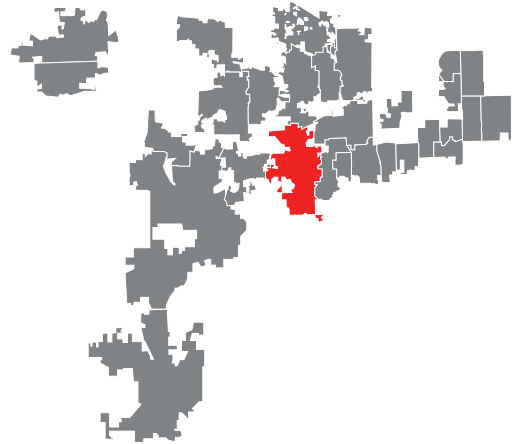


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Fortunately, Downers Grove doesn't let fame go to its head. The village has racked up more than its share of accolades, with *Forbes* naming it one of America's friendliest towns and *CNN* ranking it among the country's best places for a healthy retirement due to its abundance of parks and top-notch hospitals.



A varied housing stock exists in this robust community, ranging from historic homes from the mid-1800s to an assortment of Sears Roebuck Catalog Homes, which were built between 1908 and 1940 from purchased kits. New construction can also be found in the village.



Along with ample boutique shopping and upscale dining, Downers Grove hosts dozens of community events and festivals, attracting visitors and earning the village a place on the *Chicago Tribune's* "Top 10 List of Downtowns." The community is also home to the Downers Grove Museum, which includes the historic Blodgett House.

Downers Grove is served by Downers Grove Grade School District 58, Center Cass School District 66, and Community High School District 99, which consists of two public high schools — Downers Grove North and South. The community also boasts the prestigious Avery Coonley School, founded in 1906 and located in the village since 1929.

Metra's BNSF Railway has three stations in Downers Grove, providing direct transportation to Chicago.