

Lawndale-Based Organizations

Carole Robertson Centers for Learning

<http://www.crcl.net/>

Nonprofit organization dedicated to “nurturing, supporting, and strengthening family life through quality child, youth, and family development programs.” A new facility opened in North Lawndale in 2001.

Homan Square Community Center

<http://www.homansquare.org>

Website for the Homan Square Community Center Campus, a comprehensive health, education, recreation, and family support center in Chicago's North Lawndale community. Includes images and information about the award-winning Homan Square redevelopment of the original Sears, Roebuck and Co. world headquarters.

Lawndale Heritage

<http://www.lawndaleheritage.org/>

Includes information and downloadable presentation on the Chicago Greystone Initiative, with images of typical greystones.

Lawndale Business and Local Development Corporation

www.lblcdc.org

A group formed in 1985 to “promote the economic health of Lawndale and adjacent areas through retention and expansion of business, and to provide new opportunities for residents through local training and employment.” Website includes facts and figures about the community and information about plans to revitalize the community’s economy.

Lawndale Christian Development Corporation

<http://www.lcdc.net/>

Organization dedicated to bringing “holistic revitalization to the lives and environments of Lawndale residents through economic empowerment, housing improvements, educational enrichments and community advocacy.” Website includes information about LCDC’s real estate development and home rehabilitation projects.

Lawndale Christian Health Center

http://www.lawndale.org/aboutus_hist.html

Healthcare institution website with information about the history of the neighborhood.

Mt. Sinai Health System

<http://www.sinai.org/>

Local hospital website.

North Lawndale Community News

<http://www.nlcn.org/>

Community newspaper website.

North Lawndale Industrial Development Team

<http://www.nlidt.com/>

Collaboration of three neighborhood organizations. Includes real estate and community data.

Steans Family Foundation

<http://www.steansfamilyfoundation.org/>

A “small family foundation work[ing] in partnership with local residents and institutions to build and enhance the North Lawndale community.”

Website includes history and map of neighborhood.

Other Organizations with a Lawndale Presence

Chicago Park District

Douglas Park

http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/parks.detail/object_id/3FD4402A-97C3-4426-9179-B7953CAEAA3F.cfm

Basic information about the park located in North Lawndale.

Chicago Public Schools

www.cps.k12.il.us

Public schools located in North Lawndale:

Charles Sumner

Daniel Webster

KIPP Ascend Charter School

John Gregory

Edward Franklin Frazier

Matthew A. Henson

Theodore Herzl

Langston Hughes

Legacy Charter

Mason CPC

William Penn

North Lawndale Charter High School

Anton Dvorak Math/Science/Technology Academy

James Weldon Johnson

Julia C. Lathrop

Lawndale Community Academy

Collins High School

Mary McCloud Bethune

Learn Charter

Jensen Scholastic Academy

Crown Community Academy

Nathaniel Pope

Charles D. Hammond

Ambrose Plamondon

Thomas Chalmers

Manley Career Academy

William H. King

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs

<http://www.jcua.org>

Organization that “combats poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities.”

Includes information about the organization's founder, Rabbi Robert Marx, who was originally based in North Lawndale.

Local Initiatives Support Group (LISC)

New Communities Program

<http://www.newcommunities.org/communities/northlawndale/>

Program with a presence in 16 Chicago neighborhoods, designed to "rejuvenate decaying communities, bolster those in danger of sliding downward and preserve the diversity of areas in the path of gentrification."

The "News and Data" link provides access to several .pdfs that provide a "snapshot" of the current condition of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS)

<http://www.nhschicago.org/>

General Informational Resources

Design Matters Affordable Housing Database

Homan Square

http://wall.aa.uic.edu:62730/ahc/catalog/idc_htx_files/project_page.idc?projectID=58

Information and images dealing the Homan Square Development at 3500 West Polk, completed in 1996 on the site of the former Sears world headquarters.

Chicago Historical Society

www.chicagohs.org

Collection includes photographs and archives from the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission. Some contextual images of North Lawndale are included online via the Chicago Daily News archives.

Chicago Public Library

Neighborhood History Research Collection, North Lawndale Community Records, 1872-1956

<http://www.chipublib.org/008subject/012special/nlcc.html>

Summary of the holdings of the Chicago Public Library archives.

They also have available at the Harold Washington Library Center several publications and reports by the city and various development organizations about the neighborhood, dating back to the 1960s.

City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development

<http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalEntityHomeAction.do?entityName=Planning+And+Development&entityNameEnumValue=32>

Information about the city's Empowerment Zones, demographics, economy, retail, etc., with many .pdfs available for download.

The Encyclopedia of Chicago

North Lawndale Entry

<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/901.html>

Context and historical summary for the North Lawndale neighborhood.

Greater Chicago Housing and Community Development Website

<http://www.chicagoareahousing.org/>

Demographic information about North Lawndale from a housing/development information clearinghouse.

University of Chicago

School of Social Service Administration, Center for Health Administration Studies

Chicago Community Area 29: North Lawndale

<http://www.chas.uchicago.edu/healthdata/atlas/ca29.html>

1990 U.S. Census data.

Urban Land Institute

www.uli.org

Search under “North Lawndale”; there are a few free downloadable .pdfs as well as some members-only access publications related to North Lawndale.

U.S. Census

www.census.gov

Click here for a map showing the census tract numbers that correspond to the Lawndale neighborhood. ([censusmap.pdf](#))

Demographic and socioeconomic data may be downloaded from the census website and mapped via the online American FactFinder.

Nearby/Related Development in West Side Neighborhoods

North Lawndale is bounded by several neighborhoods, including West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park, South Lawndale, Little Village, Tri-Taylor, and Illinois Medical District. Redevelopment projects, both public and private, are underway in many of these areas.

CHA redevelopment projects

www.thecha.org/housingdev/overview/html

Illinois Medical District map and redevelopment sites ([UIC_IMD.pdf](#))

University of Illinois at Chicago

Several departments and institutes at the University of Illinois at Chicago are involved with the North Lawndale community, which is their neighbor to the west.

Great Cities Institute

www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci

A “focal point for new initiatives in interdisciplinary, applied urban research” in Chicago neighborhoods.

UIC Neighborhoods Initiative

<http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci/uicni/index.htm>

Network of partnerships between the university and surrounding communities that seeks to “enliven the mission of the University by nurturing mutually beneficial partnerships in research, education and service.”

City Design Center, College of Architecture and the Arts

<http://www.uic.edu/aa/cdc/files/home1.html>

A “multi-disciplinary research, education, and service program” that has initiated several research and design projects in North Lawndale.

Website includes links to student and faculty projects, the Chicago Imagebase project (see below), and the North Lawndale Property Information System (see below).

Chicago Imagebase

North Lawndale Community Information

University of Illinois at Chicago

<http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/ahaa/imagebase/ca/nl/index.html>

From here, you can navigate to several pages with images and maps of North Lawndale.

North Lawndale Property Information System

<http://chicagobase.lib.uic.edu/website/imagebase/viewer.htm>

Experimental site using ESRI's Internet Map Server to map property lines, landmarks, and land use in North Lawndale.

Chicago Fact Book

Community Area 29 (North Lawndale)

<http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/ahaa/imagebase/sandbox/tcarri3/29text1970-80.html>

Includes many resources relating to the neighborhood, including historical maps, topographic maps, aerial photographs, and contextual photographs.

Chicago Rehab Network

www.chicagorehab.org

Nonprofit organization working “to further the development and preservation of safe affordable housing in Chicago.”

Website includes newsletters and facts about the North Lawndale community and its housing outlook. If you register with their Affordable Housing Fact Book

(www.chicagorehab.org/crn/factbook/index.aspx), you can gain access to information about housing costs, tenure, local investments, and demography. More detailed information is

available for a fee.

Restricted-Access Resources

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

High-resolution maps of building types, property lines, and factory sites for the Lawndale area from 1896, c. 1918, and c. 1950. Map guide shows how large-scale maps are divided; map keys explain the symbols used on the maps.

Current aerial view of North Lawndale ([currentaerial.pdf](#))

Map showing zones of land use in North Lawndale, commissioned in 2003 by the Commercial Club of Chicago and produced by URS-TPAP. ([Land_Use-map.pdf](#))

Map of vacant property in North Lawndale, commissioned in 2003 by the Commercial Club of Chicago and produced by URS-TPAP. ([Vacant_Property-map.pdf](#))

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