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Entering Melrose Park, one returns to a time when neighbors talked over the fence, moms watched out for each other's children, and churches were central to family life. Our tree-lined streets are populated with well-manicured homes.

What you notice upon entering Melrose Park is the diversity of its residents. Walk down any street, and you will be immersed in a tapestry of cultures, each with its unique language, food, and customs. Melrose Park is an example of the ideal of the "American Melting Pot."

Celebrations and festivals are synonymous with the words Melrose Park. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been celebrated every July for 130 years and is the longest-running festival in the Chicago area. Our annual Hispanofest draws nearly 125,000 people. And every Labor Day weekend, the Taste of Melrose Park attracts hundreds of thousands of hungry patrons to the most family-affordable food festival in all of Illinois.

Melrose Park, thanks to its strong business community, can offer residents among the lowest water and property tax rates in the Chicago area. Our crime rate is among the lowest in the western suburbs of Cook County. Melrose Park's nickname is Corporate King of the Suburbs. Corporations such as Alberto-Culver, Wilson Sporting Goods, Benjamin Moore Paint, Jewel-Osco, Home Juice, Zenith, International Harvester, Navistar, and many others have made Melrose Park their home or still call it home. We are also one of the few towns with Costco, Target, and Menards stores within its village limits.

Few communities offer their residents the amenities that Melrose Park provides. Our central location, convenient expressways, and mass transit system enable residents to reach O'Hare Airport, downtown Chicago, entertainment venues, excellent shopping centers, and fine dining establishments in a matter of minutes.

Melrose Park is one of the few suburban towns to have a world-class hospital, Loyola Gottlieb, located within its village limits. These are some of the reasons Chicago Magazine named Melrose Park one of the best suburbs for first-time homebuyers and why we are a recipient of the Governor's Hometown Award.

Please visit Melrose Park and experience a unique community that takes you back to a friendlier and neighborly time. If you have any questions, please call 708 343-4000. Hope to see you soon.

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