

A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY

The Village of Carol Stream was incorporated in 1959 at a time when only a few rural farmsteads surrounded by vast cornfields and pastures existed in this part of DuPage County. Today, the Village is part of the Chicago metropolitan region and a leader among western suburban DuPage County communities. The last official Village population census conducted in 2000 totaled 40,438 residents.

The local housing stock includes a variety of dwelling types such as single-family homes in all price ranges, condominiums, town homes, apartments, senior independent retirement community living, and a senior group apartment housing complex. In general, the value of the local housing stock has consistently increased over the years.

Carol Stream is home to more than 900 businesses and industries including several Fortune 500 companies. Jefferson-Smurfit Corp. (USA), Inland Corrugated Packaging, Berlin Industries, Vickers Inc., Best Buy, Office Depot, Prince Castle, American Flange Co., Trans Tech America, Fed-Ex Ground Transport, Mercedes Benz of North America, Thyssen Krupp Specialty Steels, Tyndale House Publishing, FIC America, Ingram Micro, Inland Detroit-Diesel, and Moore Business Forms are among the many.

Village residents who regularly travel the thirty-five miles to the Chicago Loop for business or cultural activities are only a forty-minute commute via the Wheaton, Bartlett or Hanover Park Metra commuter train stations. The RTA's Suburban PACE transportation system provides convenient shuttle service to area residents commuting to local train stations, shopping centers, colleges, and hospitals. Local commuters will find an easy toll free access to I-290 (Eisenhower Expy.) by traveling east on North Ave or Army Trail Road to I-355 North. The Elgin-O'Hare Expressway provides convenient commuter access to the northwest suburbs, reached by traveling north on Gary Ave. past Lake Street.