



Village of Skokie

Introduction

In addition to being the **first town in the U.S. to have nationally accredited Fire, Police and Public Works Departments**, the Village of Skokie offers twice-per-week refuse collection, a comprehensive curbside recycling program, sidewalk snowplowing, a senior transportation system, a state-certified Health Department and award-winning fiscal management.

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Through proactive economic development, Skokie has strengthened its business community and minimized its reliance on property tax revenues. In fact, the Village's property tax has not increased since 1990. Based on an average tax bill, the Village accounted for 8.15% of an average property tax bill in 2006, a decrease from 1990 when the Village accounted for 15.2% of an average property tax bill.

In addition to these outstanding municipal services and low municipal property taxes, Skokie residents enjoy the very best in important community facilities and amenities.

Skokie Public Library

The Skokie Public Library is renown as the **area's premier non-academic research library**. The Library's extensive collection features 500,000 items, including books and videos in 18 different foreign languages. Residents of all ages enjoy the Library's numerous educational and cultural programs.

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Business Community

Skokie offers a wide variety of shopping experiences, including Westfield Old Orchard, Village Crossing and the quaint shops in Downtown Skokie.

Through thoughtful planning and an overall spirit of cooperation, Skokie has grown into a thriving center of commerce. **Skokie's combination of industrial activity, retail sales, office/research firms**

and extensive professional services is virtually unparalleled in suburban Chicago. There are nearly 50,000 jobs provided by Skokie's extensive business sector.

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Each year, the Village, Park District, Library and Chamber of Commerce host the Skokie Festival of Cultures. Held annually since 1990, the two-day, outdoor event features ethnic displays, entertainment, cuisine and children's activities and offers fun and cultural enrichment for all ages.

Culture and Arts

Culture and the arts are important components of the fine quality of life Skokie offers to all of its residents. The award-winning North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie provides fine arts presentations and theatrical productions in an elegant yet intimate facility. The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, situated along a two-mile stretch of McCormick Boulevard, features more than 60 contemporary sculptures in a tranquil park setting with bicycle and jogging paths.

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Health Care

RUSH NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER

Rush North Shore Medical Center, a 265-bed hospital with over 600 physicians on staff, is located at the corner of Golf Road and Gross Point Road in Skokie. It is affiliated with Rush University Medical Center. **Rush North Shore was named one of the nation's top cardiovascular hospitals according to Solucient 100 Top Hospitals®: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success study, one of only 30 community hospitals nationally to be honored.**

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Residents also enjoy the many services provided by the Skokie Health Department, one of only a few State-certified municipal health departments in Illinois. A wide variety of health screenings are available from the Skokie Health Department, including: blood pressure, body composition analysis, cholesterol, diabetes, hearing, hemocult, lead, lipid profile, nutrition and tuberculosis. **Screenings are either free of charge or have a small fee.** In addition, the Skokie Health Department offers smoking cessation clinics, immunizations for all children living in Skokie or attending Skokie schools, child safety seat loaner program, microwave oven testing and much more.

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Skokie Park District

The Skokie Park District takes pride in protecting Skokie's natural resources, preserving historical sites and providing thousands of unique recreational opportunities at its 46 parks and many unique facilities. The district features the Skatium Ice Arena, Fitness First health club, Skokie Sports Park Driving Range and Adventure Golf, Weber Park Golf Course, Devonshire Cultural Center, Emily Oaks Nature Center, the Exploritorium children's interactive indoor playground and many others. In addition to its diverse array of programs and special events, the Skokie Park District also offers childcare and preschool services, including accredited summer camps, state-licensed full-day childcare and preschool, and before- and after-school care for grades K-5. **The Skokie Park District is a winner of the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management and an Illinois Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency.**

Transportation

Accessibility to transportation is a key advantage for Skokie residents. The Edens Expressway (I-94) spans Skokie's western edge, while Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and PACE suburban bus lines and the CTA's Skokie Swift Yellow line rail line offer numerous options for public transportation.

The Village of Skokie Engineering Division replaces and upgrades miles of Skokie roadway each year, taking full advantage of state and federal funding to keep **Skokie roads in excellent repair and of adequate size for efficient traffic flow.**

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Skokie Schools

Skokie is served by many exceptional public and private schools. Public school district boundaries are depicted on the map on the facing page. Both *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report* recently cited Niles North High School as one of the country's best. The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Niles Township High Schools for Excellence in Education. And most recently, **The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts singled out Niles Township High Schools as having the #1 arts education program in the nation.**

Oakton Community College - Ray Hartstein Campus

The OCC Ray Hartstein Campus is located in Skokie and offers a variety of day, evening and weekend courses as well as online classes through the teleconferencing and distance learning center.

National-Louis University North Shore at Skokie

NLU North Shore at Skokie opened in 2006 as a state-of-the-art modern campus boasting 44 wireless classrooms equipped with high-tech media equipment, four computer labs and a walk-in lab in the library.

Skokie Elementary Schools

(See map to the right)

District 65
847/859-8000

www.d65.k12.il.us

- (1) Walker School
- (2) Bessie Rhodes Magnet School

District 67 (Morton Grove)
847/965-3740

www.golf67.net

District 68
847/676-9000

www.sd68.k12.il.us

- (3) Highland Elementary School
- (4) Devonshire Elementary School
- (5) Early Childhood Center
- (6) Old Orchard Junior High School
- (7) Jane Stenson Elementary School

District 69
847/675-7666

www.skokie69.k12.il.us

- (8) Madison School
- (9) Thomas A. Edison School
- (10) Lincoln Junior High School

District 70 (Morton Grove)
847/965-6200

www.parkview70.net

District 72
847/929-1050

www.fairview.k12.il.us

- (11) Fairview South School

District 73
847/673-1141

www.eps.n-cook.k12.il.us

- (12) East Prairie School

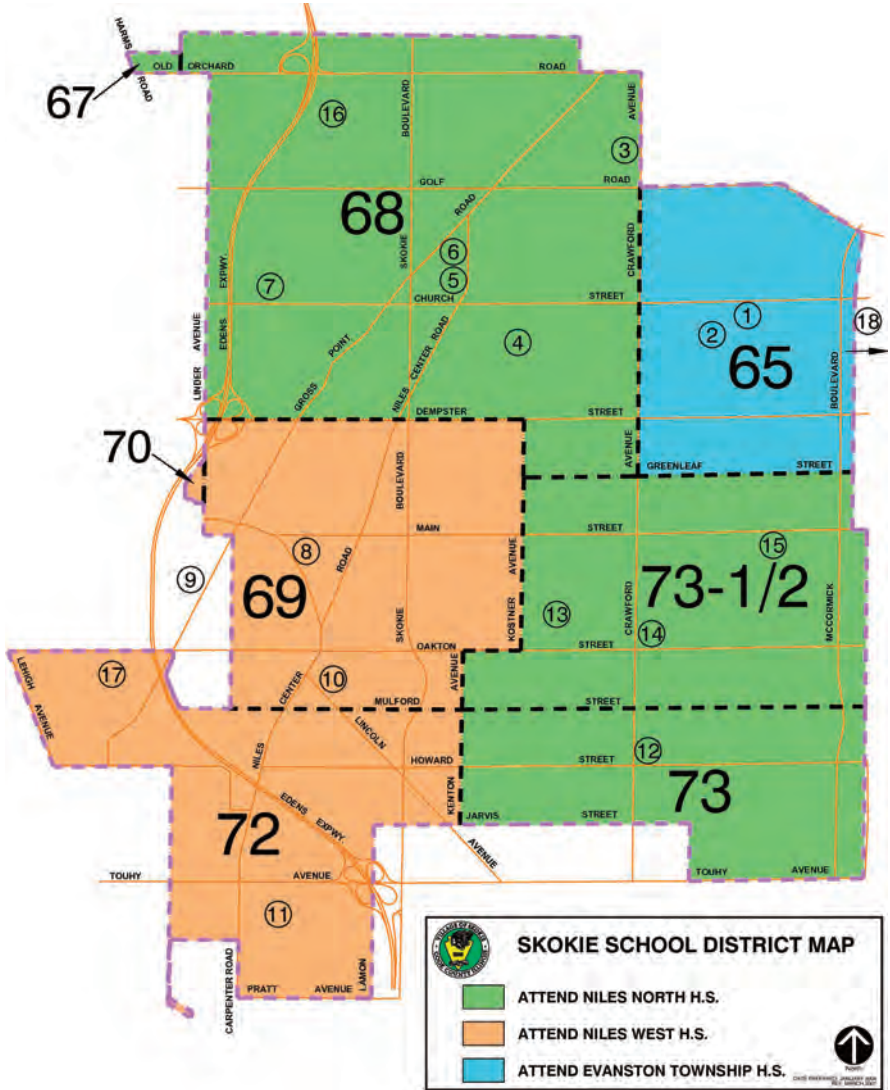
District 73 1/2
847/673-1220

www.skokie735.k12.il.us

- (13) Elizabeth Meyer School
- (14) Oliver McCracken School
- (15) John Middleton Elementary School

Skokie School Map

(See key to the left for elementary school district information)



Skokie High Schools (See map above)

District 219
 847/626-3000
www.niles-hs.k12.il.us
 (16) Niles North High School
 (17) Niles West High School

District 202 (Evanston)
 847/424-7000
www.eths.k12.il.us
 (18) Evanston Township High School

**For more information on all that Skokie
has to offer visit the following websites:**

Chamber of Commerce
www.skokiechamber.org

National-Louis University
www.nl.edu

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie
www.northshorecenter.org

Oakton Community College
www.oakton.edu

Rush North Shore Medical Center
www.rnsmc.org

Skokie Park District
www.skokieparkdistrict.org

Skokie Public Library
www.skokie.lib.il.us

Village of Skokie
www.skokie.org



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