HISTORY

Dubbed the city's "Black Metropolis," this South Side community

served as the headquarters for African-American social, cultural, and entrepreneurial innovation for most

of the early 20th century.





onzeville Art District Tour

Throughout the 1950s, the neighborhood was known for its bustling commercial areas, popular music clubs, and community of Black intellectuals and social activists. Today you'll find an array of coffee shops, bistros, galleries, libraries, monuments, and

restaurants, alongside spectacular Victorian-era architecture and 19th-century mansions.

This community is known for its rich history and a flourishing, modern-day renaissance. Bronzeville's cultural contributions are vast — it was once home to Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks, civil rights activist Ida B. Wells, legendary musicians Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, and more.

WHAT TO DO?

• Join the monthly **Bronzeville Art District** Tour, which covers the area's vibrant gallery scene and showcases Black artists at spots like Gallery



Guichard, Blanc, Faie African Art Gallery, the Bronzeville Artist Lofts, and more.

- Dine on old-school Southern soul food at Pearl's Place, enjoy Sunday jazz at Norman's **Bistro**, or soak in lakefront views at seasonal Pier 31 featuring live music and DJs.
- Stop by architectural gems that represent local African-American history, like The Forum, the Chicago Defender Building, and the Supreme Life Building
- Learn about Bronzeville's great history at the Bronzeville Historical Society located in the legendary Parkway Ballroom.

CULTURE

In the midst of all its rich history, look for striking public art installations. like the sculpture-adorned stretch of Martin Luther King Drive that features a Monument to the



Monument to the

Great Migration. This bronze statue commemorates the thousands of African-Americans who fled the Jim Crow South and arrived in Chicago in search of freedom and opportunities. Clutching a battered suitcase, the statue represents the migrants who built this culturally rich neighborhood.

the first African-American woman to hold a pilot's license.

FUN FACT

Make sure to check out the Robert W. Roloson Houses, the only row homes that Frank Lloyd Wright ever built and the residences of other change-makers like Bessie Coleman.

After getting a glimpse of the Monument to the Great Migration, walk down

the Bronzeville Walk of Fame to get a glimpse of local residents' contributions in jazz, blues, gospel, literature, journalism, and beyond. You'll also find the Ida B. Wells Monument just a few blocks from her former residence. And don't forget The Victory Monument.



Founded in 1940 the Southside Community **Art Center** is the oldest African-American art center in the United States and is a

Chicago Historic Landmark.

ABOUT QUAD COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



QCDC is a community-based economic development organization focused on enhancing the quality of life and economic strength of neighborhoods across the Bronzeville community. QCDC serves the south lakefront neighborhoods. Our vision is to foster a welcoming sustainable community where its residents benefit from a healthy and accessible ecosystem. QCDC has been a leader and change agent in building commerce and community for more than 19 years, and serves as the area's Neighborhood Business Development Center, manager of SSA 47/ SSA 56, and the area's Invest Southwest Corridor Manager.



BRONZEVILLE

is a center for African-American life and culture in Chicago.

Historically known as Chicago's "Black Metropolis." Bronzeville has a strong sense of pride in its influential history and cultural scene. Immerse yourself in this art-filled community, where you'll find a diverse array of galleries, historic landmarks, unique boutiques, amazing food, live entertainment, and community events like Bronzeville Summer Nights and the annual Bud Billiken Parade, the nation's largest African-American parade drawing more than one million spectators each August.

If you're hungry, check out **Truth Italian** for a soulful take on classic Italian

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cuisine. Visit Bronzeville Winery for a menu of comfort food (like shrimp and grits) and lighter fare, plus a patio and live music.

For more info on this and other neighborhoods:







ART, CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT Blanc Gallery 4445 S Martin Luther King Dr. A1 **Bronzeville Artists Lofts & Gallery Guichard** A2 Bronzeville Historical Society 10 W 35th St. A3 DuSable Museum of African American History....A4 740 E 56th Pl Faie Afrikan Art 1005 E 43rd St. **A5** Fourtune House Art Center 4410 S Cottage Grove Ave.. A6 Harold Washington Cultural Center 4701 S Martin Luther King Dr Little Black Pearl 1060 E 47th St **8**A A9 Luxe B Studio 358 E 47th St... Monument to the Great Migration 2600 S Martin Luther King Dr Robert W. Roloson Houses 3213-3219 S Calumet Ave....All Southside Community Art Center 3831 S Michigan Ave ... A12 The Light of Truth Ida B. Wells National MonumentA13 3729 S Langley Ave Victory Monument 3500 S King Dr.... A14

Windy City Cigar Lounge 4310 S Prairie Ave......

EAT & DRINK

Ain't She Sweet Cafe 526 E 43rd St Alice's BBQ 65 E 43rd St	E1
Bronzeville Winery 4420 S Cottage Grove Ave	
Bronzeville Wingz 4300 S Michigan Ave	
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Carver 47 Food and Wellness Market 1050 E 47th St	
Chicago Wingz Around The World 108 E 47th St	
Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles 3947 S King Dr	E8
Cleo's Southern Cuisine 4248 S Cottage Grove Ave	E9
Dirty Tiff's Cafe 225 E 47th St	E10
Eméché Cakery & Cafe 3453 S Prairie Ave	E11
Gorée Cuisine 1126 E 47th St	E12
Honey 1 BBQ 746 E 43rd St	E13
Italian Fiesta Pizzeria 1306 E 47th ST	
Jimmy's Famous Burgers 5042 S Cottage Grove Ave	E15
Just Turkey Restaurant 4353 S Cottage Grove Ave	E16
Little Sandwich House 411 E Oakwood Blvd	E17
Norman's Bistro 1001 E 43rd St	E18
Peach's Restaurant 4652 S King Dr	E19
Pearl's Place 3901 S Michigan Ave	.E20
Sharks Fish & Chicken 5048 S Cottage Grove Ave	E21
Shawn Michelle's Homemade Ice Cream 46 E 47th St	.E22
Simply Soup Salad & Sandwiches 635 E 47th St	.E23
Sip & Savor 528 E 43rd St	.E24
Sip & Savor 78 E 47th St	E25
Taqueria Varitas 700 E 47th St	
Tuquella fallas 700 E 470130	

EAT & DRINK

The G Spot Diner 219 E 47th St	E27
The Original Pancake House 1358 E 47th St	E28
Thee Beauty Bar 810 E 43rd St	E29
Truth Italian Restaurant 56 E Pershing Rd	E30
Two Fish Crab Shack 641 E 47th St	E31
Uncle Remus 737 E 47th St	E32
Yassa African Restaurant 3511 S King Dr	E33

RECREATION & FITNESS

Margaret T. Burroughs Beach	. R1
3100 S Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Dr	
Oakwood Beach	R2
4100 S Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Dr	
Arts & Recreation Center at Ellis Park	R3
3520 S Cottage Grove Ave	
Small Shop Cycles & Service 4250 S Cottage Grove Ave	R4

RETAIL & SPECIALITY SHOPS

.A15

A Lotta Goodstuff Upscale Resale Furniture & More 501 E 47th St	S1
Absolutely Anything Essential Gift Shop	S2
Boxville 330 E 51st St	S3
Bronzeville Boutique 4259 S King Dr	. \$4
CBQ Facial Beauty Bar 4458 S Cottage Grove Ave	S5
Dress Code 205 E 47th St	S6
Goree Shop 1122 E 47th St	S7
Haji Healing Salon 4448 S Cottage Grove Ave	. S 8
Legacy Men's Boutique 107 E 47th St	S9
Sarah Kuenyefu Collection 4412 S Cottage Grove Ave	S10

GETTING THERE

BY TRAIN

Metra Electric line (Rock Island) to Jones/Bronzeville located off of Jean Baptiste (35th St.).

Please confirm schedules at www.metra.com

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Bronzeville neighborhood: 29, 31.

Please confirm routes and schedules at www.transitchicago.com

BY CAR

Bronzeville is conveniently Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive on the lakefront. Travel south from the Loop to 35th St.

BY BIKE

The Lakefront Trail, which stretches to the Far North Side providing car-free biking across the length of the city, extends south to 41st St. in Bronzeville.





RECREATION & FITNESS





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