

HISTORY

Originally settled by German and Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s, Chatham became a hub for African American

migration in the early 20th century. Today, the neighborhood is known for its beautiful homes, strong sense of community, and thriving local businesses.

The Chatham neighborhood is filled with landmarks that commemorate its storied African American history. You'll find the former residence of important figures like Thomas Dorsey, Emmett Till, Gwendolyn Brooks, Mahalia Jackson, Al Capone, and Ernie Banks. Explore the area's unique architectural legacy in Chatham's multiple historic districts. The Commercial District is known for its well-preserved terra-cotta facades, the Bungalow District holds more than 250 examples of this classic Chicago residence, and the Garden Homes District is a unique cluster of century-old houses.



Mahalia Jackson Court

CULTURE

Chatham is home to a rising artistic community. **Artists on the 9** houses a gallery and studio space for

Black artists. And **The Woodshop** is a full-service art gallery and custom frame shop that has been showcasing Black artists for over 40 years. Throughout the neighborhood, colorful murals pay homage to homegrown icons like Common and Chance the Rapper.

On 75th Street, a well-established Restaurant Row is home to some of the neighborhood's (and the city's) best places to eat. Just a few of the excellent restaurants in this area: all-vegan **Soul Veg City**, casual favorite **Mabe's Deli**, and James-Beard nominated **Brown Sugar Bakery** (don't miss their signature cake flavors like caramel and pineapple coconut).



Soul Veg City

WHAT TO DO?

- Start the day strong with a homemade apple fritter the size of your head from **Dat Donut**.
- Bring home a unique souvenir from **Everything Premium**, a locally-owned clothing shop with Chicago-centric designs.
- Order rib tips and hot links from **Lem's Bar-B-Q**, the oldest Black-owned barbecue restaurant in Chicago.
- Swing by **Fletcher's One Stop**, a go-to for classic records, cassettes, and other musical finds since 1955.

GETTING THERE

BY CAR

Chatham is conveniently located off I-94 E. Travel south from the Loop, take exit 61b to W 87th St.

BY BIKE

Reach Chatham by bike using the Lakefront Trail, it extends south to 35th St. in Bronzeville. From there, turn left onto S Martin Luther King Dr and take to 83rd St.

BY TRAIN

Chatham can be reached by the CTA Red line. You can also visit via the Metra Electric line (ME) to the 79th St. Station (Chatham).

Please confirm routes and schedules at www.transitchicago.com and www.metra.com

BY BUS

Several CTA lines service the Chatham neighborhood: 3, 4, 8a, 27 29, 79, 87.

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VISIT CHATHAM



Brown Sugar Bakery

Lem's Bar-B-Q

Haire's Gulf Shrimp

CHATHAM

Chatham is a friendly neighborhood filled with rich African American history, distinctive architecture, Black arts and culture, and a culinary corridor lined with locally loved, Black-owned restaurants. All that, plus a neighborly, friendly vibe makes it somewhere you're going to want to stay awhile. Chatham is a vibrant and welcoming neighborhood that offers a unique glimpse into Chicago's rich cultural heritage. Whether you're interested in history, architecture, or just good food, there's something for everyone in Chatham.

INSIDER TIP

You'll find plenty of culinary gems to discover. **Haire's Gulf Shrimp** serves up fresh Louisiana flavor, **Oooh Wee It Is** offers soul food with a twist, and iconic **Garrett Popcorn** serves up the city's best sweet and salty combo.

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ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

- Artists on The 9** 735 E 79th St **A1**
- Cinema Chatham, Powered by Emagine** **A2**
210 W 87th S
- Dips Sweet Shoppe** 8445 S Cottage Grove Ave **A3**
- Mahalia Jackson Court** 1 E 79th St **A4**
- Studio Movie Grill** 210 W 87th St **A5**

EAT & DRINK

- Arteck Side Bar** 8022 S Cottage Grove Ave **E1**
- Brown Sugar Bakery** 328 E 75th St **E2**
- Captain Hooks Fish & Chicken** **E3**
8554 S Cottage Grove Ave
- City Life Restaurant & Lounge** 712 E 83rd St **E4**
- Dat Donut** 8251 S Cottage Grove Ave **E5**
- Dukes Lounge & Liquors** 121 E 79th St **E6**
- Garrett Popcorn Shops** 737 E 87th St **E7**
- J & R's Lounge** 612 E 79th St **E8**
- Jerk Taco Man Caribbean BBQ** 7723 S State St **E9**
- Josephine's Southern Cooking** 436 E 79th St **E10**
- King Soul Food Gallery** 8103 S Cottage Grove Ave **E11**
- Lem's Bar-B-Q** 311 E 75th St **E12**
- Licorice Lounge** 607 E 87th St **E13**
- New China Express** 720 E 87th St **E14**
- Odyssey Lounge** 7643 1/2 S Cottage Grove Ave **E15**
- Oh Wee It Is** 33 E 83rd St **E16**
- Pepe's Mexican Restaurant** **E17**
8313 S Cottage Grove Ave
- Pie Guys Bakery and Cafe** 7907 S Champlain Ave **E18**
- President's Lounge** 653 E 75th St **E19**
- Seashell Restaurant on 79th** 601 E 79th St **E20**
- See Thru Chinese Kitchen** 8357 S Cottage Grove Ave **E21**
- Sizzlin Restaurants - Sizzlin Skillets** **E22**
8635 S Cottage Grove Ave
- Soul Veg City** 203 E 75th St **E23**
- The Wrap Bar** 8154 S Cottage Grove Ave **E24**
- Tony's Philly Steak** 8153 S Cottage Grove Ave **E25**
- Tracks End Restaurant** 8538 S Holland Rd **E26**
- Tropic Island Jerk Chicken** 553 E 79th St **E27**
- West Indies Bakery** 841 E 79th St **E28**



DISCOVER MORE



- A1 ART, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT**
- E1 EAT & DRINK**
- P1 PARKS & RECREATION**
- S1 SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL**
- C1 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

SHOPPING & SPECIALTY RETAIL

- DNA Beauty Supply** 712 E 87th St Suite #D1A **S1**
- Everything Premium** 454 E 75th St **S2**
- Fletcher's 1 Stop** 457 E 75th St **S3**
- Mandela African Grocery and Arts** 722 E 79th St **S4**
- Nike Unite - South Chicago** **S5**
8510 S Cottage Grove Ave
- Quality Scents** 323 E 79th St **S6**
- SHOE! TIME 87** 8533 S Cottage Grove Ave **S7**
- Suits America** 713 E 79th St **S8**

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Greater Chatham Initiative (GCI)** **C1**
640 E 79th St

PARKS & RECREATION

- Brown Memorial Park** 634 E 86th St **P1**
- Lorraine Dixon Park** 8701 S Dauphin Ave **P2**
- Nat King Cole Park** 361 E 85th St **P3**
- Tuley Park** 501 E 90th Pl **P4**
- West Chatham Park** 8223 S Princeton Ave **P5**