

Timeline

- 1833 Treaty of Chicago signed, requiring Potawatamie Indians to leave Northern Illinois.
Hezehiah Dunklee and Mason Smith come to Dunklee's Grove in Addison Township.
12 German families arrive from Benzen, Germany.
- 1835 Village of Lester's Station started. (It became WoodDale)
Erie Canal opened.
Buckhorn Tavern Stage top and Grand and York.
- 1837 30 families are living at Dunklee's Grove.
First German congregation formed. (See Churches)
- 1842 First schools organized.
Fischer Mill started.
- 1847 Flax mill built in Bensenville, ? on Wood Street between Mason and Barron. Flax seed oil was a key cash crop.
- 1848 St. John's Evangelical Church established.
- 1850 Plank roads built creating ties to Chicago.
- 1852 Korthauer Log House built on Green Street
- 1854 United Methodist Church begins.
- 1859 Immanuel Church formed.
- 1860 Abraham Lincoln elected President of the United States.
- 1861 Civil War between the U. S. and the Confederacy begins.
- 1873 The plat of land that was to become the Village of Bensenville was recorded, and originally called Tioga.
- 1884 The Village of Bensenville was incorporated. George Cogswell was the first President.
- 1885 School District 2 was formed.
- 1886 The first school was built on Green Street.
- 1894 Bensenville Volunteer Fire Department was organized.
- 1895 The Bensenville Home Society's "Castle" was built.
- 1900 Franzen Brothers Bank established.
The first telephone was installed in Bensenville. Switchboard was at Korthauer's Hardware Store.
- 1902 Peace Church organized.
- 1904 64 people in Bensenville have telephones.
The first fire bell was purchased and hung in town center.
- 1905 Railroad was a key employer in town.
- 1908 The first Village hall was built on Railroad Avenue, completed in 1909.
- 1910 Electricity came to Bensenville
- 1916 Roundhouse on Green Street built by Milwaukee Road.
- 1917 Second Green Street School was built. High School started in one of the rooms.
- 1925 Community High School District 100 was organized
- 1926 First high school graduating class
- 1927 Bensenville Community High School opened on York Road across from the "Castle"
Population is 902.
Referendum passed to build Tioga School.
- 1930 Population is 1680.
52 passenger trains and 27 freight trains pass through Bensenville daily.
- 1932 Plentywood Farm Restaurant opens in a log cabin.
Greenhouses built to add to Bensenville's economy.
- 1935 90% of village's workforce work for the Milwaukee Road Railroad.
- 1940 Bensenville's population reached 1875.
Douglas aircraft plant, later to become O'Hare Airport, was built.
- 1943 40% of workforce working for Douglas.
The Bensenville Chamber of Commerce was established.
- 1946 Chicago buys Orchard Airfield and 1,900 farms for O'Hare Field.
- 1947 First Bensenville public school kindergarten opened.
- 1954 Construction of Fenton High School
Mohawk School built
- 1957 Influx of manufacturers to Bensenville.
- 1958 Wesley A. Johnson School built.
- 1959 Luessenhop Farm at York and Grand bought and becomes Brentwood subdivision and shopping center
Referendums passed creating Bensenville Park District and Bensenville Community Public Library District.
- 1960 Eight major new industries move to Bensenville.
- 1967 Second Village Hall dedicated at southwest corner of Irving Park and Church Roads.
- 1974 Public Safety building built at junction of Main Street and Church Road.

- 1978 -Current library building built at 200 South Church Road.
- 1981 -Bensenville Arts Council formed.
- 1984 -Bensenville celebrated its Centennial
- 1985 -Bensenville Historical Commission created.
Bensenville Water Park opened.
- 1989 -Deer Grove Leisure Center opens.
- 1995 -Population is 17,767.
- 1997 -CLearNET was opened to the public (April 16, 1997)
CLearNET graphical side was opened to the public (Dec. 14, 1997)
- 2001 -CLearNET received its 1,000,000th e-mail . Also, this year, was the first time we had busy signals because all lines were in use.
- 2005 -Sadly, CLearNET was shut down on June 30th.