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The Village is named for Archange and Antoine Ouilmette, who moved from Chicago in 1825 and built a cabin near Lake Michigan, becoming Wilmette's first family. Later, Archange was awarded a land grant, known as the Ouilmette Reservation, which became the cornerstone for the future development.



In 1995 the Wilmette Historical Museum relocated to its permanent home in the renovated 1896 Gross Point Village Hall on Ridge Road. Exhibits and rotating collections highlight the beautiful old building, brought back to life by community-wide fundraising. Most recently in 2004, an addition was opened that created a new museum facility with expanded exhibit space, enlarged meeting room facilities, and a new research room.

## Fair Housing in Wilmette

Wilmette prohibits discrimination in real estate transactions based on race, color, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income or housing status. (Wilmette Village Code, Chapter 9, Section 9-13)

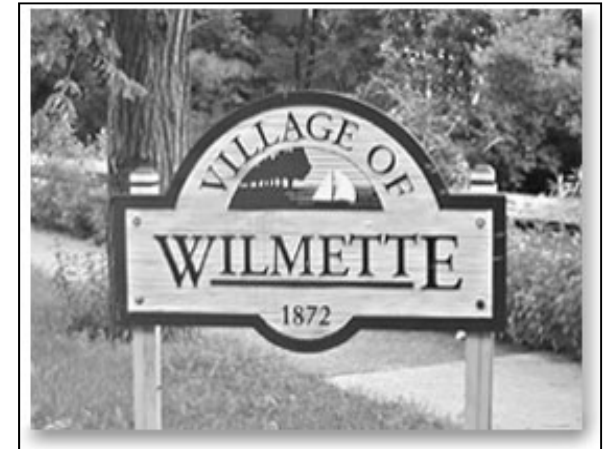
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# Welcome to Wilmette



a great place  
to live

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Due to celebrate its 135th birthday in 2007, Wilmette is a lakefront community of nearly 27,000 residents. Beautiful tree-lined streets and neighborhoods with a variety of housing styles are found throughout the Village.



Convenient public transportation links Wilmette to Chicago and the area suburbs, Metra trains and CTA Rapid Transit offer frequent rides to Chicago, and multiple bus routes serve the Village and neighboring communities.

Our churches, temples and houses of worship have multiplied over the years - we now boast sixteen. While most are less visible than our famed Baha'i House of Worship, each plays a vital part in community activities.

Wilmette residents enjoy **premier municipal services** through their property tax. Police, fire and paramedic services are provided by nationally accredited departments



and are outstanding. Snow is plowed from sidewalks as well as from streets and alleys. Loose autumn leaves are collected from curbside piles along residential streets. Refuse service includes weekly pick-up of garbage and recyclables.

Our Forestry Division manages the care of thousands of public trees. Programs to maintain and upgrade our sewers and streets are ongoing. Wilmette operates its own water plant, which brings water to residents at a favorable rate.

The Village is governed by a Board of Trustees elected at-large, and managed by skilled professional staff. The Trustees are assisted by over 180 resident volunteers who serve on local public boards and commissions such as the Board of Health, Housing Commission and Plan Commission.

**Our schools** continue to attract new residents. Most of Wilmette is served by District 39, which operates four elementary schools, a middle school, and a junior high school for a total enrollment of 3,600 students. District 37 operates two schools with about 700 Wilmette and Glenview students. Wilmette students attend top-ranked New Trier High School, in nearby Winnetka, where they make up 45% of the student body. Private education choices include numerous pre-schools, St. Francis Xavier Elementary School, Regina Dominican High School and Loyola Academy.

Families also move here for our **Park District**, which manages facilities in 18 parks on 300 acres of land. The Community Recreation Center offers an Early Childhood Center, a Fitness Club, Senior Center and a variety of recreation classes. Outdoor swimming pools are found at the Centennial complex, where indoor tennis courts and ice rinks for hockey and general skating are popular year round. Summertime Broadway musicals and band concerts are featured in the Wallace Bowl, an outdoor amphitheater in Gillson Park, the North Shore's most beautiful lakefront park with beaches for swimming and sailing. An 18-hole golf course, which boasts a brand new clubhouse, is located on the west border of Wilmette, adjacent to miles of Cook County Forest Preserve hiking, biking and equestrian paths.

**The Wilmette Library** is a busy place. The 200,000-book collection circulates heavily, and there is extensive patron use of the available computers. Because the library is part of a regional network, we have convenient access to the collections of all 24 member libraries. Serving pre-school to 8th grade, the children's department offers story-times, films, summer reading programs and special events. Videos, films and sound recordings are available for rental, and seminars and lectures on a range of subjects are offered to adult patrons.

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