

ONE BOOK. ONE CHICAGO

Bold Plans. Big Dreams
Community Showcase Tours
Saturday, October 10, 2009

Overview

As part of One Book One Chicago programming, explore the unique stories and bold plans of six diverse Chicago neighborhoods as told through the voices of community leaders and residents. The three-hour include: Gateway to the World (Albany Park), Rebuilding a Classic Chicago Community (Auburn Gresham), Discover Pilsen (Pilsen), From Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond (Quad Communities), From Pollution to Solution (South Chicago) and Gateway to India (West Ridge).

The tours are free, but advance registration is required. To reserve your ticket, please send your name, e-mail and phone number along with the name of the tour(s) in which you would like to participate to: info@burnhamplan100.org. Registration is limited to 2 tickets per person per tour. RSVP requested by Wednesday, October 7, 2009. Tours will leave from and return to the *Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, Chicago*. All participants will receive an e-mail confirming their tour reservation.

Tour Schedule and Descriptions

MORNING TOURS: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

All participants must check in between 9:00 – 9:20 am at the Chicago Cultural Center, Garland Room, 78 E. Washington Street, Chicago. Tour buses depart promptly at 9:30 am.

Auburn Gresham

Hosted by: Greater-Auburn Gresham Development Corporation

Rebuilding a Classic Community: *Using our people and assets to make a great place great again!*

Auburn-Gresham is Chicago's best-kept secret. It's a classic Chicago community on the city's Far South Side that took shape during the early 20th century, when most of the neighborhood's bungalows, stores, schools, parks and churches were built. Today, Auburn-Gresham is an African-American community that is using its many assets and dedicated residents to create a new era of prosperity.

Pilsen

Hosted by: The Resurrection Project

Discover Pilsen: *Healthy, Vibrant, Organized*

Social activism has shaped Pilsen since its inception as an industrial district along the Chicago River in the 1850s. Immigrants in the densely populated community found support through settlement houses, churches and labor unions. Since the 1950s, Pilsen has been a Mexican-American neighborhood where generations have worked to create a healthy neighborhood that is proud of its Mexican roots.

South Chicago

Hosted by: Claretian Associates

From Pollution to Solution: *LEED-ing the way in the Midwest!*

South Chicago, once home to U.S. Steel's mighty South Works mill, now proudly shows off its green. The Bush area, historically considered the worst slum in Chicago, now boasts award-winning community gardens growing organic food. Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, the first in Chicago to serve Mexican immigrants, remains a neighborhood anchor. Its Claretian missionaries created housing developer Claretian Associates, which has built 130 homes featuring solar panels and energy-efficient appliances.

AFTERNOON TOURS: 1:30 – 4:30 pm

All participants must check in between 1:00 – 1:20 pm at the Chicago Cultural Center, Garland Room, 78 E. Washington, Street, Chicago. Tour buses depart promptly at 1:30 pm.

Albany Park

Hosted by: North River Commission

Chicago's Gateway to the World: *A legacy of culture, nature and movement on Chicago's Northwest Side*

Albany Park has long been a port of entry for immigrants and continues to be a springboard to the middle class for new families and entrepreneurs. Today, one bustling shopping plaza is home to a Saudi Arabian bakery, Korean BBQ, Albanian-owned New York style pizza restaurant, Iraqi pita place and Jordanian jeweler. The Chicago River defines Albany Park, serving as its eastern and northern boundaries.

Quad Communities

Hosted by: Quad Communities Development Corporation and the Bronzeville Visitor Information Center

From Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond: *Come experience the second urban renaissance in the capital of Black America*

Visit architecturally stunning neighborhoods where influential African-Americans lived and worked. Learn about the Underground Railroad, Great Migration and Civil Rights movement, and how these dynamic neighborhoods are being revitalized.

West Ridge

Hosted by: Indo-American Heritage Museum

Gateway to India in Chicago: *Explore dynamic diversity and global connections on Devon Avenue*

Gateway to India offers visitors an orientation to the community through interaction with immigrants and an exploration of Devon Avenue shops, which thrive in West Ridge where structures built by European immigrants in the 1920s now house a multicultural population.

The *Bold Plans Big Dreams Community Showcase Tours* are presented by the Burnham Plan Centennial Committee in collaboration with LISC/Chicago, the Chicago Cultural Alliance and neighborhood organizations and with generous support from The Boeing Company and LISC/Chicago.

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