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## Open House Chicago Offers Look Inside Chicago's Best-Known and Little-Known Spaces During a FREE Two-Day Event

*Chicago Architecture Foundation's fourth annual event opens  
18 neighborhoods and over 150 sites, Oct. 18 & 19*

**CHICAGO**—The largest architectural festival in Chicago is back for its fourth year! Drawing more than 55,000 people, the Chicago Architecture Foundation's (CAF) Open House Chicago (OHC) event is October 18 and 19, and includes more than 150 of the city's greatest spaces and places from 18 neighborhoods across the city. This free public event offers participants behind-the-scenes access to many areas that are normally open "by invitation only." Whether you are an architecture buff, history enthusiast or just looking for a unique weekend festival, OHC is a fun must-see event for every kind of adventurer: locals and visitors to suburbanites and city dwellers.

Showcasing the diversity of Chicago's architecture, sites include uncommonly seen and "restricted access" areas of public buildings, factories, historic mansions, private clubs, sacred spaces, schools, professional offices and cultural institutions, among others.

"CAF inspires people to discover why design matters, and OHC is the perfect example of that. This event gives locals and visitors a reason to explore Chicago's culturally rich neighborhoods and engages the public in experiencing and learning about the city's built environment," said Lynn Osmond, CAF president and CEO. "We hear from thousands who participate in this annual event that OHC fosters civic pride in neighborhood landmarks, histories and culture."

In 2013, the third OHC event attracted more than 55,000 guests from all 50 states and 71 countries around the world. The economic impact of that event weekend was \$5.1million.

Modeled after popular programs in New York, London and Tel Aviv, OHC invites visitors to take self-guided visits throughout the following Chicago neighborhoods:

Ukrainian Village – New for 2014  
Edgewater – New for 2014  
Goose Island – New for 2014  
Downtown  
Gold Coast  
Lincoln Park  
Pilsen  
Pullman  
South Shore

Bronzeville - New for 2014  
Lincoln Square/Ravenswood – New for 2014  
Bridgeport/Back of the Yards  
Garfield Park/North Lawndale  
Hyde Park  
Near West Side/West Town  
Prairie District  
Rogers Park  
Uptown

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Using a printed event guide or [openhousechicago.org](http://openhousechicago.org), OHC guests can select the sites and neighborhoods they want to explore and create their own self-guided experiences.

OHC features over 150 sites, including:

- New Regal Theater in South Shore
- Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Church in Ukrainian Village
- Edgewater Beach Apartments Pool in Edgewater
- Kemper Building in Downtown
- Sacred Hearts School in Edgewater
- Union Station's Women's Lounge in Downtown
- Sky-Line Club in Downtown
- The Forum in Bronzeville

For a complete list of participating sites, visit [www.openhousechicago.org](http://www.openhousechicago.org). Get the latest news and fun facts about OHC too by following Chicago Architecture Foundation on Facebook ([facebook.com/chiarchitecture](https://facebook.com/chiarchitecture)) and Twitter ([@chiarchitecture](https://twitter.com/chiarchitecture)). You can also sign up to receive the OHC newsletter for updates on venues and the latest information on special programming.

Access to OHC sites is free and does not require a reservation, but participants are encouraged to sign up to receive event newsletters and last-minute announcements. Sites will accept visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to free access, OHC offers activities in various sites all weekend long, including cultural performances, lectures, workshops and more.

Become a CAF member at [architecture.org](http://architecture.org) to receive a "CAF Member Priority Access Pass," which grants you preferred access to OHC sites. Similar to last year's event, there are a select handful of Members Only Sites. Consider volunteering over the weekend. It's fun, easy and provides special benefits including priority access to all OHC sites!

OHC is a celebration of Chicago's neighborhoods and communities. The community partners helping make OHC 2014 happen are: Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and Public Media Institute, Quad Communities Development Corporation, Bronzeville Area Residents and Commerce Council, Building Owners and Managers Association, Chicago Loop Alliance, Magnificent Mile Association, 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman's Office, Edgewater Historical Society, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, Foundation for Homan Square, South East Chicago Commission, Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, Glessner House Museum, Historic Pullman Foundation, Pullman State Historic Site, Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, Rogers Park Business Alliance, South Shore Chamber, Inc., Ukrainian Village Neighborhood Association, Uptown United and West Loop Community Organization.

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. As an education leader in design, architecture and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), CAF offers tours, programs, exhibitions, field trips, curricula and online tools that are part of a dynamic learning journey for all ages. Proceeds from CAF's tours and gift shop support this educational mission.

For more information, visit [architecture.org](http://architecture.org) or call 312.922.3432.