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# Welcome



## At Home in Oak Park; secluded but never isolated.

Our child-friendly environment attracts guests of all generations. The Oak Park dining district, Frank Lloyd Wright Studios, Ernest Hemingway's birth place, the Park District's Playground, the L-line station, and the Cheney Mansion known for its elegant weddings and events, are all within just a 0.4 mile radius from your front door.

Here we offer a relaxing alternative for families, architecture enthusiasts and business travelers alike. In a home equipped with gig-speed internet, 30 minutes from the Chicago Loop, O'Hare, and Midway, you can stay connected to the world at all times.

Experience Historic Oak Park from within!

Best wishes,

Caroline and Kettil

PS Tailored, professional Magic show available on request.



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# At Home in Oak Park Cheat Sheet

## A PARKING:

### 1. Garage allocation:

#### 411 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Top Floor:

Garage 5 and 6 in the back of the house at 411 N Oak Park (Medium Car)

#### 421 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Ground Floor:

Garage 1 in the back of 411 N Oak Park (Small Car)

Garage 1 [Right] in the back of 421 N Oak Park (Medium Car)

#### 421 N Oak Park / Unit 2 Entire Top Floor:

Garage 2 in the back of 411 N Oak Park (Small Car)

Garage 2 [Left] in the back of 421 N Oak Park (Medium Car)

2. Garage door instructions are sent electronically.
3. Please park cars in garages at all times.
4. In case of power outages all garages have a mechanical back up key.
5. Please note that overnight street parking, per village ordinance, is not allowed in the 400 block of N Oak Park Avenue.
6. Overnight street parking on side streets is available by downloading the Passport App. Zone 206 generally provides 15 days of free overnight parking per month

## B IDENTIFICATION:

All guests must per village ordinance be positively identified. This may happen through your online travel agent or by presenting a state ID at check in. At Home in Oak Park is further required to maintain a log of all guests.

## C WIFI:

NETWORK: 411 N Oak Park Avenue

PASSWORD: HEMINGWAY1

NETWORK: 421 N Oak Park Avenue

PASSWORD: HEMINGWAY1

## D LAUNDRY:

Washer, Dryer, Ironing board and iron are available in the basement in both buildings. Your PIN Number opens the back doors of both 411 (access to 2 washers and 2 dryers) and 421 N Oak Park (access to 1 dryer and 1 washer).



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**E HEATING:**

411 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Top Floor:

Heating and cooling operated from the smart thermostat in living room.

421 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Ground Floor:

Base heat supplied through hot water radiators (not adjustable)

Auxiliary heat supplied through electrical radiators (thermostat by the door of each bedroom, living room and dining room. Do not adjust from radiator.)

421 N Oak Park / Unit 2 Entire Top Floor:

Heat supplied through hot water radiators adjusted to 70F. Please contact Kettil or Caroline, before adjusting thermostat.

Cooling supplied through mini splits I dining room and bedrooms.

**F LINNENS:**

A full set of extra linens available in each bedroom.

Extra Towels available in each bath room.

Sheets stayed weekly (applies to long stays only).

**G CLEANING SUPPLIES:**

411 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Top Floor:

For supplies see housekeeping closet behind mini pool table, and large kitchen closet.

421 N Oak Park / Unit 1 Entire Ground Floor:

For supplies see closet in entry lobby, as well as kitchen closet.

421 N Oak Park / Unit 2 Entire Top Floor:

See hallway closets and kitchen closet.



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# House Rules

1. Check-in at 4.00pm
2. Checkout at 11.00am
3. All guests must be registered.
4. Please respect your neighbors by limiting noise between 11pm and 7am.
5. Please restrict eating to dining area, kitchen & living room.
6. Please dispose of the garbage in the trash can and recycling bin.
7. Please turn off lights when away.
8. Please rinse and place dirty dishes in dish washer.
9. Please park cars in dedicated garages at all times.
- 10. ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR VAPING OF ANY KIND INSIDE THE HOME.  
Cleaning Costs + \$500 fine to follow.**
- 11. ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED AND SUBJECT TO SEARCH.**
- 12. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED AND SUBJECT TO SEARCH.**
- 13. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOCK OUT.**

When in doubt you can always reach us at (513) 374 1180 or [contact@homeinoakpark.com](mailto:contact@homeinoakpark.com).

## Contact us

The Magnificent Magic Company LLC hosting your stay, was originally established to offer Magic Shows at the Magnificent Mile, Chicago. Over time we morphed into a company offering stays in the center of Historic Oak Park.

The Magnificent Magic Company LLC  
411 N Oak Park, Oak Park IL 60302  
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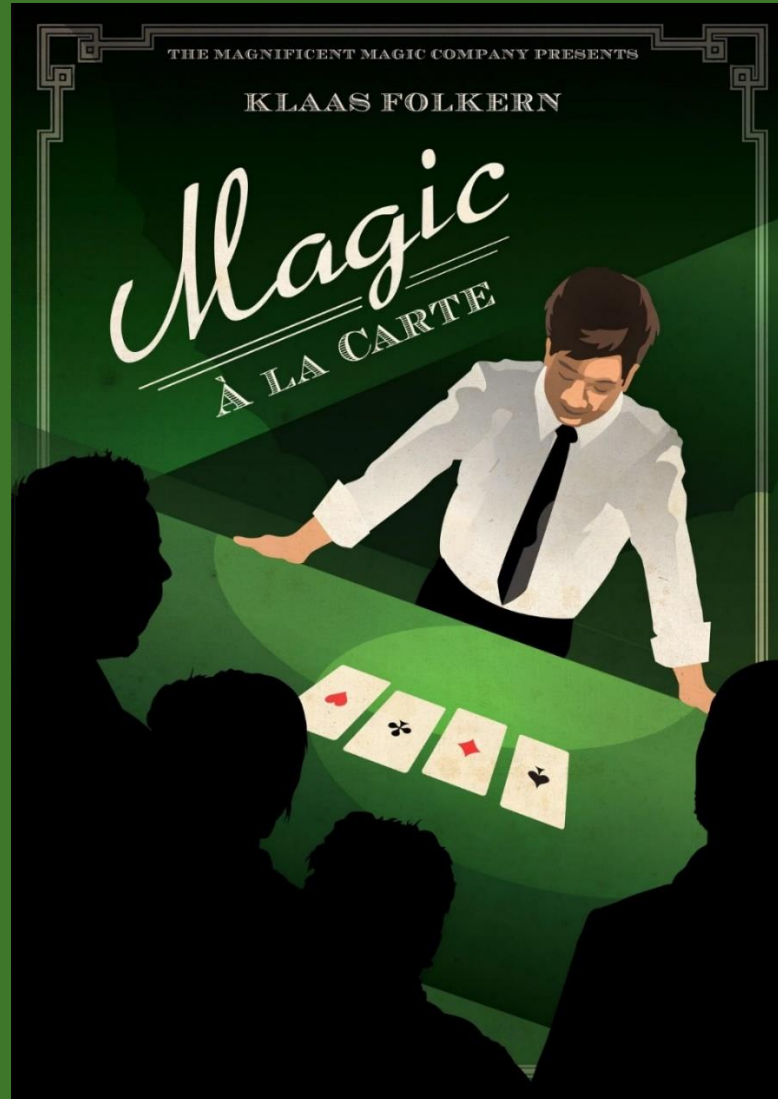
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# Magic!



Don't forget to inquire about our World cCass Magic Show. *Magic A la Carte* tailors close up magic shows to baffle the minds of Las Vegas Card Sharks, Toddlers, Supercool Teenagers and Know it all Scientists. Just tell us who you are, and we will tailor design a show to blow your mind. Send inquiries to [kettil@homeinoakpark.com](mailto:kettil@homeinoakpark.com) or cal (513) 374 1180.



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# Finding your bearings

If you are reading this, you have found your way to Oak Park. You may be sitting in the sofa thinking “Now what?” Before you take off to discover the village or Chicago for that matter it may be fun to reflect over where you landed. The living room you are sitting in is in the absolute center of Oak Park. Go south and you are in the Oak Park and Lake restaurant district. Take Chicago Avenue West and you will eventually arrive next to the Hancock Center. You are in a secluded place, still close to everything Chicago has to offer.



*Living Room, Floor I  
EE Roberts Building,  
421 N Oak Park*



*Living Room, Floor II  
EE Roberts Building  
421 N Oak Park*



*Living Room in Kettlestrings Building, Floor II  
411 N Oak Park*

If you click <https://athomeinoakpark.com/> the above interiors will open up for you. Each of the homes host six guests in King, Queen and Twin rooms. Using this links takes cuts the price of the stay by 10 to 15% as compared to online travel agents.



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They Kettlestrings home will help you dive deep into Oak Park History. If these walls could speak, they would tell the story of how the village came to be. The Kettlestrings family originally bought the land of what is now Oak Park for a mere \$215.98.

After the 1871 Chicago fire the family initiated the development of the land into what was to become Oak Park. In 1877 37 trains would stop in the village each day. Bankers, architects and urban planners flocked here to prepare for the arrival of the rich and beautiful. It is amazing to think that the evolution that led to the most renowned Prairie Style Development in the US, was initiated by the people that walked these hallways.

Today the Kettlestrings Stick Style home has stood the test of time. After 130 years the floors are still level, and the walls stand straight. Only the best was good enough for these land barons resulting in vastly over dimensioned structures erected by carpenters brought all the way from Germany.



*The Kettlestrings Building [411 N oak Park] was erected i 1890.*

The neighboring building was at the same time commissioned by the JW Cooke Family. As the brick buildings were not yet erected the Kettlestrings and the Cook children must have had a wonderful time chasing each other through their fenceless grades.



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*The Cook Family Home as it was built in 1888.*

Ernest Hemingway was born just two doors down, on the same year as the Cook building was redesigned by E.E. Roberts, the architect credited by ultimately popularized the Prairie Style. At this time the building received a full sized second floor and a glass veranda facing the street.



*In 1901 The villa was renovated to its present look.*

Considering the building was finalized in 1899, this modern Prairie Style home was well ahead of its time. The upper floor sticking out past the first floor, is a characteristic design feature repeated in many of Roberts' homes. While Frank Lloyd Wright became acclaimed by critics and the connoisseurs, E.E. Roberts outperformed him by designing more than 150 buildings in Oak Park (compare to FL Wrights number of less than 30). Roberts may actually have designed as many as 300. The exact number is not known



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as moonlighting was more of a rule than an exception. By tailoring his design to the needs of the family, Roberts popularized the prairie style, opening it up to a larger number of families. No family had to bend over backwards to fit their life style into a Roberts home.

## F.L. Wright and E.E. Roberts!

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Village rapidly became the place-to-be for people of means and style. Walking up and down the side streets is like walking in a history book of American Architecture. Victorian Homes, Traditional American Stick Style, Four Square, and Prairie Style compete block by block with buildings ordered straight from a catalogue. Competing with the diverse styles of Oak Park undoubtedly propelled Frank Lloyd Wright to fame. His Home and Studio can be found jus few minutes' walk West on Chicago Avenue.



*Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studios.  
951 Chicago Avenue*



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Interlaced with the Wright buildings you can find masterpieces designed by **EE Roberts** that help get a picture of the evolving of the community where Architects speak to one another through their visual expression. The Roberts houses below are well worth a morning walk.



*407 N Kenilworth Ave*



*703 N East Avenue*



*422 Forest Avenue*



*911Chicago Ave*



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# Oak Park and Equity

Oak Park was further one of the first communities to pass a **Fair Housing Act** on a municipal level, once the federal legislation was voted in in 1968. The locally crafted language passed with a decisive 5-2 vote, banning discrimination within village limits. At that time for sale signs were also banned in the community, with the aim of calming the real estate market. The passing of the fair housing act helped develop Oak Park to a more integrated community.



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*Fair Housing Act Passed in Oak Park in 1968*



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# Discovering the History

The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest at 129 Lake Street gives an excellent overview of community development.



*The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest offers an opportunity to discover the Oak Park community top down in just a few hours.*



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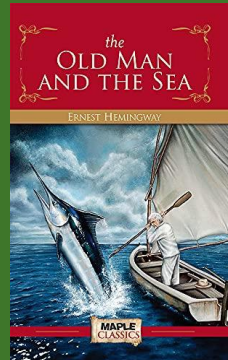
# The Village and Its Legends

If you choose to head south on Oak Park, you will soon run into the Nobel Prize winning author **Ernest Hemingway's** birth place. Given an opportunity please take a couple of hours to visit this wonderful landmark, usually open during weekends.



*Hemingway's Birth Home, 339 N Oak Park Ave*

**Edgard Rice Borroughs** the author of Tarzan is also a man to call Oak Park Home. While his books today appear quite dated, it is still be interesting to know that a lot of the stereotypical masculinity expressed over the 20<sup>th</sup> has its roots in Oak Park.



*Both Edgard Rice Borroughs and Ernest Hemingway, the two creators of 20<sup>th</sup> century masculine identity, had a deep connection with Oak Park.*



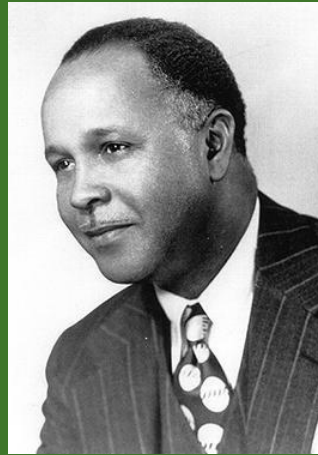
*Sue Ann Nievens TV career spun over decades.*



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The actress **Betty White**, who played Sue Ann Nievens in the Mary Tyler More Show and is well known as one of the 'Golden Girls', always made sure everybody knew she was from Oak Park.



*Percy Lavon Julian (April 11, 1899 – April 19, 1975)*

*The Chemist **Percy Lavon Julia**, also an Oak Park resident was a pioneer in the industrial large-scale chemical synthesis of the human hormones progesterone and testosterone from plant sterols such as stigmasterol and sitosterol.*

If you drive 2 miles South on Oak Park and make a right on Gilmore, you will soon be standing in front of **Sam Giancana's** bungalow. Sam, who ran the Chicago Outfit long after Al Capone had withered away in prison, was struck by six bullets while frying sausages in the Sicilian style basement kitchen at this very adress in 1975.



*Sam Giancana and his long-time residence on 1147 South Wenonah Drive.*



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# Dining and Entertainment

In the 400 block of North Oak Park Avenue you are just a five-minute walk from a cluster of excellent dining opportunities:

**Hemingway's Bistro**, just down the street offers elegant fine dining. **Papa Spiros** at the corner of Lake and Oak Park holds a genuine Greek kitchen with a feel of Athens. The **New Pot Restaurant** across the street has an eclectic Thai cuisine. New Pot also allows you to BYOB, which is nice if you want to bring your own wine. **Sagano Sushi** nextdoor is a good for carry out.



Courageous Bakery and Café and Mulata Kitchen Coffee

**Courageous Bakery and Café** as well as **Mulata Kitchen Coffee** offer excellent alternatives to Starbucks on Lake. Mulata has a good small cappuccino, whereas the Courageous Bakery will pour up a larger cup. Both are good!

**Americas Contemporary Latin Restaurant** has an excellent and adventurous kitchen for a demanding taste. **Rustico Mediterranean Restaurant and Bar** offers splendid Pizzas. So does **Brick Wood Fired Pizza** around the corner. **Violo's Trattoria** is our choice for a Friday night out.

Walking towards the 'L' you will see **Cucina Paradiso** on the right. It offers comfortable outdoor seating when in season. Several more restaurants can be found south of the 'L' including **Citrine**, offering a posh menu as well as **Maya Del Sol** that combines an elegant Latin American ambiance with contemporary food.

Walking west on Lake you will find **Khyber Pass** with a genuine Indian cuisine, as well as **Jerusalem Cafe** with its budget-priced Middle Eastern menu. **Sushi House Oak Park** across the street offers an excellent Japanese menu. If you want to go Vegan, sneak around the corner and go **Munch**. Their Menu was actually developed on one of our stoves.



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# Out and About

Across the street the LAKE movie theatre offers entertainment for all ages and tastes.



*Lake Movie Theater on Lake*

The Mural Project of the Village is an excellent destination for a morning walk. This excellent street art can be found on either side of the blue line. Wonderful, strong expressions.



*Dozens of Murals side the Oak Park L line.*



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## Groceries'

Close to Lake and Harlem you will find a **Target** (typically open till 10 PM) and a **Trader Joe's** that closes at 9.00 PM. **Pete's Groceries** east on Lake Street will have everything you need and more, but does close at 9.00 PM during winter. **Jewel Osco** (on 7525 Lake Street or 438 West Madison) is typically open until midnight, but check ahead.

## Transportation

Whenever Oak Park feels too small, you can hop on the L just South of Oak Park and Lake, and head anywhere in the city you like. You will be in the Loop in 30 min. ORD and MDW are both less than half an hour away by Uber, assuming the traffic does not hold you up.



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