

# Golden Oldies - Historic Old Town Chicago

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Featured name

**Tucked behind the high-rises is an old town with an unofficial border and century-old residences rebuilt after a fire that erased 2,100 acres of Chicago**

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- In the 19th century, German immigrants moved to the region, which was nicknamed “The Cabbage Patch” because of the German farmers and the crop they were growing.
- There is debate as to what defines Old Town Chicago. Google Maps outlines a 64-acre area on both sides of North Avenue, while some say it’s only “Old Town Triangle,” defined by a WWII defense map. Others disagree entirely and say anything above North Avenue is Lincoln Park.
- The Great Chicago Fire was an opportunity to rebuild the city in a perfect grid, but much of Old Town that survived kept its asymmetrical, winding, and one-way streets.
- Architectural styles include Chicago Bungalows, Greystones, Neo-Classical, and Row Homes.

### PRODUCT TYPE

Historic

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## Location

### Phone number

**State** *Illinois*

**City** *Chicago*

### Zip Code

41.911077, -87.641012