



# Village of Skokie

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### **Make a Difference – Shop in Skokie!**

When shopping locally, your spending power helps support the community and local economy. Local shopping keeps local dollars working closer to home and positively affects Skokie schools, businesses and jobs.

Buying in Skokie also creates and sustains local jobs. Successful Skokie businesses also attract future or potential businesses to Skokie. The Village actively markets Skokie to potential businesses. Skokie residents can help the Village by writing or emailing your favorite business, if not already located in Skokie, and express your interest in a Skokie location. Corporate addresses are usually located on a business's website. New retailers in Skokie expand the opportunities and services available and attract more people to visit Skokie.

The Village recently launched a *Shop Local Skokie* Facebook fan page to promote economic development in the community. Please be sure to "like" the *Shop Local Skokie* Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ShopLocalSkokie](http://www.facebook.com/ShopLocalSkokie) to learn more about the wide range of businesses located in Skokie and about the benefits of shopping local.

Shop local and be sure to "like" the *Shop Local Skokie* Facebook page to to learn all that Skokie has to offer.

Additionally, if you would like to receive email alerts on upcoming Downtown Skokie specials and events, please visit [www.skokiedowntown.org](http://www.skokiedowntown.org) to subscribe.

The next time you plan a lunch, dinner or event, try to plan it close to home. Even if you are not a shopper, chances are you probably dine out and Skokie offers a multitude of restaurants to please any taste. To learn more about all the great dining, entertainment and art opportunities waiting for you in Skokie visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or [www.skokiedowntown.org](http://www.skokiedowntown.org).

Information on local shopping and dining options also is available at the Skokie Chamber of Commerce's website [www.skokiechamber.org](http://www.skokiechamber.org) or at the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitor's Bureau's website at [www.cnscvb.com](http://www.cnscvb.com).

For more information about the *Shop Local Skokie* Facebook page, please contact the Village Manager's office at 847/933-8283.

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#### *Awards and Distinctions*

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American Public Works Association  
(APWA) Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation for  
Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

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Fitch IBCA AAA Financial  
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Gold Level Clean Air Counts  
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Governor's Hometown Award

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Government Finance Officers  
Association Certificate of  
Achievement for Excellence in  
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Insurance Services Office (ISO)  
Class One Fire Department

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Department

Tree City U.S.A. Distinction