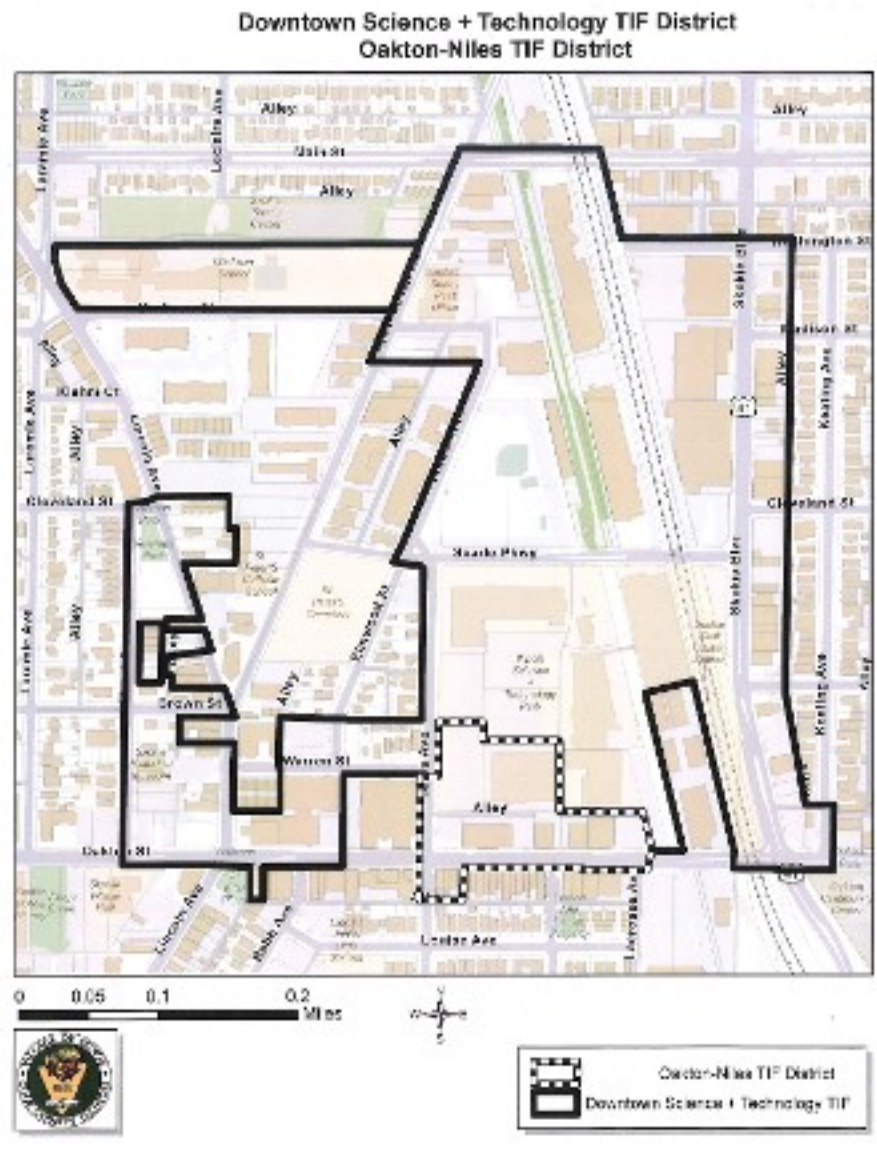


NEW OAKTON - NILES TIF DISTRICT FORMED IN DOWNTOWN SKOKIE

The newly formed Oakton - Niles Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District was approved by the Skokie Village Board in August, 2019 and received unanimous support from Skokie School District 69, Niles Township High School District 219, and other local taxing jurisdictions. The 6.25-acre TIF District was formed to spur transformational development for Downtown Skokie, the **Illinois Science + Technology Park (ISTP)**, the Village and region. Construction on multiple projects is expected to begin in spring 2020, including a new combined public/private parking garage, a new 143-room **Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center**, and continued improvements to 8030 Lamont Avenue in the ISTP to accommodate new and/or growing life science companies and research facilities. The general boundaries of the Oakton - Niles TIF District encompass the area at the northeast corner of Oakton Street and Niles Avenue as indicated by the map below. (see page eight for more detail).



DOWNTOWN SKOKIE
REDEVELOPMENT INFO
OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 13, 2019
11:30AM - 2:00PM & 5:30PM - 8:30PM
IGNITE SKOKIE (822 SKOKIE BLVD.)
www.skokie.org



Nearly 200 residents, business leaders, elected officials, and interested parties attended a public open house at Ignite - Skokie in August. The very successful open house informed and addressed questions from attendees about the new TIF District and the seven major projects currently under construction in Downtown Skokie.

UPDATE ON THE BLVD

Construction activity is well underway at **The BLVD**, located at 8025 Skokie Boulevard, just north of Oakton Street across from the Oakton Street Yellow CTA Line Station. **Northfield Group, LTD** is the developer of this mixed-use, pet-friendly elevator building which will feature 40 two-bedroom, two-bathroom luxury rental units and 2,600 square feet of ground floor commercial/retail space. **The BLVD** is expected to welcome residents in spring 2021. The apartments will have high-end modern finishes and will offer energy-efficient appliances and HVAC systems. The building will be served by parking contained within the ground-floor for residents and guests. Residences at **The BLVD** will range in size from 1,100 square feet to 1,400 square feet. The units will have balconies or terraces and access to a rooftop deck offering views of the Chicago skyline. The foundation and subterranean level and placement of the parking deck were recently completed and the vertical construction is scheduled to resume in spring 2020, once winter weather conditions have subsided.



2019 Skokie Business of the Year!

Applause, applause for the owners of the iconic **Skokie Theatre (7924 Lincoln Ave.)**, MadKap Productions, for receiving the award for the *2019 Skokie Business of the Year!* This prestigious award is sponsored by the Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission.



2019 Skokie Business of the Year Runners-up included: Crafty Beaver Home Center (4810 Oakton St.), which just celebrated 85 years in business; Poochies (3602 Dempster St.) and Chicago Jewish Funerals (8851 Skokie Blvd.). Congratulations to all!



SKOKIE BIZ BITES

Amazon recently leased and, in October, opened a 245,000 -square-foot Prime delivery distribution center at 3601 Howard Street. This new, state-of-the art center will service non-perishable, smaller package deliveries to Chicago (north of Division Street) and the north and northwest suburbs. At full operations, the site is expected to bring an additional 600 jobs to Skokie!



Downtown Skokie's newest family-owned bakery/cafe, **Kneads and Wants**, quickly occupied the former Sweetie Pies space at 8042 Lincoln Avenue. Serving Le Colombe coffee and draft cold brew and lattes along with a variety of delicious baked goods made from scratch. **Kneads and Wants** has quickly become a welcome and wildly popular destination on bustling Lincoln Avenue!

The Village's Storefront Enhancement Program (SEP) allows existing or new businesses in need of interior/exterior rehab assistance to help achieve their renovation goals. **Sweet Basil Cafe** was the most recent recipient of an SEP grant which assisted the business with renovating in order to open in the former Ruby Tuesday's space at the **Hampton Inn and Suites** (5203 Old Orchard Road). The Skokie location, which opened in November, 2019 is the second **Sweet Basil Cafe** in Chicagoland with many more planned.




















Pannatoni Development recently completed a new, state-of-the-art 140,000-square-foot industrial building at 7555 Linder Avenue. This new building has the largest contiguous space in the immediate area and is drawing significant interest from numerous businesses seeking this premier Skokie location.

In August, the Village of Skokie co-sponsored the annual **SelectChicago** Conference held at University of Illinois-Chicago. This event is a spin-off of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce **SelectUSA** program and brought over 150 regional communities, international consulates, chamber representatives and foreign investors together. Skokie hosted 22 individuals representing businesses and interests from Costa Rica, Quebec, China and Poland.



NEW BUSINESS REPORT

Source: Village of Skokie Economic Development and Building Departments (JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2019)

	Logistics 3639 Howard St. 600 Jobs		Retail 4999 Old Orchard Ctr. 15 Jobs
	Pharmaceutical Mfg. 8025 Lamon Ave. 18 Jobs		e-commerce 7603 New Gross Point 25 Jobs
	Restaurant 4949 Oakton St. 5 Jobs		Medical Device Mfg. 3700 Oakton St. 3 Jobs
	Retail 5411 Touhy Ave. 15 Jobs		Distribution 3714 Jarvis Ave. 20 Jobs
	Health Care Mgmt. 4105 Oakton St. 7 Jobs		Education 8816 Gross Point Rd. 5 Jobs
	Contractor 7400 Kedzie St. 150 Jobs		Health Care 83349 Main St. 100 Jobs
	Health Care 8320 Skokie Blvd. 190 Jobs		Restaurant & Bakery 4999 Old Orchard Ctr. 8 Jobs
	Pharmaceuticals 5215 Old Orchard Rd. 10 Jobs		Education Supplies 3512 Oakton St. 25 Jobs
	Health Care 8707 Skokie Blvd. 20 Jobs		Corporate Office 5215 Old Orchard Rd. 8 Jobs

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS : 80 TOTAL ANNOUNCED JOBS: 1,448

Skokie Economic Development Commission (EDC) In Action

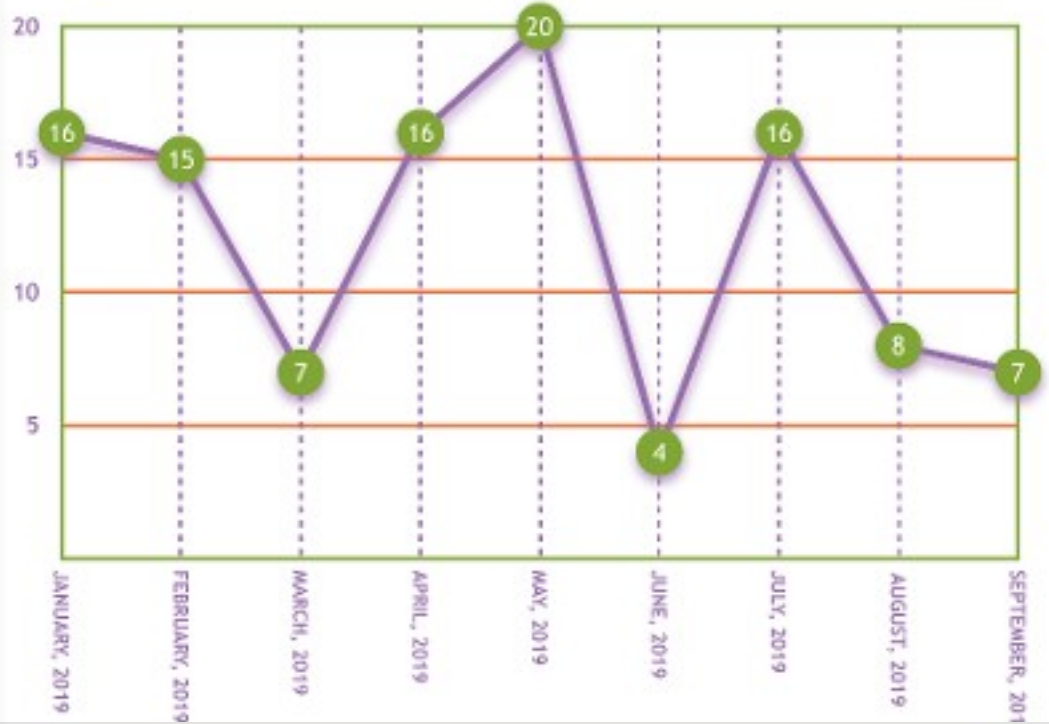


The EDC recently toured **NorthShore University HealthSystem's new Orthopaedic & Spine Insitute at Skokie Hospital** (9600 Gross Point Rd). The NorthShore HealthSystem was recently ranked the third "Best Hospitals" in the state by the 2019-2020 U.S. News & World Report's annual survey. This prestigious ranking captures all four hospitals currently in the NorthShore portfolio.

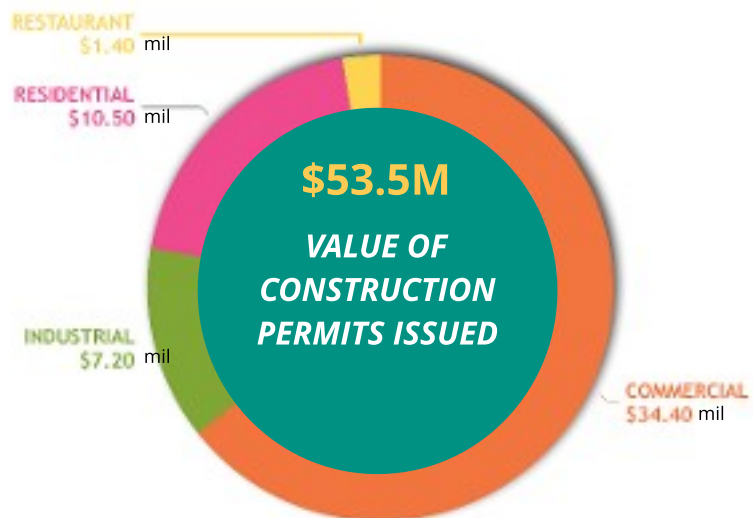


S&S Glass Company, a Skokie-based, home-grown firm, was founded in 1985 by Sue and Scott Weingart. The EDC had the privilege of learning more about S&S during their October site visit. S&S, which continues to grow, manufactures a wide array of high-quality products servicing the building industry as well as customized manufacturing and installations for specific projects. Products include glass hardware, thermopanes and storefronts, shower doors and enclosures, as well as traditional glass and mirrors.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS 109 ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE BETWEEN JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019



CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS VALUE OF PERMITS ISSUED / CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY SECTOR BETWEEN JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2019



Source: Village of Skokie Community Development Department

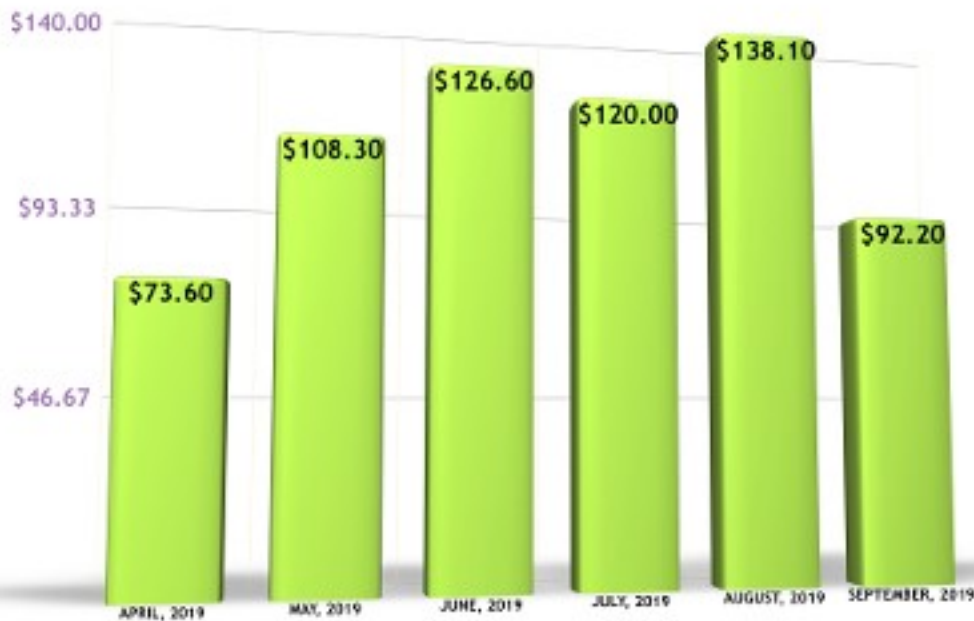
SALES TAX RECEIPTS (\$ MILLIONS)

SOURCE: VILLAGE OF SKOKIE FINANCE DEPT. - INCLUDES STATE OF ILLINOIS 1% AND VILLAGE HOME RULE 1%



REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX RECEIPTS (\$ THOUSANDS)

SOURCE: VILLAGE OF SKOKIE FINANCE DEPT.



Senator Durbin and Governor Pritzker Visit Skokie



Skokie welcomed **U.S. Senator Dick Durbin** at the *Skokie Chamber of Commerce* annual Legislative Breakfast in November. **Senator Durbin** addressed the record crowd and responded to questions regarding current and upcoming issues in Washington. The Senator then went on to visit the *Illinois Science + Technology Park* and met with three growing life sciences companies - *Exicure, Inc.*, *Vetter Development Services USA* and *NuMat Technologies, Inc.*



Governor JB Pritzker held a press conference at the *Illinois Science + Technology Park* in October 2019 to announce the State's capital budget allocation pertaining to the "*ReBuild Illinois*" program. The Governor was accompanied by local trade workers, business leaders and local legislators who all are enthusiastically supporting this critical infrastructure initiative in Illinois.

COMING SOON!



In August, **Sketchbook Brewing Company** signed a lease to open a 14,000-square-foot brewery and attached 3,200-square-foot taproom at 4901 Main Street. Production at the new brewery is anticipated to begin in spring 2020 with the Taproom opening in summer 2020. The Skokie facility is an expansion of **Sketchbook's** existing Evanston location and is the result of a year-long recruitment effort by Village staff. **Sketchbook Skokie** will be located in a premier location adjacent to the Skokie Valley Multi-Use Trail, and within walking distance of Downtown Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park and CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station. **Welcome Sketchbook!**

SHURE[®]

Shure Incorporated is expanding to Skokie by purchasing the former *Alter Building* at 5500 Howard Street in July, 2019. The 95-year-old company, which is headquartered in nearby Niles, continues to grow their operations in the region. The Skokie facility will ultimately house more than 150 employees to support the headquarter operations. **Shure** was founded in 1925 and continues to evolve as a global leader in the research, development, manufacturing and distribution of cutting edge audio technologies. Welcome to Skokie, **Shure Incorporated!**



New home of Shure Incorporated - Skokie. 5500 Howard Street.



Fourth-generation and long time Skokie-based **Chicago Protective Apparel (CPA)** recently purchased an approximately 120,000-square-foot, largely vacant building at 8051 Central Park Avenue. As a result, **CPA** will triple in size from their current 40,000-square-foot location at 3425 Cleveland Street and add an additional 35 to 40 new jobs. **CPA** is a global leader in the research, development, manufacturing and distribution of personal protective equipment. In addition to their Skokie headquarters, **CPA** has a second manufacturing facility in Acuna, Mexico. The Village supported **CPA** through this \$6 million investment by approving a Cook County Class 6b Tax Incentive. **CPA** plans to relocate in spring 2020. Once **CPA** relocates, another Skokie-based printing company plans to relocate to **CPA's** existing building in order to expand their operations as well!

NEW OAKTON - NILES TIF DISTRICT FORMED (continued from page one)



One of the hallmark developments of the new Oakton - Niles TIF District is a 143-room **Homewood Suites by Hilton and Conference Center** which is proposed for development at the northeast corner of Oakton and Niles Avenue. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2020 with projected completion in early 2021. The \$55 million hotel will feature a rooftop pub and restaurant that will be open to the public, 10,000 square feet of meeting/conference space, 12,000 square feet of retail/commercial space and a full array of amenities for hotel guests. This important project will be a key anchor for the *Illinois Science + Technology Park*, and Downtown. The hotel is expected to bring 40,000 new visitors a year to Skokie!



The exterior renovation of the former shell and core building located at **8030 Lamon Avenue** in the *Illinois Science + Technology Park (ISTP)* was completed in October 2019. This 146,000-square-foot building is anticipated to receive complete interior renovations, system installations and other requisite items. These improvements will be made possible in part as a result of the incentives afforded with the new TIF District. These interior renovations are critical for the continued growth at the ISTP, which is now one hundred percent leased. **8030 Lamon** will be able to accommodate approximately 450 employees and bring additional high-demand wet lab, office, and research & development uses to ISTP.

As a result of these exciting developments, additional parking and critical infrastructure are needed to support the projects and Downtown Skokie. Village staff, the developers of the proposed Hotel and ISTP, are coordinating efforts to construct a new, **three-phased parking garage** which will serve the needs of the hotel, 8030 Lamon, and provide free public parking for this growing area of Downtown Skokie. The garage will be located along the east side of Niles Avenue and due north of what will become **Oakton Terrace**, which is currently an alley and will be a key connection between the Hotel, ISTP, and 8030 Lamon. In total, the new TIF District is anticipated to create the next round of transformation for Downtown and the Village.



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