

## HISTORY

The history of Little Village is closely tied to the history

of Mexican immigration to the United States. In the early 20th century, many Mexican immigrants were drawn to Chicago by the promise of jobs in the city's booming industrial economy.

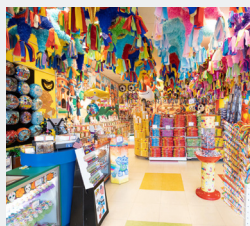
In the 1920s and 1930s, Mexican immigrants began to settle in the area now known as Little Village. At the time, the neighborhood was primarily inhabited by Eastern European immigrants, but as the Mexican population grew, it began to transform the neighborhood's cultural landscape. Over the years, Little Village became a hub for Mexican-American culture, with its residents creating a vibrant community that celebrated their traditions and customs.



Manuel Perez Jr.  
Memorial Plaza

## WHAT TO DO?

- Shop for artisan crafts at **Artesanías Elena**, or stock up at **DULCELANDIA**, a warehouse filled with rainbow-hued sweets.
- Enjoy some of the best chilaquiles (a traditional Mexican breakfast dish) in town at **La Catedral Café & Restaurant**, or walk on the wild side and snack on fried rattlesnake at **La Casa de Samuel**.
- Admire murals and mosaics at the tiny but evocative **Manuel Perez Jr. Memorial Plaza**, which hosts local events and a marketplace.
- Stop into one of the many authentic restaurants and taquerias showcasing a delicious array of regional Mexican cuisine. **El Milagro Tortilleria** is a local favorite, where tortillas are made fresh in-house. **Nuevo Leon Restaurant** is a family-owned spot serving casual Mexican classics, and **Mi Tierra Restaurant** offers over-the-top margaritas in a festive atmosphere and live mariachi music.



DULCELANDIA

## CULTURE

Today, Little Village is home to a diverse community of people from all over the world, but its Mexican-American heritage remains a significant part of its identity. The neighborhood is known for its lively street markets, delicious food, and colorful murals that celebrate the history and culture of its residents.

### FUN FACT

Little Village is home to **DULCELANDIA**, the largest retail and wholesale distributor of Mexican candy in the Midwest, servicing the entire nation.

Wander down one of the busiest shopping districts in Chicago on 26th Street. Take your time exploring this two-mile stretch that's home to almost 500 businesses. There are global grocery stores, mouth-watering bakeries, eye-catching murals, and storefronts brimming with dazzling quinceañera dresses and leather Western wear. End your visit with a cocktail at one of the popular local watering holes. **Osito's Tap** is a speakeasy-style bar featuring a range of craft spirits with modern Mexican-inspired touches. Or stop into **La Cueva**, an LGBTQ+ nightclub known as the oldest Latino drag bar in the country.



Osito's Tap

## GETTING THERE

### BY CAR

**Little Village is conveniently located a few miles away from Chicago's downtown area. From the Loop via I-290 W. Take exit 26B toward W Van Buren St.**

### BY BIKE

**From Michigan Avenue, head to E Van Buren St and turn left onto State St. Turn right onto W 18th St, left onto S Loomis St, and right on W 21st St to S Blue Island Ave. From there continue on to 26th St.**

### BY TRAIN

**Visit Little Village by taking the CTA or Metra. Take the Pink line to Kedzie or Central Park, or the BNSF Metra Electric line to Western Avenue.**

Please confirm routes and schedules at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) and [www.metra.com](http://www.metra.com)

### BY BUS

**Several CTA lines service the Little Village neighborhood: 52, 53, 60, 82, 94**

Please confirm routes and schedules at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

## VISIT LITTLE VILLAGE



La Chaparrita



Arco de Villita



Nuevo Leon

## LITTLE VILLAGE

If you're looking for an authentic slice of Mexican culture in Chicago, Little Village is the place to be. Known as the "Mexico of the Midwest", this colorful enclave is overflowing with vibrant culture and cuisine. Spend an afternoon exploring the neighborhood's many traditional bakeries, family-owned restaurants packed with locals, burgeoning arts scene, unique local shops, and a welcoming community of friendly locals who have called the area home for generations.

### INSIDER TIP

Make sure to pick up a treat from a passing paletero (push cart vendors selling frozen treats) or grab a tamale from one of the food stalls that line the street as you move from one attraction to the next.

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## ART & CULTURE

<b>Arco de La Villita</b>	3123 W 26th St .....	<b>A1</b>
<b>Bonita Finca de Adobe Mural</b>	3649 W. 26th St .....	<b>A2</b>
<b>Celebrando Comunidad Mural</b>	3657 W. 26th St .....	<b>A3</b>
<b>Las Flores de las Almas Muertas Mural</b>	28th St & S Ridgeway Ave .....	<b>A4</b>
<b>Manuel Perez Jr. Memorial Plaza</b>	4345 W 26th St .....	<b>A5</b>
<b>Together We Fly Higher Mural</b>	2406 S Central Park Ave .....	<b>A6</b>
<b>Triple Heart Bypass Mural</b>	2944 W 26th St .....	<b>A7</b>

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

<b>Antojitos Pozoleria</b>	2459 S Homan Ave .....	<b>F1</b>
<b>Azucar</b>	3617 W 27th St .....	<b>F2</b>
<b>Birrieria Patinos Ocotlan</b>	3813 W 26th St .....	<b>F3</b>
<b>Bombon</b>	3834 W 26th St .....	<b>F4</b>
<b>Don Pepe</b>	3616 W 26th St .....	<b>F5</b>
<b>El Churro Shop</b>	3536 W 26th St .....	<b>F6</b>
<b>El Faro Restaurant</b>	3936 W 31st St .....	<b>F7</b>
<b>El Nopal Bakery</b>	3648 W 26th St .....	<b>F8</b>
<b>El Pollo Bravo</b>	4147 W 26th St .....	<b>F9</b>
<b>El Tocolote Restaurant</b>	3519 W 26th St .....	<b>F10</b>
<b>Gordillas</b>	3759 W 26th St .....	<b>F11</b>
<b>Home Run Inn Pizza</b>	4254 W 31st St .....	<b>F12</b>
<b>Jacaranda Bar</b>	3608 W 26th St .....	<b>F13</b>
<b>Jessica's Bakery</b>	4341 W 26th St .....	<b>F14</b>
<b>La Baguette Bakery</b>	3117 W 26th St .....	<b>F15</b>
<b>La Catedral Café &amp; Restaurant</b>	2500 S Christiana Ave .....	<b>F16</b>
<b>La Chaparrita Taqueria</b>	2500 S Whipple St .....	<b>F17</b>
<b>La Cueva Night Club</b>	4153 W 26th St .....	<b>F18</b>
<b>La Espiga De Oro Bakery</b>	2458 S Drake Ave .....	<b>F19</b>
<b>La Justicia Restaurant</b>	3901 W 26th St .....	<b>F20</b>
<b>La Michoacana Plus</b>	3701 W 26th Street .....	<b>F21</b>
<b>Las Tres Campanitas</b>	3808 W 26th St .....	<b>F22</b>
<b>Los Candiles Restaurant</b>	2624 S Central Park Ave .....	<b>F23</b>
<b>Los Langostinos Restaurant</b>	3059 S Harding Ave .....	<b>F24</b>
<b>Los Mangos Neveria Y Fruteria</b>	3551 W 26th St .....	<b>F25</b>
<b>Los Vasos Lokos</b>	3406 W 26th St .....	<b>F26</b>
<b>Naty's Pizza 26st</b>	3849 W 26th St .....	<b>F27</b>
<b>Nuevo Leon Restaurant</b>	3657 W 26th St .....	<b>F28</b>
<b>Osito's Tap</b>	2553 S Ridgeway Ave .....	<b>F29</b>
<b>Panchos Ice Cream Shop</b>	4055 W 31st St .....	<b>F30</b>
<b>Panderia Coral</b>	3807 W 26th St .....	<b>F31</b>
<b>Pizza Nova</b>	3704 W 26th St .....	<b>F32</b>
<b>Rosy's Bakery</b>	3237 W 26th St .....	<b>F33</b>
<b>Slice Factory</b>	3435 1/2 W 26th St .....	<b>F34</b>
<b>TacoSur Birreria Tijuanaense</b>	3057 S Pulaski Rd .....	<b>F35</b>
<b>Tacos y Tamales El Pollo</b>	4014 W 26th St .....	<b>F36</b>
<b>Taqueria El Milagro</b>	3050 W 26th St .....	<b>F37</b>
<b>Taqueria Los Comales</b>	3141 W 26th St .....	<b>F38</b>
<b>Taqueria Los Gallos</b>	4211 W 26th St .....	<b>F39</b>
<b>Taquerías Atotonilco</b>	3916 W 26th St .....	<b>F40</b>
<b>Taquizas Don Rafa Buffet</b>	3857 W 26th St .....	<b>F41</b>
<b>Troha's Chicken and Shrimp House</b>	4151 W 26th St .....	<b>F42</b>



## PARKS, GARDENS & RECREATION

<b>Chicago Youth Boxing Club</b>	2300 S Millard Ave .....	<b>P1</b>
<b>La Villita Park</b>	2800 Sacramento Ave .....	<b>P2</b>
<b>Little Village Skate Plaza</b>	4325 W 31st St .....	<b>P3</b>
<b>Malinalli Garden</b>	2800 S Ridgeway Ave .....	<b>P4</b>

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

<b>22nd Ward Alderman Michael D. Rodriguez Office</b>	2500 S St Louis Ave .....	<b>C1</b>
<b>26th Street Area Chamber of Commerce</b>	3610 W 26th St 2nd Floor .....	<b>C2</b>
<b>Beyond the Ball</b>	300 S Lawndale Ave .....	<b>C3</b>
<b>Illinois State Senator Celina Villanueva Office</b>	2501 S Central Park .....	<b>C4</b>
<b>Little Village Community Foundation</b>	2501 S Trumbull Ave .....	<b>C5</b>
<b>New Life Centers</b>	2657 S Lawndale Ave .....	<b>C6</b>
<b>Pan de Vida Food Market</b>	2701 S Lawndale Ave .....	<b>C7</b>
<b>State Representative Edgar Gonzalez Jr Office</b>	3202 W 26th Street .....	<b>C8</b>

## SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

<b>Alborada</b>	3544 W 26th St .....	<b>S1</b>
<b>Artesanias Elena</b>	4333 W 26th St .....	<b>S2</b>
<b>Comercio Popular</b>	2901 W Cermak Rd .....	<b>S3</b>
<b>Discount Mall</b>	3115 W 26th St .....	<b>S4</b>
<b>Dulcelandia</b>	3253 W 26th St .....	<b>S5</b>
<b>Durango Western Wear</b>	4136 W 26th St .....	<b>S6</b>
<b>La Orquidea</b>	3836 W 26th Street .....	<b>S7</b>
<b>Libreria Giron</b>	3547 W 26th St .....	<b>S8</b>
<b>Moreno's Liquors</b>	3724 W 26th St .....	<b>S9</b>
<b>My Quince World</b>	3619 W 26th St .....	<b>S10</b>
<b>Novias Davila</b>	3535 W 26th St 2nd Floor .....	<b>S11</b>
<b>Ok Corral VIP</b>	3225 W 26th St .....	<b>S12</b>
<b>OK Corral VIP Western wear</b>	3937 W 26th St .....	<b>S13</b>
<b>Solei Boutique</b>	3738 W 26th St .....	<b>S14</b>
<b>Todo de Mexico La Casa de la Artesania</b>	3751 W 26th St .....	<b>S15</b>

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