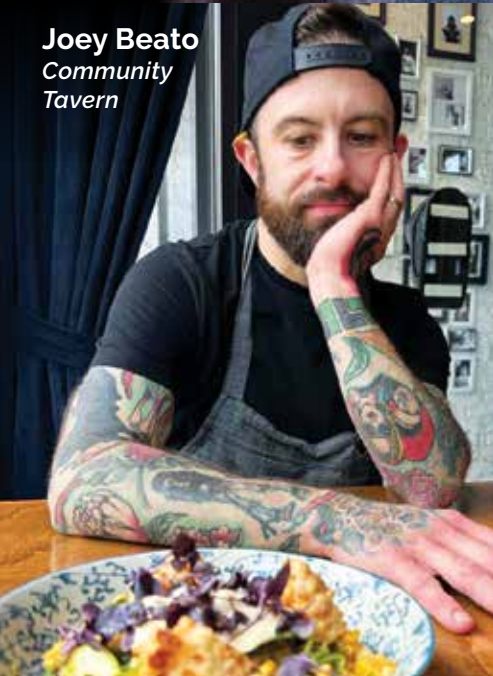


Gale Street Inn



Shopping at restaurants owned by your neighbors, visiting theaters alive with the talent of your friends, empowers these local entrepreneurs. Your support provides jobs to residents, cultivates the community's distinct character, and increases neighborhood value.

Joey Beato
Community Tavern



notables

Community Tavern

4038 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-283-6080

Community Tavern is where food goes to be elevated to transcendent flavors. Not only is the food exquisite, but the eatery's opening in 2016 was heralded by Architectural Digest for its decor. Still, Community keeps a \$5 burger special on the menu. Husband-and-wife owners Joey and Brenna Beato anchor this stretch of Milwaukee Avenue with dishes that combine seasonal, locally sourced ingredients with pan-Asian influences. The bar elevates cocktails to match the food.

Gale Street Inn

4914 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-725-1300

Located in downtown Jefferson Park, Gale Street has been the "inn place" since 1963. Their famous ribs, daily-made soups and fresh fish thrill the taste buds of locals and out-of-towners alike. Gale Street is pure Chicago as is owner George Karzas, who is often there to personally guarantee quality and to make diners feel welcome. Gale Street's well-stocked bar is great for enjoying an adult beverage, listening to jazz and hearing Chicago stories.

Pasta D'Arte

6311 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-763-1181

Step into old world Italy at Pasta D'Arte, Gladstone Park's very own trattoria, where intimate conversation and simple, elegant cuisine converge. Savor every bite from scallopine to braciola, from steak to their signature calamari. Chef Mark Giannini, who is also the owner, specializes in authentic delectable sauce, raw creativity and, of course, the art of pasta. Whether you're in the mood for a cocktail or wine, their full bar or 300-bottle wine rack will have you covered.

Moonflower

4359 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-647-1942

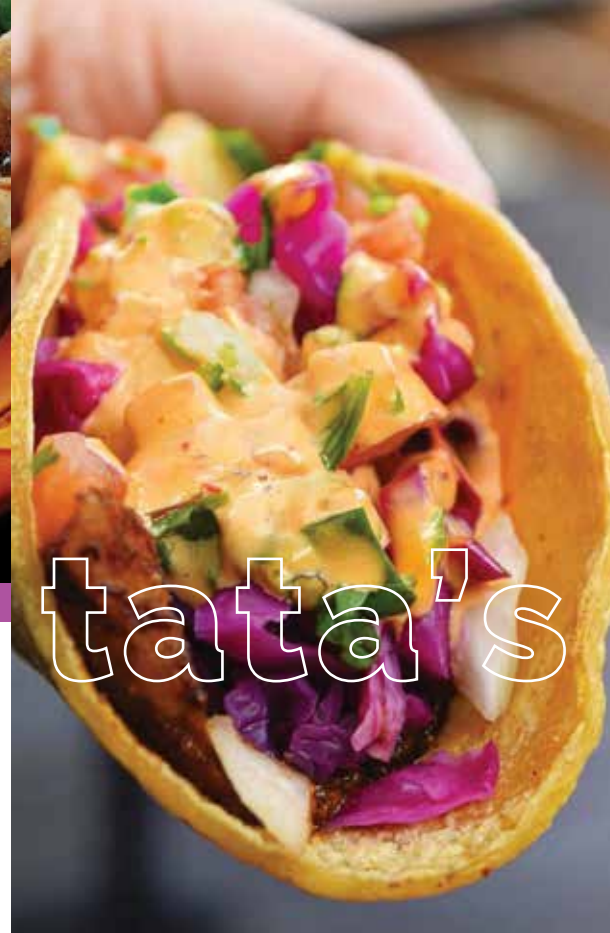
The area's newest bar, Moonflower, arranges its cocktails front and center, but the food selection and beer menu are wonderful accents to the bouquet. Try cocktails with curious ingredients such as raspberry-goldsaft syrup, jalepeño-infused tequila and Korean soda. Enjoy the soups, salads, sandwiches and shareables menu in an environment decorated with plants from a local plant shop. *(And they're available for purchase!)*

pasta d'arte





tata's tacos



Tank Sushi

4706 W Irving Park Rd 708-667-0252

Tank Kitchen & Bar is the young offspring of the 20-year institution owned by the Ly family in Chicago's Uptown, and quality has definitely been handed down. Whether it's the tender pho, crispy egg rolls or boba topped with fresh fruit, modern cuisine with generational roots is on the menu. Enjoy the pun of ordering a Pho Jito or a Tank Me Later.

Shokran Authentic Moroccan Cuisine

4027 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-427-9130

Just steps from the Irving Park Blue Line stop, chef and owner Khalid Kamal presents authentic Moroccan cuisine and a unique culinary experience. With abundant and diversely fragrant Tagines, rich stews in traditional Berber clay pots, fluffy couscous plates, distinctive appetizers, salads and grilled meats, Shokran is a feast for your senses. BYOB.

La Peña

4212 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-545-7022

For 20 years, the Castillo family has been recreating the taste of Ecuador in Chicago! Recommended dishes include ceviche, pincho de pollo with chimichurri, and hurrasco, a platter of thinly sliced grilled steak, fried egg, avocado and rice. And after a fine meal, stay for the energetic live music.

Tatas Tacos

4929 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-685-6002

5700 W. Irving Park Rd. 312-672-6783

Two delicious locations! You can get traditional tacos here (steak, shrimp, al pastor) but let your eyes wander down to the Frida, the Tijuana Birria and the Kraken. That's where the real fun begins at Tatas. Both locations feature outdoor seating, and the 5700 W. Irving Park location has rooftop dining that will make you feel like you're on vacation, especially with a Tatas margarita in your hand.

Legno

4250 N. Central Ave. 773-736-2354

This Italian gastropub offers new takes on traditional recipes served in a modern yet cozy atmosphere. The Legno burger features Calabrese aioli. The Legno Mac and Cheese is flavored with a four-cheese blend. The drinks menu delights with a full range of cocktails, wine and beer. Outdoor seating is an added bonus during warmer months.

Las Tablas

4920 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-202-0999

Chicago's first Colombian steakhouse, Las Tablas features South American cocktails, tapas-style appetizers, paella, homemade desserts, and dishes from Havana, Rio, Barcelona and beyond. Choose from a mix of modern, bold and seductive flavors from the whole Latin world. The Six Corners Las Tablas location has been entertaining adventurous spirits since 1999 not just with food but also with live music late into the night.

Tank Sushi



Legno



Barry Sorkin
Smoque BBQ

top BYOB's



Hot Woks
Cool Sushi



The Northwest Side is a dining destination with something delicious for every appetite, schedule and budget. We have you covered for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, and dessert.

Peru Criollo



Junebug Cafe



Smoque BBQ

3800 N. Pulaski Rd. 773-545-7427

A favorite of locals and tourists alike, Smoque brings real hardwood smoked brisket, ribs, pulled pork, chicken and homemade sides to Old Irving Park. This ultra-casual BYOB eatery – started by five friends who love BBQ – has been featured on Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, and has earned the Michelin Guide's coveted Bib Gourmand award along with plaudits from the Chicago Reader, Zagat and The New York Times Gourmand award for consecutive years.

Ruk Sushi & Thai

4431 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-286-1900

Come experience the flavors of Japanese and Thai cuisine offered at this Jefferson Park area lunch and dinner spot. Neighborhood favorites include, succulent sushi and maki (both traditional and contemporary), as well as zesty Thai specialties like Pad Thai and a variety of flavorful noodles and curry dishes. If you don't BYOB, you can choose from teas and Thai coffee selections.

Junebug Cafe

4042 N Milwaukee Ave 773-930-3265

Moving just around the corner from Irving Park to Milwaukee has opened a whole new world of tastes to the Junebug Cafe menu. Rice bowls, biscuits and muffuletta have been piled on to the already excellent beignets, meat pies and gumbo. The owners draw from their family's French Creole heritage and "Granny's" recipes to serve up Louisiana home-style cookin'. Wash that powered-sugar-coated beignet down with Dark Matter coffee, and you'll be letting the good times roll!

Peru Criollo

3938 N Cicero Ave. 773-628-7220

Through this unassuming storefront, you'll be transported to a rare taste of Peruvian culture. Steak, potatoes, corn and seafood will, of course, be familiar but you'll be joyously surprised by new spices and the ceviche-style of fish prep.. Peru Criollo's ambience is completed by striking oversized murals of a pan flute player, a horse rider and a peeping llama. BYOB.

Frank's Chicago Shrimp

5052 W. Irving Park Rd. 773- 286-2533

This casual counter-service joint is the place to go for a quick, delicious bite of seafood. From shrimp to catfish to even frog legs, Frank's serves generous portions with sides of more deep-fried goodness. Try the Chicago-style shrimp for a little more flavor in the breading.

Hot Woks Cool Sushi

3930 N. Pulaski Rd. 773-282-1818

Tucked away near the Kennedy Expressway, this Asian-fusion hot spot looks unassuming, but you'll be wowed when your plate of expertly made sushi arrives. Whether you like your sushi served in the sashimi style, maki or Hawaiian poke bowls, Hot Woks Cool Sushi will not disappoint. Be sure to save room for Mochi Ice Cream or Mango Pudding!

Cafe Marbella

5527 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-853-0128

Gladstone Park's delightful tapas restaurant charms the Northwest Side with its blissful European ambiance. Cafe Marbella's attentive waitstaff welcomes adventurous newcomers and seasoned guests alike for intimate conversation or group accommodations. Chef Virgilio will dazzle your taste buds with his masterful Gambas al Ajillo, Gazpacho Andaluz, Tortilla Espanola and other favorites. Don't forget to bring a bottle of wine!

Hands On Sushi

5056 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-205-8335
7117 W. Addison St. 773-777-1000

With names like Machu Pichu Maki, Golden Gate Maki and Blackhawk Maki, Hands On lives up to its claim to serve a "contemporary style of Thai and sushi." The style is modern but the taste has that timeless quality of just making your mouth and stomach happy. The modern-meets-classic ambience also comes through in the orange on black dining room. Don't leave without trying the traditional Thai Taro Custard or the more contemporary Double Chocolate Cheesecake.

Easy Street Pizza & Beer Garden

The Booze Hound

Find your perfect pour.

Get the inside scoop on the best brews in town, served with hometown hop-spitality.

watering holes

Easy Street Pizza & Beer Garden

3750 N. Central Ave. 773-993-0464

Whether you order the cheesy pub-style or the sauce-topped deep dish style, your taste buds will be on Easy Street headed to Thrillville. And the experience only gets better when you can enjoy a pizza or one of their old-school diner burgers in the backyard beer garden. And if you want to try a non-traditional pizza, check out the East Street specialty pizzas such as the Mac-N-Cheese and the Hot Hawaiian.

The Booze Hound

3734 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-736-1010

A solitary brick building next to the Grayland Metra station on Milwaukee Avenue, the Booze Hound welcomes drinkers and dogs to its unassuming establishment. This dog-friendly tavern offers a wide selection of domestic and craft brews for people and offers a bowl of "Lake Michigan on the rocks" for four-legged guests. No food menu but you can order in.

Sutherland's Food & Spirits

5353 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-930-4790

This casual eatery is named after one of the founding fathers of Portage Park, E.B. Sutherland, who in 1841, established the first tavern along the Northwest Plank Road, which is today's Milwaukee Avenue. Sutherland's offers a wide-ranging menu including wings, hummus, burgers and salad wraps in an atmosphere that is OK for kids.

The Garage

6154 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-647-1386

On nicer days, The Garage throws open its overhead door, and everyday, offers mouthwatering sandwiches, an impressive beer selection, and a kitchen that stays open late. Saunter in anytime to catch a game on the big screen, challenge your friends to darts, or enjoy Gladstone Park from the neighborhood's only rooftop deck.

Rabbits Bar

4945 W. Foster Ave. 773-736-5766

Get back to basics at Rabbits: neighborhood conversation, friendly atmosphere, amazing pub food – including 1/2-lb. burgers – and 50+ beers to suit everyone's tastes. Stop in after work, and after saying "Hi" to owners Mary and Joe, enjoy top-notch bar food, daily specials, and weekly trivia. It's truly the place where neighbors meet.

MCM Pub & Grill

3906 N. Cicero Ave. 773-736-2644

This casual pub serves up meaty burgers and classic bar food alongside cold beers, and then morphs into a party pub after dinner. The front bar –with windows that open in good weather – is perfect for hanging out and watching a game on the numerous screens. Later on, the back bar gets hopping with dance music or karaoke depending on the night.



Sutherland's

Rabbits Bar



best brews

Gracie O'Malley's

4058 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-930-3307

With its large wrap-around bar being conducive to socializing, one could easily while away an afternoon and evening at Gracie O'Malley's – not that there's anything wrong with that. When it's time to switch from liquids to food, check out the Spicy Pimento Dip or the ½-pound Gracie O burger. Plenty of TVs for sports enthusiasts, and in nice weather, outdoor seating will also make you want stay a while.

Windsor Tap

4530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-736-3400

This cozy Jefferson Park spot features a dark wood interior, friendly staff and a tasty menu that includes all your pub food favorites. Locals rave about the pizza. The former three-season beer garden is now fully enclosed and very comfortable year round with a fireplace. You can still get that outdoor feel from the shaded parkway seating during warmer months.

Vaughan's Pub & Grill

5485 N. Northwest Hwy. 773-631-9206

Slide into one of Vaughn's cozy booths and while away an evening with friends over Irish fare washed down with a pint of Guinness or a Smithwick's. Vaughn's unique offerings include Curry Fries and an All Day Irish Breakfast, but you can't go wrong with the more traditional Fish & Chips or Shepherd's Pie. This kid-friendly family-owned institution will leave you feeling lucky as a leprechaun that you tried it out.

Rex Tavern

4933 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-202-9444

Rex Tavern welcomes friendly dogs and travelers alike into the heart of Jefferson Park mere steps from the transit center. Known for their wide selection of craft beer and their well-crafted cocktails, this comfortable, easily accessible bar emphasizes its dog-friendliness with the motto: Come. Sit. Drink. There's no food menu but steps away are Gorilla Sushi and Gale Street Inn.

Galvin's Public House

5901 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-205-0570

Huffington Post didn't rate Galvin's as the "2nd Most Authentic Irish Pub in the Country" for nothing. Stroll inside this Jefferson Park spot with an inn-like feel to cozy up beside their stone hearth with a pint. Enjoy classic Irish fare such as their delectable shepherd's pie, fish and chips or bangers and mash. Plentiful outdoor seating in the back, weather permitting.

Fifth Province Pub

4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035

The Fifth Province Pub provides a taste of Irish food, drink and culture tucked within the walls of the Irish American Heritage Center. The tradesworkers crafted Fifth Province to remind them of pubs from the Old Sod. The pub, which is open only from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, serves excellent burgers, fish & chips and shepherd's pie. And if the live music doesn't get your toes tapping, the 30 Irish whiskys on the menu sure will.

Babe's on Milwaukee

4416 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-545-3137

A classic neighborhood bar, Babe's is a place where you can walk in a stranger, but by the end of the night, the bartenders are sassing you like a regular. Another nice feature of Babe's is that it's easy on the wallet. Head out the back to the beer garden to enjoy your beer in the sunshine.



Rex Tavern



Marian Sherrell Haas
Rep Chi

Rep Chi - Replica Chicago, Inc.

4425 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-696-1992

Eco-friendly indie shop meets artisan paradise! This store wears its Chicago pride on its sleeve, its T-shirts, its glassware and basically any printable surface. You'll find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone from your boss to your kid to your new neighbor. They also offer full-range printing services and an extensive selection of handmade local art that you'd only expect to find at Chicago's hippest street festivals.

Superdawg

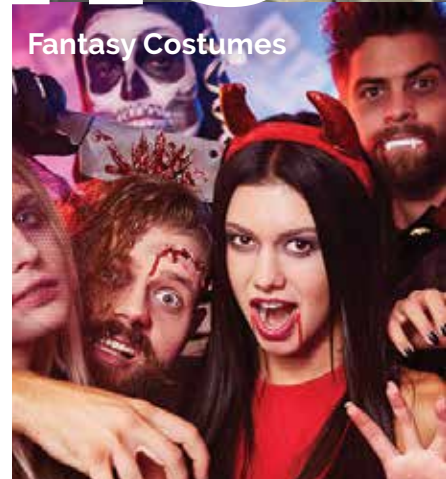
6363 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-763-0660

The iconic Mr. and Mrs. Superdawg hot dog figures on the roof signal to everyone, "You've found the right place." And the quality beef hotdog topped with bright green relish signals, "You've found the right hot dawg!" Superdawg's drive-up carhop service takes you back to the simple times when a hot dog and fries in your car with your favorite song on the radio was all it took to be happy.

Fantasy Costume

4065 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-777-0222

The #1 costume store in Chicago — one city block long and over one million items in stock! Halloween is just the beginning, with historic, classic, Mardi Gras and fantasy costumes rounding out their collection. Theatrical makeup and a room full of wigs will finish the look you desire. Rentals are available for parties or productions.



Superdawg



Kelsey Haywood
haywoodmade

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4942 W. Irving Park Rd. 312-380-9311

When you're looking for just the right touch for your home decor, haywoodmade is the place to be. Owner Kelsey Haywood grew up around nature and watched her father use his hands to create. Now she looks for that same elegant handmade aesthetic in all the rugs, glassware, scented candles and many other curated items in her shop.

Schoolhouse Kitchen

4410 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-647-1165

Think of it as a School of Rock for cooking with owner Cheryl Knecht exuding Jack Black's enthusiasm. Knecht and her team of seasoned chefs teach classes such as Teen Super Club, Cinnabon Rolls and Knife Skills in the space's full kitchen. Schoolhouse should be on your menu whether you're an adult trying to spice up your cooking or you're looking to boost your kid's kitchen confidence.

Distinct Bath & Body

4046 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-930-4420

This shop is the bomb – bath bomb, that is. Distinct Bath & Body is not just a soap shop, but they make all the soaps on site in small batches. For the body, Distinct also carries beard grooming supplies, face care and candles. And if you really want to work your soap knowledge into a lather, take one of the soap-making classes taught by Sam, the owner.

Sunnyside Plants

4800 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-336-2558

Looking for a new plant friend? Sunnyside Plants is your matchmaker. The staff knows which plant fits your space and skill level to make sure you enjoy a long-term relationship. Just entering the store is like walking into the calming atmosphere of a conservatory. And even if you're not looking for a friend, plants make a unique gift if you want to introduce your friend to a new plant.

Bloomin' Spindle

5359 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-930-4914

Bloomin' Spindle owner Robin Hagen fosters a warmly knit community spirit during expertly taught classes for all skill levels. There's also weekly "Knit Alongs" to just hang out and knit. And if you're a skein shy, don't worry. Bloomin' Spindle offers up a rainbow of yarn of all textures to supply your knitting needs.

Peace Love and Pickin'

4859 W. Irving Park Road 312-931-5829

Owners Shannon and Rodney Shaffer turned their collecting hobby into a business, and now it's your chance to get in on the vintage fun. Filled with the two floors of treasures found during their years of travel, you'll find unique housewares, furniture and decor. Whether you're into retro, chasing nostalgia or looking for decorations off the beaten path, you'll find some peace and love here.

Howling Pages

4354 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A lifelong comic book fan, Portage Park resident Alain Park wants to share his passion with his neighbors. With other shops already covering DC and Marvel, Howling Pages features graphic novels, indie comics and printed art. Check their website and social media for in-store events for kids, classes and make-your-own-comics sessions.

Tone Deaf Records

4356 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-372-6643

On the Northwest Side, Tone Deaf is the place to go for vinyl collecting. In addition to new vinyl, they also carry reasonably priced used vinyl, including thousands in discount bins for those who enjoy the hunt. Tony, the friendly owner, will help with your search or place an order for you. Tone Deaf even holds in-store shows. Check social media for dates.

Catalina Plant Co.

5920 W. Lawrence Ave. 312-476-9873

Catalina owner Chris's plant passion comes through whether he is guiding beginners or green thumbs. And he further shows this passion by assembling an amazing variety of plants that nature has devised for their sole job of turning sunlight into energy. So if you're a sucker for succulents or a fan of ferns, Catalina Plant is for you.

Uppie Yuppy

4835 W. Irving Park Road 872-946-7777

Uppie Yuppy is a family-run play area opened by parents of toddlers, so you know everything is kid-tested. Colorful bounce houses, inflatable hamster wheels and trampolines fill the large open space. After running around, your little star can don a costume and perform on the stage. Private party rooms available. For ages 1-12, including those with special needs and nanny groups.



Ciao Ciao Gelato

**Drink, dine, and shop locally
and support a thriving indie culture
here on the Northwest Side.**

Breakfast House

local favorites

Ciao Ciao Gelato

5355 W. Irving Park Road 708-667-0464

Gelato is just the start at this coffee shop that brings a touch of Italy to Portage Park. After your eyes feast on the gelato flavors, have your mouth say "buon giorno" to the cannoli, sorbet, biscotti and other Italian pastries. Whether dining inside or al fresco, pair your sweet treat with a soul-filling espresso or coffee.

Breakfast House

**4328 W. Irving Park Road 773-628-7145
3350 N. Harlem Ave. 773-417-2066**

With comfort foods made from fresh ingredients, Breakfast House serves a morning meal that fills you up without weighing you down. In addition to classics like pancakes, eggs and hash, you'll find the Supreme Chorizo Hash, Egg White Frittata and House Made Granola. For later diners, sandwiches, wraps and burgers are in the wrong house, but are still very welcome.

Cosmic Bikes

4641 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-930-4076

Whether you're commuting around town or setting off on a two-wheeled international adventure, Cosmic has your bike. The airy shop across the street from Wilson Park stocks a selection of bikes, especially folding bikes, which owner Justyna rides herself. Also, stop by for bike parts or a tune-up to ride off on your next adventure.

North Chicago Subs

4309 N. Milwaukee Ave. 224-616-2113

From the Chi Town to the Corned Beef to the Veggie, there's a sub for everyone at North Chicago Subs. Everything is made-to-order with fresh ingredients at this mom-and-pop shop. And if you're not in the mood for a sub, go for a classic Chicago dog instead. Enjoy your meal with a shake, and add an ice cream treat for dessert.

Murphy's Sandwich Shop

4944 W. Irving Park Road 773-853-0915

Murphy's Sandwich Shop is bringing back the old-school deli with classics like pastrami on rye, corned beef and tuna. And when you order with a cherry-topped shake, it'll feel like you're at an old-school soda fountain. Kudos to husband-wife team, Chris Murphy and Jacqueline Mancias-Murphy (who also run Junebug Cafe on Milwaukee Ave!), for bringing this classic back.

Bistro 6050

6050 W. Irving Park Rd. 872-946-7086

At this Portage Park bistro, empanada pockets are filled with creative fillings that are a new take on this traditional food. A little French influence here. A little Peruvian or Asian influence there. The international flavors unite in a single language, saying: Delicious. Beyond the empanadas, there's soups, burgers and crepes. The bubble tea is a dessert in itself or try a proper dessert with house-made ice cream flavors such as roasted pistachio, passion fruit or Oh My Chocolate made with a Belgium import.

Brgrbelly

5739 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-283-7880

These burgers seem gourmet but the atmosphere is so casual that the label doesn't fit. Anyway, once you get your house-ground chuck, smoked pork belly, homemade buns and daily hand-cut fries, the debate won't matter. Wash the meal down with a craft beer or a hand-spun shake that comes in boozy and non-boozy flavors. Their signature butter cookie drizzled with chocolate and crushed pecans is so good that you need to get it to go if your belly is full of "brgr".

The Alps

3637 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-267-5112

Look for a classic, affordable menu of breakfast and lunch favorites such as pancakes, waffles, crepes, blintzes, omelets, skillet, burgers, hot and cold sandwiches, and homemade soups.

Fry the Coop

4300 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-853-2412

Fry The Coop has brought Nashville to the Northwest Side with six levels of hot chicken sandwiches, ranging from the no-spice Country to Medium to on-fire Insanity. This counter-service joint is mostly to-go but has indoor stools and an outdoor patio. For your side, the local fav is the Messy Fries, which come with pickle slices and is covered in a tangy sauce.

Chicago Taco Authority

4219 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-282-8226

Adorned with logos, artifacts and public-transit related art, Chicago Taco Authority – located just off the Blue Line – really delivers. Traditional tacos are available as well as such gourmet offerings as Chicken Tinga and Tropical Shrimp. Not in a taco mood? You're next stop on the menu should be the pozole or burritos. Or just take an express to the desserts of chocolate-dipped churros and house-made flan.

Brgrbelly

Bistro 6050

Chicago Taco
Authority

Jose Bustos
Chicago Taco Authority

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Weston's Coffee & Tap Co.



Salud Kitchen



Jefferson Park People's Spot



Weston's Coffee & Tap Co.



Eat inside or dine al fresco!
You've got options – patios,
beer gardens, and tucked
away people spaces. Enjoy
handcrafted cocktails and
local craft beers on tap.
Whether you walk, bike or
drive, you'll find plenty of
parking or bike corals.

Weston's Coffee & Tap Co.

4872 N. Milwaukee Ave. 708-669-7625

Just steps from the Jefferson Park Transit Center, grab a sandwich and coffee from Weston's on the way to work then grab a beer or glass of wine on the way home. What could be better? The fact that the alley next to Weston's has been converted into a public space for outdoor dining and entertainment. Menu specialties include Prosciutto Toast, Avocado Burrito and any made-to-order panini.

Salud Kitchen

5044 W. Montrose Ave. 847-268-4158

A lively addition to the Montrose/Milwaukee district, Salud spices up the usual taco menu with Elote Mac-n-Cheese and Ramen Birria. That last one is so spicy, have horchata ready to cool your tongue. As you ponder adding loaded Asada Fries to your order, admire the larger-than-life painting of a traditional Mexican dancer in a vivid blue dress that morphs into wings.

Weston's Coffee & Tap Co.



Earl's BBQ



Amitabul

6207 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-774-0276

Known for their full-flavored dishes, Korean cuisine, and joyful atmosphere, Amitabul's meat-free menu is sure to satisfy any herbivore's hunger. Warm your hands and ward off illness with their famous Dr. K's Cure All Noodle Soup, and don't forget to try their Jade Maki or the spicy Yin and Yan. Amitabul makes eating vegan simple...and delicious.

Smakosz Restaurant

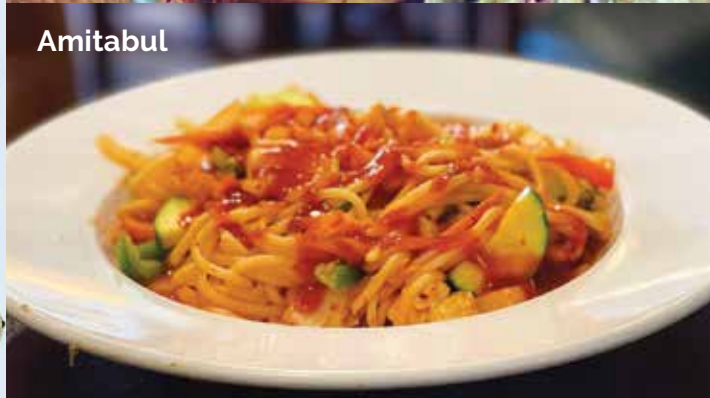
5619 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-205-1771

Step inside and enjoy the homey, cozy ambiance while you indulge in generous portions of goulash, pierogis, potato pancakes and other traditional fare. You can taste it in the food, but you can also tell by the sounds of Polish spoken at other tables that Smakosz is the real Polish deal.

Smakosz Restaurant



Amitabul



Earl's BBQ

4835 N. Austin Ave. 773-628-7870

Will your mouth water more from brisket or donuts? Does it matter? Earl's smokes their meat on-site daily and serves it up in a roadhouse-style dining room. A drive-up window is also available. In addition to brisket, check out the rib tips, wings and polish sausage. The sugar-cinnamon donuts, by the way, are made-to-order and served warm.

El Asadero Colombiano

4800 N. Central Ave. 847-268-4158

The enormous roaster loaded with dozens of skewered whole chickens is a sight to behold as are the entree platters filled with rice, beans, plantains and your choice of meat flavored with Colombian spices. Arepa, yuca and golden potatoes also pair well with the meats, which include rabbit, at this family-owned full-service BYOB open since 2019.

Maximum Distractions



Hagen's Fish Market

5635 W. Montrose Ave. 773-283-1944

Hagen's has been smoking and selling fish on the Northwest Side since before most of the homes surrounding the shop were built. This third-generation family business offers top-quality cuts to cook at home and deep-fried fish made-to-order. While you wait, check out the shelves for seafood recipes as well as the ingredients to make them.

Maximum Distractions

4405 N. Milwaukee Ave. 708-320-2535

Head over to Maximum Distractions to spend an hour or two browsing the seemingly endless comics or ask Grant for a few recommendations. He knows his comics. While you're looking for comics, you might get distracted by the wall full of tabletop games. And for another distraction, ask about the weekly gaming events.

Wildlight Yoga

4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-729-6063

The Wildlight mission is to "guide free spirits toward safety in their bodies and ease in their minds to confidently explore lives of abundance, freedom and adventure." That might seem like a tall order for downward dog and chair pose, but once you enter the welcoming Wildlight space and learn from the supportive staff, you'll begin to understand the journey.

Hagen's Fish Market



Wildlight Yoga



Dobra Bielinski Delightful Pastries



sweets

Delightful Pastries

5927 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-545-7215

This bakery has been prepping sweet treats made with local, all-natural ingredients since 1998. European pastries are the focus, including tortes, paczki (Polish doughnuts), marzipan beignets, Viennese almond crescents and Linzer cookies. Savory options include lamb pie and the ever-popular pierogi.

Lovin' Scoop

4032 N. Milwaukee Ave. 708-982-9684

The smart folks at Lovin' Scoop took a kid's room and simply added an ice cream station. Simple and Genius! This Six Corners spot provides space and toys to play while everyone enjoys their Cookie Dough, Rocky Road or so many more. Sundaes, shakes and coffee are also available.

Ix-chel Chicago

4968 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-709-8790

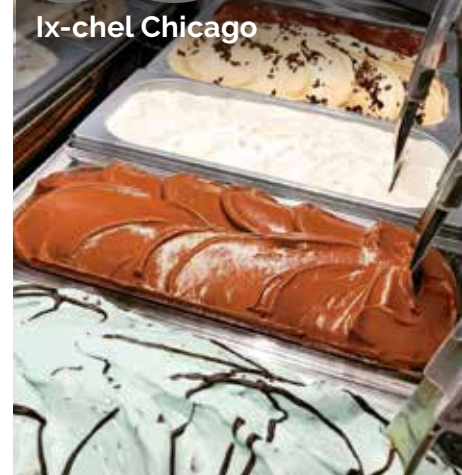
NW Siders flock to Ix-chel for classic gelato flavors such as Hazelnut and Limoncello and get wowed by Mayan Chocolate, Gumball and Key Lime Pie. Try the gelato in traditional cups or in popsicle form. Ix-Chel shuts down for the winter, so locals buy pints to ration until spring. Enjoy the cool treats in the outdoor seating area.

Sweet Dragon Boba Tea

4800 W. Irving Park Road 773-853-0583

Jump on the boba tea craze at this new Six Corners establishment where you can sit under perpetually flowering cherry trees. Mix up to three of numerous flavors ranging from standards to rose, cotton candy and spiced chai watermelon. In addition to tea, the food menu satisfies with hand-crafted panini, fries or wings. Don't rush out without a sugar rush of their Jelly Belly offerings.

Ix-chel Chicago



Lovin' Scoop



Sweet Dragon



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Summer

Fests & Concerts

Windy City Hot Dog Festival

4000 block of Milwaukee Ave.

All the best hot dog stands gather annually at Six Corners, competing to stand out among the judges. The best part is, you get to be the judge! Sample the frankfurters while you enjoy live music or stroll the arts & crafts vendor booths. Plus, there's a play area for the kids. The award for outstanding hot dog stand is presented during a Sunday parade.



6 Corners Candlelight Concerts

www.sixcorners.com

Like random acts of kindness, the Six Corners Association's Candlelight Concert Series is an occasional event that will leave with you a smile. The concerts are usually held in the evening (hence the candlelight) in partnership with local businesses. Check the Six Corners Association's website and social media for announcements.



Jeff Park Arts & Music Fest

Jefferson Memorial Park, 4822 N. Long Ave.

www.chicagoevents.com/events/jeff-fest/

This festival occupies one of the city's premiere regional parks. The historic Jefferson Memorial Park rocks with a wide range of food trucks, a farmers' market, and local artisans. Families and fest-goers can push their strollers on wide sidewalks or spread a blanket on the lawn to listen to live music on two stages. Kids' area games, pop-up performances and running into neighbors conjure the magic of summertime.



Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Fest

4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035

Avoid the rush of St. Patrick's Day by heading over to the Irish American Heritage Center for their annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Festival held in mid-September. This Friday-Sunday fest features the best in local pub bands with your favorite Irish food and drink all weekend! For details including times and the band lineup, go to www.irish-american.org.



Taste of Polonia

Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave.

www.TopChicago.org

Celebrating a rich history of Polish culture in Chicago, Taste of Polonia is the largest Polish festival in the country. Thousands gather in and around the Copernicus Center every Labor Day weekend for live entertainment, non-stop music across five stages, cold imports, and authentic Polish food. Children enjoy the annual carnival and their very own game area. Na zdrowie!



Gift Theatre Co.
Michael Patrick Thornton

The Gift Theatre Company



The Gift Theatre Company

www.thegifttheatre.org 773-283 7071

Founded by Jeff Park native Michael Patrick Thornton (ABC's "Private Practice"), The Gift has pioneered theatre on the Northwest Side for two decades. Known for daringly emotional performances, they are one of Chicago's most respected ensembles. The Gift ensemble cast will stage plays throughout the Chicago area until work is complete on their new, larger home in Jefferson Park.



Filament Theatre

4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-270-1660

This Six Corner's creative force leads audiences through lovingly crafted performances with an emphasis on children's theater. From their cardboard box playground to their unique interpretation of fairy tales, Filament's soaring vision activates the imaginations of young and old alike!



Where
families
come to
play!



National Veterans Art Museum

4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-326-0270

NVAM is dedicated to inspiring greater understanding of war's real impact through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art created by veterans' explorations of combat's emotional legacy. Exhibits change throughout the year often in conjunction with Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. One visit might feature selections by female veteran artists while another visit might feature "The Things They Carried" project, which centers around Vietnam soldiers personal items and experiences. No matter what's on display, a visit to NVAM will be a moving experience.

Artorium

5719 N. Milwaukee Ave. 847-909-8684

If you are looking for art lessons for yourself or your children, this is the place to go! The founder, Master Sculptor Stefan Niedorezo, passed away in 2019, but his spirit lives on in this family-run studio where one can study drawing, painting, sculpting, weaving and computer design, all in one beautiful, comfortable space. Open to ages 5 and up.

Chicago Sip & Paint

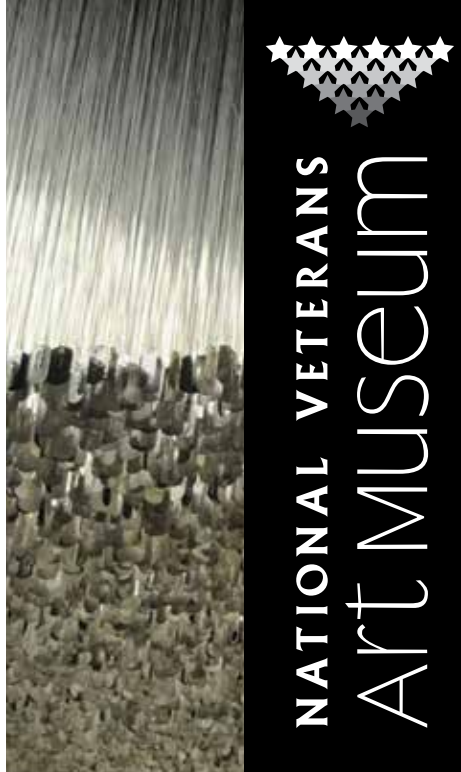
4412 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-562-9500

Ever wondered if you're the next Kahlo or Banksy? Paint & Sip offers a fun way to find out. Owner Lily will walk you through re-creating a painting of your choice while you sip on the drink of your choice. The canvases, paints and brushes are provided. You bring the drinks and your imagination. Great spot for catered private parties.

ABC Dance Academy

4444 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-777-8484

A joyous place to learn to enjoy dance, ABC Dance fills its studios with the happy feet of children trying out hip-hop, ballet, tap, rhythmic gymnastics, ballroom, salsa and much more. Some adult classes and private lessons are available along with zumba exercise classes. ABC Dance opened in 2007 at a different location and moved to this Portage Park location to expand.



Triple R Gallery

5031 W. Montrose Ave. 773-960-1998

The three R's at this gallery stand for restoring the idea of art, repurposed items and reimagining art. The fourth R, owner Riah Dunton, opened a relaxed, welcoming gallery in 2021 to fulfill her dream of re-introducing original art to people's lives. Stop in to take in art in many styles and forms, including painting, sculptures and purses. With an emphasis on local artists, Triple R holds an artist reception (another R word!) on the first Friday of the month.



Facility: Nick Cave's Studio

3616 N. Milwaukee Ave. www.facilitychicago.org

"Facility" is the name of world-renowned sculptor Nick Cave's studio that he located in Old Irving Park in 2018. In addition to being Cave's residence, the space serves as a creative hub for other artists, artisans, designers and architects. Cave is most famous for his Soundsuits, which are textile-based sculptures that can be displayed and worn. The first-floor windows are often used for art displays involving the community.



Nick Cave



ARTS

The Copernicus Center



Culture

The Copernicus Center

5216 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-777-8898

This lavish 1,850-seat theater is built in the old tradition of golden porticoes and stars on the ceiling. The center serves the metropolitan Chicago area as a major civic, cultural, educational and entertainment resource for the Polish community as well as general audiences.

The Patio Theater

6008 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-685-4291

The Patio Theater is a movie palace of the bygone era, lovingly restored in the grand tradition, with one giant screen under a simulated blue sky, flickering stars and moving clouds. Come and see movies at discounted prices or catch a live music show!

Portage Theater

4050 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-736-4050

This classic landmarked building, with its elaborate terra cotta arch, should be the star of the many movies it has shown through the years. The 1,200-seat auditorium was beautifully restored by new owners in the 2000s and has been used as a vintage movie-theater set. Come by to admire the art deco facade. Hopes are high that the theater will reopen soon.



Irish American Heritage Center

4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035

Just off the Eden's expressway, the IAHC celebrates Irish culture on the Northwest Side. The halls and stairwells are lovingly decorated with intricate Celtic and original designs connecting libraries, galleries, banquet rooms, a gift shop and Fifth Province Pub. The IAHC hosts nearly a dozen festivals and events throughout the year.



I.A.H.C.

2112 Inc.

4245 N. Knox Ave. 312-300-7996

This business – hidden down an industrial corridor south of Montrose Avenue – is a treasure of co-working and shared space located inside Fort Knox Studios. Beyond the physical space, 2112 offers the chance to connect with a world-class mentor, attend a presentation at 2112's Center for Creative Entrepreneurship and maybe even bump into a popular musician recording in the Fort Knox Studios.

Ed Paschke Center

5415 W. Higgins Ave. 312-533-4911

Visual artist Ed Paschke grew up on the Northwest Side, so it was fitting that a museum showcasing his work would be located here. The museum features a rotating display of Paschke originals in all their startling, vibrant neon colors. Paschke's style is explained in a 30-minute documentary and you can explore a recreation of his Rogers Park studio. Classes and lectures are also offered.



2112

Ed Paschke Center



Eris Brewery & Cider House



Whether you sit down for a craft pint or fill a growler to-go, you'll find a style to meet your taste at our local brewers.



Breweries

Eris Brewery & Cider House

4240 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-943-6200

From the comfortable foyer to the vegan/gluten-free friendly menu to the Eris silhouette topping the building, the creativity and welcoming spirit of Eris owners Michelle Folk and Katy Pizza are everywhere. The brewery, which was carved out of an old Masonic Lodge with Herculean effort by Folk and Pizza, features award-winning ciders, of course, but the menu - including Creamy Curry Fries, Pork Belly Gyros and Salmon with Quinoa does not settle for second place to the beer. Heated outdoor seating available. Kid friendly.

Old Irving Brewery

4419 W. Montrose Ave. 773-916-6421

With a nice view of the OIB vats, tip back a beer and share some eats with friends at a bar that USA Today named one of the top ten brewpubs in America. Brewing original recipes such as Beezer, Rat Pack and Krampus Cookies since 2016, OIB also has a menu several notches higher than bar food. Forget the Bloody Mary for brunch, try one of OIB's citrus beers. You can even bring the youngsters to this kid-friendly beer hall.

Printer's Row Brewing

4801 N. Austin Ave. 773-657-3224

PRB started in the South Loop and has landed solidly here as the newest NW Side brewery. The brews range from the heavier Cannonball Porter and Out of Sorts brown ale to the lighter 81 West and citrus-y Party Parrot. There's a cozy indoor seating area with a small menu as well as a few outdoor tables. On special occasions, PRB closes the adjacent side street for a mini-fest with a neighborhood block party feel.



Printer's Row Brewery



Old Irving Brewery



The Printer's Row Brew Team

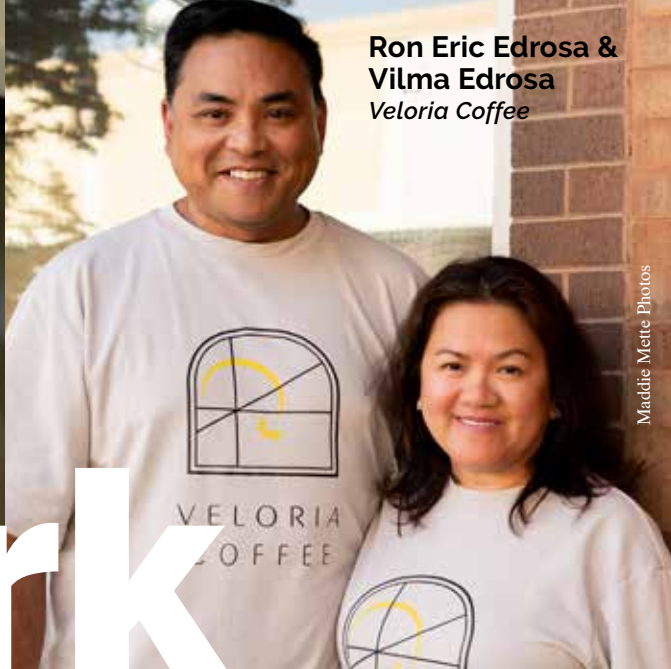


Printer's Row Brewery

Veloria Coffee



Ron Eric Edrosa & Vilma Edrosa
Veloria Coffee



Veloria Coffee

3936 N. Cicero Ave.
www.veloriacoffee.com

Husband-and-wife team, Ron and Vilma, import coffees from around the world then roast them to produce unique flavors and experiences. The shop is truly a family affair with the name "Veloria" coming from Vilma's middle name, which is her mother's first name.

Perkolator

6032 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-853-2261

The aroma of locally roasted beans and handmade pastries beckons passersby inward from Portage Park's bustling Irving Park Rd. Sink into the warm, intoxicating atmosphere where your daily cuppa steams in hand-tossed mugs. It's easy to get lost in this down-to-earth cafe when neighborhood art and live music converge.

Portage Grounds

5501 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-627-1549

Stroll into this Portage Park coffee house for direct trade, locally roasted coffee, locally baked pastries, and a variety of teas. For almost a decade, Portage Grounds has been a family-owned community space where neighbors work, relax, and socialize. Gather 'round their cozy fireplace or kick back on the spacious outdoor patio. The modern and welcoming space offers free wi-fi and a multipurpose conference room.

T.O.C. Coffee Roaster

4801 W. Montrose Ave. 773-709-7040

The name is short for Taste of Colombia, and you'll enjoy the aroma of Columbia before you even walk through the door of this Portage Park roaster, which opened in 2013. Once inside, you might hear the sounds of the roasters then you're ready to enjoy the tastes of their coffee, sandwiches and pastries.

Weston's Coffee & Tap Co.

4872 N. Milwaukee Ave. 708-669-7625

Just steps from the Jefferson Park Transit Center, grab a sandwich and coffee from Weston's on the way to work then grab a beer or glass of wine on the way home. What could be better? The fact that the alley next to Weston's has been converted into a public space for outdoor dining and entertainment. Menu specialties include Prosciutto Toast, Avocado Burrito and any made-to-order panini.

City Newsstand & Cafe

4018 N. Cicero Ave. 773-545-7377

Is there anything better than a hot cup o'Joe and a good read? Come relax with the freshest Uncommon Grounds coffee or espresso as well as delicious homemade cookies and truffles. Then choose from a multitude of newspapers and 5,000 magazines. While you enjoy your coffee, you can people-watch on Cicero Avenue or perhaps enjoy acoustic performances in the café. Open seven days a week 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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Portage Grounds



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A collage of various local events and activities, including a poster for "Chicken & Beer DANCE", a photo of a red bus, a poster for "MERCH MADNES BRACKET CHALLENGE", a photo of people in costumes, a photo of a man and a woman in costumes, a photo of a woman playing guitar, and a photo of a large crowd at night.

Find out about all of the great happenings throughout the year!

Sign up for the newsletter and check us out on social media.

Find your way to one of our local establishments to pick up your Northwest Side Guide and be part of the fun.

A logo for the "2022 Summer Porch CONCERT SERIES" featuring a stylized archway and the text "SIX CORNERS 2022 Summer Porch CONCERT SERIES".

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