

Norwood Park



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An Invitation
to Move to Norwood Park

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THE IDEAL SUBURB



Its Residents and Their Homes

INTRODUCTION.

Two years ago a few of the property owners of Norwood Park organized themselves into an improvement club under the name of the Norwood Park Improvement Club. Through the untiring efforts of the different committees of this club much good has been done in the past, and much more will be accomplished in the future by consistent hard work along different lines, one of which is the introduction to you of Norwood Park through this little booklet, which we trust you will examine closely, that you may derive the inference which the people of Norwood wish to convey to the readers.

NORWOOD PARK.

Norwood Park is a suburb of Chicago, situated on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, eleven miles from the City Hall, and within the limits of the city. Its natural beauty surpasses that of any suburb of Chicago, and it is located on the ridge which surrounds Chicago and is the watershed between the Lake and the Illinois River. The highest point on this ridge within the city is in Norwood Park, and it comes within a few feet of being the highest point on this ridge in the county. Norwood is between eighty and ninety feet above the level of Lake Michigan.



View of Park, facing West from Railroad Tracks

The suburb was originally laid out by the noted landscape gardener for the World's Columbian Exposition. By referring to the map of Norwood, contained in this booklet, it can be readily appreciated that Norwood gets its name from the beautiful and parklike manner in which the streets are laid out. Norwood is one great park. Its streets are one hundred feet wide, and its parkways thirty-five feet from lot line to curb. One great attraction is the beautiful trees which line both sides of the streets, and adorn the lawns throughout the suburb. All lots are from fifty to one hundred feet wide, and from two hundred to four hundred feet deep. The pictures in this pamphlet will give a meagre idea of what the description portrays, both as to streets and residences.

TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation facilities are all that could be desired, and are adequate in every respect. The North-Western Railroad runs about fifty trains a day between Norwood Park and the Wells Street Station, the running time being twenty to twenty-eight minutes. A twenty-five ride bearer ticket costs \$3.15, which brings a single ride to about twelve and one-half cents. Sixty ride monthly commutation tickets cost \$5.70, about nine cents a ride. We can speak



Now being replaced by a modern Station, costing \$10,000.

of the service given by the North-Western only in the very highest terms. Trains are frequent, and conveniently timed ; fast, clean, and comfortable ; well lighted and well ventilated ; and the employes courteous and considerate.

Plans have been completed for a new passenger depot at Norwood, the finest on this line of the C. & N-W. Ry. Work has been commenced, and the building will be ready for occupancy during the summer of 1907.

Now that the franchise question is settled, we will soon have ample street car facilities, the proposed line running to the city limits, parallel to the North-Western Railroad.

IMPROVEMENTS.

During the last two years the people of Norwood Park have expended about \$200,000 for street improvements and cement sidewalks. It must be conceded that we have the finest system of macadamized streets of any suburb of Chicago, making each street a natural boulevard, bordered on each side by granite cement curbs and gutters. The sidewalks are regulation cement walks, the inside borders of which are, on an average, about five feet from the lot line, leaving a beautiful parkway on either side.



EAST ON CEYLON - DEPOT IN BACKGROUND.

Tall Shade Trees — Paved Streets — Cement Sidewalks

Water for Norwood is supplied by an inexhaustible artesian well, piped through the streets with extensions made to each lot, and the health giving qualities are far superior to the water of Lake Michigan, which is quoted almost daily by the Health Department as being "*usable.*"

Lighting facilities are the same as in other parts of the city. Gas and electricity are available, and are universally used.

The sanitation of Norwood is perfect, comprising a complete system of sewerage.

A station of the Chicago post-office is located in Norwood, from which frequent deliveries of mail are made to all residents.

An appropriation was recently made by the City Council for the construction of a new fire engine house, and for additional apparatus. A site for the engine house has been purchased, and work on the structure will be commenced shortly.

Police protection is satisfactory in every respect, and patrolling regular.

The Chicago Telephone Company operates in Norwood Park, and has an exchange here. The use of the telephone is universal in Norwood, and the service given very satisfactory.

A.M. REFORMED CHURCH.



One of the centers of religious and social life in Norwood

MORAL CONDITIONS AND CHURCHES.

The moral tone of Norwood is good. The people are of the better class, and the influences at work in the city, destroying the moral tone of the people and of the community, are entirely absent. No overcrowding, no tenements; proper living conditions, fresh air and sunshine, good surroundings, a healthy religious activity — we have five churches, and, above all, no saloons. All tend to make Norwood an ideal residence suburb. This being a prohibition district, no saloons are permitted to locate here.

We have five churches, belonging to as many different denominations, as the necessary stamina to morality. The churches and their present pastors are as follows:

American Reformed	J. A. THURSTON, Pastor
Methodist Episcopal	H. E. ROMPEL, Pastor
Passionist Fathers (Catholic)	FATHER CHARLES, Provincial
Evangelical	S. N. REEP, Pastor
St. Alban's Mission	M. J. Brown, Rector



M. E. CHURCH.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Two Prominent Churches of Norwood Park

SCHOOLS.

Being in the city, our schools are under the supervision of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, and naturally offer a better course than the schools of suburban towns outside of the city limits. The course of study being the same as that used in all other schools of the city, children will find it easy to continue their studies after moving to Norwood.

Our grammar school, of which a picture is inserted, is conveniently located, and occupies a large brick building, with ample class room, cloak room and toilet facilities. Large playgrounds surround the school, affording opportunity for play and recreation.

A parent's fondest hope for its child is health and a good education. The opportunities for both are unsurpassed in Norwood. There is health everywhere, in the water, air, and the surroundings. Give a child plenty of air and association with good children, such as are found in high class residence districts, like Norwood, and a parent's hope can be realized, and the good influences of a home will not be counteracted and destroyed by factors at work in crowded parts of a large city, which prevent proper mental and physical development.

The high school is reached by trains in five minutes for a fare of five cents.



Where our children attend the Grammar School.

About ninety per cent of the graduates of our grammar school attend the high school upon graduation.

STORES.

We have the necessary stores such as groceries, markets, bakery, hardware, etc. Being close to the shopping center of the city, our residents find it convenient to trade largely in the city, as all of the downtown stores make daily deliveries.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

The following are among the more important of the clubs and societies of Norwood: The Norwood Park Improvement Club, the Norwood Park Athletic Club, Norwood Park Woman's Club, the Whist Club, the St. Alban's Guild, the Epworth League, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Christian Endeavor, the Young People's Alliance, and a large number of other social, literary, educational, and religious clubs and societies.

The Beacon Light Lodge, No. 784, A. F. & A. M., maintains a large and influential lodge in Norwood Park, and the Eastern Star is equally prominent.

The Athletic Club occupies the entire second floor of the Auditorium Block, and maintains a complete gymnasium with all modern apparatus. Dances and other social events, as well as lectures and entertainments, are frequently given by the club. The officers of the club are: Frank M. Bunch, President,



Home of the Passaic Fathers of America

Miss Mabel Vincent, Vice-President, Miss Cora Winchell, Secretary, and V. P. Arnold, Treasurer.

A large athletic field is situated on Evergreen Avenue, on which tennis, football, baseball and other games are played in season.

The Norwood Park Improvement Club consists of all the larger property owners in Norwood. They meet frequently, and work arduously for all needed improvements. Nearly all of the important improvements made in Norwood during the past two years must be ascribed to the untiring energy of this organization. The officers of the club are as follows: Chas. J. deBerard, President; Frank M. Bunch, Vice-President; Mr. Jas. A. Low, Treasurer, and Mr. M. M. Hoffman, Secretary. The following is the roster of the club: C. J. deBerard, F. M. Bunch, Jas. A. Low, M. M. Hoffman, T. H. Seymour, J. J. Manning, LeRoy Millner, J. H. Woods, W. B. Jackson, C. H. Kirschner, F. D. Stevers and W. L. Buss.

The Norwood Park Sentinel is published every Saturday, and prints social, personal, church, school, club, political, athletic, and improvement news.

OUR INVITATION.

This book is issued with the idea of interesting prospective suburban home-seekers, and to introduce Norwood Park as a delightful place for the Chicago business man to reside—extending an invitation for further investigation by a visit to our suburb.

*EPISCOPAL
CHURCH.*



MR. THOS. H. SEYMOUR.

MR. THOS. H. SEYMOUR is known as the "Father of Norwood Park." He was one of the earliest settlers of Norwood Park, and was foremost in the early development of our suburb. He is at present the largest individual property holder in Norwood, and known for his good judgment in purchasing realty. Mr. Seymour is one of the oldest members of the Board of Trade, having been a member since 1859, but has retired from active participation in the deals of the pit, where he was once a familiar figure. Mr. Seymour is a member of the Improvement Club, and actively promotes improvements for Norwood.

Prospective purchasers of Norwood property are invited to call on him. He owns much of the choicest property in Norwood, and will be glad to show visitors the town.



Residence of Mr. Thos. H. Seymour

MR. C. J. de BERARD

On the opposite page appears a picture of Mr. C. J. de BERARD'S residence, with its delightful lawns and shade trees. Mr. de Berard's lawn receives more care than any other in the park, hence the beautiful view a picture of his house and grounds present.

Mr. de Berard is an officer of the Felt & Tarrant Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of Comptometers, and of the Tarrant Foundry Co. He is the President of the Improvement Club, and a director of the Athletic Club. Mr. de Berard is an old resident of Norwood, having been for a number of years a member of the Board of Trustees, previous to the annexation of Norwood Park to the City of Chicago, and was always one of the hardest workers when it came to securing improvements for Norwood. Mr. de Berard is one of the many substantial business men of the city who live in Norwood Park, and are enthusiastic over conditions in Norwood.



Residence of Mr. C. J. de Berard

MR. FRANK M. BUNCH

MR. FRANK M. BUNCH is the possessor of the house pictured on the opposite page, situated on the corner of East Circle and Crescent aves., one of the choicest locations in Norwood. The residence was erected three years ago, and the owner has spared neither time nor expense in beautifying the surroundings, his grounds being a veritable garden of shrubs and flowers.

Mr. Bunch is an officer in three different companies representing the grain interests of Chicago and the west, with headquarters at Room 97 Board of Trade.

A good portion of his leisure hours are spent with the Improvement Club in bettering conditions at Norwood, and with the Athletic Club, of which he is President.

Mr. Bunch states that before building his present residence he visited every suburb around Chicago and could find no place to compare with Norwood.



Residence of Mr. F. M. Bunch

MR. J. J. MANNING

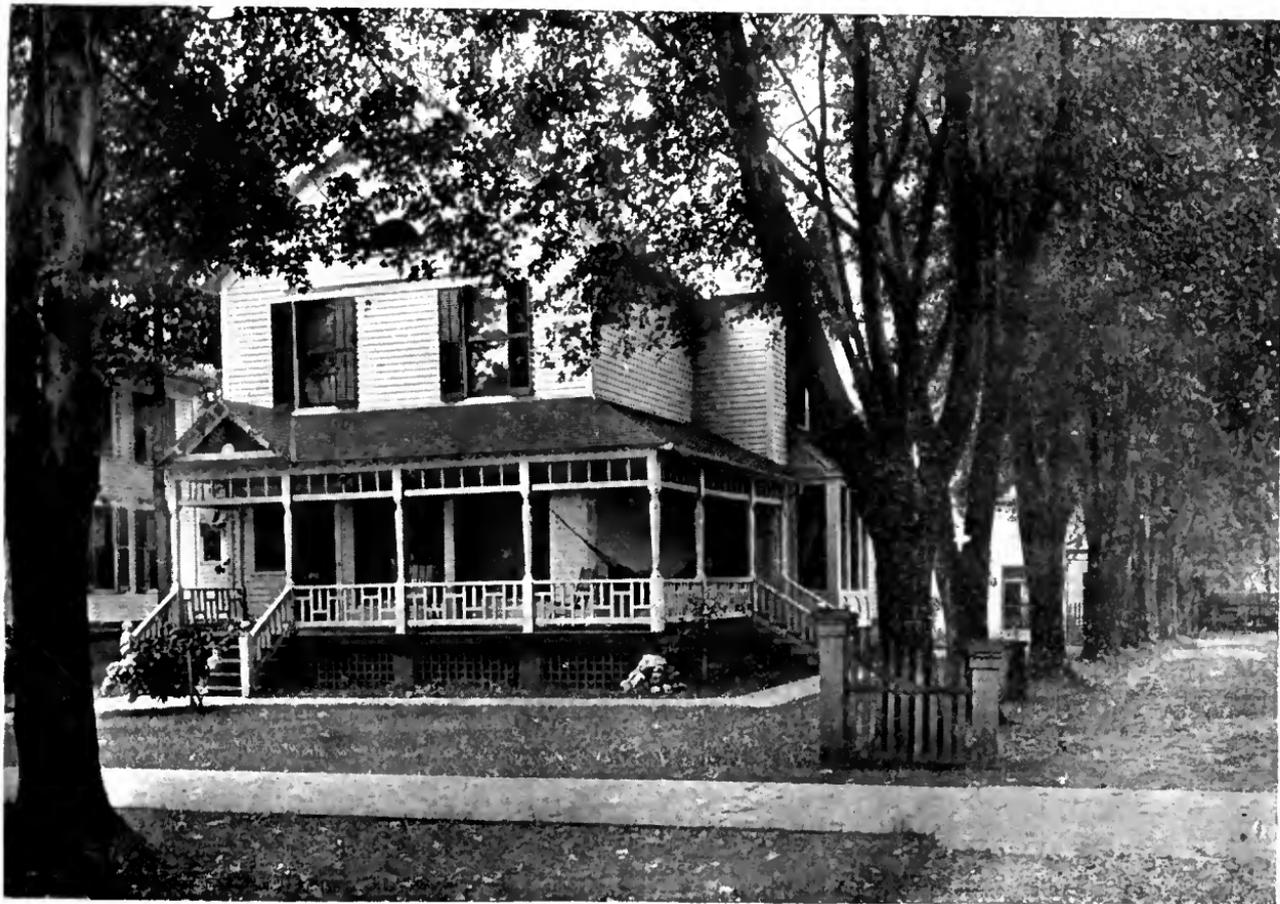
MR. J. J. MANNING, who is the owner of the residence shown on the opposite page, is at the head of a large tailoring establishment at 56 5th Ave. Mr. Manning is one of the founders of the Improvement Club, also of the Athletic Club. He has invested a considerable amount of money in Norwood Park property, and has great faith in Norwood real estate values and the attractions it has for suburban homeseekers. He advises all of his friends to locate in Norwood Park, and will be glad to answer inquiries of those who contemplate moving out into a first-class residence suburb.



Residence of Mr. J. J. Manning

MR. JAMES A. LOW

Mr. Low, whose residence is shown on the opposite page, is one of the men who have made Norwood Park. He is a member of the real estate firm of Low & Woods, and was for many years the only real estate man in the Park. He is a member of the Athletic Club and the Norwood Park Improvement Club. Mr. Low has been untiring in his efforts to have improvements made in Norwood, and in advertising the many desirable qualities Norwood has as a residence suburb. Mr. Low is one of the heaviest investors in Norwood Park realty, and offers choice property in Norwood, vacant and improved, for sale. His city office is at 115 Dearborn street, and the Norwood office in the Auditorium Bldg. Mr. Low can be reached at his city office daily. His phone number is Central 1111. He is glad to take callers out to Norwood and show them around. All who are thinking of locating in a suburb in the spring should call on Mr. Low and obtain some first hand information about Norwood, before making their choice.



Residence of Mr. Jas. A. Low

MR. D. M. BALL

MR. DAVID M. BALL, familiarly known as Judge Ball, is one of the pioneers in Norwood Park, having been born and raised here. His father was one of the earliest settlers in Norwood. Mr. Ball is a prominent attorney, and has offices in the Evening Post Bldg. With his son, Arthur L. Ball, he is also engaged in the Real Estate and Loan business, under the name of D. M. Ball & Co.

Mr. Ball is one of the large property holders of Norwood Park, and proud of our suburb. After his day's work in the law office and the courts his most delightful recreation is a walk around the Park. Mr. Ball is also prominent politically, having been president of the local Republican precinct club for many years. His friends proposed him as a candidate for a Municipal Court judgeship at the last election, but Mr. Ball modestly declined, preferring to divide his time between his law office and his home in Norwood.



Residence of Mr. D. M. Ball

MR. JOHN F. GEETING

The residence of MR. JOHN F. GEETING is pictured on the opposite page. It was formerly occupied by ex-Judge Lorin C. Collins, now Chief Justice of the Panama Canal Zone, and is known as the Collins homestead. The house is one of the largest in Norwood, and is surrounded by large lawns.

Mr. Geeting is one of the best known criminal lawyers of the west. He has been prominent as a labor attorney for the last 12 years, and is considered an expert on Habeas Corpus, Extradition, and Constitutional Law. Mr. Geeting is editor of the American Criminal Reports, published by Callahan & Co., and has achieved a national reputation as an author on legal topics. Mr. Geeting is also employed as a lecturer or professor in every law school in the city, namely the Northwestern University Law School, Chicago-Kent College of Law, John Marshall Law School, Illinois College of Law, and the Chicago Law School.



Residence of Mr. John F. Geeting

MR. FRED'K POST

MR. FRED'K POST, whose residence is pictured on the opposite page, is the president of the Frederick Post Co., 218 Clark st., city, factory at N. Hamlin ave. The Post Co. manufactures the famous Post's Waterproof Drawing Ink, and Post's Blue-Print and Tracing Papers. The company also does a large importing business in artists' and draughtsmen's supplies.

Mr. Post has lived in Norwood Park for many years and likes our suburb very much. He is known and liked in Norwood Park as a broad-minded, public spirited citizen.



Residence of Mr. Fred'k Post



Residence of Mrs. Anna Eckhoff



Residence of Mr. C. H. Kirschner
Western Representative of Carl Ernst & Co., Berlin, Germany



Residence of Mr. J. H. Woods
of Low & Woods, Dealers in Norwood Real Estate



Residence of Mr. E. F. McCormick
President of the E. F. McCormick Co., Jobbers

OTHER RESIDENTS OF NORWOOD

We have called attention to several prominent business and professional men from the city who make their home in Norwood. Space does not permit us to mention all, and insert pictures of the beautiful residences they occupy in Norwood, but we wish to add the names of a number of them :

Mr. L. F. Childs, of S. D. Childs & Co.; Mr. H. P. Kelder, of H. P. Kelder & Co.; Mr. M. M. Hoffman, of the County Clerk's office; Mr. LeRoy Millner, of the Chicago Title and Trust Co.; Mr. Louis Haeker, assistant manager of the Briggs House; Mrs. Amy Leslie Buck, dramatic editor of the Daily News; Messrs. V. P. Arnold, Chas. S. Schneider, F. E. Newton, Condit Voorhies, Raymond Puhmann, Theo. C. Robinson, and Theo. A. Kolb, attorneys; Mr. H. C. Seull, of the

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