

# Central Neighborhood

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## Site Characteristics

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### Boundaries

From 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

### Location Maps

[Click here](#) to see where the neighborhood is located in the City of Rock Island. [Click here](#) for a street and parcel map of the neighborhood.

### Size

Approximately 100 city blocks make up Central Neighborhood. It covers 1,984.6 acres or 3.1 square miles.

### Population

According to the 2000 Census, there are 2,417 households or 5,111 people in the area.

### Schools in Central Neighborhood

- [Jordan Catholic School](#)
- [Rock Island High School](#)

### Natural Features

Central Neighborhood's topography is extremely varied. There are very steep hills combined with areas of extreme flatness. Within its borders you will find [Chippiannock Cemetery](#). This charming wooded cemetery provides a picturesque place to take a quiet stroll.

### Housing and Architecture

The neighborhood construction largely spanned from the 1920s to the 1970s, but there is new development occurring near Chippiannock Cemetery. Large areas of this neighborhood were built up during and after World War II to house war defense workers and returning GI's. The area also contains distinctive Chicago-style bungalows on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and an eclectic blend of Tudor Revival, English Cottage, Foursquare, Modernistic, Minimal Traditional and International style architecture in Mosenfelder's and Burgart's Additions. Further to the south you'll find the popular Ranch-style homes.

### Institutions Located in Central Neighborhood

- Association for Retarded Citizens
- Calvary Cemetery Association
- Chippiannock Cemetery
- First Baptist Church
- Friendship Manor
- Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery
- National City Bank
- Rock Island County Health Department
- Trinity Medical Center
- St. Pius X Catholic Church

## Shopping Areas Located in Central Neighborhood

- Hilltop Business District - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## Shopping Areas Located Within Half-Mile of Central Neighborhood

- 11<sup>th</sup> Street Commercial Corridor

## Neighborhood History

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The *30<sup>th</sup> Street Estates* is a prewar addition composed of 10 houses between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue that were built between 1928 and 1930.

The *Bel-Aire Addition* is comprised of 63 units between 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> ½ Avenues and between 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets. Bel-Aire's homes were mostly built from 1948 to 1952 and consist of Colonial Revivals, Cape Cods, Minimal Traditionals, Split levels, Ranch, Apartment Blocks, Front Gables, and Foursquares.

*Colonial Lanes* is located on 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and consists of 51 houses built between 1947 and 1949.

*Elmore H. Stafford's Addition* has a curvilinear layout that is formed from the south end union of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets that together form 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Built in the late 1930's by Elmore Stafford, this addition is comprised mainly of ranch houses and minimal traditional homes.

George W. McMillan developed *McMillian Courts* in 1942. The architectural styles include war defense houses and bungalows.

*Sam Weisman's Additions* can be found on the north side of the 2900s block of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue immediately east of 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Sam Weisman built this string of seven Chicago Bungalows between 1931 and 1933.

The *South Hill Addition* is located at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Brotman Brothers built at least 40 houses between 1946 and 1948.

The *Southlawn Addition* can be found at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is comprised of 23 houses built between 1946 and 1949.

*Second Washington Park*, found between 24<sup>th</sup> ½ and 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, was a block built from 1946-1949 to meet the needs of the postwar housing shortage.

The historical *Stadium Drive Addition* is a street loop that sits between 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> streets and south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The 60 houses in Stadium Drive were built between 1942 and 1946. The architectural styles of these houses are Colonial Revival, Gable front, and the Traditional square and linear plan.

*Washington Park* is the City's largest wartime housing development. The houses in this addition are primarily Colonial Revival in their design.

*Wheelan's Addition* is located on the north side of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and to the east of 24<sup>th</sup> Street. These seven bungalows were built by Sam Weisman around 1930 and are of a Spanish Colonial Revival in their architectural style.

## Partnerships

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### Capital Improvements Expected in Next Five Years

- 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue widening
- Resurfacing of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Resurfacing of 24<sup>th</sup> Street from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Blackhawk Road (including bridgework)

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