



Exciting changes are underway at the Illinois Science + Technology Park with a new owner (Skokie-based American Landmark Properties), new tenants, planned new investments and expanded outreach to the domestic and international research business community.



Highlighting Skokie's recent retail accomplishments, Village staff hosted another successful marketing outreach effort at the annual International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) convention held at Navy Pier in October 2016.



At the brand new Touhy Town Center (5500 Touhy Avenue), Skokie welcomed its first drive-thru Panera Bread and Goodwill store, Harken Health and MOD Pizza. The Goodwill store features environmentally-friendly permeable pavers in its parking lot.

CUBS WIN, SKOKIE WINS...AND SO DOES SKOKIEBIZ!

Just like the Chicago Cubs took care of business by winning the World Series this past fall, the Village of Skokie continues to hit home runs and lead the area in scoring "Firsts to Market" in a variety of different business sectors. Whether it is a national or regional chain or brand new service company, Skokie is often the first choice for businesses looking to expand their reach. Team Skokie welcomes the following recently opened (or soon to open) new businesses:

"First" to Illinois:

Jollibee
Hammer Made

"First" to Chicago Suburbs:

Galt Toys Galt Baby
SoulCycle
Target (Flexible Format Concept – COMING 2017)
The Halal Guys

"First" to Chicago's North Shore:

Aspen Dental
Bob's Discount Furniture
Chick-fil-A (COMING 2017)
Culver's
Fabletics
Nando's Peri Peri
Skechers Factory Outlet Store (COMING 2017)
The Goddard School
Vineyard Vines
Wing Zone



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COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

642,306

POPULATION WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE. 156,512 PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN THREE MILES OF SKOKIE.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE. THERE ARE 57,753 HOMES WITHIN A THREE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE.

242,266

\$101,558

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME WITHIN A THREE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE.

315,484

\$426,085

AVERAGE HOME VALUE WITHIN A FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF SKOKIE.



Nando's Peri Peri, the Afro-Portuguese international fast-casual restaurant chain that recently opened at Westfield Old Orchard, serves grilled chicken marinated in hot and spicy pepper sauces...perfect for the chilly weather.



Downtown Skokie is celebrating a brand new Chase Bank branch at 7941 Lincoln Avenue, replacing the former Traeger Furs store with a two-story, state-of-the-art new facility.



Congratulations to Hub's Restaurant, 3727 Dempster, on 40 years of business success here in Skokie! The Thanoukos family was recently commended by the Skokie Village Board on their longstanding commitment to the community.

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Congratulations to owner Rob Paddor of Evanston Subaru, 3340 Oakton Street, Skokie, who received the 2016 Love Promise Retailer of the Year award over 625 national Subaru dealers for his work with veterans organizations. The Ruderman Family Foundation also honored the recently-expanded dealership with its "Best in Business Award" for 2016.



2016 marked the centennial anniversary of Skokie-based Portland Cement Association (PCA), the nation's leading advocate for America's cement manufacturers. A widely-recognized authority on the technology, economics and applications of cement and concrete, PCA is a vocal advocate for sustainability, economic growth, sound infrastructure investment, and overall innovation and excellence in construction.



Thanks to the efforts of the Skokie Public Arts Advisory Committee, Downtown Skokie is now home to several new wall murals. Internationally known street artists such as Wrdsmth and Lauren Asta have left their marks on Al's Cycle Shop (pictured), Euro Echo Café and Miishkooki Art Space. More to come!

SKOKIE BIZ-BITES

Did you know?

- The [Downtown Skokie Alliance \(DSA\)](#), now operating under the auspices of the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is the newly-formed organization serving the needs of downtown businesses as well as organizing promotional events. Interested parties can join the DSA by contacting Scott Holtz, Chairman, at 847/951-7635.
- In July, the [Illinois Science + Technology Park](#) hosted a Life Science Vendor Fair to showcase new, innovative and efficient products for local academic and biotech institutions; LanzaTech was ranked 13th on CNBC's Disruptors List for 2016 for the company's efforts to "change the way the trillion dollar chemical industry thinks about commodity sourcing and supply...by reducing carbon emissions while creating value"; Fresenius Kabi, a global health care and pharmaceutical/medical device company, held its first STEM Career Awareness Day; and Northwestern spin-off NuMat Technologies partnered with German gas supplier Linde to develop products for separating and storing gases.
- The Village of Skokie continues to market its [Storefront Enhancement Program](#) for commercial corridor properties located outside of the Village's TIF Districts. Financial incentives to encourage rehab, redevelopment and overall structural improvements within existing buildings are now available. For more information, call 847/933-8447.
- Results from the [@ Properties North Shore Neighborhood Market Report](#) for November 2016 show that Skokie had the area's [2nd highest increase \(18.6%\) in residential closed sales](#), a 17.8% increase in new single-family listings, a 50% increase in attached single-family units under contract, and a 43% increase in single-family unit closed contracts. Changes in median sales prices for both attached and detached single-family units in Skokie were also higher than the total MLS averages. The analysis compared data for Evanston, Glenview, Morton Grove, Niles, Lincolnwood and Skokie.
- The [Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#) recently welcomed two new staff persons – Elaine Kemna-Irish, Membership and Development Director and Marina Di Diana, Administration and Event Manager, join Executive Director Howard Meyer in proudly promoting the interests of business, professional and service organizations in the Village of Skokie and the Greater Chicagoland area. For more information, see www.skokiechamber.org.

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SELECTED REPORTED JOBS DATA FROM NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS OF 10 EMPLOYEES OR GREATER

ANNOUNCED JOBS IN SKOKIE



Restaurant
5508 Touhy Avenue
50 JOBS



Restaurant
3534 Touhy Avenue
50 JOBS



Retail
4999 Old Orchard
40 JOBS



Retail
5518 Touhy Avenue
40 JOBS



Real Estate
5215 Old Orchard Road, Suite 880
35 JOBS



Childcare
9651 Gross Point Road
25 JOBS



Retailer
4115 Dempster Street
20 JOBS



Clinic
5225 Old Orchard Road, #22
15 JOBS



Early Education
9877 Woods Drive
15 JOBS



Restaurant
3614 W. Touhy Avenue
15 JOBS



Restaurant
3612 Touhy Avenue
10 JOBS



Restaurant
7565 Lincoln Avenue
10 JOBS



Manufacturer
8042 Monticello Avenue
10 JOBS



Business Services
3425 Dempster Street, #100
10 JOBS



Sports/Fitness
4736 Dempster Street
10 JOBS



Real Estate
5301 Dempster Street
10 JOBS



Retail
4999 Old Orchard Center
10 JOBS



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4999 Old Orchard Center
10 JOBS

TOTAL NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESS OPENINGS WITH LESS THAN 10 EMPLOYEES: 42

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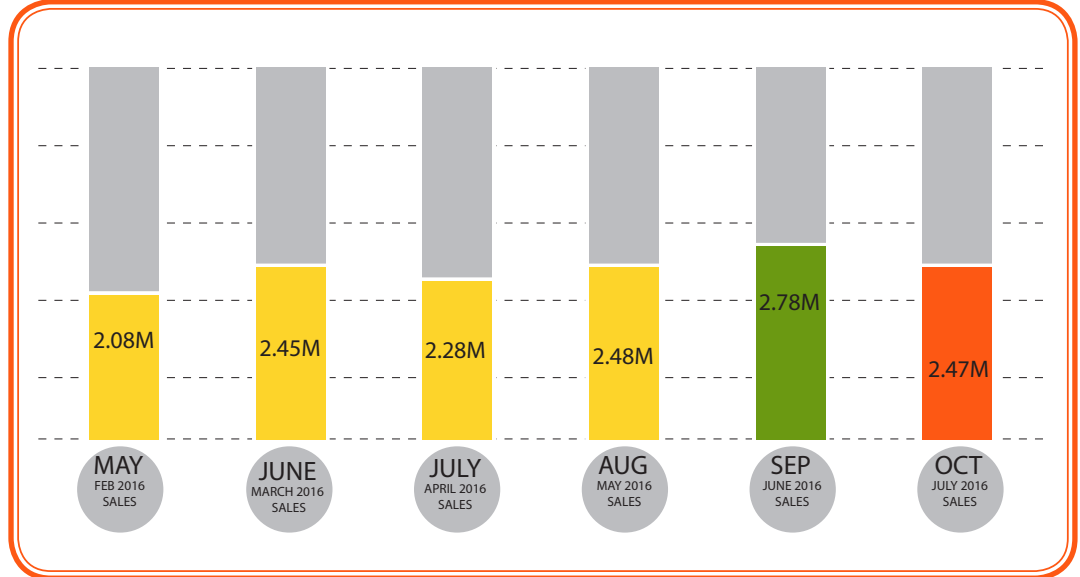
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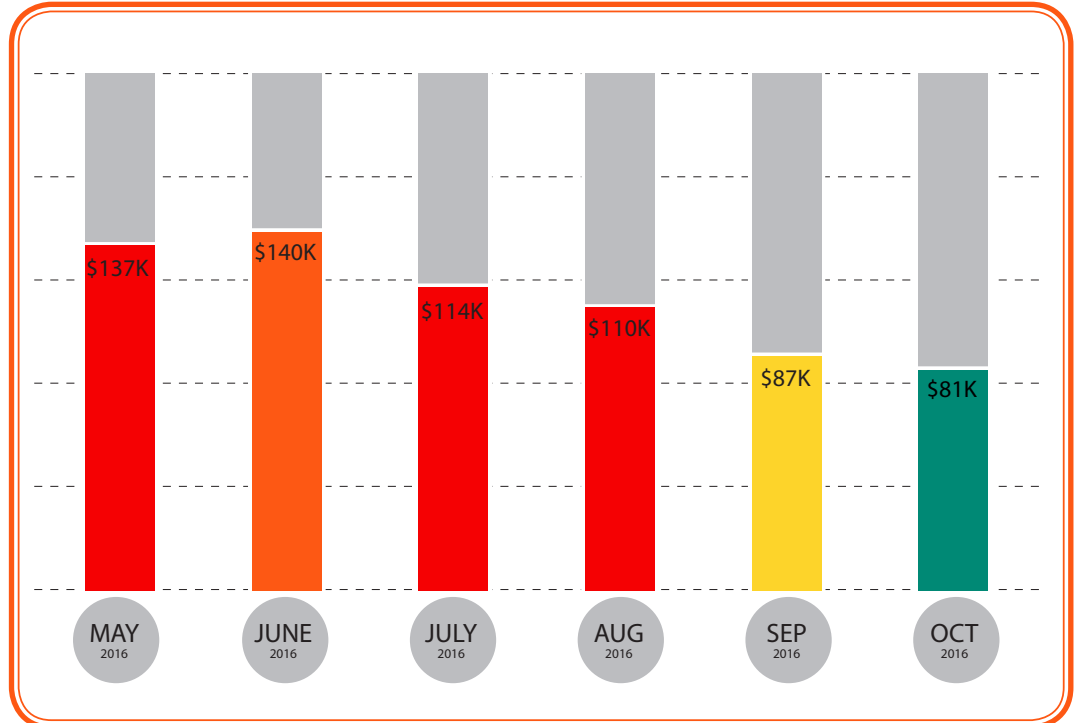
The long lines lasted for weeks following the August grand opening of the Midwest's first Filipino fast food chain restaurant, Jollibee (3534 Touhy Avenue). Here, Skokie officials, developers and company representatives celebrated fried chicken, spaghetti and "Yumburgers" alongside the iconic dancing Jolly Bee!

SALES TAX RECEIPTS (\$)



Note: Includes State of Illinois 1% and Home Rule 1% Tax

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX RECEIPTS (\$)



Skokie-based Exicure lands deal with OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma



This fall, it was announced that Exicure, a Northwestern University spin-off biotech startup operating in Skokie's Illinois Science + Technology Park and backed by Bill Gates, will pair with the maker of OxyContin (Purdue Pharma) to work on a series of drugs, including a treatment for psoriasis.



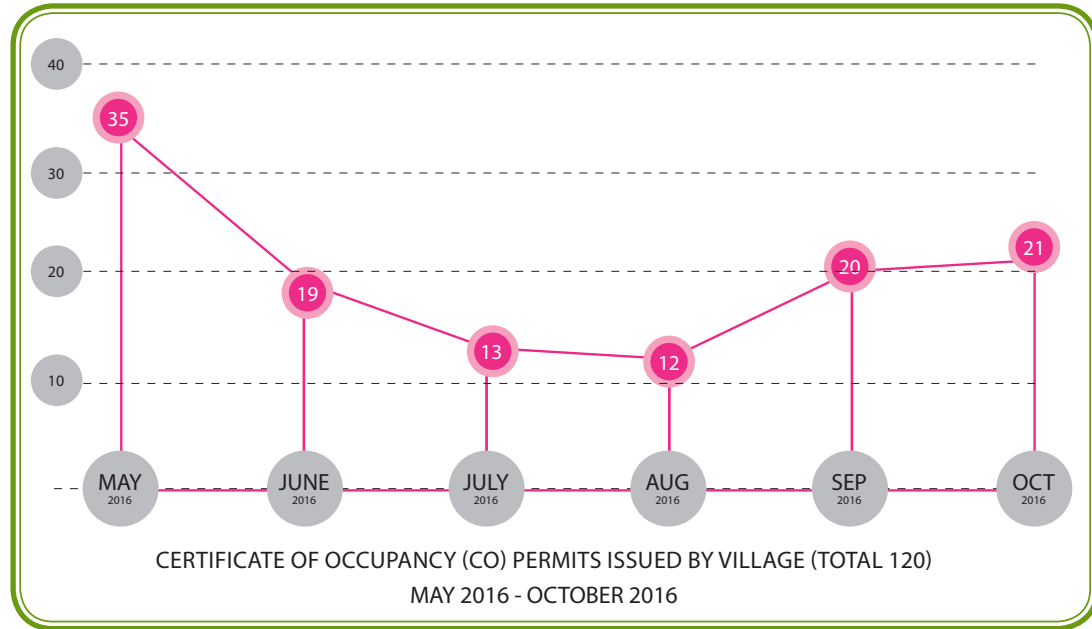
In summer 2016, the Village ran an exciting ad campaign that was featured on CTA trains, buses and in select stations. The ads promoted Skokie as a great community in which to live, work, and play and aimed to attract new residents to Skokie: Skokie Puts the "urban" in Suburban!

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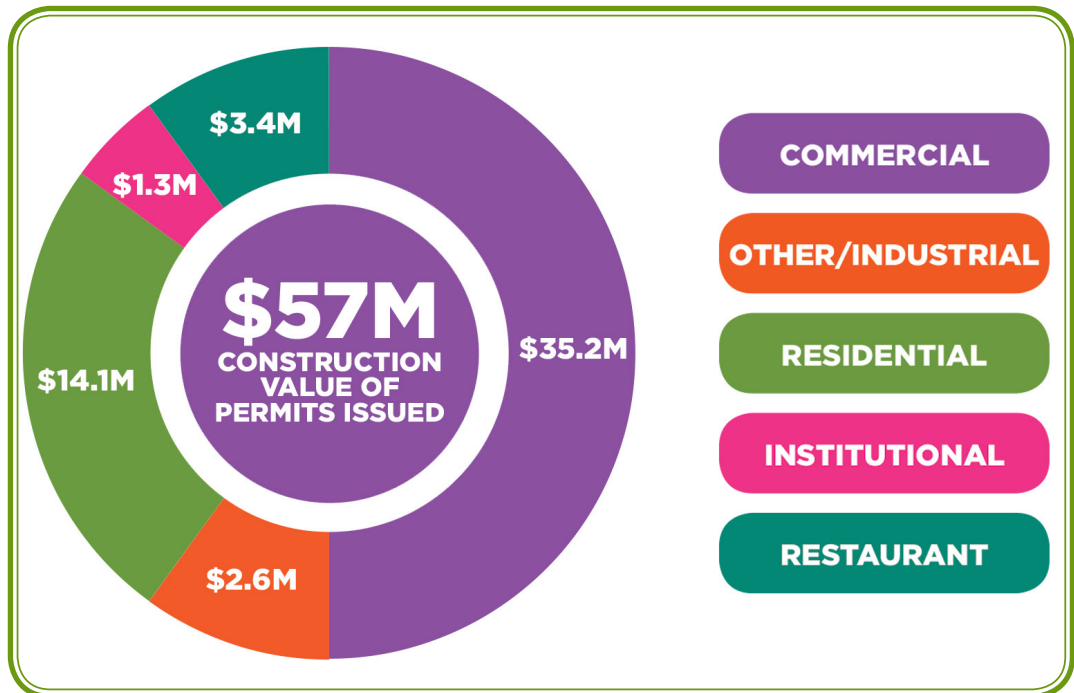
Two new Skokie art galleries opened this fall, including Miishkooki Art Space (4517 Oakton) and the Gallery (4840 Main). Skokie resident John Maloof, best known as the chief curator of the work of the late outsider photographer Vivian Maier and director of the Oscar- and Emmy-nominated film, "Finding Vivian Maier", offers space for eclectic art shows and studio space.



Calling all ButterBurger® lovers: Culver's of Skokie (9455 Skokie Blvd.) is now open! Located just east of the Jewel/Marshall's/Old Navy Plaza, this iconic Wisconsin-based restaurant chain is part of the resurgence of that intersection, where a Chick-fil-A, AAA Car Care and Bank of America are currently under construction.



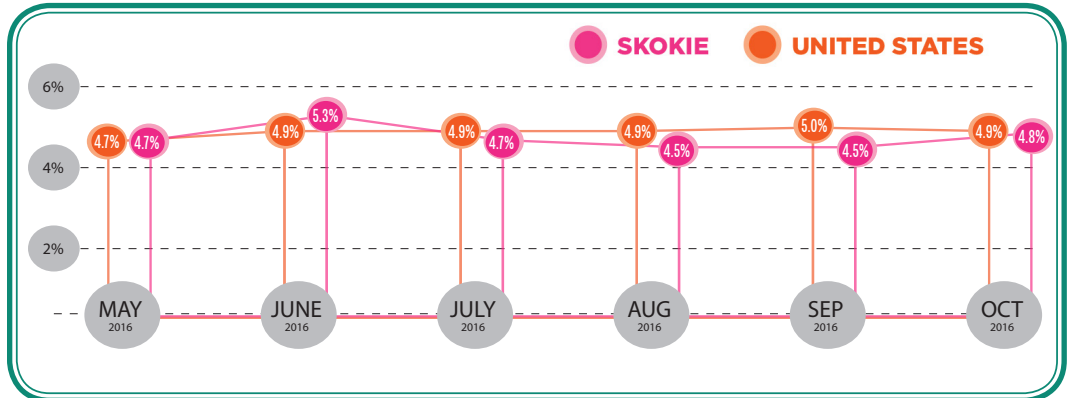
Employees at North Shore Community Bank and Trust (7800 Lincoln Avenue) joined many other Skokie businesses and organizations in promoting the YWCA Evanston/North Shore "purple purse campaign" this past fall.



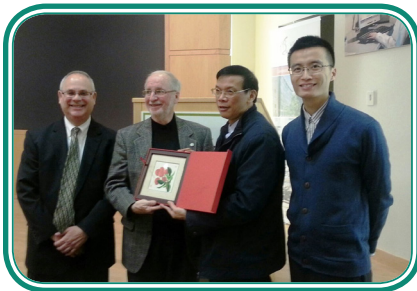
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UNEMPLOYMENT STATS



Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security.



The Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP) once again hosted a fact-finding delegation from China this fall. Thirty representatives from the Guangdong Incubator team met with IS+TP and Village officials and explored the Oakton Nanotech and Skokie Innovations Labs.

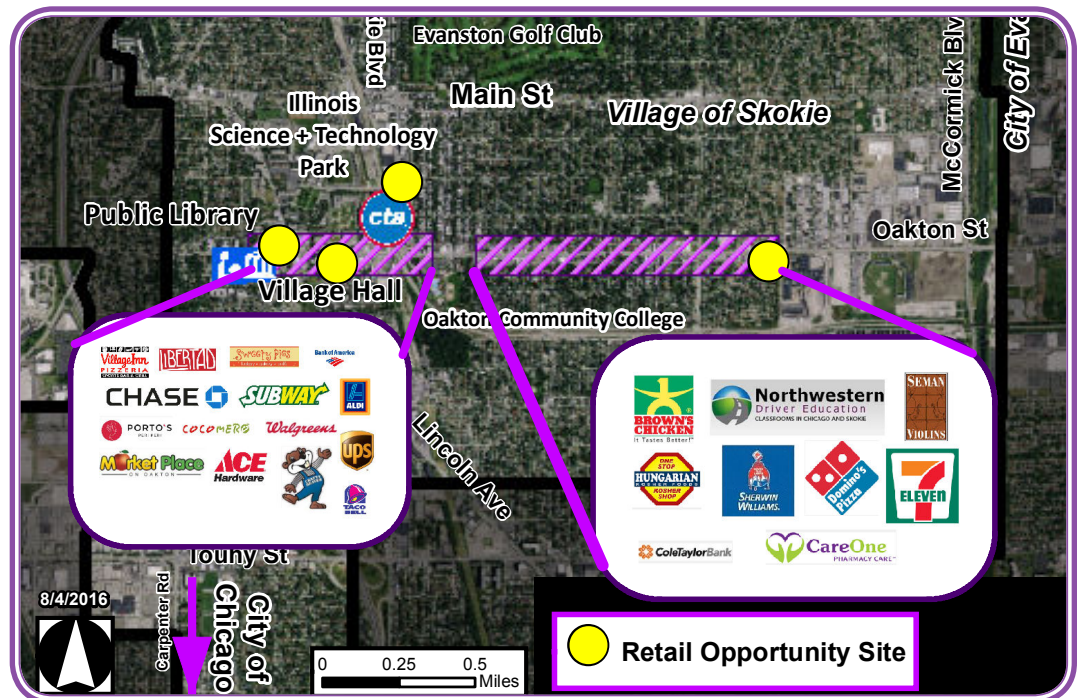


This past summer, Skokie economic development staff participated in the 3rd Annual SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, DC as the only municipality among the 17-member State of Illinois delegation. Contacts were made with international businesses representing 18 different countries. President Obama, Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker and Secretary of State John Kerry addressed the over 2,500 delegates.



Winter won't last forever... we can always look forward to the summer time and Wednesdays on the Green in beautiful Downtown Skokie!

Retail Opportunity Sites on or near Oakton Street



Interested in any of these sites? Please contact the Skokie Economic Development Division at 847/933-8446 for more information.

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