



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.
2. Call meeting to order and roll call.
3. Approve Consent Agenda.
- \* 4. Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Monday, September 18, 2023.
- \* 5. Approve Voucher List #10-FY24 of October 2, 2023.
6. Proclamations and Resolutions.
  - A. Proclamations
    - Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2023
    - Skokie Arts & Humanities Month – October 2023
    - \* Energy Efficiency Day – October 4, 2023
    - \* Filipino American History Month – October 2023
    - \* Manufacturing Month – October 2023
7. Recognition, Awards and Honorary Presentations.
8. Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.
  - \*A. Appointments
    - Commission on Family Services*: Hilary Hunter
    - Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board*: Michael Nelson
  - \* B. Resignations
    - Board of Health Commission*: Dr. Jeremy Schwartz
    - Fire Pension Board*: Richard Evonitz
9. Presentations and Reports.
10. Report of the Village Manager.
  - A. No Report.
11. Report of the Corporation Counsel.

CONSENT:

  - \*A. An ordinance granting site plan approval for the construction and establishment of an automotive fuel station and a car wash at 3301-3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial district, relief from chapter 118-172 of the Skokie Village Code and the repeal of Village Ordinances 89-10-Z-2089 and 00-4-Z-2889. Item A is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-03P.
  - \*B. An ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a car wash at 3301 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial zoning district. Item B is on the consent agenda for a second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-04P.
  - \*C. An ordinance granting a special use permit to establish and operate a car wash at 3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 industrial zoning district. Item C is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023. Case No. 2023-05P.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

D. Request for an executive session in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation.

12. Unfinished Business.

\* A. The 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan: A Five-year Strategy for a Healthier Skokie.

13. New Business.

14. Plan Commission.

15. Public Comment.

16. Adjournment.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Mayor Van Dusen called the meeting to order.

The Clerk call the Roll. Those present were Trustees Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of #4 approval of the minutes of Tuesday September 18, 2023 and 8b Reappointments.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Van Dusen introduced the Appointments for the Board of Health, Human Relations Commissions, Performing Arts Center Board and Public Safety Commission and thanked them for their service.

Approve, as submitted, minutes of regular meeting held Tuesday, September 5, 2023

This item was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Discussion was on the vote for the Resolution 23-9-R-2023 regarding certain Executive Minutes regarding the abstaining votes. Mayor Van Dusen spoke about the Illinois Supreme Court that the "Principle of Concurrence" means that an abstaining vote would mean a concurrence with the majority vote. He is waiting on the opinion from the Counsel General for the Illinois State.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023.

**Moved: Trustee Klein**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: Johnson.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

\* Approve Voucher List #9-FY24 of September 18, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations.

\*A. Appointments

*Board of Health:* Dr. Michael Gottesman

*Human Relations Commission:* Sheryl Bloom Basile and Yosef Meyers

*Performing Arts Center Board:* Rhiannon Gurley

*Public Safety Commission:* Kimani Levy

**Omnibus vote.**

B. Reappointments

*Ethics Commission:* Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus as Chair

This item was taken off the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Johnson spoke about the reappointments of Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus as Chair of the Ethics Commission. Specifically violations on the OMA, dismissing ethics complaints in illegal meetings, broken laws, hiring outside counsel to work with the Commission, and conflict of interest with the Corporation Counsel's office.

Jerry Brozek spoke against the reappointments-failure to act and investigate the ethics complaints.

Rachel Vanhooes commented on timing of reappointments, possibility of more the 3 members on the Ethics Commission that represent the diversity of the Village.

Motion to approve the reappointment for the Ethics Commission of Rabbi Leonard Matanky and Jonathon Minkus.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker** **Seconded: Trustee Pure Slovin**  
**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**  
**Nays: None.**  
**Absent: None.**  
**Abstain: Johnson**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

\*C. Resignations

*Human Relations Commission: Michelle Reitman and Pearl Rubenzik*

**Omnibus vote.**

Report of the Village Manager.

## A. COVID-19 Update.

Mike Charley, Director of Health and Human Services gave a power point presentation on the COVID-19 updates: Monovalent Booster, Covid-19 date & Individual-level prevention.

There are two approved vaccines are updated mRNA vaccines manufactured by Moderna TX Inc. and Pfizer Inc. These vaccines have been updated to include a single component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. The vaccines are covered by insurance, Medicare plans and Medicaid plans. Uninsured children and Uninsured adults have access through the Vaccine for Children Program and Bridge Access Program.

Two primary data sets are currently being used to determine the community level of COVID-19. The first is the CDC's Covid-19 hospital admission levels and the second is the Illinois Wastewater surveillance. Mike Charley answered questions from the Trustees-how to educate more people on the new information.

Report of the Corporation Counsel.

## CONSENT:

Ordinance 23-9-C-4656

Motion to adopt an ordinance amending chapter 118, articles IV and XI of the Skokie Village code pertaining to electric vehicle charging stations. Item A is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on July 17, 2023.

**Omnibus vote.**

Unfinished Business.

## A. The 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan: A Five-year Strategy for a Healthier Skokie.

Motion to approve the 2023 Skokie Community Health Plan.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson** **Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

Trustee Pure Slovin asked for more time to review the updated plan. The vote will be at the next meeting.

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Plan Commission.

A. Plan Commission Case 2023-13P – Special Use Permit: 4159 Main Street.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for services to the elderly and disable, except primarily office uses and relief from Village Code Section 118-212 be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Pure Slovin** **Seconded: Trustee Johnson**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. Plan Commission Case 2023-14P – Special Use Permit: 5237 Touhy Avenue.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that the petitioner's request for a special use permit for outdoor dining at 5237 Touhy Avenue in a B2 commercial district be approved subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Robinson** **Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C. Plan Commission Case 2023-18P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Driveways.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission that Chapter 118-212 (c)(6), of the Skokie Village Code be amended to prohibit new curb cuts and front yard driveways on lots that abut or have access to a public improved alley, subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Khoeun**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

D. Plan Commission Case 2023-19P – Zoning Chapter Amendment: Drive Through Facilities.

Motion to concur with the Plan Commission to approve the request for an amendment to Chapter 1128 of the Skokie Village Code to modify provisions for drive-through facilities subject to all conditions.

**Moved: Trustee Johnson**

**Seconded: Trustee Sutker**

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about requirement of trees to be planted to offset emissions from drive-through activity.

Jason Amrani spoke about the driveways and definition of drive throughs.

Kimberly Polka asked about after the ordinance is passed if there are possibilities of variances at a later date.

Trustee Klein-addition of “if Possible” language.

Questions were answered from the Community Development Director, Village Manager, and Corporation Counsel.

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: Pure Slovin, Klein**

**Absent: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments.

Judy Mendel commended Manager Lockerby and Communications Manager Giola on their work on the Implementation of the Electoral Reform and the Maps that are presented. She also spoke about the disrepair of the corner of Dempster and East Prairie. The Village will look at the problem.

Kimberly Polka spoke about the conflict of interest of Chairman Minkus and the ethics hearings. She was pleased that the postings of the Electoral meetings at the library are in various places.

Jerry Brozek also spoke about the reappointment of the Ethics Commission members.

Lauren Grodnicki spoke about the proposed development at 4600 Main St., the petition of the zoning change from R1 to R4-changing the land use and the variance for impermeable surface.

Public comments by email.

Kimberly Polka-vote on Resolution to destroy verbatim records.

Lisa Silverman -thanked for Health Department for help on rat control on her property.

Rick Aderman-Health Department to check on rats on his property.

Judy Mendel-Affordable housing.

Jinsky Jean Pois -Statement of Affordable housing policy.

Catharine B. White-urgent need for Affordable Housing.

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

**Moved: Trustee Sutker**

**Seconded: Trustee Klein**

**Ayes: Sutker, Robinson, Khoeun, Johnson, Pure Slovin, Klein and Mayor Van Dusen**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

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Pramod Shah Village Clerk

Approved:

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Mayor Van Dusen

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<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001 - GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,414,001
002 - WATER FUND	62,719
003 - MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	21,583
008 - COMMUNITY DEV BLOCK GRANT	16,760
013 - CASH ESCROW FUND	16,650
014 - TIF SCIENCE & TECH	4,643
018 - WIRELESS ALARM FUND	3,950
020 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	427,929
022 - CASUALTY SELF INSURANCE	39,537
025 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	3,176
144 - OLD ORCHARD BUSINESS DISTRICT	<u>\$ 286,109</u>
 ALL FUNDS TOTAL	 <u><u>\$ 2,297,056</u></u>

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Invoice Ref#	FY Date	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount
202435	09/18/2023	1000BULBS.COM	LIGHT BULBS	\$ 545.50
202608	09/15/2023	4IMPRINT INC	TABLECLOTH & DISPLAY -SHELTON	515.48
202579	09/20/2023	A K UNDERGROUND INC	CATCH BASINS AND INLETS	38,145.00
202474	09/18/2023	A. EPSTEIN & SONS INTERNATIONAL INC	PROJECT: SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL – DEMPSTER TO GOLF PHASE II ENG	2,400.64
202475	09/18/2023	A. EPSTEIN & SONS INTERNATIONAL INC	PROJECT: SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL – DEMPSTER TO GOLF PHASE II ENG	2,508.84
202476	09/18/2023	A. EPSTEIN & SONS INTERNATIONAL INC	PROJECT: SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL – DEMPSTER TO GOLF PHASE II ENG	5,676.38
202478	09/18/2023	A. EPSTEIN & SONS INTERNATIONAL INC	PROJECT: SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL – DEMPSTER TO GOLF PHASE II ENG	871.96
202479	09/18/2023	A. EPSTEIN & SONS INTERNATIONAL INC	PROJECT: SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL – DEMPSTER TO GOLF PHASE II ENG	5,096.08
202351	09/14/2023	ACB BUSINESS VENTURES	SESBA GRANT- BUSINESS COACHING SERVICES	1,665.00
202697	08/31/2023	ACE HARDWARE	MISC. TOOLS AND HARDWARE	97.75
202321	09/13/2023	ACME TRUCK BRAKE & SUPPLY CO	BRAKE DRUM BALANCED	275.86
202376	09/14/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FILTER FOR FIRE TRUCK 103	82.24
202389	09/15/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	BATTERIES FOR STOCK	294.78
202399	09/15/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FRONT BRAKE CALIPERS FOR 137T	120.23
202400	09/15/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FILTERS - STOCK	243.76
202401	09/15/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FILTERS - STOCK	150.47
202554	09/20/2023	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	HYDRAULIC FITTINGS FOR PLOWS	203.47
202433	09/18/2023	AERO INDUSTRIES INC	TRUCK 144 TARP	255.58
202513	09/14/2023	AIR ONE EQUIPMENT INC	TIC REPAIRS	670.00
202451	06/27/2023	AIR ONE EQUIPMENT INC	AIR TEST NFPA 1989	165.00
202580	09/20/2023	AL WARREN OIL CO. INC.	MOBIL EFFICIENT DIESEL	25,214.70
202649	09/18/2023	ALAN F FRIEDMAN PH.D., INC	FIREFIGHTER PRE-PLACEMENT EVALUATION	828.75
202378	09/14/2023	ALARM DETECTION SYSTEMS INC	SERVICE @ 5127 OAKTON - VH	471.00
202712	09/26/2023	ALARM DETECTION SYSTEMS INC	ANNUAL FIRE TEST STATION #18	503.28
202730	09/26/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MSATA TO USB 3.0 ADAPTER 2-IN-1	19.95
202662	09/25/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	USB 3.0 TO HDMI ADAPTERS	144.65
202680	09/26/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TORO 250 VALVE	48.99
202369	09/14/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	STEERING WHEEL COVER FOR 137T	19.99
202370	09/14/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	A/C OIL FOR A/C MACHINE	25.92
202371	09/14/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BATTERY FOR GENERATOR - 307	39.99
202666	09/14/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CLEANING SUPPLIES	2,172.99
202395	09/15/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DELL OPTIPLEX 7040 DESKTOP QTY: 4	1,235.88
202396	09/15/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TIRE PLUGS	34.50
202397	09/15/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TIRE PLUGS FOR SHOP	13.99
202398	09/15/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PAINT FOR UNDERCOATING	11.99
202493	08/30/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BIANCHI 720S LINER BELT -TORRES	22.99
202492	09/01/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUREFIRE X300 LIGHT -WOJDYLA	329.99



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202443	09/07/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ANTENNA EXTENSION CABLE	13.98
202441	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WIRELESS KEYBOARD/MOUSE	28.99
202604	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	256GB ULTRA DUAL DRIVE USB -BARKHOO	21.77
202605	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TELEPHONE HANDSET/WIRED HEADSET FOR PC -BARKHOO	132.00
202610	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OBD2 SCANNER AL319 CODE READER -CATALA	53.18
202665	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	KITCHEN SUPPLIES	858.99
202688	09/12/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MINI PROPELLERS/PROPELLER GUARD -OLKOWSKI	107.80
202296	09/13/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLY	7.59
202297	09/13/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	54.38
202298	09/13/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	197.60
202442	09/06/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PELICAN CASE LATCH	22.00
202444	09/10/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PYREX 3 PIECE	25.29
202191	09/11/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DESK ORGANIZING, LEGAL HANGING FOLDERS	97.36
202676	09/18/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	APPOINTMENT BOOK -BERKOWITZ	25.40
202498	09/18/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CARTRIDGES HP - (SFD SUPPLIES)	139.16
202596	09/18/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TOUCH KEYBOARD FOR IPAD -BARKHOO	69.99
202450	09/18/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FOAM HAND SOAP	67.90
202548	09/20/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TIME DELAY SWITCH FOR CAR 16	7.66
202549	09/20/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TREADLE VALVE FOR REFUSE TRUCKS - STOCK	79.41
202497	09/22/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	NOTEPADS & STICKY NOTES (SFD OFFICE SUPPLIES)	102.29
202701	09/26/2023	ILLINOIS SECTION	REGULATORY UPDATES	348.00
202490	09/18/2023	ANTHONY MORRISON	BOOTS	479.98
202489	09/18/2023	APFS STAFFING	TEMP LABOR - LEGAL DEPT.	1,335.00
202643	09/18/2023	APFS STAFFING	TEMP LABOR - LEGAL DEPT.	1,668.75
202602	09/18/2023	ARMANDO GRACIA	REIMBURSEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT TRIP -GRACIA	49.02
202344	09/14/2023	ARTEFACT BUILDERS INC	BD BOND REFUND-5319 WASHINGTON	250.00
202345	09/14/2023	ARTEFACT BUILDERS INC	BD BOND REFUND-5319 WASHINGTON ST	500.00
202346	09/14/2023	ARTEFACT BUILDERS INC	BD BOND REFUND-5319 WASHINGTON STREET	3,000.00
202347	09/14/2023	ARTEFACT BUILDERS INC	BD BOND REFUND-5319 WASHINGTON ST	1,000.00
202416	09/15/2023	AT&T MOBILITY	HOTSPOT SERVICE - AUGUST 2023	361.63
202581	09/20/2023	BILL'S PLUMBING AND SEWER INC.	LEAD WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT @ 9045 EWING	6,200.00
202551	08/31/2023	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF IL	EMPLOYEE INSURANCE CLAIMS	1,179,350.21
202646	09/18/2023	THE BLUE LINE	LATERAL COMM OPERATOR JOB POSTING	547.00
202322	09/13/2023	BRISTOL HOSE & FITTING MAIN WRHS	FABRICATE HOSE ASSEMBLY	63.23
202461	09/18/2023	BUILDERS ASPHALT	HOT PATCH	1,066.10
202687	09/26/2023	BUILDERS ASPHALT	HOT PATCH	1,502.20
202569	09/20/2023	BUMPER TO BUMPER	AIR FILTER - STOCK	73.25

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202570	09/20/2023	BUMPER TO BUMPER	FUEL FILTER - STOCK	32.68
202578	09/20/2023	PAUL CACIOPPO	BOOTS/SHIRT/PANTS	402.96
202586	09/20/2023	CAROL WHITE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	96.85
202524	09/19/2023	CAROL WHITE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEETING EXPENSES	77.34
202445	09/08/2023	CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER DIGITIZER PENS	274.70
202229	09/12/2023	CHICAGO LAND AGENCY SERVICES INC	DOCUMENT RECORDING FEES	863.00
202507	09/18/2023	CHICAGO METROPOLITAN FIRE PREVENTN	AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY MAINT ALARMS	3,949.75
202526	09/19/2023	CHICAGOLAND TRENCHLESS	2022 SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISION	3,900.00
202683	09/22/2023	CHRISTENSEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL	8/16 VET SERVICES SIMBA/CHEETO -#23-06977 & #23-06833	1,314.43
202686	09/26/2023	CHRISTENSEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL	9/1 VET SERVICES FOR GRUMPY #23-07504	594.94
202685	09/23/2023	CHRISTENSEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL	ALL VET SERVICES FOR CARLOS #23-05455	3,317.39
202650	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	6,861.48
202651	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	3,667.46
202652	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	6,440.43
202653	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	5,158.08
202654	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	8,096.45
202655	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	26,209.30
202656	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	15,176.16
202657	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	16,242.94
202658	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	29,356.80
202659	09/25/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OAKTON MULTI-USE PATH	4,007.31
202628	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	7,416.00
202629	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OLD ORCHARD BIKE PATH CONNECTIONS CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	2,405.00
202630	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	7,355.00
202631	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	2,948.00
202632	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	OLD ORCHARD BIKE PATH CONNECTIONS CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	1,910.00
202633	09/22/2023	CHRISTOPHER B BURKE ENGINEERING LTD	STORMWATER MASTER PLAN	960.00
202491	09/18/2023	JASON CIHAK	CDL/SHIRT	76.97
202557	09/20/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION #22	UNIFORM SERVICE - AUTO	126.21
202403	09/15/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION #22	AUTO UNIFORM SERVICE	126.21
202050	09/08/2023	CLAIM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LLC	CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENT 8-16 THRU 8-31-2023	38,489.50
202647	09/18/2023	CLARK HILL PLC	FOR LEAGL SERVICES THROUGH 8/31/23	4,051.00
202373	09/14/2023	BARRY CODELL	BOOTS	82.55
202358	09/14/2023	COMED	KISS & RIDE 8150 SKOKIE BLVD	163.41
202359	09/14/2023	COMED	CONTROLLER 4536 OAKTON ST	283.17
202360	09/14/2023	COMED	O NILES AVE LITE & SEARLE PKWY	175.95
202361	09/14/2023	COMED	LITE 8000 LOCKWOOD AVE	304.17

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202362	09/14/2023	COMED	5127 OAKTON ST	400.70
202363	09/14/2023	COMED	8157 CENTRAL PARK AVE, STATION #17	36.45
202364	09/14/2023	COMED	LITE RT25, CONTR#2/STRT LIGHT 8350 LINCOLN	111.58
202365	09/14/2023	COMED	8001 NILES AVE	352.65
202366	09/14/2023	COMED	9990 SKOKIE BLVD	273.46
202419	09/15/2023	COMED	ELECTRIC SERVICE	1,149.43
202582	09/20/2023	COMED	O W BABB AVE LITE RT/25, N LINCOLN	19,517.48
202626	09/22/2023	COMED	EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE	250.00
202609	09/09/2023	COMPASSION FUNERAL SERVICE INC	9/7 SPECIAL AGREEMENT TWO PERSON REMOVAL	249.00
202341	09/14/2023	CORE & MAIN LP	SOIL CUTTER	880.00
202744	09/27/2023	CROWN TROPHY # 54 SKOKIE	SESBA GRANT PAYMENT	14,250.00
202597	09/18/2023	CUSTOM SIGN CONSULTANTS INC	SIGNAGE FOR AROUND PD -MALTESE	640.00
202553	09/20/2023	DOUGLAS TRUCK PARTS	S-CAM BUSHINGS FOR REFUSE TRUCKS - STOCK	45.30
202381	09/14/2023	DOUGLAS TRUCK PARTS	BATTERIES - STOCK	1,002.80
202593	09/21/2023	JOSEPH EICK	BOOTS/UNDER ARMOUR	166.33
202669	09/26/2023	EJ EQUIPMENT INC	JOYSTICK CONTROLLER FOR 201	3,197.33
202455	08/30/2023	WILLIAM ENDRE	FUEL	80.45
202317	09/06/2023	MICHAEL ERWIN	REIMBURSEMENT FOR DRE TRAINING MATERIALS -ERWIN	534.75
202318	09/06/2023	MICHAEL ERWIN	REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNIFORM BOOTS -ERWIN	111.23
202661	09/25/2023	ESHAL MANAGEMENT ENT INC	BD BOND REFUND-8524 SKOKIE BLVD 2 D	500.00
202380	09/14/2023	FAST MRO SUPPLIES INC	SHOP CHEMICALS	609.95
202388	09/15/2023	FAYE SANDER	SUN GLASSES	178.50
202634	09/22/2023	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC	ACTUATOR REPAIR	2,000.00
202436	08/29/2023	FIRE SERVICE INC	SENSOR O2	118.60
202437	08/29/2023	FIRE SERVICE INC	SENSIT GOLD G2	4,578.75
202558	09/20/2023	FIRST PRIORITY RESTORATION	BD BOND REFUND-7306 CENTRAL PARK AVE	300.00
202434	09/18/2023	FOSTER COACH SALES INC	SOUTHCO LATCH	76.32
202462	09/18/2023	G & M TRUCKING INC	DIRT REMOVAL & SAND DELIVERED	3,425.27
202583	09/20/2023	G & M TRUCKING INC	CA-7 STONE	11,787.68
202319	09/13/2023	G & M TRUCKING INC	DIRT REMOVAL	4,225.00
202678	09/26/2023	G & M TRUCKING INC	CA-7 STONE	7,968.22
202382	09/14/2023	GOLF MILL FORD	TIRE PRESSURE SENSORS FOR POLICE CARS	200.70
202555	09/20/2023	GOLF MILL FORD	TIRE SENSOR FOR 133	66.90
202556	09/20/2023	GOLF MILL FORD	COOLANT HOSE FOR CAR 17	35.51
202452	09/18/2023	GRAINGER	ALLOY BORES	64.40
202340	09/14/2023	GRAINGER	CEILING TILE	97.04
202721	09/26/2023	GRAINGER	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR SIGN SHOP	43.32

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202163	09/11/2023	JEFFREY GREENSPAN	CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS 08/23	225.00
202726	09/26/2023	GREGG COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC	PARTNER CHANGE OF RECORD FEE	500.00
202584	09/20/2023	GROOT INDUSTRIES INC	SOIL SPOILS	16,719.48
202522	09/19/2023	HECTOR FERNANDO	REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARKWAY ADJUSTMENT	290.00
202339	09/14/2023	ITW FOOD EQUIPMENT GROUP LLC	UNDERCOUNTER ADVANSYS	1,115.00
202379	09/14/2023	IDPH	DEATH SURCHARGE FEE FOR AUG 2023	116.00
202648	09/18/2023	ILCMA	COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER JOB POSTING	50.00
202625	09/19/2023	ILLINOIS FIRE SAFETY ALLIANCE	IFSA LIFE SAFETY LUNCH	400.00
202481	09/18/2023	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	LIQUOR LICENCE BACKGROUND CHECK	113.00
202627	09/22/2023	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	SEIZED FUNDS FROM CASES # 20-5000 # 23-6534 -# 22-2472 - # 20-7235	55,313.00
202446	09/18/2023	IMAGE TREND INC	IMAGETREND CONTINUUM EMS ANALYTICS	2,000.00
202561	09/20/2023	IMPERIAL SUPPLIES LLC	LUG NUT LOOSE INDICATORS FOR FIRE TRUCKS	471.00
202402	09/15/2023	IMPERIAL SUPPLIES LLC	HYDRAULIC FITTINGS - STOCK	123.78
202636	09/22/2023	INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE OF TOPEKA IN	BD BOND REFUND-7800 AUSTIN AVE	2,000.00
202546	09/19/2023	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	EGR VALVE FOR TOWER 16	1,209.96
202547	09/19/2023	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	DELTA PRESSURE SENSOR FOR TOWER 16	131.99
202428	09/15/2023	INVOLTA, LLC	PENTESTING/STAAS	607.00
202449	08/31/2023	ISBS	COPY MACHINE	603.00
202368	08/29/2023	J G UNIFORMS INC	UNIFORM SHOES -ROQUE	175.00
202356	09/14/2023	JAIME FRIEL	IWCC TRANSCRIPT 21WC018574	396.00
202342	09/14/2023	JENNIFER ALLEN	TRF TAX REFUND FOR 8127 KOSTNER	1,695.00
202563	09/20/2023	JENNIFER ROUSSEAU	BD BOND REFUND-4828 JEROME STREET	300.00
202637	09/25/2023	JEREMIAS CORREA	BOOTS	149.99
202706	09/26/2023	JERMAINE SEWELL	EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE	1,500.00
202387	09/14/2023	JOHANNA NYDEN	REIMBURSEMENT FOR LUNCH MEETING	78.33
202375	09/14/2023	JOHN O'DEA	REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNIFORM PANTS -O'DEA	131.20
202391	09/15/2023	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY #12	DUAL RUN CAPACITOR	21.98
202644	09/18/2023	JOSHUA A BARRAS PHD	POLICE OFFICER EVALUATION	950.00
202645	09/18/2023	JOSHUA A BARRAS PHD	CANCELLATION FEE	350.00
202615	09/21/2023	JUSTIN MALONE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR CDBG LUNCHEON IN MT PROSPECT	21.46
202337	09/14/2023	JUSTIN MALONE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR APA-IL CONF EXPENSE	62.30
202426	09/15/2023	KARA COMPANY INC	ITEMS FOR ENGINEERING	244.29
202320	09/13/2023	KENT AUTOMOTIVE	SHOP SUPPLIES	1,005.60
202613	09/13/2023	KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	RANGE/WEAPON REPAIR/PARTS -JAWORSKI	367.89
202611	09/08/2023	KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	RANGE/WEAPON REPAIR/PARTS -JAWORSKI	785.44
202612	09/08/2023	KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	RANGE/WEAPON REPAIR/PARTS -JAWORSKI	68.38
202614	09/21/2023	KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC	CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO INVOICES RCD	(1,221.71)

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202144	07/04/2023	KIWANIS CLUB OF SKOKIE VALLEY	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR JOHN LOCKERBY- 3RD QUARTER (APRIL-JUL) 2023	177.00
202384	09/14/2023	STEVE KLOCKO	REIMBURSEMENT FIR ICC INTL ENERGY CODE	44.50
202517	09/19/2023	STEVE KLOCKO	REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAINING CLASS ON OCT 6	195.00
202332	09/14/2023	KOHEN REAL ESTATE LLC	EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE	1,200.00
202494	09/18/2023	LAKESHORE RECYCLING SYSTEMS	DUMPSTER FS17	923.40
202484	08/17/2023	LAKEVIEW SSA 27-2011	PEOPLE SPOT WAVE FURNITURE	5,000.00
202620	09/22/2023	LANGTON SNOW SOLUTIONS	VILLAGE MOWING SERVICES	61.80
202638	09/25/2023	LANGTON SNOW SOLUTIONS	VILLAGE MOWING SERVICES	61.80
202664	09/26/2023	LANGTON SNOW SOLUTIONS	VILLAGE MOWING SERVICES	61.80
202469	09/18/2023	LEE JENSEN SALES CO INC	ALUMINUM HYDRAULIC EXTENSION	1,578.00
202323	09/13/2023	LEGAL DEPT PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT JULY 2023-AUGUST 2023	121.78
202622	09/22/2023	ANGELO LIMPERATOS	RAIN SUIT	74.99
202330	09/14/2023	LONG - KOGAN, INC	EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE	1,500.00
202590	07/31/2023	MICHAEL LORGE	CELL PHONE STIPEND	195.00
202728	09/26/2023	LR HEIN CONSTRUCTION CORP	BD BOND REFUND-5750 OLD ORCHARD ROAD	500.00
202692	09/26/2023	LURVEY LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	TOP SOIL	256.00
202335	09/14/2023	LURVEY LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SOD	221.50
202715	09/15/2023	LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	EVIDENCE SUPPLIES - MIURA	142.59
202313	09/13/2023	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	BALL JOINTS FOR TRUCK # 16R	4,444.91
202689	09/26/2023	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	COUPLING	524.99
202390	09/15/2023	MCKENNA AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	HYDRAUIC HOSE FOR 228	197.13
202314	09/13/2023	MCKIM & CREED, INC.	DDS & DMA PROGRAM AUG 2023	13,190.00
202550	09/20/2023	MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO	AIR REGULATOR'S FOR OIL ROOM	231.17
202552	09/20/2023	MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO	THREADED ROD - STOCK	53.90
202407	09/15/2023	MEADE ELECTRIC CO INC	EVP AT GOLF AND WOODS 6/21/23	426.00
202408	09/15/2023	MEADE ELECTRIC CO INC	EVP AT GOLF AND KNOX 6/21/23	426.00
202410	09/15/2023	MEADE ELECTRIC CO INC	EVP AT DEMPSTER AND KEELER 6/21/23	426.00
202411	09/15/2023	MEADE ELECTRIC CO INC	EVP AT SKOKIE AND OLD ORCHARD 6/21/23	426.00
202588	09/20/2023	MEDICO- MART INC	FLU CLINIC VACCINE - SOLE SOURCE	10,604.00
202589	09/20/2023	MEDICO- MART INC	FLU CLINIC VACCINE - SOLE SOURCE	10,604.00
202617	09/21/2023	MEDICO- MART INC	CREDIT FOR EXPIRED FLUCELVAX	(4,155.27)
202404	09/15/2023	MEECHER'S CUSTOM	SEAT RECOVERED FOR FIRE TRUCKS	190.00
202722	09/09/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	MISC. TOOLS AND EQUIP.	203.32
202440	09/08/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	CUTTING TOOL	19.97
202606	09/01/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	DOG FOOD FOR STATION -CATALA	52.99
202453	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	SHOP SUPPLIES	25.96
202454	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	CONDUIT ,WEED KILLER	181.23

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202456	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	BLACK GORILLA TAPE	8.98
202457	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	WHITE PEVA LINER	23.92
202458	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	SHOP SUPPLIES	48.72
202459	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	HEAVY WHT PEVA	79.84
202460	09/18/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	HEAVY WHT PEVA	69.86
202667	09/26/2023	MENARDS MORTON GROVE	SHOP SUPPLIES	13.37
202681	09/26/2023	METAL SUPERMARKETS	HOT ROLLED ANGLE	29.74
202671	09/26/2023	METTLER TOLEDO LLC	PREVENTIVE ON-SITE MAINT	596.02
202679	09/26/2023	MIDWEST AIR PRO INC	SERVICE CALL AT STATION #17 & #16	1,548.75
202635	09/22/2023	MIDWEST COMPUTER PRODUCTS INC	VISIX AXISTV ELEMENT MEDIA PLAYERS - HOSTED SOLUTION	4,643.00
202392	09/15/2023	MOSHE CALAMARO & ASSOC	STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 8009 NILES AVE	1,228.00
202727	09/26/2023	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS-STARCOM NETWORK	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE CHARGERS FOR FD	1,173.76
202394	09/15/2023	MPC COMMUNICATIONS & LIGHTING INC	REPAIRED WIRING FOR EMERG. LIGHTS CAR 36	173.50
202560	09/20/2023	MPC COMMUNICATIONS & LIGHTING INC	PRO GARD WING KIT	97.09
202702	09/26/2023	MUSICK LOSS MANAGEMENT	BD BOND REFUND-9101 KOLMAR AVE	500.00
202564	09/20/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	CORE DEPOSIT CREDIT	(55.00)
202565	09/20/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	AIR FILTER FOR 165	78.13
202566	09/20/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	AIR FILTER FOR TRUCK 154	45.96
202567	09/20/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	MOTOR MOUNT FOR CAR 17	103.69
202568	09/20/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	FUEL FILTER FOR SIDEWALK PLOW'S	21.88
202405	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	WIPER BLADES	88.06
202406	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	FILTER - STOCK	95.24
202412	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	FIBER GLASS REPAIR KIT FOR 102	22.88
202413	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	FUEL FILTER - STOCK	86.60
202414	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	A/C OIL	24.93
202415	09/15/2023	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	BRAKES FOR 137T	370.87
202674	09/11/2023	NEMRT	BLDG ENTRY/CONTROL TACTICS -CANIZARES & GIANAKAKIS	350.00
202682	09/26/2023	NEUCO INC	HI LIMIT SWITCH	164.08
202684	09/26/2023	NEUCO INC	3/4" X 1" T&P 95000 BTU	63.52
202353	09/14/2023	NICOR GAS	9050 GROSS POINT RD	49.64
202355	09/14/2023	NICOR GAS	9050 GROSS POINT RD	359.90
202349	09/14/2023	NICOR GAS	8157 CENTRAL PARK AVE	244.99
202350	09/14/2023	NICOR GAS	9024 GROSS POINT RD	352.47
202717	09/18/2023	NICOR GAS	NATURAL GAS - 7300-06 NILES CENTER RD 08/16/23-09/15/23	515.60
202668	09/26/2023	NIPSTA	BASIC OPERATIONS FIRE ACADEMY	6,155.00
202585	09/20/2023	NORTH COAST SEWER & DRAINAGE INC	REPLACE WATER SERVICE @ 9512 KILDARE AVE	7,560.00
202488	09/08/2023	NORTHWEST POLICE ACADEMY	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CHIEF BAKER 2023-2024	75.00

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202707	09/12/2023	NORTHWEST POLICE ACADEMY	ADMISSION -CYBER NAVIGATOR PROGRAM/BAKER & MOERSFELDER	50.00
202641	09/20/2023	OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	130.01
202639	09/19/2023	OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	209.17
202640	09/19/2023	OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2.65
202750	09/30/2023	OLD ORCHARD URBAN LP	OOBD TAX REVENUE DISBURSEMENT REPORT DATE 9/30/2023	286,108.69
202420	09/15/2023	OUI OUI ENTERPRISES LLC	MONTHLY MAINT FOR CHANNEL PARK	380.00
202486	09/15/2023	PATRICK PANIZO	REIMBURSEMEN FOR BATTERIES -PANIZO	11.01
202703	09/26/2023	PARKS PLUMBING & SEWER INC	BD BOND REFUND-8326 KEYSTONE AVE	750.00
202704	09/26/2023	PARKS PLUMBING & SEWER INC	BD BOND REFUND-8327 KEYSTONE AVE	1,500.00
202724	09/22/2023	PARTNERS AND PAW VETERINARY SRVCS	9/22 APPOINTMENT & MEDICATION FOR JINN	74.79
202709	09/14/2023	PARTNERS AND PAW VETERINARY SRVCS	GENERAL EXAM & MEDICATION FOR JINN 7/15/23	103.74
202621	09/22/2023	PAUL REISE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR DINNER - PL COMM MTG	10.00
202386	09/14/2023	PERMA SEAL BASEMENT SYSTEMS	BD BOND REFUND-9118 KILBOURN AVE	250.00
202465	09/18/2023	PETERSON, LOIS A	UB refund for account: 06535	26.24
202545	09/19/2023	PRINT XPRESS	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - POSTCARDS - NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT	95.00
202594	09/21/2023	PRINT XPRESS	FLU SHOT REMINDER POST CARDS	488.30
202595	09/21/2023	PRINT XPRESS	BUSINESS CARDS FOR JENNIFER DAVIS SPELLS	90.00
202592	09/20/2023	PRINT XPRESS	3 DIFFERENT MAPPING POSTERS FOR ELECTORAL REFERENDUM	210.00
202601	09/21/2023	PROPIO LS LLC	INTERPRETATION SERVICE FOR AUG 23	49.50
202417	09/15/2023	PROSAFETY INC	ITEMS FOR ENGINEERING	367.45
202725	09/26/2023	RACHEL BLUT	SEPTEMBER PHEP MILEAGE	15.78
202714	09/26/2023	RACHEL BLUT	AUGUST PHEP MILEAGE	18.54
202599	08/31/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	UNIFORM PANTS -NGO	76.49
202422	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG PHONE POUCH -HOWE	26.00
202423	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG PHONE POUCH -SHELTON	26.00
202425	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG PHONE POUCH -CREMINS	26.00
202429	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -MARINO	100.30
202431	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG PHONE POUCH -ROQUE	26.00
202432	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -CHWOJNICKI	140.48
202438	09/07/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG PHONE POUCH -BARNES	26.00
202424	08/25/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -SHELTON	109.48
202427	08/25/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -CREMINS	112.18
202439	08/25/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -MARZIGLIANO	101.00
202430	08/28/2023	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	HSG POUCHES FOR VEST -MARINO	80.75
202711	09/15/2023	RCN	HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICES & FEES FOR PRISON PHONES 09/15/2023	159.96
201964	09/05/2023	RECORDS DEPOSITION SERVICE INC	NO RECORD STMT - BOYES,TAPESTRY 360 HEALT	10.00
202128	09/08/2023	RECORDS DEPOSITION SERVICE INC	COPY IMAGE CHARGE - BOYES,TAPESTRY 360 HEALT	20.00

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202312	09/13/2023	RED WING SHOE COMPANY INC	BOOTS	1,300.44
202511	09/18/2023	REDS GARDEN CENTER INC	LEAF MULCH FOR NATIVE PLANTS	104.00
202577	09/20/2023	REELSOUNDS CHICAGO LLC	BD BOND REFUND-4832 MAIN STREET	1,000.00
202051	09/08/2023	RELX INC DBA LEXIS NEXIS	LEXIS NEXIS MEMBERSHIP	350.00
202670	09/15/2023	ANDERSON PEST SOLUTIONS	PEST CONTROL MAINTENANCE -09/2023	221.00
202660	09/13/2023	REP FITNESS LLC	FT-5004 FUNCTIONAL TRAINER	4,602.58
202324	08/31/2023	RICARDO MEDINA	REIMBURSEMENT FOR PANTS ALTERATIONS -MEDINA	96.00
202723	09/19/2023	RMG ENT. PETWANTS CHICAGO NORTH	DOG FOOD FOR JINN	102.60
202464	09/18/2023	ROBERT BOND	REFUND FOR EXPEDITED ADVERTISING IN CHGO TRIBUNE	1,325.74
202523	09/19/2023	ROBERT SCHNEIDER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARKWAY ADJUSTMENT	87.30
202222	09/11/2023	ROBERT SKILLEN	REIMBURSEMENT PUBLIC FALL CLAIM CO-PAYS	524.07
202559	09/20/2023	RUSH TRUCK CENTER CAROL STREAM	CHARGE AIR SOOLER HOSE FOR AMBULANCE 18	144.60
202619	09/22/2023	SACHSE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT	BD BOND REFUND-4999 OLD ORCHARD CENTER	1,000.00
202705	09/26/2023	ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE	TITLE & PLATES FOR NEW VEHICLE 115/208	316.00
202731	09/27/2023	SECRETARY OF STATE	NEW TITLE FOR SEIZED VEHICLE	165.00
202540	09/19/2023	MATE SETKA	SETKA UNIFORM PANTS REIMBURSEMENT	206.13
202603	09/19/2023	BRANDI SHELTON	REIMBURSEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT TRIP -SHELTON	120.59
202418	09/15/2023	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	PAINT FOR PD	108.46
202343	09/14/2023	SHERYL KOSOVSKI	TIMESHEET FOR SESBA PROGRAM	750.00
202600	09/18/2023	SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT	FY2023-24 BACKLOT BASH GRANT DISBURSEMENT	12,000.00
202736	09/27/2023	STATE TREASURER, IDOT	OAKTON STREET MULTI-USE PATH	80,463.21
202543	08/01/2023	STEALTH MODE THREE LLC	FD TABLE COVER	152.29
202505	09/18/2023	Stephanie Cutter	BD BOND REFUND-9526 LAWNSDALE AVE	3,000.00
202506	09/18/2023	Stephanie Cutter	BD BOND REFUND-9526 LAWNSDALE AVE	300.00
202049	09/07/2023	STEPHANIE HORNISH	REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	73.60
202576	09/20/2023	SUBURBAN LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	2,113.40
202421	09/15/2023	SZABO ERSEBET	EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE	1,500.00
202409	09/15/2023	T-MOBILE USA INC	HOTSPOT SERVICE - AUGUST 2023	22.76
202618	08/29/2023	TAYLOR PLUMBING INC	PLUMBING WORK AT NSCPA	3,108.00
202672	09/18/2023	TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT REV FUND	LEADS LIVESCAN T1 LINE SERVICES-08/31/23	857.70
202059	09/08/2023	TFORCE FINAL MILE LLC	MESSENGER SERVICES	43.09
202737	09/27/2023	THE HOH GROUP INC.	ARCH SVCS NSCPA CANOPY IMPROVEMENTS	4,800.00
202738	09/27/2023	THE HOH GROUP INC.	ARCH SVCS NSCPA CANOPY IMPROVEMENTS	1,600.00
202598	09/21/2023	TIFFANY KELLY	VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS	1,750.00
202367	09/14/2023	TRITON INTERTECH LLC	EMERGENCY LIGHTS FOR BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES	570.00
202374	09/14/2023	TRUCE TRUCK SALES	LEVELING VALVE FOR REFUSE TRUCKS	202.44
202372	09/14/2023	TRUCE TRUCK SALES	HUB FOR REFUSE TRUCK - STOCK	893.18



**Memorandum**  
**Mayor's Office**

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

DATE: October 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Proclamations, Appointments, and Resignations

**A Proclamations**

**“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**  
**October 2023**

**“Skokie Arts & Humanities Month”**  
**October 2023**

\* **“Energy Efficiency Day”**  
**October 4, 2023**

\* **“Filipino American History Month”**  
**October 2023**

\* **“Manufacturing Month”**  
**October 2023**

**\*B Appointments**

**Commission on Family Services**  
**Hilary Hunter**

**Skokie Police Use of Force Review Board**  
**Michael Nelson**

**\*C Resignations**

**Board of Health**  
**Dr. Jeremy Schwartz**

**Fire Pension Board**  
**Richard Evonitz**

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a prevalent societal problem harming victims, their children, family, friends and communities at large; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence knows no boundaries, impacting women, men, and children of every age, race, ethnicity, economic background, sexual orientation, and belief; and*

*WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and*

*WHEREAS, many victims are deprived of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face tremendous threats to their health, safety, and economic security, and the health, safety, and economic security of their children at the hands of their batterers; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims, and*

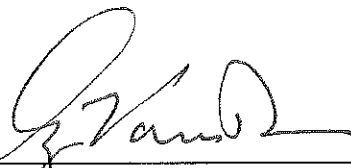
*WHEREAS, commendation should be given to agencies who assist victims of domestic violence and devote their efforts towards ending domestic violence throughout our state and nation.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as:*

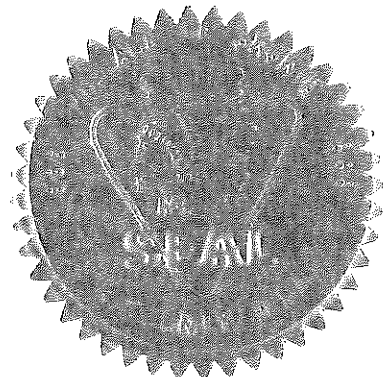
## **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

*and call upon the people of Skokie to raise awareness about the societal problem of domestic violence throughout our community and its devastating effects on families and communities.*

*Passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023*

  
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George Van Dusen  
Mayor

  
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Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world – the enduring record of human achievement; and*

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Skokie – improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and*

*WHEREAS, arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, collaboration, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of the beauty of diversity and cross-cultural understanding; and*

*WHEREAS, we use the humanities – history, literature, philosophy – to explore what it means to be human; and*

*WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state; and*

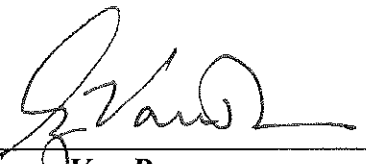
*WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and*

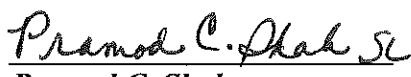
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:*

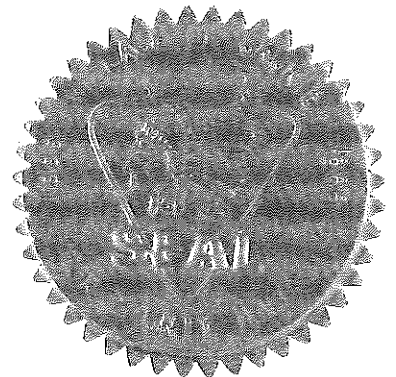
## **“SKOKIE ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH”**

*and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Village of Skokie.*

*Passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023*

  
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George Van Dusen  
Mayor

  
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Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the Village of Skokie's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and*

*WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move the Village of Skokie toward a sustainable future; and*

*WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and*

*WHEREAS, for cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and*

*WHEREAS, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and*

*WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and*

*WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, the residents of the Village of Skokie can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our sustainability plan, and*

*WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and*


*WHEREAS, together we can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives.*

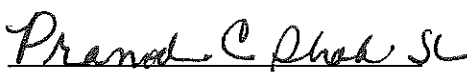
**THEREFORE I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023 as:**

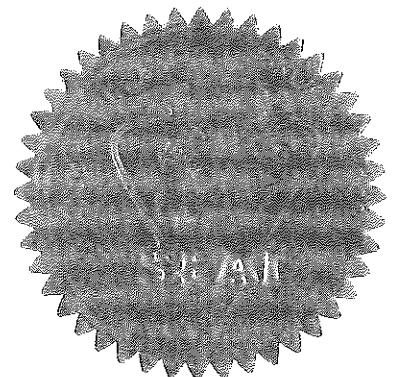
## **"ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY"**

*and urge residents to join the village in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.*

*Passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023*

  
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George Van Dusen  
Mayor

  
Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was the date of October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" set foot in Morro Bay, California, on board the Manila-built galleon ship Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza; and*

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malso Parrish, Louisiana, which set in motion the focus on the story of our Nation's past from a new perspective, by concentrating on the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 4 million people. Filipino Americans are an integral part of the United States healthcare system as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals; and*

*WHEREAS, Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history serving within the Armed Services of the United States, from the Civil War to the present Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 250,000 Filipinos who fought under the United States flag during World War II, to protect and defend this country; and*

*WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, and other fields in the United States, which enrich the landscape of the country; and*

*WHEREAS, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the United States history; and*

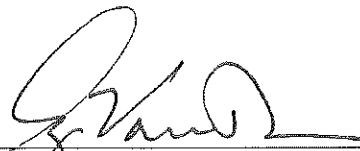
*WHEREAS, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the value of their legacy.*

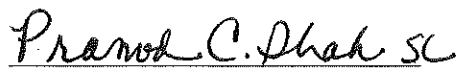
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as:**

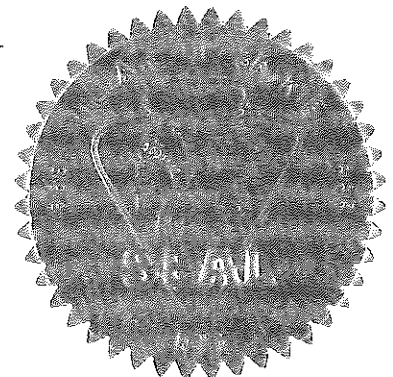
## **"FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"**

*in the Village of Skokie, and do hereby urge the people of Skokie to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities.*

Passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023

  
George Van Dusen  
Mayor

  
Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Village of Skokie celebrates the innovation and inspiration of our manufacturing firms; and*

*WHEREAS, manufacturing firms are the largest contributor to Illinois' Gross Domestic Product; and*

*WHEREAS, manufacturing provides outstanding career opportunities in addition to their incredible products and services; and*

*WHEREAS, the Village of Skokie is proud of the value "Made in America" has throughout the world, and especially those products made right here in Skokie; and*

*WHEREAS, Skokie is home to over 300 manufacturing business who are turning raw goods into usable goods; and*


*WHEREAS, the Village of Skokie is committed to serving as a resource to our manufacturing businesses as they continue to grow and thrive.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as:*

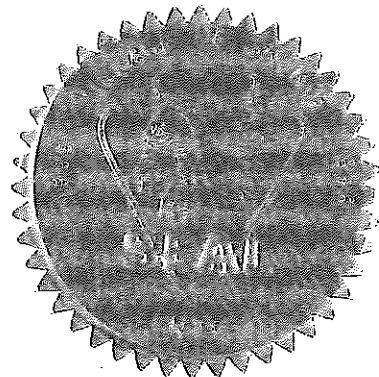
## **"MANUFACTURING MONTH"**

*and call upon Skokie residents and businesses to support our local manufacturers and join us in celebrating Manufacturing Month in Skokie.*

*Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023*

  
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George Van Dusen  
Mayor

  
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Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk



**Memorandum  
Corporation Counsel's Office**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael M. Lorge / *BSM*  
Michael M. Lorge, Corporation Counsel

DATE: September 25, 2023

SUBJECT: **October 2, 2023 Corporation Counsel's Report**

**CONSENT:**

**\*A. Ordinance Granting Site Plan Approval for location at 3301-3321 Howard Street in an M3 Industrial District, Relief from Chapter 118-172 of the Skokie Village Code and the Repeal of Village Ordinances 89-10-Z-2089 and 00-4-Z-2889, Case No. 2023-03P**

Item **A** is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

This ordinance grants site plan approval for an automotive fuel station and car wash in an M3 Industrial district at 3301 and 3321 Howard Street. There is an existing Shell fuel station with an attached car wash and a vacant Grand Prix fuel station with an adjacent vacant retail and office space.

The Shell fuel station site will eventually be reduced in area to enlarge the parcel located directly west of the Shell fuel station. The two lots will remain distinct, with the former Grand Prix fuel station replaced by a tunnel car wash that will include 20 vacuum stations and will have shared/cross-access and a centralized waste enclosure with the existing Shell fuel station. Additionally, the existing Shell fuel station car wash will be removed and the space will be repurposed as storage/hallways for the existing convenience store and in the future, for expanded accessory office or retail space. No changes are proposed to the number of fuel positions and or the gross floor area of the retail building serving the Shell fuel center; and

Subsequent to the presentation to the Mayor and Board of Trustees on June 20, 2023, staff from the Community Development Department and the Corporation Counsel's Office, in conjunction with representation from the Petitioner, discussed Petitioner's request regarding a decorative fence along a portion of the perimeter of the Subject Property. It was determined that this could be accomplished by granting limited relief from Section 118-172 of the Skokie Village Code in order to allow a small decorative fence. Further, for the purposes of legislative economy, any active existing site plans or special use permits for the Subject Property will be repealed.

**\*B. Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for location at 3301 Howard Street in an M3 Industrial Zoning District, Case No. 2023-04P**

Item **B** is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

This ordinance grants a special use permit to establish an automotive fuel station in an M3 Industrial district at 3301 Howard Street. This is the eastern property of two separate adjacent properties that currently are not internally connected to each other. The site presently contains a Shell gas station with an attached car wash. The existing Shell fuel station will be remodeled but will maintain the existing number of fuel positions and the retail space will remain the same and the car wash will be removed.

**\*C. Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for location at 3321 Howard Street in an M3 Industrial Zoning District, Case No. 2023-05P**

Item C is on the consent agenda for second reading and adoption. The first reading was on June 20, 2023.

This ordinance grants a special use permit to establish a car wash in an M3 zoning district to be located at 3321 Howard Street. This is the western property of two separate adjacent properties that are currently not internally connected to each other. The site presently contains a Shell gas station with an attached car wash. A tunnel car wash will be constructed that will include 20 vacuum stations and will have shared/cross-access with the Shell fuel center.

**D. Executive Session**

Request for an executive session in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act pertaining to the review and discussion of pending litigation.

cc: Pramod Shah  
John Lockerby



THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE CITED  
AS VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER  
**23-10-Z-**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUTOMOTIVE FUEL  
STATION AND A CARWASH AT 3301-3321 HOWARD STREET,  
SKOKIE, ILLINOIS, IN AN M3 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, RELIEF FROM  
CHAPTER 118-172 OF THE SKOKIE VILLAGE CODE AND THE REPEAL  
OF VILLAGE ORDINANCES 89-10-Z-2089 AND 00-4-Z-2889**

1           **WHEREAS**, the owner of the following described real property:

2       LOTS 1 AND 2 IN ATLANTIC RICHFIELD'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 175 FEET OF  
3       THE NORTH 215 FEET OF THE WEST 300 FEET OF THE EAST 960 FEET OF THE  
4       NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH,  
5       RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT  
6       THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1984 AS DOCUMENT 26954549, IN COOK  
7       COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT 1 THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR  
8       STREET BY CONDEMNATION IN CASE NO. 86L51461.

9       PINS: 10-26-401-078  
10       10-26-401-079

11  
12       more commonly described as 3301 and 3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois (hereinafter  
13       "Subject Property"), ZAZ Holdings, LLC (hereinafter "Petitioner") petitioned the Village of Skokie  
14       for site plan approval for an automotive fuel station and carwash in an M3 Industrial district; and

15           **WHEREAS**, there is an existing Shell fuel station with an attached car wash and a  
16       vacant Grand Prix fuel station with an adjacent vacant retail and office space.

17           **WHEREAS**, the Shell fuel station site will eventually be reduced in area to enlarge the  
18       parcel located directly west of the Shell fuel station. The two lots will remain distinct, with the  
19       former Grand Prix fuel station replaced by a tunnel car wash that will include 20 vacuum  
20       stations and will have shared/cross-access and a centralized waste enclosure with the  
21       existing Shell fuel station; and

22           **WHEREAS**, additionally, the existing Shell fuel station car wash will be removed and  
23       the space will be repurposed as storage/hallways for the existing convenience store and in  
24       the future, for expanded accessory office or retail space. No changes are proposed to the  
25       number of fuel positions and or the gross floor area of the retail building serving the Shell fuel  
26       center; and

27           **WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that Petitioner will file an assessment plat resulting in a  
28       parcel division that will place the car wash building and most of its accessory functions within  
29       new separate parcels from the Shell fuel station; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Skokie Appearance Commission approved the appearance of the  
2 project on June 8, 2022, subject to the condition that the Petitioner update the building façade  
3 on the Shell fuel center parcel; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Skokie Plan Commission, at a public hearing duly held on May 4, 2023,  
5 determined that proper legal notice had been achieved and after hearing all testimony went on  
6 to: (i) make the appropriate findings of fact in the affirmative, as required under Section 118-6(g)  
7 of the Skokie Village Code, and (ii) voted to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Trustees  
8 that (a) the requested site plan approval be granted subject to the conditions contained in the  
9 Plan Commission Report dated June 20, 2023; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Trustees, at a public meeting duly held on June 20,  
11 2023, voted to concur in the aforesaid recommendations and findings of fact of the Skokie Plan  
12 Commission;

13           **WHEREAS**, subsequent to the presentation to the Mayor and Board of Trustees on June  
14 20, 2023, staff from the Community Development Department and the Corporation Counsel's  
15 Office, in conjunction with representation from the Petitioner, determined that Petitioner's  
16 request regarding a decorative fence along a portion of the perimeter of the Subject Property  
17 could be accomplished by granting limited relief from Section 118-172 of the Skokie Village Code  
18 in order to allow a small decorative fence, no higher than four (4) feet, within one (1) foot of the  
19 property line with the allowance for a 15 foot site triangle; and

20           **WHEREAS**, further, for the purposes of legislative economy, any active existing site  
21 plans or special use permits for the Subject Property, will be repealed and a new site plan and  
22 accompanying special use permits will be granted; and

23           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the  
24 Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:

25           **Section 1:** That the site plan approval requested by the Petitioner to construct and  
26 establish an automotive fuel station and car wash at the property legally described above and  
27 commonly known as 3301-3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois in an M3 Industrial district is  
28 hereby granted and approved subject to each of the conditions set forth below:

- 29           1. The petitioner must install protection fencing around all existing trees that are not  
30 designated for removal at the subject site. The fencing must remain in place for the  
31 duration of the construction project.
- 32           2. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the petitioner must obtain an MWRD  
33 determination letter to determine if an MWRD permit is required for the proposal.
- 34           3. The Petitioner shall develop the Subject Property in substantial conformance with the  
35 final Village approved site plan, dated February 3, 2022, landscape & tree preservation  
36 plan, dated February 3, 2022, floor plan, dated June 2022, mezzanine plan, dated  
37 June 2022, and elevations, dated June 2022.
- 38           4. Parking lot and exterior lighting shall meet Illuminating Engineering Society of North  
39 America (IES) standards, be full cut-off design, and be directed away from adjacent  
40 properties, subject to the approval of the Engineering Division.
- 41           5. Adjacent to the Subject Property, all existing damaged public sidewalks or public  
42 sidewalks damaged due to the implementation of this plan shall be replaced.
- 43           6. No objects are allowed within a 15-foot sight distance triangle between 30" and 84"

1 from grade except traffic control devices listed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control  
2 Devices.

- 3 7. All fencing, walls, sidewalks, driveways, curbs, wheel stops, parking areas, signage,  
4 landscaping, structures, and any other facilities or infrastructure on the Subject  
5 Property shall be maintained in a good state of repair, and when needed, be repaired  
6 or replaced in a timely manner.
- 7 8. All private and public sidewalks shall be maintained free of snow, ice, sleet, or other  
8 objects that may impede travel.
- 9 9. Trash shall be stored for hauling only within the designated shared trash enclosure  
10 and shall be screened from public view in an enclosure approved by the Appearance  
11 Commission. All trash shall be contained in such a way as to remain out of sight at all  
12 times.
- 13 10. All off-street parking spaces shall be legibly striped and maintained.
- 14 11. Any plan to modify parking lot striping must be approved by the Director of  
15 Engineering.
- 16 12. The proposed development shall have a minimum of 10 on-site off-street vehicle  
17 parking spaces, excluding pump island and vacuum spaces.
- 18 13. The handicapped parking spaces shall be installed and maintained in compliance with  
19 State of Illinois Accessibility Standards and the Skokie Village Code, including  
20 required signage.
- 21 14. Vehicles shall not be allowed to be parked in or otherwise block common driveways,  
22 sidewalks, aisles, or other points of access at any time, shall only be parked in  
23 designated parking spaces, and shall not overlap the striped lines of designated  
24 parking spaces.
- 25 15. The owner of the Subject Property shall ensure that employees park on the Subject  
26 Property or in approved off-site parking spaces approved by the Engineering Division.
- 27 16. All overhead new utilities on the Subject Property shall be placed or relocated  
28 underground. The petitioner shall bear the full cost of any utility relocation and/or  
29 conflicts.
- 30 17. The petitioner shall sign an "Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of  
31 Landscaping" to assure that the Subject Property and parkway landscaping is  
32 completed and maintained, including trimming, watering, and replacing of dead plant  
33 materials in a timely manner in accordance with the final approved landscape plan. A  
34 copy of said Agreement is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and hereby made part  
35 of this Ordinance. This "Agreement for Installation and Maintenance of Landscaping"  
36 shall be recorded at the petitioner's expense.
- 37 18. All new construction, alterations, and remodeling shall meet current International  
38 Building and NFPA Life Safety Codes as amended.
- 39 19. The petitioner shall obtain all required permits and approvals for improvements to  
40 County, State, or Federal rights-of-way from the governing jurisdiction.
- 41 20. The Subject Property must conform to the Village's storm water control requirements  
42 as contained in the Skokie Village Code.

- 1 21. All signage shall conform to the Skokie Village Code, except as provided in this  
2 ordinance. Any sign on the Subject Property that is in violation of that Code or the  
3 approved sign package must be removed or modified to conform with the Village Code  
4 prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.
- 5 22. The petitioner shall submit to the Planning Division electronic files of the plat of survey,  
6 site plan, and landscape plan in their approved and finalized form. The files shall be  
7 scaled 2-dimensional drawing files on non-compressed, non-read only CD-ROM \*.dwg  
8 AutoCAD format.
- 9 23. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the petitioner shall submit to the Planning  
10 Division of the Community Development Department the name, property address,  
11 email address, and telephone number of the company and contact person responsible  
12 for site maintenance in compliance with this site plan approval.
- 13 24. If work is to be performed on public property or if public property is utilized or impacted  
14 during construction and/or development, the owner shall provide, or shall cause the  
15 developer and/or contractor to provide, the Village of Skokie with a certificate of  
16 insurance naming the Village of Skokie as additionally insured for any and all claims  
17 related to any and all work. The owner shall hold, and shall cause the developer and/or  
18 contractor to hold, the Village of Skokie harmless and indemnify the Village for any  
19 and all claims for property damage or personal injury related to work on or use of  
20 public property.
- 21 25. The petitioner shall comply with all Federal and State statutes, laws, rules and  
22 regulations and all Village codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.
- 23 26. Failure to abide by any and all terms of this Ordinance shall be cause for the Village  
24 to initiate hearings to determine whether the subject Ordinance, as well as any  
25 applicable business licenses, should be revised or revoked. The petitioner shall pay  
26 all costs related to any hearings conducted as a result of non-compliance with any of  
27 the provisions of the enabling ordinance. The costs shall include but not be limited to  
28 court reporter fees, attorney fees, and staff time required researching and conducting  
29 said hearing.

30 **Section 2:** That relief from the following section of Chapter 118 of the Skokie  
31 Village Code is hereby granted, for the following limited purpose:

32 Section 118-172 - to allow placement of a decorative fence, subject to approval by the  
33 Village and not to exceed four (4) feet, within one (1) foot of the property line, with the  
34 allowance for a 15 foot site triangle.

35 **Section 3:** That Village Ordinance Numbers 89-10-Z-2089 and 00-4-Z-2889 are  
36 hereby repealed. Any previous Village Ordinances which were repealed by the foregoing  
37 ordinances shall remain repealed and are null and void. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be  
38 construed to reinstate any previously repealed ordinance.

39 **Section 4:** That a notice of the approval of this Ordinance incorporating the  
40 conditions contained herein shall be executed by the owner of the property in writing and duly  
41 recorded with the Cook County Clerk's Office at the owner's expense.

42 **Section 5:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
43 passage, approval, and recordation as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this    day of October, 2023.

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

Attested and filed in my office this  
day October, 2023.

Approved by me this    day of  
October, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

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Mayor, Village of Skokie

**Exhibit A**

**AGREEMENT FOR  
INSTALLATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF  
LANDSCAPING**

Plan Commission Case  
2023-03P

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 by and between ZAZ Holdings, LLC hereinafter referred to as "PROPERTY OWNER", and the VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, an Illinois municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "VILLAGE". The parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

**PROPERTY OWNER** is the owner of real property located in the Village of Skokie.

LOTS 1 AND 2 IN ATLANTIC RICHFIELD'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 175 FEET OF THE NORTH 215 FEET OF THE WEST 300 FEET OF THE EAST 960 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1984 AS DOCUMENT 26954549, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT 1 THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR STREET BY CONDEMNATION IN CASE NO. 86L51461.

PINS: 10-26-401-078  
10-26-401-079

1. At or near the time of execution of this Agreement, the VILLAGE granted an Occupancy Permit, Business License, Site Plan Approval or Special Use Permit hereinafter collectively referred to as "permit" pursuant to state statutes and local ordinances.
2. By the terms of the aforesaid permit, the PROPERTY OWNER is required to install and maintain landscaping in accordance with the plan dated February 3, 2022, or as it may be subsequently revised with the approval of the Village Manager, or designee, and the Corporation Counsel.
3. The parties to this Agreement recognize that the installation and maintenance of landscaping is an integral part of the PROPERTY OWNER's plan for development and/or use of the property and is necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the VILLAGE's land use objectives, and that the permit would not have been approved by the VILLAGE without the assurance that this Agreement would be executed by the PROPERTY OWNER.
4. The purpose of this Agreement is to assure:
  - (a) installation of the landscaping in accordance with the landscaping plan approved by the VILLAGE, and
  - (b) continued maintenance and care of the landscaping, including any landscaping indicated in the parkway area.

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5. The property, which is the subject matter of this Agreement, is legally described above. The portions of the Subject Property which are to be landscaped and maintained pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are indicated on the Landscape Plan attached hereto, marked Exhibit "1" and are hereby made a part of this Agreement.
6. **PROPERTY OWNER** agrees that the installation and maintenance of the landscaping which is required in accordance with the permit issued by the **VILLAGE** and this Agreement will materially benefit the Subject Property. Such landscaping is necessary in order for the **PROPERTY OWNER** to comply with the conditions of the permit issued or granted by the **VILLAGE** for the **PROPERTY OWNER**'s requested development or use of the property.
7. **PROPERTY OWNER** shall diligently maintain and care for the landscaping which is installed and required by the permit and this Agreement, using generally accepted methods of cultivation and watering. The **PROPERTY OWNER** shall maintain a standard of care necessary to prevent the landscaping from deteriorating to the extent that its value as landscaping is destroyed. If Exhibit "1", attached hereto or permit specifies maintenance standards or procedures, such procedures are hereby adopted as part of this Agreement, and by such adoption, become enforcement conditions of this Agreement.
8. Failure to maintain the landscaping as required by this Agreement shall be a nuisance. In the event the **PROPERTY OWNER** fails to meet the standard of maintenance necessary to keep the landscaping in a healthy condition as required by this Agreement, the **VILLAGE** shall give written notice of the deficiency to the **PROPERTY OWNER** who shall have 20 days to make the necessary correction or replacement. If such correction or replacement is not made within the aforesaid 20-day period, the **VILLAGE** may elect to abate the nuisance and take necessary action to assure that the landscaping is replaced and/or maintained. In the event, the **VILLAGE** so elects; the **VILLAGE** shall serve notice of its intent to enter the premises for this purpose. The **VILLAGE** shall either personally serve the notice upon the **PROPERTY OWNER** or mail a copy of it by certified mail to the **PROPERTY OWNER**'s last known address, or as shown on the tax rolls, at least 15 days in advance of the date when the **VILLAGE** or its agent intends to enter the premises.
9. For this purpose, the **VILLAGE** or its agent may enter upon the property and perform such work as it considers reasonably necessary and proper to restore, maintain, or replace the landscaping required by this Agreement. The **VILLAGE** may act either through its own employees or through an independent contractor.
10. The **VILLAGE** shall be entitled to reimbursement for abating the nuisance in restoring, maintaining or replacing the landscaping, provided that the **VILLAGE** follows the procedures set forth in this Agreement. Costs shall include but shall not be limited to actual costs incurred by the **VILLAGE** and administrative costs. The **VILLAGE** shall make demand upon the **PROPERTY OWNER** for payment. If the **PROPERTY OWNER** fails to pay the costs within 30 days of the date on which demand is made, the **VILLAGE** may cause a lien to be placed on the Subject Property. The **VILLAGE** may record a notice with the Recorder of Deeds for Cook County stating that it has incurred expenses under the terms this Landscape

Agreement. The **VILLAGE** shall be entitled to collect interest at the statutory rate on the amount owed.

11. In addition to having a lien placed on the Subject Property, the **VILLAGE** may institute a legal action to collect the amount owed. The **PROPERTY OWNER** agrees to pay the **VILLAGE** a reasonable sum for attorney's fees and court costs.
12. If either party upon the execution of this Agreement or during the course of performance considers that it is necessary to have the **PROPERTY OWNER** post additional security to guarantee the performance of his obligations hereunder, the **VILLAGE** may require the **PROPERTY OWNER** to post additional security. The **VILLAGE** may require either a cash deposit or a surety bond guaranteeing performance in a form signed by sureties satisfactory to the **VILLAGE**. The condition of the security shall be that if the **PROPERTY OWNER** fails to perform any obligation under this Agreement, the **VILLAGE** may, act on behalf of the **PROPERTY OWNER** and use the proceeds of the cash bond, or in the case of a surety bond, require the securities to perform the obligations of this Agreement.
13. The **PROPERTY OWNER** hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the **VILLAGE**, its trustees, officials, employees and agents for any costs, claims, actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or otherwise, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise from the **VILLAGE** exercising any of its rights or obligations and performance under this Agreement.
14. All notices required or to be given pursuant hereto shall be in writing and either delivered personally or by a nationally recognized "over-night" courier service or mailed by United States certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the **VILLAGE** and the **PROPERTY OWNER** as follows:

<p><b>If to VILLAGE:</b> Village of Skokie 5127 Oakton Street Skokie, IL 60077 Attention: Village Clerk</p> <p>With copies to: Village Manager Village of Skokie 5127 Oakton Street Skokie, IL 60077</p> <p>Corporation Counsel Village of Skokie 5127 Oakton Street Skokie, IL 60077</p>	<p><b>If to the PROPERTY OWNER:</b> ZAZ Holdings, LLC c/o Nasir Yaqoob 8060 Lawndale Avenue Skokie, IL 60078</p> <p>With copies to: Mark W. Daniel Daniel Law Office, P.C. 17W733 Butterfield Road, Ste F Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181</p>
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Either Party may change the names and addresses of the persons to whom notices or copies thereof shall be delivered, by written notice to the other Party, as the case may be, in the manner herein provided for the service of notice.

15. The Parties and the individuals whose signature is affixed to this Agreement, each acting with due authority have executed this Agreement.



- 16. This Agreement pertains to, runs with the Subject Property, and shall be binding on the successors, assigns, and heirs in interest.
- 17. This Agreement shall be recorded at the PROPERTY OWNER's expense in the Cook County Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year written above.

PROPERTY OWNER

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

its Village Manager

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

its Village Clerk

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn or affirmed to before me

Subscribed and sworn or affirmed to before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

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Signature of Notary Public

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Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

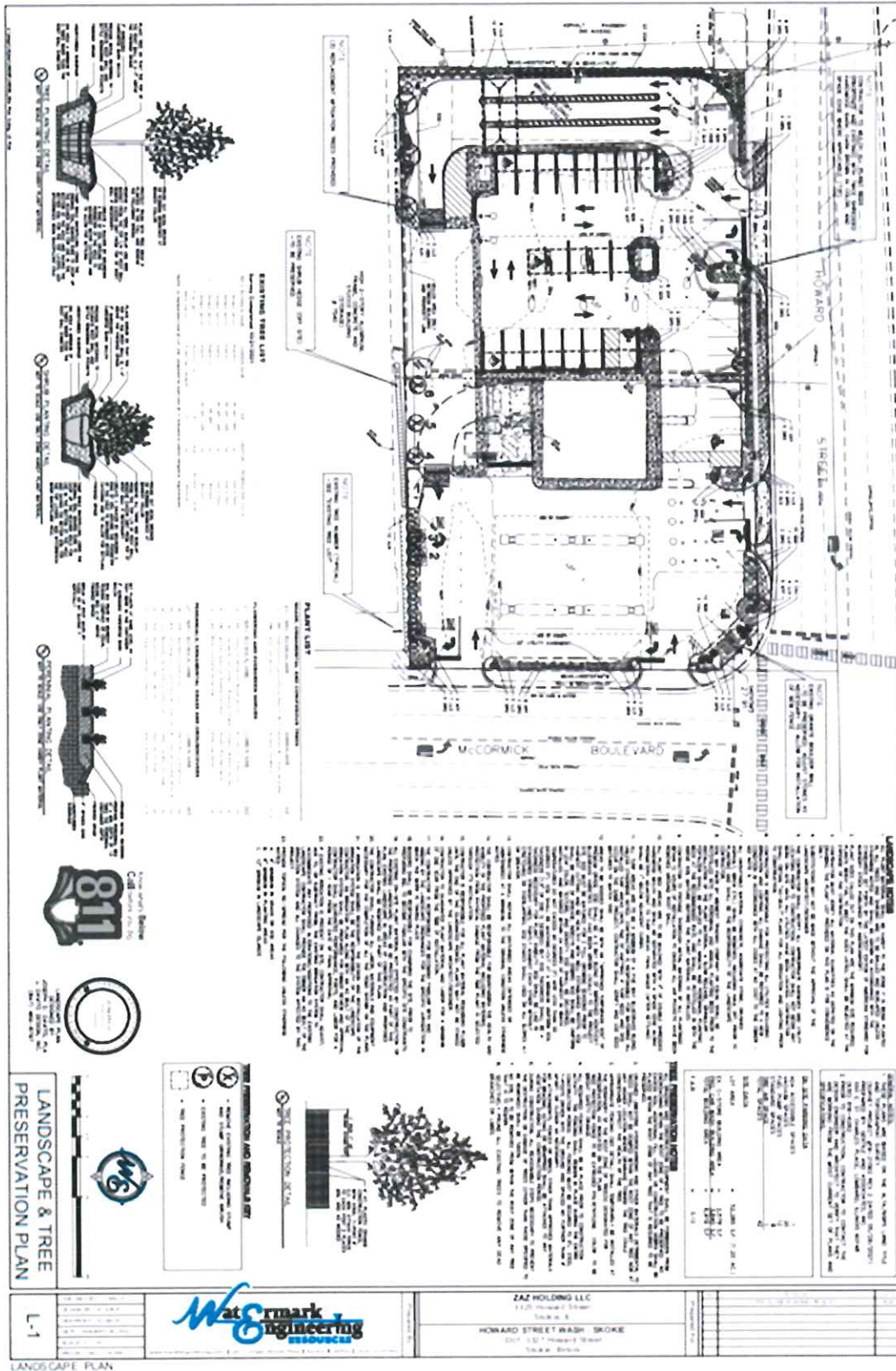


EXHIBIT "1"

MML: 6/20/23 Plan Commission  
\*10/2/23  
PC: 2023-04P  
SUP: 164.06

THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE CITED AS  
VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER  
  
**23-10-Z-**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH  
AND OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE FUEL STATION AT 3301 HOWARD  
STREET, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS IN AN M3 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

1           **WHEREAS**, ZAZ HOLDINGS, LLC, the owner of the following described real property:

2           LOT 1 IN ATLANTIC RICHFIELD'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 175 FEET OF THE  
3           NORTH 215 FEET OF THE WEST 300 FEET OF THE EAST 960 FEET OF THE  
4           NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH,  
5           RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT  
6           THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1984 AS DOCUMENT 26954549, IN COOK  
7           COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT 1 THAT PORTION TAKEN FOR  
8           STREET BY CONDEMNATION IN CASE NO. 86L51461, AND ALSO EXCEPTING THERE  
9           FROM THAT PART OF LOT 1 DESCRIBED BY COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST  
10          CORNER OF LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST  
11          ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 134.00 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING;  
12          THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 60.70 FEET; THENCE  
13          SOUTH 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 41.06 FEET TO THE SOUTH  
14          LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST  
15          ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 61.78 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT  
16          1; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST  
17          LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 41.01 FEE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

18           *PIN: 10-26-41-078-0000 and a portion of 10-26-41-079-0000*

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20          more commonly described as 3301 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois (the "Subject Property"),  
21          petitioned the Village of Skokie for a special use permit to establish an automotive fuel station  
22          in an M3 Industrial zoning district; and

23           **WHEREAS**, this is a companion case to 2023-03P (site plan approval) and 2023-05P  
24          (special use permit); and

25  
26           **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property is the eastern property of two adjacent separate  
27          properties that are currently not internally connected to each other. The entire site presently  
28          contain a Shell fuel station with an attached car wash and a vacant Grand Prix gas station  
29          with an adjacent vacant office and retail space; and

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31           **WHEREAS**, a modified automotive fuel station will be established on the Subject  
32          Property with the existing number of fuel positions and or the size of the retail space within  
33          the convenience store to remain the same. The existing Shell fuel station and car wash will  
34          be removed and the space will be repurposed as storage with hallways for the convenience

1 store. Access to the automotive fuel station will be provided via the two existing restricted  
2 access drives on McCormick Boulevard and one full access drive and one restricted access  
3 drive on Howard Street; and  
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Skokie Plan Commission, at a public hearing duly held on May 4, 2023,  
6 for which proper legal notice had been achieved, (a) made the appropriate findings of fact as  
7 required under Section 118-6(f) of the Skokie Village Code and (b) voted to recommend to the  
8 Mayor and Board of Trustees that the requested special use permit be granted subject to the  
9 conditions contained in the Plan Commission Report dated June 20, 2023; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Trustees, at a public meeting duly held on June 20,  
11 2023, concurred in the aforesaid recommendations and findings of fact of the Skokie Plan  
12 Commission;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the  
14 Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:

15 **Section 1:** That the special use permit requested by the petitioner to establish and  
16 operate an automotive fuel station at the Subject Property, described above and commonly  
17 known as 3301 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois, in an M3 Industrial zoning district be and the  
18 same is hereby granted and approved subject to each of the conditions set forth below:

- 19 1. The petitioner shall develop the Subject Property in substantial conformance with the final  
20 Village approved site plans dated February 3, 2023, landscape plans dated February 3,  
21 2023, sign plans dated March 7, 2023, and building elevations dated June 2022.
- 22 2. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the petitioner shall submit for approval a lighting  
23 photometrics plan, fully developed civil engineering plans that comply with the county  
24 WMO requirements and Village's stormwater control provisions, and redevelopment  
25 engineering plans to address all aspects of private and public utility services. Any  
26 reconfigurations within state ROW will require an IDOT highway/utility permit.
- 27 3. Any outdoor sound systems shall at all times maintain audio levels that are compliant with  
28 the Skokie Village Code.
- 29 4. All existing damaged public sidewalks or public sidewalks damaged due to the  
30 implementation of this plan shall be replaced.
- 31 5. No objects are allowed within a 15' sight distance triangle, between 30" and 84" in height  
32 from grade except traffic control devices listed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control  
33 Devices.
- 34 6. All fencing, walls, sidewalks, driveways, curbs, wheel stops, parking areas, signage,  
35 landscaping, structures, and any other facilities or infrastructure on the Subject Property  
36 shall be maintained in a good state of repair, and when needed, be repaired or replaced  
37 in a timely manner.
- 38 7. All private and public sidewalks shall be maintained free of snow, ice, sleet, or other  
39 objects that may impede travel.
- 40 8. Trash shall be stored for hauling only within the designated trash enclosure and shall be  
41 screened from public view in the enclosure approved on June 8, 2022 by the Appearance

1 Commission. All trash shall be contained in such a way as to remain out of sight at all  
2 times.

- 3 9. All off-street parking spaces shall be legibly striped and maintained.
- 4 10. Any plan to modify parking lot striping must be approved by the Director of Engineering.
- 5 11. The handicapped parking spaces shall be installed and maintained in compliance with State  
6 of Illinois Accessibility Standards and the Skokie Village Code, including required signage.
- 7 12. Vehicles shall not be allowed to be parked in or otherwise block common driveways,  
8 sidewalks, aisles, or other points of access at any time, shall only be parked in designated  
9 parking spaces, and shall not overlap the striped lines of designated parking spaces.
- 10 13. No required parking space on the site may be for the exclusive use of any tenant.
- 11 14. All parking areas must be paved, drained, curbed, and landscaped to Village standards.
- 12 15. Prior to issuance of building permits, the petitioner shall submit evidence of issuance of  
13 permits for the construction and operation of the water main and associated equipment  
14 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) or provide a determination by IEPA  
15 that such permits are not required. Water mains that feed multiple building structures  
16 and/or create a "looped" system that require an IEPA permit will also require an easement  
17 and custodial agreement with the Village.
- 18 16. All new construction, alterations and remodeling shall meet current International Building  
19 and NFPA Life Safety Codes as amended.
- 20 17. The petitioner shall obtain all required permits and approvals for improvements to County,  
21 State, or Federal rights-of-way from the governing jurisdiction.
- 22 18. The Subject Property must conform to the Village's storm water control requirements as  
23 contained in the Skokie Village Code.
- 24 19. All signage shall conform to the Skokie Village Code. Any sign on the Subject Property  
25 that is in violation of that Code or the sign package must be removed or modified to  
26 conform with the Village Code prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.
- 27 20. All modifications to building elevations, signage, and landscaping that differ from the June  
28 8, 2022 approval by the Skokie Appearance Commission shall be subject to the review  
29 and approval of the Skokie Appearance Commission.
- 30 21. The petitioner shall submit to the Planning Division electronic files of the site plan and  
31 landscape plan in their approved and finalized form.
- 32 22. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the petitioner shall submit to the Planning  
33 Division of the Community Development Department the name, property address, email  
34 address, and telephone number of the company and contact person responsible for site  
35 maintenance in compliance with this special use permit.
- 36 23. If work is to be performed on public property or if public property is utilized or impacted  
37 during construction and/or development, the owner shall provide, or shall cause the  
38 developer and/or contractor to provide, the Village of Skokie with a certificate of insurance  
39 naming the Village of Skokie as additionally insured for any and all claims related to any  
40 and all work. The owner shall hold, and shall cause the developer and/or contractor to  
41 hold, the Village of Skokie harmless and indemnify the Village for any and all claims for  
42 property damage or personal injury related to work on or use of public property.

- 1 24. The petitioner shall comply with all Federal and State statutes, laws, rules and regulations  
2 and all Village codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.
- 3 25. Failure to abide by any and all terms of this Ordinance shall be cause for the Village to  
4 initiate hearings to determine whether the subject Ordinance, as well as any applicable  
5 business licenses, should be revised or revoked. The petitioner shall pay all costs related  
6 to any hearings conducted as a result of non-compliance with any of the provisions of the  
7 enabling ordinance. The costs shall include but not be limited to court reporter fees,  
8 attorney fees, and staff time required researching and conducting said hearing.
- 9 26. At least 1 employee must be at the fuel control console at all times that self-serve fuel is  
10 being dispensed. At least 2 employees shall be on the premises from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00  
11 p.m. when a convenience store or any other use over 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> is collocated with the  
12 automotive fuel station.
- 13 27. The attendant must always have a clear view of the fuel dispensing area.
- 14 28. A system that allows communication between persons at each dispensing area and the  
15 employee at the fuel control console must be provided.
- 16 29. During the hours of operation, air and use of equipment for tire inflation, use of a tire  
17 pressure gauge, fluid and equipment for washing vehicle windows, water and use of a  
18 water container for filling radiators, and rest room facilities must be provided free of  
19 charge.
- 20 30. A canopy must be provided over all fuel dispensing areas.
- 21 31. The pump islands and fuel tanks shall be removed upon closing of the automotive fuel  
22 station in accordance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

23 **Section 2:** That a notice of the approval of this Ordinance incorporating the  
24 conditions contained herein shall be executed by the owner of the property in writing and duly  
25 recorded with the Cook County Clerk’s Office at the owner’s expense.

26 **Section 3:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
27 passage, approval and recordation as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this                    day of October 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

Approved by me this                    day of  
October 2023.

Attested and filed in my office this  
day of October 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Village of Skokie

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

MML: 6/20/23 Plan Commission  
\*10/2/23  
PC: 2023-05P  
SUP: 610.01

THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE CITED AS  
VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER  
**23-10-Z-**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH  
AND OPERATE A CAR WASH AT 3321 HOWARD STREET, SKOKIE,  
ILLINOIS IN AN M3 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

1           **WHEREAS**, ZAZ Holdings, LLC (“Petitioner”), the owner of the following described real  
2 property:

3           LOT 2 IN ATLANTIC RICHFIELD’S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 175 FEET OF THE  
4 NORTH 215 FEET OF THE WEST 300 FEET OF THE EAST 960 FEET OF THE  
5 NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH,  
6 RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN TOGETHER WITH THAT PART  
7 OF LOT 1 IN SAID ATLANTIC RICHFIELD’S SUBDIVISION DESCRIBED BY  
8 COMMENCING AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 00  
9 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1,  
10 134.00 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00  
11 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 60.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 55  
12 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 41.06 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1;  
13 THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH  
14 LINE, 61.78 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 00  
15 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1,  
16 41.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF  
17 RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1984 AS DOCUMENT 26954549, IN COOK COUNTY,  
18 ILLINOIS.

19           *PINs: 10-26-401-079-0000 and a portion of 10-26-401-078-0000*

21           more commonly described as 3321 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois (the “Subject Property”),  
22 petitioned the Village of Skokie for a special use permit to establish a car wash in an M3  
23 Industrial zoning district; and

24           **WHEREAS**, this is a companion case to 2023-03P (site plan approval) and 2023-04P  
25 (special use permit); and

26  
27           **WHEREAS**, the Subject Property is the western property of two adjacent separate  
28 properties that are currently not internally connected to each other. The entire site presently  
29 contains a Shell gas station with an attached car wash and a vacant Grand Prix gas station  
30 with an adjacent vacant retail and office space; and

31  
32           **WHEREAS**, a tunnel car wash will be constructed on the Subject Property, that will  
33 include 20 vacuum stations and will have shared/cross-access with the Shell fuel center.  
34 Access to the Shell fuel center and proposed car wash will be provided via the two existing

1 restricted access drives on McCormick Boulevard and one full access drive and one  
2 restricted access drive on Howard Street; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Skokie Plan Commission, at a public hearing duly held on May 4,  
4 2023, for which proper legal notice had been achieved and no interested parties appeared,  
5 (a) made the appropriate findings of fact as required under Section 118-6(f) of the Skokie  
6 Village Code and (b) voted to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Trustees that the  
7 requested special use permit be granted subject to the conditions contained in the Plan  
8 Commission Report dated June 20, 2023; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Trustees, at a public meeting duly held on June  
10 20, 2023, concurred in the aforesaid recommendations and findings of fact of the Skokie Plan  
11 Commission;

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the  
13 Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:

14 **Section 1:** That the special use permit requested by the petitioner to establish and  
15 operate a car wash at the Subject Property, described above and commonly known as 3321  
16 Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois, in an M3 Industrial zoning district be and the same is hereby  
17 granted and approved subject to each of the conditions set forth below:

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19 final Village approved site plans dated February 3, 2023, landscape plans dated  
20 February 3, 2023, sign plans dated March 7, 2023, and building elevations dated June,  
21 2022.
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26 services. Any reconfigurations within state ROW will require an IDOT highway/utility  
27 permit.
- 28 3. Any outdoor sound systems shall at all times maintain audio levels that are compliant  
29 with the Skokie Village Code.
- 30 4. All adjacent existing damaged public sidewalks or public sidewalks damaged due to the  
31 implementation of this plan shall be replaced.
- 32 5. No objects are allowed within a 10' sight distance triangle in R1, R2, R3, and R4  
33 districts, or within a 15' sight distance triangle in all other districts, between 30" and 84"  
34 in height from grade except traffic control devices listed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic  
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- 36 6. All fencing, walls, sidewalks, driveways, curbs, wheel stops, parking areas, signage,  
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39 in a timely manner.
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33 to the review and approval of the Skokie Appearance Commission.
- 34 21. The petitioner shall submit to the Planning Division electronic files of the site plan and  
35 landscape plan in their approved and finalized form.
- 36 22. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the petitioner shall submit to the Planning  
37 Division of the Community Development Department the name, property address, email  
38 address, and telephone number of the company and contact person responsible for site  
39 maintenance in compliance with this special use permit.
- 40 23. If work is to be performed on public property or if public property is utilized or impacted  
41 during construction and/or development, the owner shall provide, or shall cause the  
42 developer and/or contractor to provide, the Village of Skokie with a certificate of

1 insurance naming the Village of Skokie as additionally insured for any and all claims  
2 related to any and all work. The owner shall hold, and shall cause the developer and/or  
3 contractor to hold, the Village of Skokie harmless and indemnify the Village for any and  
4 all claims for property damage or personal injury related to work on or use of public  
5 property.

6 24. The petitioner shall comply with all Federal and State statutes, laws, rules and  
7 regulations and all Village codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

8 25. Failure to abide by any and all terms of this Ordinance shall be cause for the Village to  
9 initiate hearings to determine whether the subject Ordinance, as well as any applicable  
10 business licenses, should be revised or revoked. The petitioner shall pay all costs  
11 related to any hearings conducted as a result of non-compliance with any of the  
12 provisions of the enabling ordinance. The costs shall include but not be limited to court  
13 reporter fees, attorney fees, and staff time required researching and conducting said  
14 hearing.

15 26. Openings to a wash bay must not face any residentially zoned property unless the  
16 opening is located more than 50' from such property.

17 27. The operation of the use must minimize excessive water from collecting outside the  
18 building openings to a wash bay.

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20 **Section 2:** That a notice of the approval of this Ordinance incorporating the  
21 conditions contained herein shall be executed by the owner of the property in writing and  
22 duly recorded with the Cook County Clerk's Office at the owner's expense.

23 **Section 3:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
24 passage, approval and recordation as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this            day of October 2023.

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Village Clerk

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

Approved by me this            day of  
October 2023.

Attested and filed in my  
office this            day of  
October 2023.

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Mayor, Village of Skokie

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Village Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**TO:** John Lockerby, Village Manager

**CC:** Elizabeth Nelson, Public Health Coordinator/Analyst

**FROM:**   
Michael Charley, Director of Health and Human Services

**DATE:** September 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** HHS Community Health Improvement Plan, For Village Board Review & Approval

**The Health and Human Services' Department is requesting Skokie Village Board review and approval of HHS's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) at the September 18, 2023 Village Board meeting.** This comprehensive five-year plan is designed to address three critical public health priorities: access to healthcare, access to behavioral health, and affordable housing. It stems from rigorous community health assessments and an improvement process involving multiple community stakeholders.

At Skokie Health and Human Services, our vision is to "Create a healthy, equitable community." The strategies outlined in this plan play a crucial role in guiding our community towards better health outcomes. We intend to engage and empower our partners to collaborate on coordinated efforts and evaluate actions for successful implementation of the CHIP.

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Together, we can create a healthier and more equitable Skokie for all. We wanted to thank the Village Board and the greater Skokie community for their support and dedication to this important endeavor.

2022-2027

# SKOKIE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SKOKIE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT



SKOKIE HEALTH EQUITY NETWORK

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Approved by the Board of Health on 08/03/2023 and the Village Board of Trustee on XX/XX/XXXX

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## Welcome Letter

Dear Residents of Skokie and Our Partners in Health,

Welcome! We are delighted that you have discovered the Village of Skokie Health and Human Services' Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This comprehensive five-year plan is designed to address three critical public health priorities: access to healthcare, access to behavioral health, and affordable housing. It stems from rigorous community health assessments and an improvement process involving multiple stakeholders.

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The Board of Health reviewed the organizational self-assessment plan and officially approved the 2022-2027 Skokie CHIP on August 2, 2023. Join us in creating a healthier and more equitable Skokie for all, because together we can go further. Thank you for your support and dedication to this important endeavor.



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Mike Charley  
Director of Health and Human Services



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Dr. Edward Linn  
Chair of the Board of Health

## **Purpose Statement**

The Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services Department (HHS) conducted a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) process that collected data from various health areas, domains and social determinants to then identify priority problems to focus on over a five-year period to improve the Village of Skokie’s health. The completion of the CHA process was achieved through a fair, inclusive and equitable approach that prioritized equity for all residents. The Community Health Improvement (CHIP) priority issues will be improved through the Skokie Health Equity Network using the collective impact community organizing model. Collective impact is centered by equity and data driven decisions and involves community members with close proximity to the issues.

## **IPLAN Requirements**

Every five years, Illinois state law requires each certified local health department to complete an Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN), which is a community health assessment and health improvement process. This fulfills the requirements of the Illinois Administrative Code, Title 77, Subsection 600.210 for certification for local public health departments by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

The essential elements of IPLAN are:

1. An organizational capacity assessment;
2. A community health needs assessment; and
3. A community health plan, focusing on a minimum of three priority health problems.

The essential elements were fulfilled by using the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) framework.

## **Executive Summary**

The Village of Skokie has a population of 67,822 (2020 Census), comprised of several ethnic minorities and a large percentage of foreign-born residents. The Village has a rich public health history with the first Board of Health established in 1907 and the Health Department obtaining State of Illinois local health department certification in 1968. The Health and Human Services Department (HHS), community stakeholders, and the residents of the Village are committed to ensuring that the policies, programs, and strategies laid out in the 2022 Skokie Community Health Plan are accomplished and actionable.

To complete this planning process, HHS used the nationally recognized Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) framework, because it emphasizes the importance of both community input and partnership with a variety of stakeholders to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the population. Developed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), MAPP is a planning process approved to be used for the IPLAN process. MAPP is a community-driven strategic planning process that helps communities prioritize public health issues, identify resources for addressing them, and take action to improve conditions that support healthy living. MAPP is generally led by one or more organizations and is completed with the input and participation of many organizations and individuals who work, learn, live, and play in the community. This MAPP Roadmap (Figure 1) illustrates the six phases of the MAPP process.

1. In Phase One, Organize for Success/Partnership Development, community members and agencies form a partnership and learn about the MAPP process. Skokie HHS worked collaboratively with many of our key public health/healthcare stakeholders to create the “Skokie Health Equity Network” steering committee. The steering committee was formed to provide guidance, oversight, and strategic direction to improve and promote the health and well-being initiatives developed as part of this community health assessment process. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, the Skokie Health Equity Network steering committee helped shape health strategies, foster collaboration, and will ensure effective implementation of the Skokie Community Health Improvement Plan.
2. During Phase Two, Visioning, those who work, learn, live, and play in the Skokie community create a common understanding of what it would like to achieve. In the MAPP Roadmap, the vision is “A Healthier Community.” The community decides the vision, which is the focus of the MAPP process.
3. During Phase Three, we utilized three MAPP Assessments where qualitative and quantitative data are gathered to provide a comprehensive picture of health in the community.



Three MAPP Assessments:

- 1) **Community Health Status Assessment (CHSA):** The CHSA collects quantitative information on health status, quality of life, and risk factors. Before starting this assessment, the Steering Committee members brainstormed existing sources of CHSA data. Many local public health system partners collect health status data, and some of that data is available to the Skokie HHS. The steering committee then researched what data the local public health system partners were willing to share. This assessment includes demographic information, communicable disease information, socioeconomic information, and sentinel events. It must then be determined if the data represents the status of the entire Skokie community and the data is inclusive of the entire local public health system. This step includes discussion of whether the data can be used strategically to inform improvements. This discussion then informed how the steering committee would design this assessment.
- 2) **Community Themes and Strengths Assessment:** Identifies assets in the community and issues that are important to community members. This assessment included a breakdown of the data from the community health survey, environment and climate change and physical environment findings.
- 3) **The Local Public Health System Assessment:** Measured how well the Skokie HHS delivers the essential Public Health Services. This assessment was done internally

and focused on the services provided by the Village's Health and Human Services Department.

4. In Phase Four, Identify Strategic Issues, the data sets are analyzed to uncover the underlying themes that need to be addressed in order for a community to achieve its vision. In November of 2022, a community stakeholder symposium named "Toward Health Equity in Skokie", was organized by HHS with collaboration with the Skokie Community Foundation and the Skokie Public Library. There were several outcomes of the meeting:
  - First, it was decided that a "Collective Impact" approach of community organizing would be utilized. The collective impact approach calls for multiple organizations or entities to abandon individual agendas in favor of a single common agenda. This requires all participants to have a common understanding of the problem, and a mutual agreement on how to solve it. Collective impact also is grounded in data driven decisions and centered on equity...
  - Second, three prioritized issues were chosen to focus on over the next five years.  
**Priority 1: Access to Healthcare**  
**Priority 2: Access to Behavioral Health**  
**Priority 3: Affordable Housing**

In order to identify the three priorities, symposium participants (community stakeholders/ organizations) participated in a data walk of collected CHA data, processed and discussed the data in small group discussions, and then voted on the top three priority issues to address over the next five years.

5. In Phase Five, Formulate Goals and Strategies, the community identifies goals it wants to achieve and strategies it wants to implement related to strategic issues. Following the Toward Health Equity in Skokie symposium the Skokie Health Equity Network was created and formalized. This network is an ongoing collaboration among various organizations and stakeholders involved in public health that worked together to identify measurable objectives, research and select strategies for each objective and developed the Community Health Improvement Plan.
6. During Phase Six, Action Cycle, the community implements and evaluates action plans to meet goals, address strategic issues, and achieve the community's vision.

## **Community Engagement and Stakeholders/Community Partnership Acknowledgements**

Skokie's IPLAN could not have been developed without the many partner organizations that participated throughout the process. Community and stakeholder engagement began with planning a symposium for stakeholders to review highlights of the data collected during the assessment, choose priority issues. The community stakeholder symposium was a collaboration of the Skokie Community Foundation, Skokie Public Library and HHS called Toward Health Equity in Skokie. Through the planning process discussions about what the next steps will be once the priority issues are chosen began and HHS proposed using the collective impact model of community organizing to structure developing a coalition. Collective impact is grounded in data driven decisions, centered on equity and shared accountability for action plans so this appealed to community stakeholders.

During the Toward Health Equity in Skokie symposium, community stakeholders participated in a data walk of highlights of the CHA data, processed the data in small group discussions, and then voted on the top three priority issues to address over the next five years. Skokie HHS would like to thank the following partners for their time, commitment and thoughtful input during this development process, and for their continued engagement and collaboration on implementation of Skokie's IPLAN.

Ascension St. Francis Hospital (Healthcare)	Advocate Health (Healthcare)	AHS Family Health Center (Healthcare)
Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church (Faith)	The Chicago Lighthouse (Abilities)	Connections for the Homeless (Housing)
The Douglas Center (Abilities)	Erie Family Health Center (Healthcare)	Fairview District 72 (Education)
Impact Behavioral Health Partners (Behavioral Health/Housing)	Muslim Community Center (Faith)	Niles Township (Local Government)
Niles Township High School District 219 (Education)	NorthShore University Health Systems (Healthcare)	Northwestern University (Education/Research)
Oakton Community College (Education)	Open Communities (Housing)	Orchard Village (Abilities/Behavioral Health)
Peer Services (Behavioral Health)	Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Business)	Skokie Community Foundation (Philanthropy)
Skokie-Morton Grove School District 69 (Education)	Skokie Park District (Parks)	Skokie Public Library (Library)
Skokie School District 68 (Education)	Skokie School District 73.5 (Education)	Tapestry 360 Health (Healthcare)
Village of Skokie – Board of Health (Healthcare/Local Government)	Village of Skokie – Community Development (Housing)	Village of Skokie – Residents

### **Community Health Needs Assessment Timeline**

May – June 2022	Review IPLAN requirements, MAPP process and data sources
July – September 2022	Conduct Community Health Status Assessment, Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, and Local Public Health System Assessment
July – October 2022	Plan Toward Health Equity in Skokie event and develop data visualizations for data walk
November 2022	Toward Health Equity in Skokie event

December 2022-January 2023	Develop structure for Skokie Health Equity Network, plan and invite stakeholders to steering committee and to be action team co-chairs; hold first steering committee meeting and schedule action team meetings
February -June 2023	Collect and analyze additional data on risk factors, develop objectives, research and select strategies and develop action plans
July 2023	Finalize draft IPLAN report
August 2023	Present IPLAN to Board of Health
September 2023	Present IPLAN to Village Board and submit IPLAN to IDPH and prepare for action plan implementation
October 2023 – September 2027	Implement action plans and continuously evaluate

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to systematically assess disparities and remove obstacles to health in opportunities, outcomes, and representation by addressing them through building bridges and targeted actions.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

HHS acknowledges that the Village of Skokie as we know it today exists on traditional Potawatomi and Mascouten land. We acknowledge that the Village of Skokie has a long history that predates European settlement and that the original residents of this community, the Potawatomi and Mascouten Native Tribes, were removed by the federal government through the Treaty of 1833 to ensure westward expansion of the European settlers. Skokie, formerly referred to as ‘skokey’ is a Potawatomi/Mascouten word that means marsh. These Native populations were both part of the Algonquin-speaking Native American nations that populated the Great Lakes region. By making this land acknowledgement, we recognize that Indigenous peoples are the traditional stewards of the land that we now occupy, living here long before Skokie was a settled Village. As we work, live, and play on these territories the Department and Village community must work towards righting the historic wrongs of colonization and state violence to support Indigenous communities and uplift them in their lives and health.

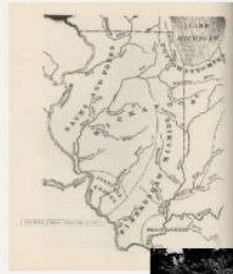
### **Village of Skokie History**

Following the 1840’s, westward expansion pushed European settlement towards the Midwest and inland United States. Germanic settlers were most of the Skokie population until the 1950’s. Skokie, initially referred to as Niles Centre until the 1940’s, was a farming community that existed between two railroad lines in Evanston and Morton Grove. Following World War 2, an influx of migration from larger cities to suburban areas began which led Skokie to see several ethnic and religious immigrant groups including; Jewish migrants, Filipinos, Pakistanis, Indians, and many other Indo-Asian groups. The first nonnative settlers of Skokie were Nicholas and Elisabeth Busch Meyer who in the 1840’s build a log cabin originally located at 5406 Lincoln Ave but moved to its current location at the Skokie Heritage Museum at 8031 Floral Ave.

Skokie, post European settlement, was a farming community where the settlers farmed acres of their own land. Henry Harms is cited as a founding father of the original Skokie community. Harms opened the first store in the community, later transforming the building into a general store, tavern, and post office. He also aided the community in draining most of the swampy lands to make it more suitable for farming, rented out land to farmers, and built a plank toll road. Harms also worked as the township constable, supervisor/ commissioner of highways and the Cook County drainage commissioner. Several of the early Skokie residents contributed greatly to the building and success of the farming community allowing the transformation of the village to what we know today.

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- 1670** The French first explored the Skokie area which was inhabited by the Potawatomi and Mascouten Native Tribes
- 1839** Irish bachelor O'Brien is the first white settler in the area
- 1850-1860** German immigration into the area begins and spikes, followed by Prussian immigration
- 1870** Plank road leading in an out of Skokie is built allowing for easier transportation to the community from surrounding areas including the city of Chicago
- 1872** Train tracks reach Morton Grove, about 1 mile away from the center of the Niles Center (Skokie) settlement
- 1926** Chicago Rapid Transit Company services Niles Center (Skokie) with a new train station in the community
- 1930** Large annexation of land into Niles Center (Skokie) creating a space for the large influx of immigrants and population boom
- 1940** The name of the settlement changes from Niles Center to Skokie
- 1945-1955** Jewish residents move out of the city of Chicago into the Skokie area and develop deep roots in the community
- 1951** The Edens Expressway running from Chicago into Skokie opens
- 1963** The Chicago Rapid Transit System closes
- 1964** The Chicago Transit Authority extends access to Skokie with the development of the Skokie Swift Line
- 1977** Anti-Nazi march held in protest of the proposed Nazi march in Skokie
- 1980-1990** Massive influx of immigrants from several different countries leads to the events like Skokie's Festival of Cultures and Coming Together Celebrations



## **Skokie Health and Human Services Department**

Skokie Health and Human Services (HHS) is part of the municipal government structure. The Village of Skokie operates under the Council Manager form of government, in which an elected legislative body, consisting of the Mayor and a Board comprised of six Trustees, hires a professional manager to oversee the day-to-day operation of government services and programs, and to carry out the policy directives set out by the elected officials. The Skokie Board of Health is composed of up to 20 members, including a chair and vice-chair, all appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Village Board. The Board of Health meets monthly, except for July and August. The Board of Health serves as an advisory body to HHS and the Board of Trustees, and as such has the authority to make recommendations as to such rules, regulations and orders as it may deem necessary for the preservation and improvement of public health and the prevention of disease.

As a certified health department in Illinois, the Village of Skokie HHS provides Local Health Protection services (communicable disease control and food protection), as well as an array of additional public health programs and services. The Public Health Department currently has 16.5 FTE on staff. The Department houses three separate direct service divisions: Community Health Services, Environmental Health, and Human Services.

The Health and Human Services Department Administration includes the Director, an Administrative Assistant and a Public Health Program Coordinator/Analyst. Medical Consultation is provided, through a contractual agreement with Dr. William Werner. The following public health programs are administered by each of the divisions:

### Administration:

- IPLAN;
- Budget;
- Birth and Death Records;
- Child Safety Seat Program;
- Grants Administration; and
- Village Public Records Management and Disposal

### Community Health Services:

- Communicable Disease Control, including STD and HIV/AIDS;
- Immunizations, including seasonal flu vaccinations;
- HIV/AIDS surveillance, counseling and referral for testing for at-risk individuals;
- Screenings (blood pressure, Diabetes, TB)
- Vision and Hearing screening;
- Childhood Lead Program;
- Emergency Preparedness and Response; and
- Medical Reserve Corps

### Environmental Health Services:

- Food protection;
- Rodent control;
- Nuisance investigations;
- EPA Community Water sampling;
- Beekeeping permitting;
- Swimming Pool inspections;

- Clean Indoor Air Act enforcement;
- Child care environmental inspections;
- Tanning facility inspection;
- Body art facilities inspection; and
- West Nile Virus prevention;

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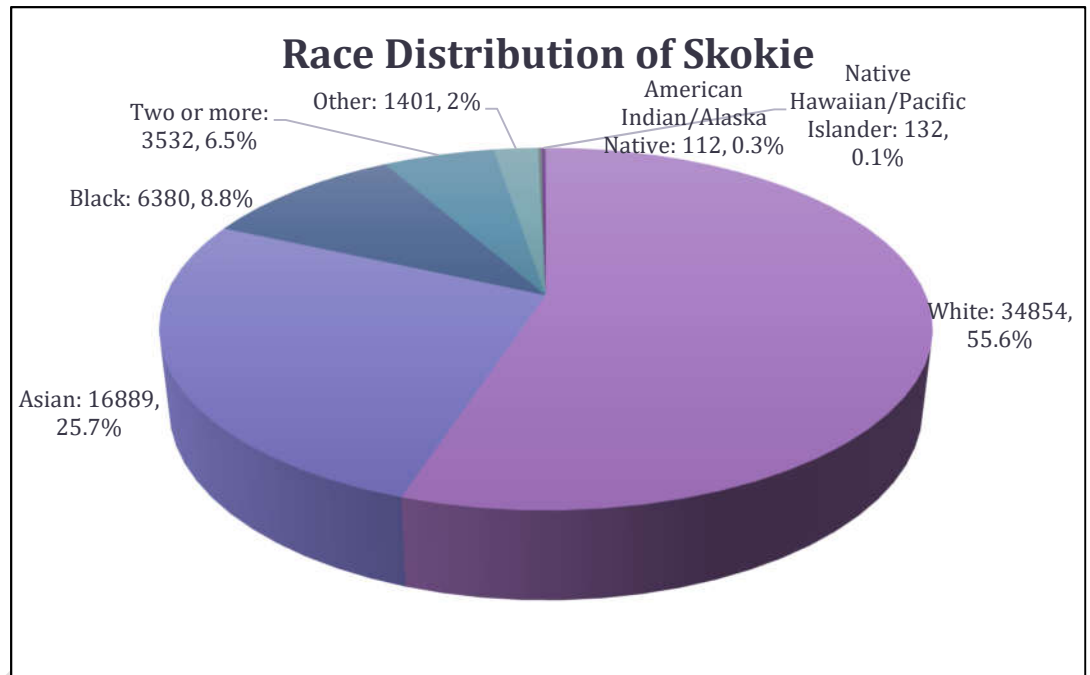
- Assist a Family program;
- Benefit Access Application Assistance;
- Co-Responder program;
- Emergency Financial Assistance;
- Social Service Short-Term Case Management;
- Federal Income Tax Aid;
- Mobility Equipment Lending Closet;
- Neighborhood Mediation;
- Reserved Residential Disability Parking;
- TeenLink Youth program; and
- Youth Outreach program

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# Skokie Community Health Status Assessment

## Demographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics

The Village of Skokie, just north of the city of Chicago, has a population of approximately 67,824 according to the 2020 U.S. Census<sup>1</sup>. About 29% of the Skokie population is between the ages of 0-24, while about 20% of the population is 65 or older. Skokie is a very diverse community as it has historically been a hub for recent



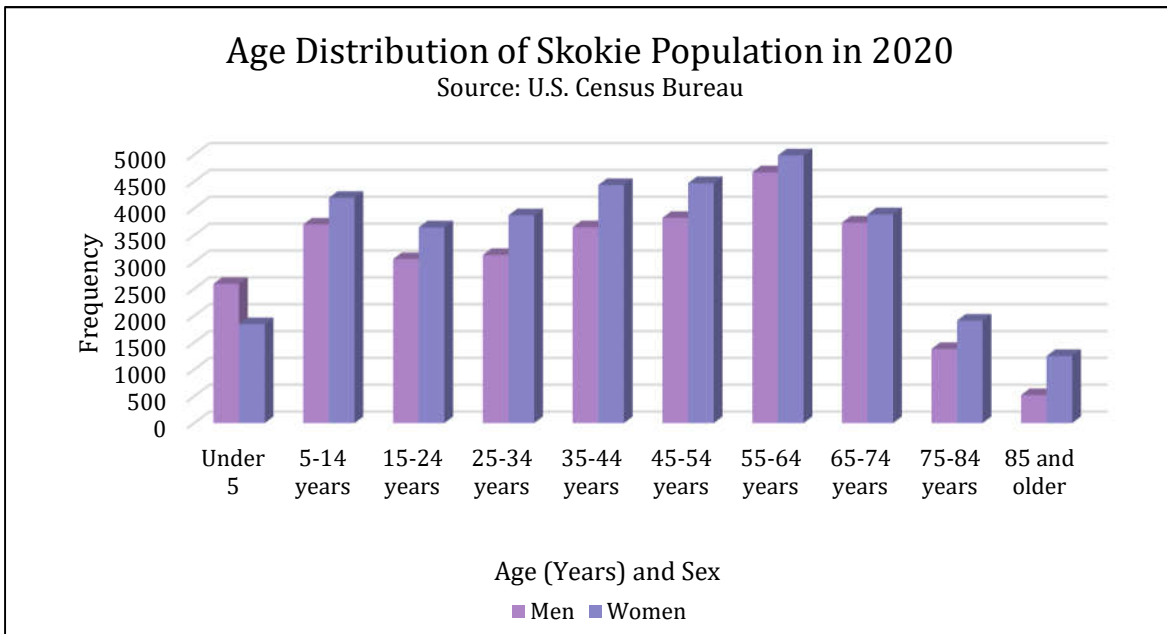
immigrants. A sustained trend of a decreasing White race population has been seen in the past few years. Between 2010 and 2020, there was a 11% decrease in the White population in Skokie. All other racial groups saw an increase, most notably, the American Indian/Alaska Native race population saw a 171% increase, the Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone race saw a 146% increase, and individuals who identify as two or more races saw a 123% increase since the 2010 census. More than 90 languages and dialects are spoken in the Village with the most common being Urdu, Spanish, Tagalog and Farsi/Persian. (From Niles Township High School District 219 website)

### Skokie Age Ranges

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

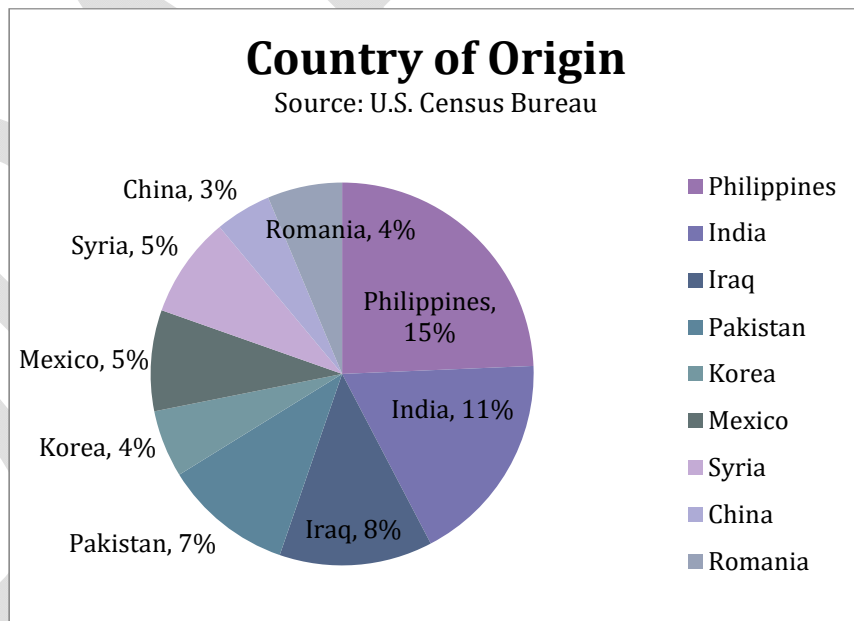
Age	2014	%	2020	%
<b>Under 5 Years</b>	3,582	6%	4,438	7%
<b>5 to 14</b>	7,880	12%	7,896	12%
<b>15 to 24</b>	7,359	11%	6,699	11%
<b>25 to 44</b>	17,910	28%	14,065	22%
<b>45 to 64</b>	18,040	28%	17,515	28%
<b>65 to 84</b>	9,053	14%	10,915	17%
<b>85 and Older</b>	1,368	2%	1,772	3%
<b>Total</b>	65,193	100%	63,300	100%

<sup>1</sup> Breakdowns of the 2020 census data was not widely available when this report was written, thus in many sections of this report the population total of 63,300 from the 2020 American Community Survey estimate is used.



### Country of Origin

An interesting factor in relation to the population of the Village of Skokie is that 38% of the population is foreign born. About 62% of the foreign-born residents in Skokie are from Asia, including the Middle East, 20% of the foreign-born residents are from Europe, and 11% are from Latin America. The top nine countries of origin in order are; the Philippines, India, Iraq, Pakistan, Mexico, Syria, Korea, Romania, and China.



Since 2010, there have been slight increases in populations from the Philippines, Pakistan, Syria, Ukraine, and Mexico. Notably, there have been decreases in populations from Korea and Iraq in the same time period.

### Ethnicity

Ethnicity is also important within the Skokie community. The Middle Eastern identity is often primarily based on ethnic divisions rather than race or country of origin, which can cause a skew in those data categories. There has also been an increase in the Hispanic/Latino Population in Skokie, where in 2010 the population was at 8.3% and in 2020 was measured at 11.5%.

## Languages

Skokie is home to many residents from different countries who speak their native languages. According to the American Community Survey, 48.9% of Skokie residents speak a language other than English at home. According to the local school districts, the top languages spoken in the home are English, Urdu, Spanish, Tagalog, Farsi/Persian, Russian, Gujarati, Arabic, Romanian, Vietnamese and Bosnian.

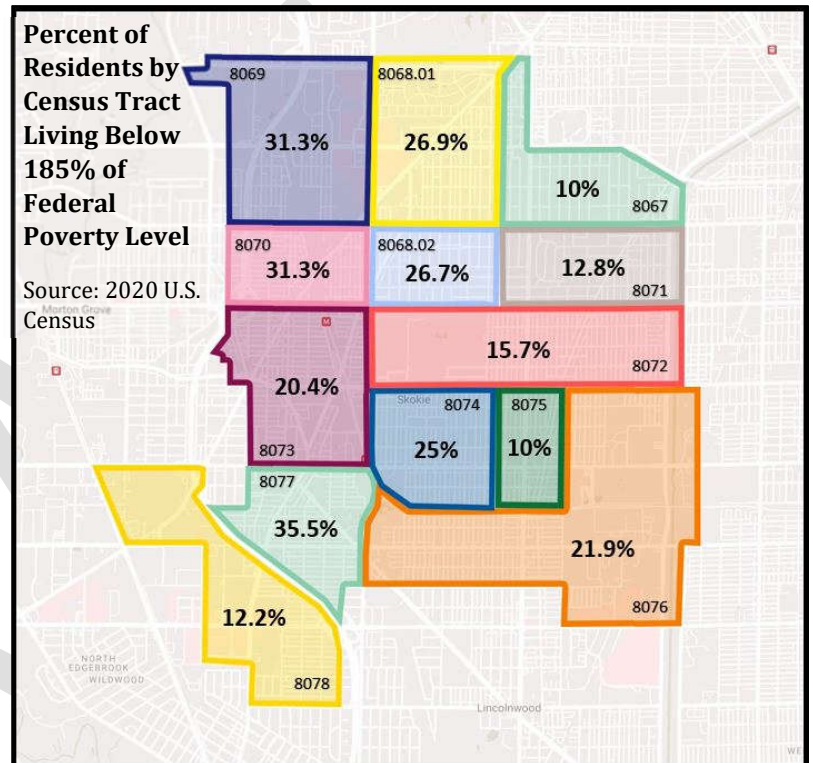
## Income

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) serves as a benchmark to determine the minimum annual income required by a household or individual to meet essential needs. In Skokie, for the year 2022, the FPL stands at \$13,590 for an individual and \$27,750 for an average household of four (4) people.

Around 14% of Skokie households have an annual income of \$25,000 or less, which places a household of four below the poverty line, depending on their specific circumstances. It's worth noting that the median household income in Skokie is \$74,725, significantly higher than the median income across Cook County.

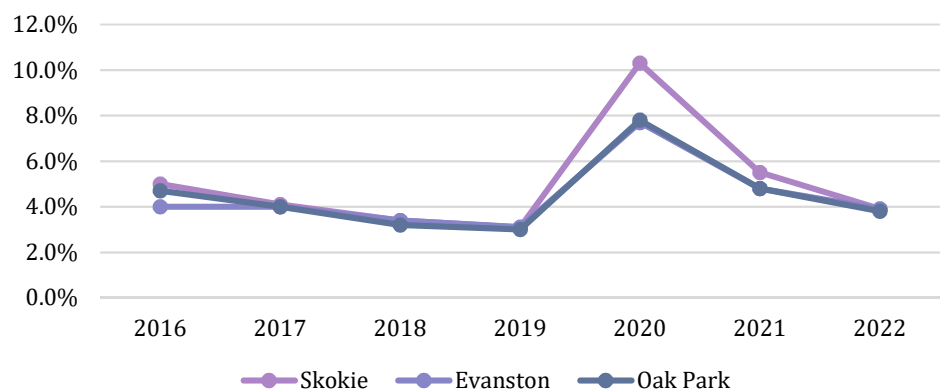
Over the past decade, Skokie's poverty levels have remained relatively stable at about 9% of the population. However, there are significant disparities between different areas, with some census tracts on the west side of the village experiencing rates as high as 30% of residents living below the poverty level.

Despite the disparities in poverty rates across different regions, the FPL remains a critical tool for gauging economic well-being and guiding efforts to address poverty-related challenges in Skokie. Skokie, along with its neighboring towns Evanston and Oak Park, experienced a period of relative stability in unemployment rates, hovering around 4%.



## Unemployment Rate in Skokie, 2016-2022

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security



However, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant surge in unemployment, reaching a peak of 10% in the area. Fortunately, in the aftermath of the pandemic, the unemployment rate has gradually stabilized, providing some relief to the local communities.

## Education

Since 2010, Skokie has seen significant improvements in educational attainment levels among its residents aged 25 and older. The high school graduation rate stands at an impressive 90.8%, while 49.8% of individuals in the same age group hold a bachelor's degree or higher. However, disparities persist within the community. Among the Hispanic/Latino population, 10% lack a high school diploma or equivalent, highlighting the need for targeted support and resources. The foreign-born population also faces challenges, with 15.5% lacking a high school diploma or equivalent.

Comparing across racial and ethnic lines, the data reveals distinct gaps. For instance, only 7.2% of White residents lack a high school diploma or equivalent, and the figure drops even further to 6.7% for Asian residents. Moreover, Hispanics/Latinos represent only 11.5% of those with a bachelor's degree or higher, indicating a discrepancy in educational opportunities.

Understanding these disparities is crucial because educational attainment directly influences various aspects of individuals' lives, including their health, income level, and insurance status. Educational attainment is closely tied to socioeconomic status (SES), with higher education levels associated with improved employment prospects, higher incomes, and better living conditions.

Socioeconomic status also impacts healthcare access, as those with higher SES tend to have better access to health insurance, preventive services, and quality healthcare providers. By addressing these disparities in educational attainment, we can work towards building a more equitable and prosperous community in Skokie.

### Educational Attainment Differences by Nativity

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Education Level	Foreign Born	Native Born
Less than High School	15.5%	3.3%
High School Diploma/Equivalent	21.1%	15.0%
Some College/Associates	21.6%	24.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	41.7%	57.1%

### Skokie Educational Attainment Differences by Race/Ethnicity

Source: 2020 U.S. Census

	High School Grad or Higher	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
White	94.5%	54.6%
Black	91.5%	33.6%
Asian	91%	58.8%
Hispanic	87%	25.7%
Other	95.1%	27.4%



## Insurance Status

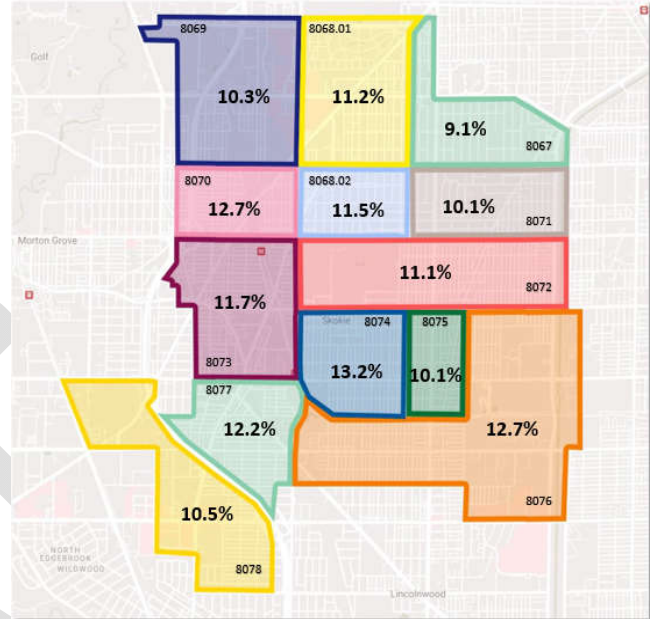
The In 2014, Skokie had 9.5% of its residents uninsured, which decreased slightly to 8.5% in 2020. This decline may be attributed to the Village's decrease in unemployment rates during that period. Notably, there was a significant drop in the percentage of uninsured individuals aged 18 to 65, which fell from 13.9% in the past to just 6% in 2020.

Analyzing the data by census tracts, it was found that tract 8074 had the highest percentage of uninsured individuals at 13.2%, while tract 8067 had the lowest percentage at 9.1%.

The American Community Survey estimates indicate that approximately 18% of Skokie residents are considered to be living in poverty, amounting to about 12,266 people. However, there have been positive developments in healthcare access in the past decade, with the opening of three Federally Qualified Health Centers in Skokie and neighboring communities. These centers aim to provide care to the uninsured or underinsured population.

Moreover, Turning Point Behavioral Health, an outpatient mental health center located in Skokie, plays a crucial role in addressing mental health needs in the community. They readily accept Medicaid and offer a sliding fee scale for those with limited income. Recently, they expanded their services by opening a drop-in center, catering to individuals with mental illness or those in need of crisis intervention.

Overall, while there is progress in reducing uninsured rates and addressing healthcare needs, the community still faces challenges in providing adequate care to those living in poverty. The efforts of healthcare centers like the Federally Qualified Health Centers and Turning Point Behavioral Health are vital in ensuring access to healthcare services for all residents.



### Change in Percent of Resident Uninsured

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Ages	2014	2020
Total	9.5%	7.11%
Under 18 years old	1.5%	0.8%
18 to 64 years old	13.9%	6.0%
65 years and older	3.4%	0.31%

Compared to the average cities in the City Health Dashboard, Skokie shows a significant disparity in health insurance coverage among its Asian residents. With approximately 27% of Skokie's population being Asian, a concerning 13.2% of this community remains uninsured, accounting for roughly 2,230 individuals. Remarkably, this places Skokie's Asian population at the highest rate of uninsured individuals across all ethnicities and race categories in Skokie.

### Health Insurance Type by Educational Attainment Level Among Ages 26-64

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Education Level	Uninsured	Public Insurance	Private Insurance
Less than High School	24%	29%	54%
High School Diploma/Equivalent	20%	15%	67%
Some College/Associates	7%	19%	77%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	7%	7%	87%

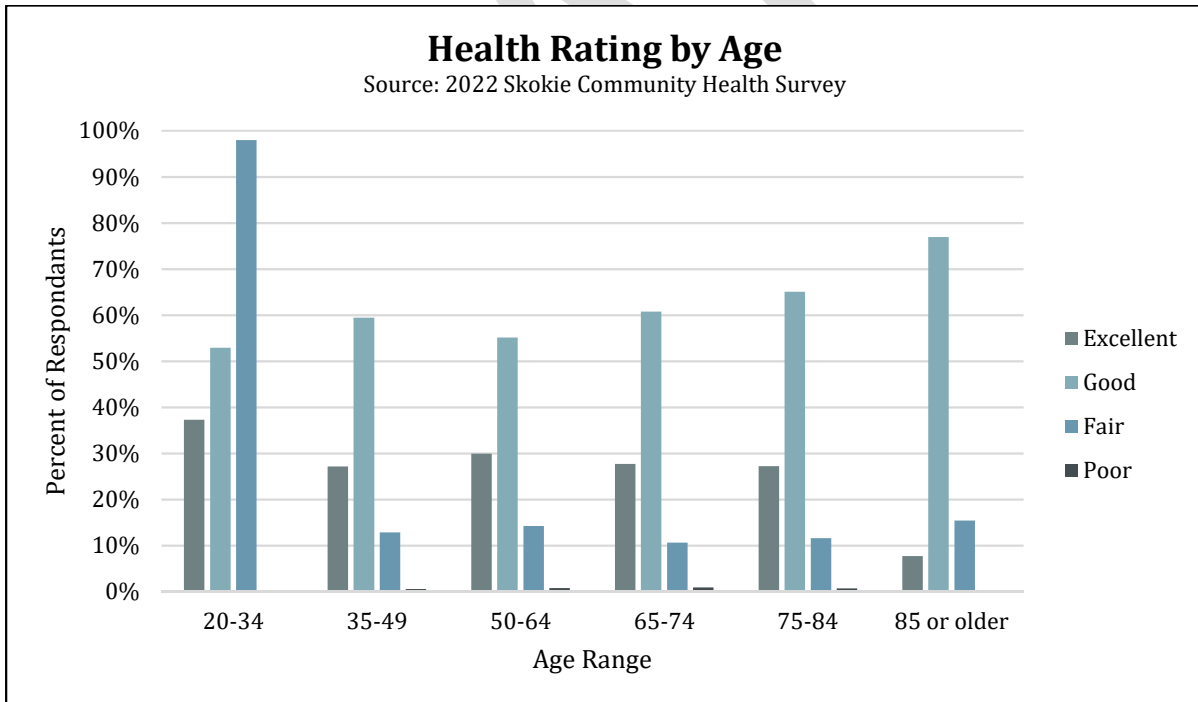
### Percent of Uninsured Skokie Residents by Race/Ethnicity

	Skokie	City Health Dashboard Average
Asian	13.2%	8.7%
Black	8.7%	9.8%
Hispanic	8.9%	16.6%
White	5.7%	7.1%
Other	4.1%	14.4%

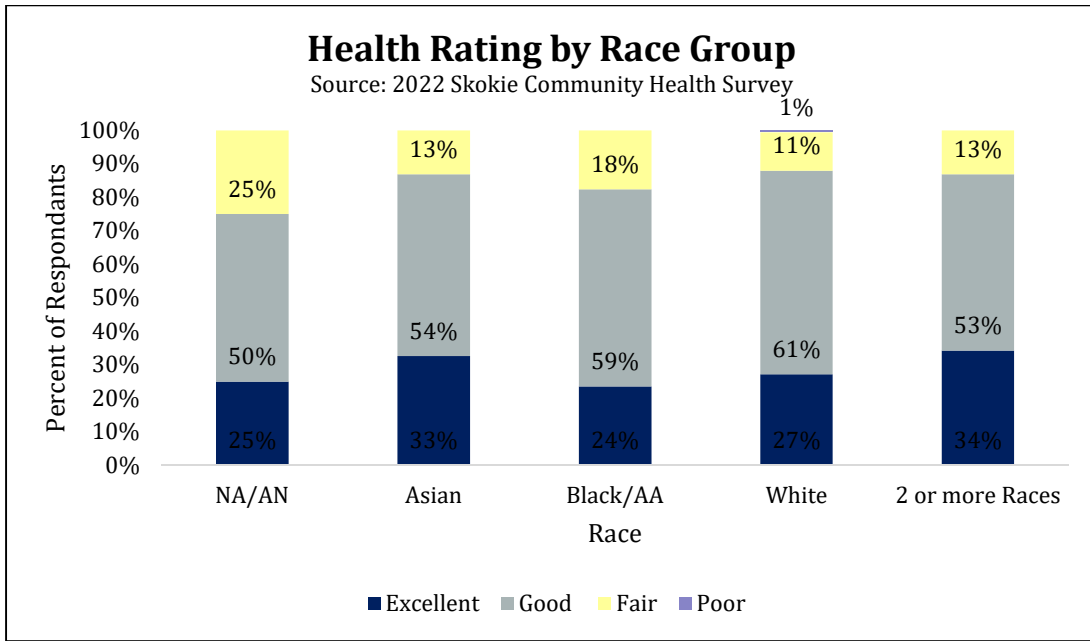
## Health Related Data

### Current Health Status

When surveyed about their overall health, respondents generally rated it as good or better. However, when the data was analyzed by race, it was observed that 25% of Native American and Alaskan Native participants selected "fair" as their health rating. This percentage was the highest among all other racial categories for the "fair" response.





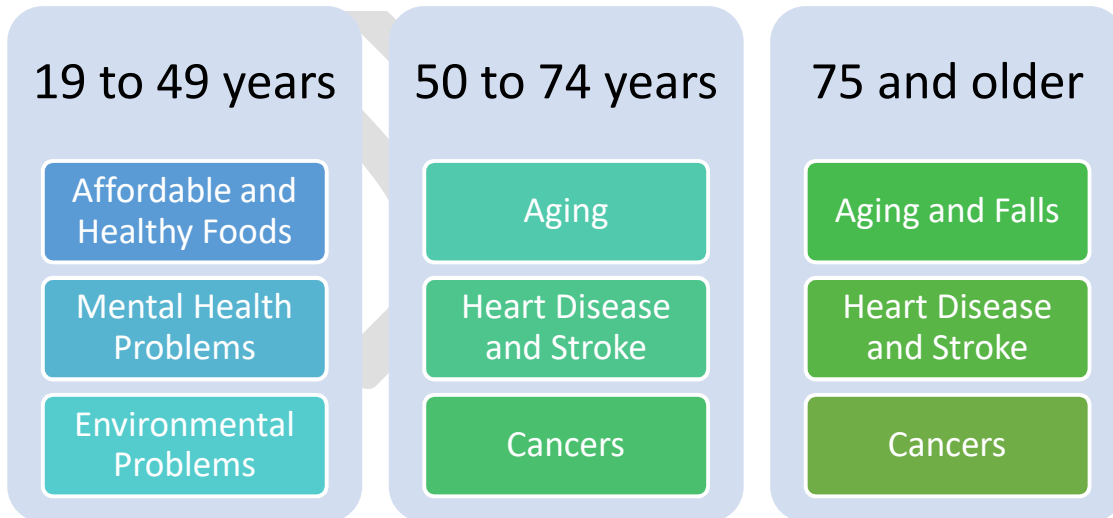


### Health Concerns

When questioned about their current health concerns, respondents exhibited a diverse array of responses, choosing from a wide range of options. They were presented with an extensive list and were asked to select the three most relevant health concerns. These responses were then analyzed based on age groups to generate a comprehensive list of general health concerns prevalent within the community.

### What are your 3 most important health concerns?

Source: 2022 Skokie Community Health Survey



*\*The list of options for this question included; Affordable healthy foods, Aging (arthritis, hearing/vision loss), Cancers, Child abuse/neglect, Dental problems, Diabetes, Domestic violence, Environmental problems, Falls, Heart disease/stroke, Hearing, Infectious diseases, Mental health problems, Not having health insurance, Safe and affordable housing, Sexual assault, Sexually transmitted infections (STIs), Substance abuse, Tobacco use/vaping, Vision. Other was an option for this question, which allowed for survey respondents to fill in their health concern if it was not listed in the above categories.*

### Availability of Care

This report presents the findings derived from a represented sample of 497 residents from the Village of Skokie, gathered between September 29, 2021, and November 17, 2021. The margin of error for all respondents was 4%, with a response rate of 19%. To ensure the accuracy of the results, the survey data were weighted to align with the demographic profile of adults in Skokie. Among the notable results, the majority of participants expressed satisfaction with healthcare services, highlighting their affordability and availability.

Please rate each of the following in the Skokie community. (excellent/good responses combined)	18-34 yrs	35-54 yrs	55+ yrs
Availability of affordable quality health care	71%	82%	87%
Availability of preventive health services	76%	78%	87%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	64%	63%	80%

## Mortality Data

### Top Causes

Skokie, like the general United States population, experienced similar leading causes of death in 2020, with cancer, heart diseases, and COVID-19 being the primary culprits. The crude death rate in Skokie for 2020 was 1,018.96 per 100,000 people, which closely mirrored the rates reported for Cook County and the state of Illinois. However, it's important to note that this crude death rate showed an increase from 2018, likely attributed to the emergence of the novel COVID-19 virus.

According to the City Health Dashboard, the average life expectancy in Skokie stands at 81.7 years, which is approximately three years longer than the average life expectancy of 78.6 years for Cook County. This suggests that Skokie's overall health outcomes are comparatively better.

When analyzing Emergency Medical Services data from the Skokie Fire Department, national trends of disparities among potentially life-threatening illnesses were observed, particularly among younger individuals from Black and Hispanic populations compared to White populations. The presence of a higher percentage of older White and Asian populations in Skokie might also indicate some disparities in life expectancy among Black and Hispanic populations, as these groups have a lower average age.

In summary, Skokie's leading causes of death align with the national trend, but its crude death rate has increased due to the impact of COVID-19. Nonetheless, the city boasts a relatively higher average life expectancy compared to Cook County, though disparities in health outcomes persist among different racial and ethnic groups

### Years of Potential Life Lost - YPLL

Skokie's overall years of potential life lost (YPLL) per 100,000 individuals in the population is 4,200. YPLL represents the estimated average years a person would have lived if they hadn't died prematurely or before the age of 75. This personal measure helps to understand individual mortality information and life expectancy. In comparison to the City Health Dashboard, which

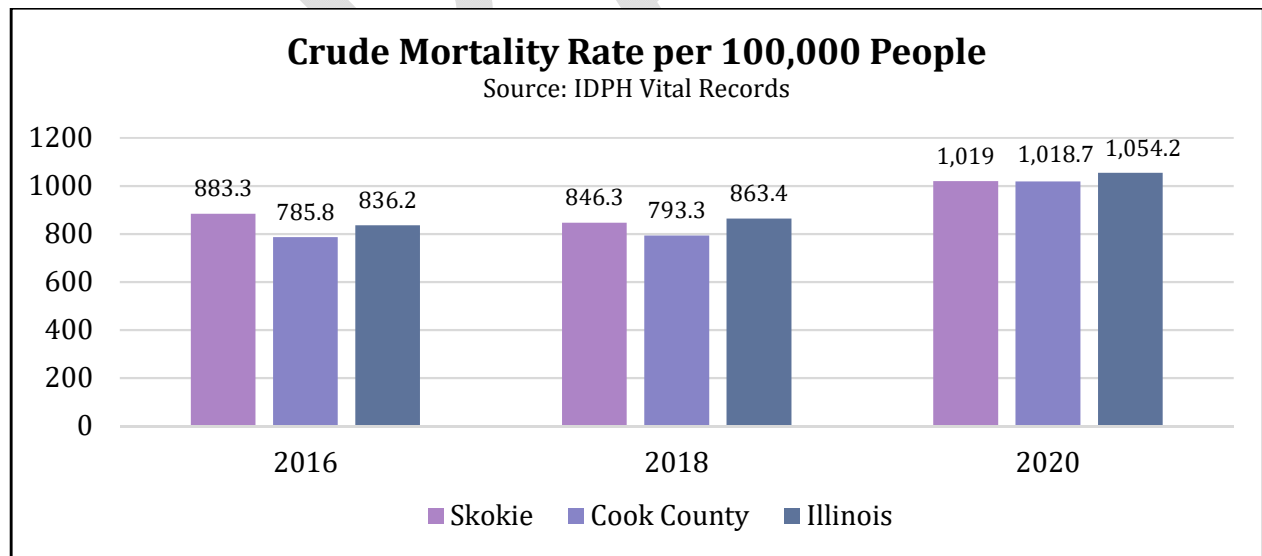
consolidates data from nearly 900 cities of various sizes, the reported YPLL is 7,759.4 per 100,000 individuals. It is an aspirational target for each community to approach or surpass this value, as having a YPLL above this average would indicate higher years of potential life lost among residents.

When examining YPLL by race, the data shows that Black and Hispanic Skokie residents have YPLL values above the dashboard average. Black residents have a YPLL of 15,000 per 100,000 individuals, while Hispanic residents have a YPLL of 5,800 per 100,000 individuals. In contrast, the dashboard average of 7,759.4 per 100,000 individuals signifies better life expectancy outcomes compared to the average.

A plausible reason for the difference in YPLL between Black Skokie residents and others is the higher incidence of cardiovascular disease deaths, colorectal cancer deaths, and breast cancer deaths within this racial group. Despite making up only about 10% of the population, Black residents experience disproportionately negative outcomes in certain illnesses that lead to premature or general death compared to other racial and ethnic groups. Addressing this health disparity should be a focal point for improvement in the future.

Shifting the focus to specific diseases, in 2020, Skokie recorded 120 deaths due to heart disease, 46 deaths due to cerebrovascular disease, and 125 deaths due to cancer. Additionally, in 2016, there were 24 deaths caused by accidents. In both 2018 and 2020, 21 and 19 deaths among Skokie residents, respectively, were attributed to accidents.

In summary, Skokie's YPLL indicates an area for potential improvement in overall life expectancy, particularly concerning the health outcomes of Black and Hispanic residents. Addressing disparities in cardiovascular disease and cancer-related deaths could help enhance life expectancy in the community. Additionally, continued efforts to reduce accidental deaths are essential for promoting overall well-being and longevity in Skokie.



Heart Disease Deaths per 100,000			
	2016	2018	2020
Skokie	165.1	209.6	180.7
Illinois	195.4	201.3	218

Cerebrovascular Disease Deaths per 100,000			
	2016	2018	2020
<b>Skokie</b>	49.3	52.8	69.2
<b>Illinois</b>	44.2	45.9	53.7

Cancer Deaths per 100,000			
	2016	2018	2020
<b>Skokie</b>	363.4	183.2	188.2
<b>Illinois</b>	190.6	186.7	190.6

## Providers

### Mental Health Providers

The Village boasts an impressive ratio of mental health providers to residents served, standing at 1 provider for every 245.6 residents served, surpassing the national average of 1:350. This indicates that the Village enjoys a relatively higher number of providers serving residents per capita compared to most areas in the U.S. However, it is crucial to note that this data alone does not guarantee better access to mental health care for Skokie residents. Access to mental health care depends on various factors, including the availability of appointments.

Mental Health Provider Ratios	
<small>(Source: Cook County Health Atlas, 2021)</small>	
60076	1:208
60077	1:77
60203	1:452

For a more comprehensive understanding, we need to consider the number of available appointments for Skokie residents, which the current data does not include. Although the zip code 60077 boasts the highest provider-to-residents served ratio at 1:77, and 60203 has the lowest at 1:452, it's essential to keep in mind that these figures only account for providers serving Skokie. The data does not encompass online or temporary providers.

To gauge the true accessibility of mental health care in Skokie, a more detailed analysis of appointment availability and distribution of mental health resources would be necessary. This information would offer a more complete picture of the mental health support available to the residents of the Village and help determine the overall quality of care.

### Primary Care Providers

In the Village, there is an average ratio of one primary care provider for every 115.4 residents, which indicates that the Village is surpassing the national average of 1:1310 by a significant margin. Comparatively, the highest ratio is found in zip code 60203, with 1:41.2, while the lowest ratio can be seen in zip code 60076, with 1:161.9.

Primary Care Providers per 100,000 Residents	
<small>(Source: Cook County Health Atlas, 2021)</small>	
60076	161.9
60077	143.2
60203	41.2

It is essential to note that this data only accounts for providers serving Skokie and does not include online providers, federal physicians, or physicians over 75 years old. However, hospital residents are considered in this data analysis. This exceptional performance in primary care availability highlights the Village's commitment to the well-being of its citizens.

## Food Security and Access

Skokie residents, including those who are unhoused, can access food resources through the Niles Township Food Pantry. This pantry keeps a comprehensive record of its service users, encompassing the total number of individuals and households benefitting from its assistance. Additionally, it tracks the number of households that have been receiving SNAP and have relied on the food pantry's services for the past five years.

Recently, the food pantry has taken steps to gather more detailed information from the individuals it serves. This data collection aims to provide a better understanding of the recipients and their needs. The information shared here is just a glimpse of the critical data being collected through surveys conducted by the pantry.

While some income information is being gathered, it's worth noting that slightly over half of the respondents answered "unknown" when asked about their income. Despite this limitation, it remains valuable for the pantry to assess the demographics and trends to improve its outreach and support. As of 2022, the food pantry has been instrumental in supporting the community, with 27.2% of households benefitting from public food assistance or SNAP services.

<b>Food Pantry Usage by Type of Household and Year</b>			
Source: Niles Township Food Pantry			
	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>SNAP Households</b>
<b>2018</b>	68,145	22,774	12,473
<b>2019</b>	75,093	23,455	12,814
<b>2020</b>	61,481	19,131	9,725
<b>2021</b>	59,272	19,028	8,294
<b>2022</b>	68,192	26,627	4,937

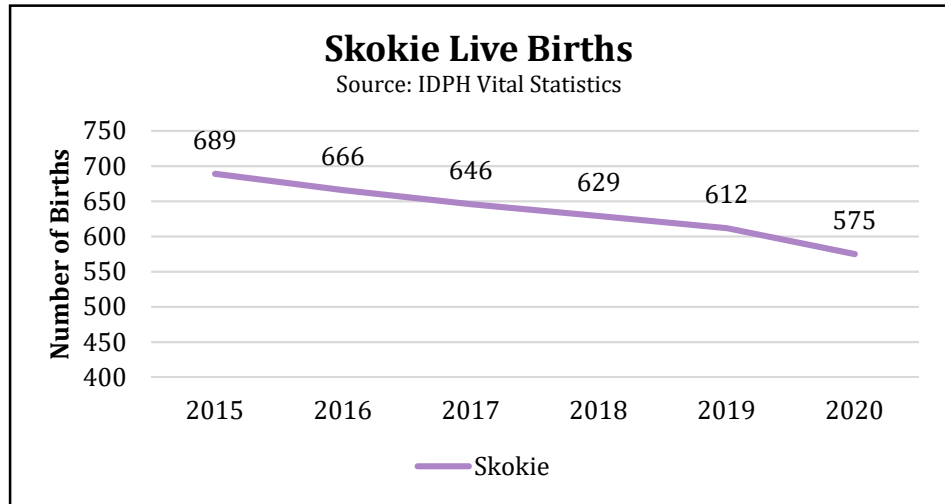
<b>Type of Income</b>	
Source: Niles Township Food Pantry	
<b>Unknown</b>	1,868
<b>No Income</b>	616
<b>Undisclosed</b>	297
<b>Social Security (SSA)</b>	239
<b>Employment Income</b>	221
<b>Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI)</b>	153
<b>Part-time Employment</b>	72
<b>Pension or Retirement Fund</b>	31
<b>Other</b>	14
<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>	14
<b>Don't Know</b>	8
<b>Didn't Ask</b>	7
<b>Money from Relatives</b>	4
<b>Child Support</b>	3
<b>Alimony</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	3,581

## Maternal and Child Health

### Births

Births by Skokie residents experienced an 11% decline from 2015 to 2019, mirroring the decrease observed in both Cook County and Illinois during the same period. All three regions witnessed a reduction in live births between 2015 and 2019.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health's report for 2020, 575 women gave birth in Skokie. Among them, 15 were aged 15 to 19, 317 were aged 20 to 34, and 256 were aged 35 to 50.



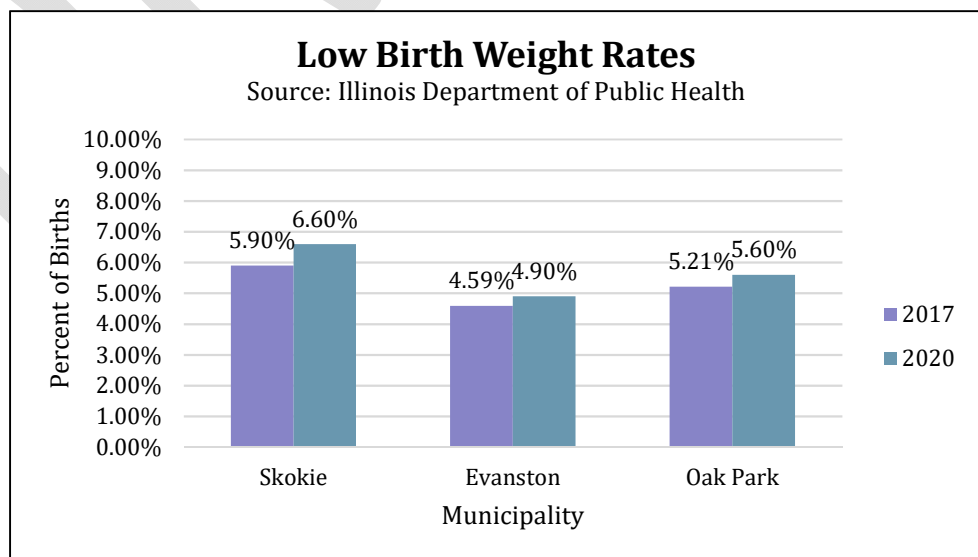
### Total Births in Skokie, Cook County, and Illinois

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

	2015	2017	2019	Percent Change 2015-2019
Skokie	689	646	612	-11.2%
Cook County	68,793	64,358	59,027	-14.2%
Illinois	158,101	149,390	140,145	-11.4%

### Low Birth Weight

Skokie compiled statistics on Low Birth Weight (LBW) and Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) infants. LBW is defined as infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth and is associated with a higher likelihood of experiencing delayed motor and social development



compared to normal weight infants. Moreover, it increases the risk of school-age learning disabilities. Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) infants, on the other hand, weigh less than 1,500 grams

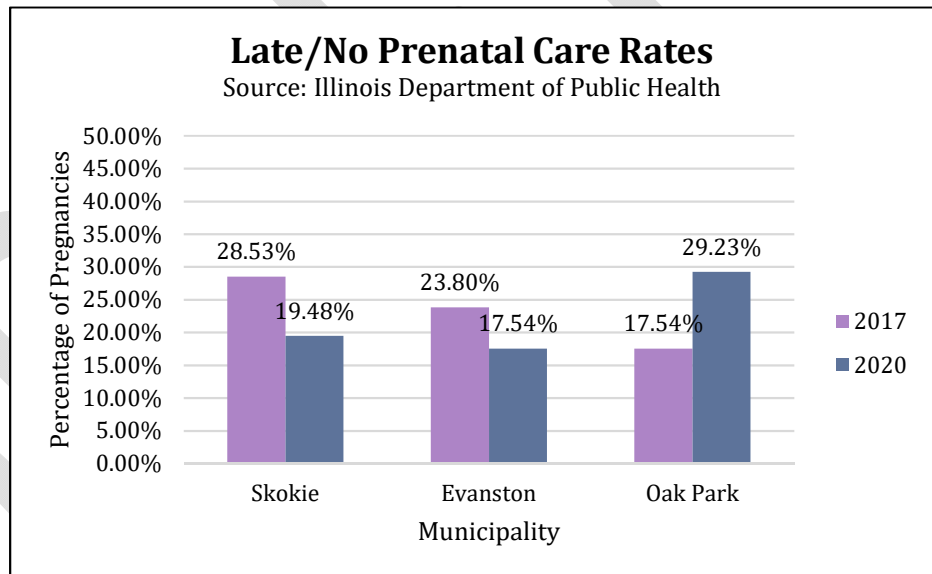
at birth and face a 24% higher chance of mortality within their first year compared to heavier infants.

In alignment with Healthy People 2030, a key goal was set to reduce the occurrence of LBW infants to no more than 7.8% of all births and VLBW infants to no more than 1.4% of all births. In 2019, there were 21 instances of live births in Skokie where infants had a low birth weight, resulting in an incidence rate of 3.4%. This rate is lower than the Healthy People 2020 threshold goal of 7.8%, indicating positive progress in addressing LBW births. However, in the same year, there were 15 instances of live births in Skokie where infants had a very low birth weight, leading to an incidence rate of 2.5%. This rate surpasses the Healthy People 2020 goal of 1.4%, highlighting an area for improvement in the future.

The elevated incidence of VLBW births in Skokie underscores the importance of maternal health, making it a focal point in the Access to Healthcare priority item. Addressing maternal health and implementing strategies to reduce VLBW births are crucial steps to achieving healthier birth outcomes in the community.

### Prenatal Care

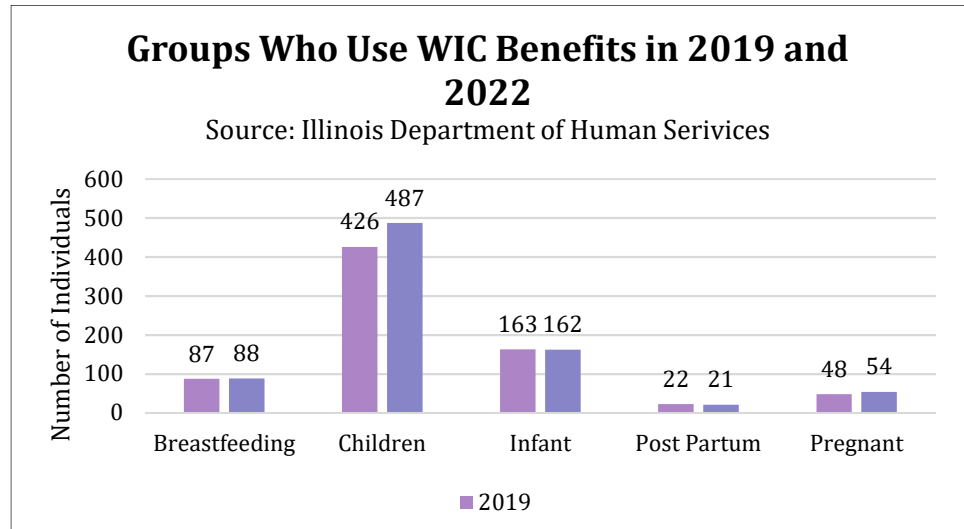
Ensuring a healthy baby begins with early prenatal care—an essential focus of Healthy People 2030. The primary objective is to elevate the percentage of pregnant women receiving timely and sufficient prenatal care. While Skokie has made progress since 2017, the latest data reveals that one out of every five expectant women still faces delayed or nonexistent access to these crucial prenatal services. Closing this gap is crucial to promoting the well-being of both mothers and babies in our community.





## WIC and SNAP

Skokie currently has 812 residents enrolled in the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Special Supplemental Nutrition Program), encompassing various races, ethnicities, and age groups. The distribution among these groups is as follows: 33% are Asian, 20% are Black, 45% are White, less than 3% are of two or more races, and 13% are Hispanic/Latino.



The majority of WIC participants, amounting to 60% in 2022, are households with children aged between 1 and 4. It's worth noting that the ethnic and racial categories and their distributions have remained relatively stable between 2019 and 2022. Unfortunately, due to a system change in data collection, these two years are the most recent accessible data.

Presently, there are four locations in Skokie where residents can receive their WIC benefits. These locations include CEDA in Albany Park, Morton Grove, and Howard, as well as the Asian Human Services Family Care Center. However, it's important to mention that the Evanston location at CEDA, which was operational in 2019, is no longer active.

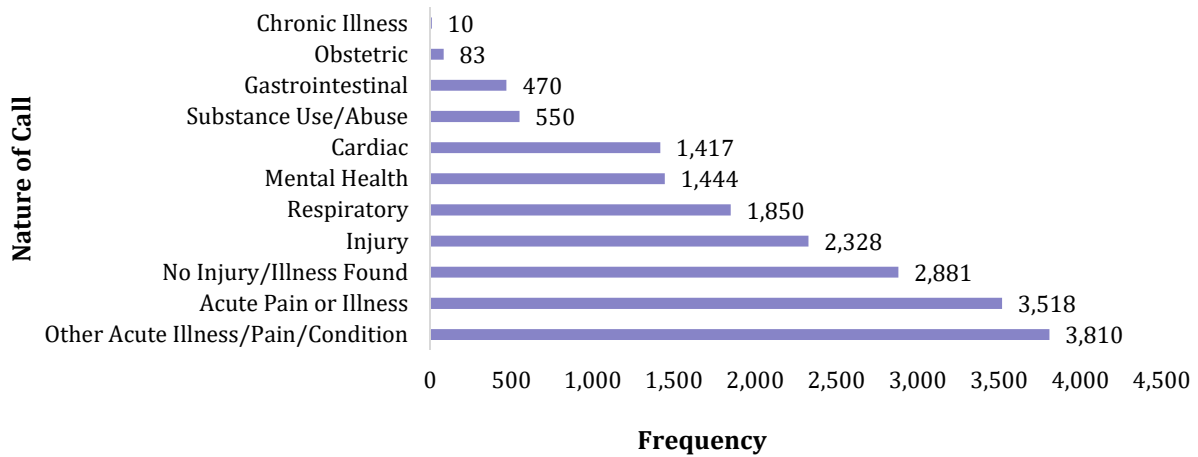
## Emergency Medical Services

The Skokie Fire Department furnished the data on emergency medical services (EMS), which they diligently offer round the clock throughout the entire year. Their duties encompass responding to 911 calls for service and administering pre-hospital emergency medical care to individuals, ensuring they are safely transported to the nearest hospital whenever required. While Skokie Hospital serves as the primary receiving hospital, Skokie EMS holds the authority to transport patients to St. Francis, Evanston Hospital, and Lutheran General Hospital in specific cases



## Total EMS Calls Between 2019-2021

Source: Skokie Fire Department



From January 2019 to December 2021, we have access to a dataset containing EMS incident descriptions, emergency date and time, incident location, race, and age information. The data is organized into 11 categories, which include acute pain/illness, cardiac issues, chronic illness, gastrointestinal problems, injuries, mental health cases, instances with no injury/illness found, obstetric emergencies, other acute illness/pain/conditions, respiratory issues, and substance use/abuse incidents. Throughout this period, a total of 18,361 EMS calls were recorded. Notably, the most frequently reported reason for these calls was "other acute illness/pain/condition."

Category	Reason for Call	2019	2020	2021	
<b>Acute Pain or Illness</b>	Acute pain	450	382	557	
	Back Pain	145	115	126	
	<b>Cardiac</b>	Chronic pain	36	29	55
		Eye Pain	10	14	12
	Generalized abdominal pain	148	129	177	
	Headache	64	57	36	
	Seizures with status epilepticus	52	36	34	
	Seizures without status epilepticus	86	77	84	
	Stroke (CVA/TIA)	60	54	76	
	Syncope and collapse	144	114	150	
	TIA	3	4	2	
	Cardiac Arrest	96	129	120	
	Cardiac arrhythmia/dysrhythmia	46	41	53	
	Chest Pain/Angina	217	186	266	
	Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)	2	6	1	
	Hypertension	41	48	67	
	Hypotension	22	30	32	
	STEMI	3	3	2	
	STEMI, Inferior Wall	2	1	3	
	<b>Chronic Illness</b>	Cancer	7	1	1
Sickle Cell Crisis		0	0	1	

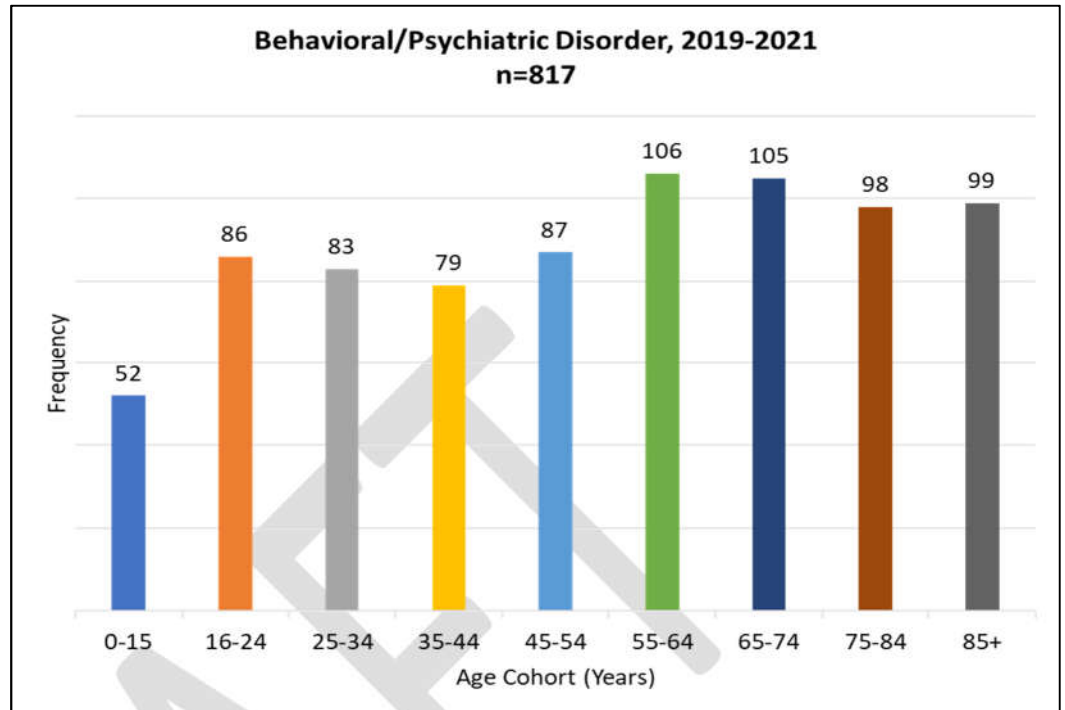
<b>Gastrointestinal Illness</b>	Constipation	10	14	10	
	Diarrhea	22	12	14	
	GERD (Gastroesophageal reflux disease)	1	1	4	
	Melena/Bloody Stool	6	9	11	
	Nausea	23	29	27	
	Nausea with vomiting	84	65	95	
	Vomiting Blood (Hematemesis)	6	15	12	
<b>Injury</b>	Burn	5	4	11	
	Foreign body on external eye	1	0	0	
	Head bleed	59	43	36	
	Head injury	4	0	0	
	Hemothorax, traumatic	1	0	0	
	Injury of abdomen	15	11	12	
	Injury of ankle	2	0	0	
	Injury of eye and orbit	1	0	0	
	Injury of face	105	104	105	
	Injury of foot	4	0	0	
	Injury of forearm	3	0	0	
	Injury of head	152	135	134	
	Injury of hip	58	50	62	
	Injury of lower back	38	25	28	
	Injury of lower leg	115	96	120	
	Injury of neck	30	19	48	
	Injury of nose	1	0	0	
	Injury of pelvis	8	2	2	
	Injury of upper arm	104	99	130	
	Injury of upper leg	27	28	14	
	Injury, unspecified	2	83	90	
	Injury of wrist, hand, or fingers	102	0	0	
	<b>Mental Health</b>	Altered mental status	173	232	222
		Behavioral / psychiatric disorder	276	254	287
<b>No Injury</b>	No injury/illness found	793	1,032	1,056	
<b>Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</b>	Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding	10	6	14	
	Child Birth, no complications	1	1	2	
	Child Birth, With Complications	0	1	0	
	Labor/False labor	2	2	3	
	Obstetric trauma, unspecified	1	0	0	
	Other birth injuries to the newborn	1	0	0	
	Pelvic and perineal pain	10	3	7	
	Pre-eclampsia	1	0	1	
	Pregnancy with contractions	6	3	7	
	Respiratory distress of newborn	1	0	0	
<b>Other Acute Illness/Pain/Condition</b>	Allergic Reaction	40	32	48	
	Anaphylactic shock	0	0	3	
	Common cold	1	0		
	Dehydration	3	3	6	
	Dizziness	236	210	198	
	Fever	49	82	71	

	Frostbite (Superficial)	2	0	2
	Frostbite (With Necrosis)	0	0	1
	General Illness	461	472	487
	Heat exhaustion	0	3	4
	Heatstroke	1	1	1
	Hemiplegia	0	0	1
	Hyperglycemia	45	24	36
	Hypoglycemia	30	28	29
	Hypothermia	4	0	2
	Malaise	11	5	7
	Migraine	4	4	2
	Nose Bleed	38	47	42
	Sepsis	1	1	11
	Suspected exposure/Health hazard contact	4	3	2
	Unspecified infectious disease	13	14	2
	Visual Disturbances	3	5	2
	Weakness	352	283	338
<b>Substance Use/ Abuse</b>	Alcohol use	104	99	111
	Alcohol dependence with withdrawal	18	9	23
	Opioid related disorders	5	0	4
	Overdose	38	49	47
	Psychoactive substance related disorders, other	21	8	14
<b>Respiratory</b>	Acute bronchospasm	3	0	0
	Airway obstruction	16	14	19
	Asthma	12	5	7
	COPD with exacerbation	3	5	1
	Croup	1	1	3
	Non-Cardiac Chest Pain	32	33	20
	Pneumonia	3	0	0
	Pulmonary edema, acute	1	1	0
	Pulmonary embolism	1	0	0
	Respiratory distress	38	12	4
	Respiratory failure	4	1	3
	Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing	423	615	566
	Suffocation/Asphyxia	2	0	1

## Mental Health Calls

The Skokie Fire Department collected data on the mental health aspects of each service call, including whether the incidents involved individuals with altered mental states and behavioral/psychiatric disorders. Over the period of 2019-2021, they recorded a total of 627 cases involving calls related to altered mental status.

Upon analyzing the data and graphing the findings by age group, a notable trend emerged. The data demonstrated a significantly higher prevalence of altered mental states among individuals aged 55 and above.

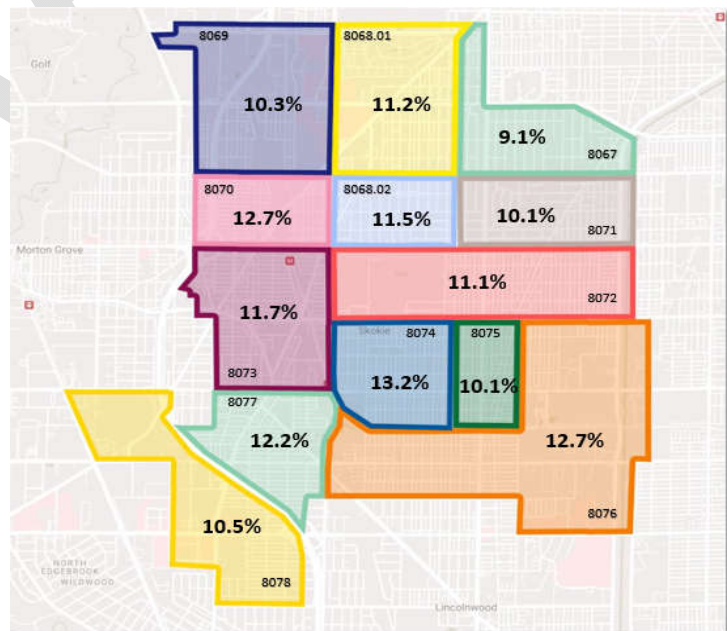


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## Mental Health Distress

Mental distress, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) through the 500 Cities Project, refers to a state where mental health is not good for 14 days out of 30 among adults aged 18 years or older. In the latest data available for 2019, approximately 11.5% of individuals in Skokie reported experiencing such mental distress. When examining the data on a more granular level by census tract, tract 8067 had the lowest reported percentage at 9.1%, while tract 8074 had the highest reported percentage at 13.2%.

Comparatively, the average mental health distress rate for cities in the CDC's 500 Cities Project stands at 14.8%. This data indicates that Skokie's overall mental health distress rate has increased from 9.9% in 2018 to the most recent recorded rate of 11.5% in 2019.



## Communicable Diseases

The Skokie Health and Human Services Department plays a vital role in managing a comprehensive communicable disease program, encompassing disease surveillance, analysis, immunization, and education. The state of Illinois utilizes the Illinois National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) to report infectious diseases, and as a certified local health department, Skokie HHS can access Skokie-specific communicable disease data through this system.

Analyzing trends for each communicable disease presents challenges due to the relatively low annual incidence of most infectious diseases among Skokie residents, except for COVID-19 data, which stands as an exception. Nevertheless, even for less common infectious diseases, available data can still be examined to identify trends within the community.

In the data, some diseases have two distinct case statuses: "confirmed" and "probable." A "confirmed case" indicates verification through a lab test, whereas a "probable case" means signs are present consistent with a confirmed case, but a diagnostic test has not been completed or is unavailable.

<b>Communicable Diseases, 2017-2021</b>			
Source: IDPH			
	<b>Confirmed Case</b>	<b>Probable Case</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
Campylobacteriosis	27	43	70
Candida Auris, clinical	2	-	2
Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae	1	-	1
Carbapenem Resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa	1	-	1
COVID-19	10,628	-	10,628
Cryptosporidiosis	2	-	2
Cyclophorias	9	4	13
Dengue	1	1	2
Hemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease	1	-	1
Hepatitis A	2	-	2
Hepatitis B Acute	2	-	2
Hepatitis B Chronic	77	40	117
Hepatitis C Virus Acute Infection	2	-	2
Hepatitis C Virus Chronic Infection	60	31	91
Histoplasmosis	1	-	1
Influenza with ICU Hospitalization	53	3	56
Legionellosis	9	-	9
Listeria Invasive Disease	3	-	3
Lyme Disease	14	2	16
Malaria	1	-	1
Measles	1	-	1
Meningococcal (Neisseria Meningitidis) Invasive Disease	1	-	1
Monkeypox	2	1	3
MRSA in Infants less than 61 days	1	-	1
Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome	1	-	1
Mumps	-	2	2
Paratyphi A	1	-	1
Pertussis	26	-	26
Salmonellosis	33	-	33

Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)- Shiga toxin positive, non-O157 serotype	3	6	9
Shigellosis	11	5	16
Spotted Fever Rickettsioses	-	1	1
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	6	-	6
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome	1	-	1
TB Disease	1	-	1
Typhoid Fever	4	-	4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	4	5	9
Vibriosis	1	1	2
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	1	1	2
Zika Virus Infection, Non-Congenital	1	-	1

## Mosquitoes

The Northshore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) is a local government agency dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of 13 communities, including the Village of Skokie, by providing services to control mosquitoes and to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses. Employing the principles of integrated pest management, NSMAD's comprehensive mosquito abatement program encompasses diverse services such as mosquito surveillance (utilizing mosquito trapping and batch testing for viruses), source reduction, larval control, adult mosquito control, and public outreach and education initiatives.

One of NSMAD's crucial functions involves providing valuable data on mosquito testing in Skokie, including the number of batches tested each year and the percentage of positive batches. Additionally, the agency tracks and reports data on human West Nile Virus cases and related fatalities through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), allowing for meaningful comparisons across various counties and localities. For Skokie residents, the reported number of human West Nile Virus cases remained at a reassuring 0 cases between 2019 and 2021.

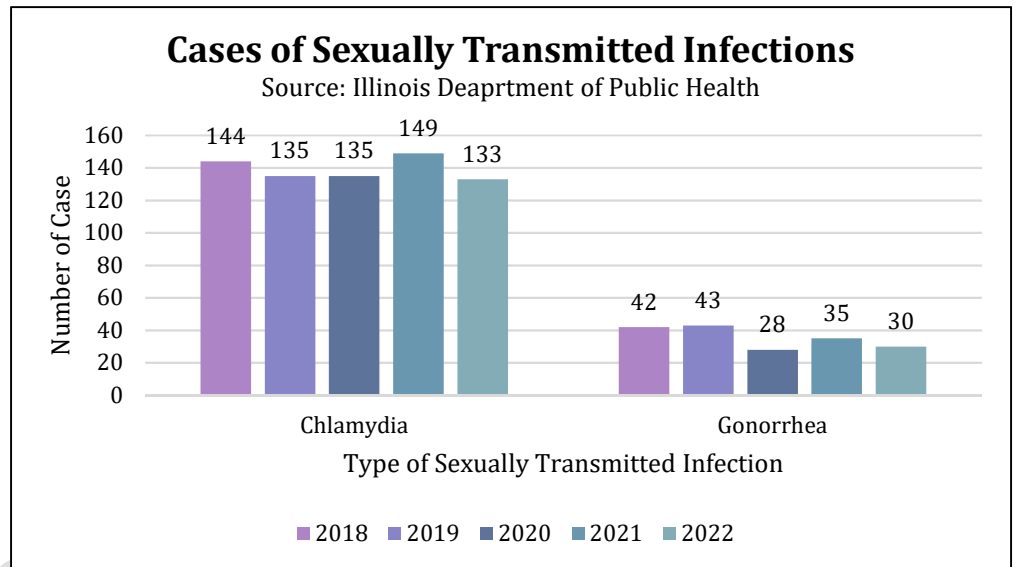
<b>Batch Testing of Mosquitoes for West Nile Virus</b>				
Source: North Shore Mosquito Abatement District & Cook County DPH WNV Surveillance Reports				
<b>Location</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b># of Positive Mosquito Batches</b>	<b># Batches Tested</b>	<b>% Positive</b>
Skokie	2019	102	379	26.9%
Cook County		374	5,340	7.0%
Skokie	2020	133	404	32.9%
Cook County		1,899	7,158	26.5%
Skokie	2021	123	347	35.4%
Cook County		1,878	7,470	25.1%
Skokie	2022	1	86	1.2%
Cook County		1	1,139	0.1%

## Sexually Transmitted Infections

Sexually transmitted disease statistics were gathered from the Illinois Department of Public Health. For the purposes of this assessment, STIs include Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and HIV. *\*Note that Syphilis cases are not reported because case data was not available.*

### Chlamydia & Gonorrhea

In Skokie, Chlamydia remains the predominant STI, with 770 cases reported during the period from 2017 to 2021. This prevalence is consistent with historical data from 2010 to 2014 when 145 cases of Chlamydia were reported, significantly surpassing the 22 reported cases of Gonorrhea during the same timeframe.



### HIV

Skokie has a low prevalence of HIV cases, with only 33 individuals living with HIV and 43 with AIDS as of December 2020. Over the period of 2013 to 2020, there were 24 new HIV diagnoses and 18 new AIDS diagnoses in the Village. In comparison to neighboring areas, Skokie stands out for its significantly lower rate of HIV and AIDS cases per 100,000 people.

Cumulative Diagnosis Rates per 100,000 of HIV or AIDS		
(Source: Illinois Department of Public Health, 2013-2022)		
Location	HIV Cases Diagnosed	AIDS Cases Diagnosed
Skokie	36	27
Evanston	79	46
Oak Park	83	38



## Environmental Sustainability

The Village of Skokie has been actively pursuing environmental sustainability through its 2016-2021 Environmental Sustainability Plan, aimed at guiding both municipal and community efforts in this direction. Building upon the success of this previous plan, the Village took a step further by enlisting the expertise of an external consultant in April 2022. The objective was to develop an updated Environmental Sustainability Plan, extending its scope and impact until 2030. This new plan sought to incorporate strategies and actions to address environmental sustainability and bolster climate resilience in the community.

To ensure a comprehensive approach, the updated Sustainability Plan involved various assessments, including a greenhouse gas inventory, a climate vulnerability assessment, a study on ground cover, heat island, and carbon sequestration, as well as a sustainability baseline assessment. These assessments were instrumental in gathering essential data to support the formulation of effective strategies.

In this report, we will present noteworthy findings from the Sustainability Plan's Climate Change category. Additionally, pertinent information related to the physical environment will be detailed under the heading "Physical Environment."

By implementing the updated plan, the Village of Skokie aimed to fortify its commitment to sustainability and tackle the challenges posed by climate change head-on, fostering a more resilient and environmentally conscious community.

### Greenhouse Gas Inventory

In Fall 2021, the Delta Institute was commissioned to conduct a baseline greenhouse gas inventory for the Village of Skokie. The inventory revealed that community activities were responsible for emitting 673,993 Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e), while Village operations contributed an additional 7,226 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e. This report marked the first comprehensive year of inventoried emissions, making it challenging to establish a clear trend. The importance of addressing climate change is well-recognized, as evidenced by the United States and numerous other countries signing a legally binding international treaty on climate change on December 12, 2015. This treaty aims to limit the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to restrict it to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. To align with these ambitious global goals, the Village of Skokie has taken the initiative to reduce global temperature increases. It has outlined various strategies in the Villages 2022 Environmental Sustainability Plan, demonstrating a commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and combating climate change.

Term	Target Reduction	Target Year
Short (5 years)	21%	2027
Medium (10 years)	42%	2032
Long (15 years)	63%	2037



This table represents the benchmarks to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of the Village aiming for a 4.2% annual linear reduction.

The Inventory presented several effective strategies that the Village could adopt to significantly reduce community emissions. The primary approach involves implementing an EnergyStar Portfolio Manager for all Village-owned properties, enabling the tracking of natural gas, electricity, water consumption, and waste production.

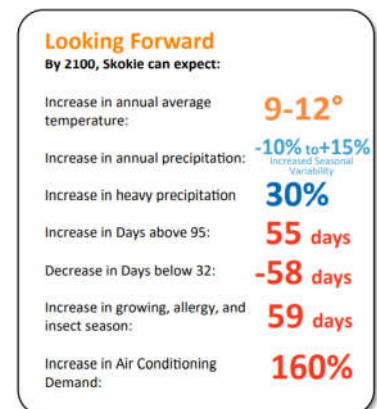
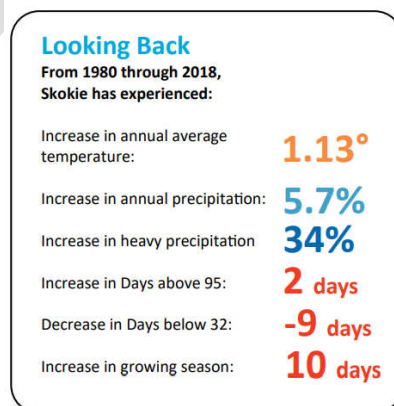
Another crucial step is to collaborate with Nicor Gas and ComEd to capitalize on energy efficiency program incentives. This initiative encompasses assessments, rebates, and educational opportunities for the Village, helping to optimize energy usage and lower emissions. Once energy efficiency efforts have been maximized, the Village could explore investing in solar photovoltaic installations for renewable energy. This option is best considered for municipal facilities, contributing to a more sustainable and eco-friendly energy mix.

Additionally, the Village can explore reducing natural gas consumption by promoting electrification. This involves transitioning to electric vehicles and electric-based heating or cooling systems. By shifting away from natural gas usage, the Village can further enhance its commitment to a greener and cleaner future

### Climate Vulnerability Assessment

The Assessment took a distinct approach by focusing primarily on climate change adaptation rather than mitigation. By adopting an adaptation lens, the aim was to prepare for and respond effectively to the current and anticipated climate changes. This assessment is a vital component of the broader Village of Skokie Sustainability Plan, with a specific focus on understanding how climate change may disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of the community. Through this comprehensive analysis, critical vulnerabilities are identified, and strategic goals and actions are proposed. Based on the current trajectory of emissions, the assessment reveals concerning projections for the future. The analysis indicates that if no action is taken to address the issue, the region can expect hotter days, increased precipitation, and more frequent droughts. Additionally, the findings highlight the likelihood of heightened occurrences of severe weather patterns, greater allergen levels, and a rise in vector-borne illnesses. In summary, the Assessment provides invaluable insights

into the potential impacts of climate change on the Village of Skokie and offers a roadmap for enhancing resilience and minimizing risks faced by the most susceptible segments of the community. By addressing these issues proactively, the



Village can take crucial steps towards safeguarding its residents and fostering a sustainable future.

According to the assessment, people or communities have a greater or lesser vulnerability to health risks in relation to climate change based on age, social, political, and economic factors, which are better known as the social determinants of health. The most vulnerable populations include; children, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, individuals with economic stress, people of color, food insecure individuals, and individuals without access to a vehicle. The different vulnerabilities of these populations are tabulated below, as outlined by the assessment.

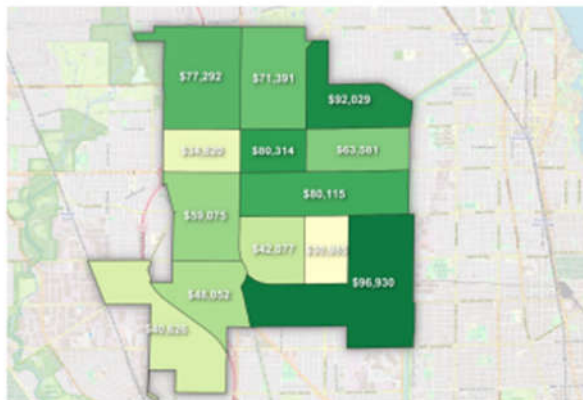
**Vulnerable Populations Risk Sensitivity Chart**

Vulnerable Demographic	Population	Primary Risks to The Population								Economic Vulnerabilities				
		Extreme Weather / Temp	Flood	Air Quality	Vector-Borne	Food Insecurity	Water Quality	Waterborne	Power Failure	Crop Yield	Mortality	Energy Costs	Property Crime	Violent Crime
Children Under 5	3,628	3,628		3,628	3,628	3,628		3,628		3,628				
Seniors Over 65	12,755	12,755	12,755	12,755	12,755	12,755		12,755		12,755				
Individuals with Disabilities	6,292	6,292	6,292	6,292	6,292	6,292		6,292		6,292				
Est Total Low Income	15,973	15,973	15,973	15,973	15,973	15,973	15,973	15,973		15,973				
People of Color	26,787	26,787	26,787	26,787	26,787	26,787	26,787	26,787		26,787		26,787	26,787	26,787
Limited English	8,925	8,925	8,925	8,925	8,925	8,925		8,925		8,925		8,925	8,925	8,925
At-Risk Workers	5,414	5,414	5,414	5,414	5,414			5,414						5,414
No Vehicle Access	4,519	4,519	4,519	4,519	4,519			4,519						
<b>Total by category</b>		<b>84,293</b>	<b>80,665</b>	<b>84,293</b>	<b>73,483</b>	<b>78,879</b>	<b>42,760</b>	<b>60,728</b>	<b>78,879</b>	<b>45,800</b>	<b>22,675</b>	<b>74,361</b>	<b>70,733</b>	<b>57,100</b>
percentage of Vuln pop		100%	96%	100%	87%	94%	51%	72%	94%	54%	27%	88%	84%	68%
<b>Rank by Vulnerability</b>		1	1	1	3	2	6	4	2	6	6	3	3	5
Percentage of Tot Pop		132.5%	126.8%	132.5%	115.5%	124.0%	67.2%	95.5%	124.0%	72.0%	35.6%	116.9%	111.2%	89.8%

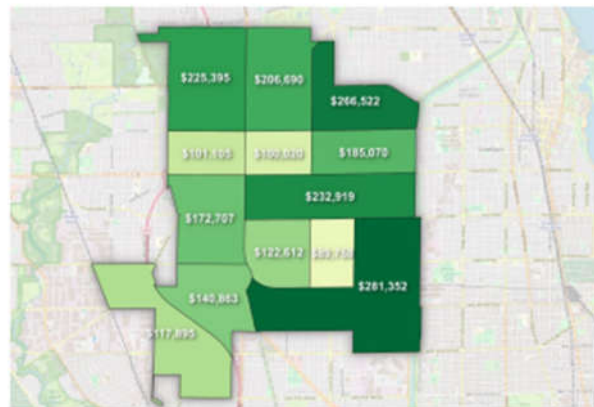
### Ground Cover, Heat Island, and Carbon Sequestration Study

This study aimed to enhance our comprehension of the significance and consequences of tree canopy, grass, and impervious surface coverage concerning environmental impacts and future climate change strategies. The findings underscore the pivotal role of trees in promoting community health, enhancing air and water quality, reducing building energy consumption, and supporting efforts in combating heat island effects and climate change.

**Annual Pollution Absorption Value of Trees**  
**\$0.82 Million**



**Annual Energy Savings Value of Trees**  
**\$2.2 Million**



The study highlights several priority areas for improvement in the Skokie community, with one notable suggestion being turf reduction. Currently, 97.7% of Skokie's grass lands consist of manicured lawns, presenting a significant opportunity for enhancement and reduction. By decreasing this percentage, the community can experience benefits such as increased stormwater uptake, reduced usage of potable water, and enhanced soil carbon levels.

Additionally, a Tree Stock Value has been calculated for Skokie, which takes into account the existing tree canopy and lawn/shrub areas. This measure serves as a valuable guideline for the Village to fairly enhance tree canopy coverage throughout the entire community. Based on this score, a comprehensive annual plan to achieve the 2040 Tree Canopy Coverage Goal has been developed. As a recommendation, the Skokie community should aim to increase its canopy coverage, especially in priority areas, to approximately 31% by the year 2040.

	<b>CB</b> (existing)	<b>CG</b> (growth)	<b>CM</b> (loss)	<b>CN</b> (new)	<b>CT</b> (year goal)	<b>UTC</b> (year end coverage %)
2023	1632 +	36 -	-31 +	15 =	1652	25.8%
2024	1652 +	36 -	-32 +	15 =	1672	26.1%
2025	1672 +	37 -	-32 +	15 =	1691	26.4%
2026	1691 +	37 -	-32 +	15 =	1711	26.7%
2027	1711 +	38 -	-33 +	15 =	1731	27.0%
2028	1731 +	38 -	-33 +	15 =	1750	27.3%
2029	1750 +	39 -	-34 +	15 =	1770	27.6%
2030	1770 +	39 -	-34 +	15 =	1789	27.9%
2031	1789 +	39 -	-34 +	15 =	1809	28.2%
2032	1809 +	40 -	-35 +	15 =	1829	28.5%
2033	1829 +	40 -	-35 +	14 =	1848	28.9%
2034	1848 +	41 -	-35 +	14 =	1868	29.2%
2035	1868 +	41 -	-36 +	14 =	1888	29.5%
2036	1888 +	42 -	-36 +	14 =	1907	29.8%
2037	1907 +	42 -	-37 +	14 =	1927	30.1%
2038	1927 +	42 -	-37 +	14 =	1947	30.4%
2039	1947 +	43 -	-37 +	14 =	1966	30.7%
2040	1966 +	43 -	-38 +	14 =	1986	31.0%



## Sustainability Baseline Assessment

The Village of Skokie developed the 2016-2021 Environmental Sustainability Plan to provide comprehensive guidance for municipal and community efforts in advancing sustainability. This action plan covers various sectors crucial to achieving sustainability goals, including transportation, equipment, and mobility; land use and housing; building and energy; waste management; waste and wastewater; food systems; open space and ecosystems; public health and wellness; and sustainable economy. Notably, the plan takes into account interconnections between these sectors, recognizing that certain considerations, such as air quality, equity, climate adaptation, and climate mitigation, have cross-sector impacts and are addressed holistically rather than in isolation.

The study revealed that approximately 8% of workers in Skokie enjoy a commute time of less than 10 minutes, presenting an opportunity for these individuals to consider

alternative and more sustainable transportation options like biking or walking, instead of relying solely on single commuter vehicles. The pedestrian-friendly nature of the Skokie community, with a high walkability score of 86 (classified as "very walkable"), and a good score in bike-ability, further support the promotion of these sustainable travel choices. However, there is room for improvement in Skokie's public transit, which received a significantly lower score of 46.

Skokie faces energy efficiency challenges, particularly in its older commercial and residential buildings aged over 10 years. To address this issue, both sectors could benefit from energy efficiency upgrades and renovations. Implementing the strategic goals



### Air Quality

(the degree to which the ambient air is pollution-free, assessed by measuring a number of indicators of pollution)



### Equity

(Within the context of sustainability and climate change, equity means both protection from environmental and climate change hazards as well as access to environmental benefits and climate resilience for all, regardless of income, race, and other characteristics)



### Climate Adaptation

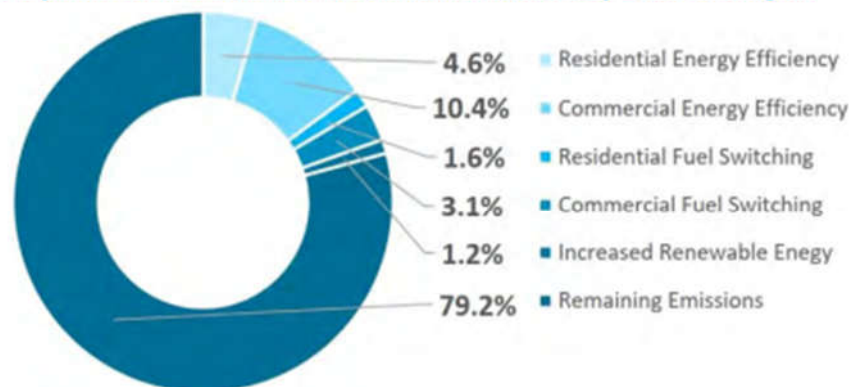
(seeks to lower the risks posed by the impacts of climate change which are now inevitable or likely)



### Climate Mitigation

(addresses the root causes of climate change through the reduction or prevention of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions)

Projected Sector Emission Reductions Achieved by Draft Strategies



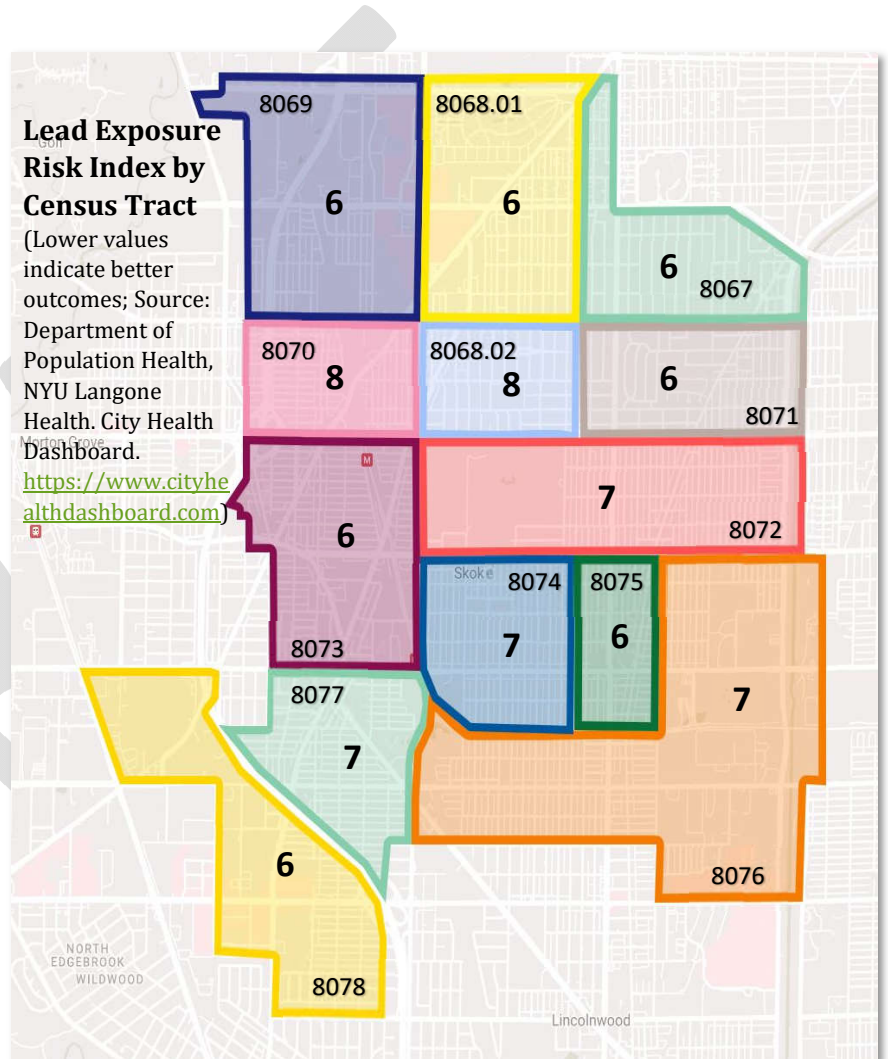
Skokie Climate Action Baseline and Strategic Goals

outlined in this study would enable the community to achieve the emission reductions outlined in the adjacent chart.

By following the guidelines and recommendations set forth in the Environmental Sustainability Plan, Skokie can make significant strides toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. The plan's holistic approach, considering various sectors and interconnections, ensures a comprehensive and effective strategy in advancing sustainability within the community.

## Lead

Exposure to lead may increase an individual's blood lead levels which are associated with a range of adverse health effects, including behavioral problems, impaired brain and nervous system function, slowed development, and poor school performance. To assess overall lead exposure risk, the lead exposure risk index combines factors such as housing conditions and poverty levels in a city or census tract. Skokie has scored 8 on this index, while Chicago scored 5.5 and with this metric a lower score indicates better outcomes. The higher index score in Skokie might be explained by the fact that the Village of Skokie is considered to have an older housing stock, with each of its three zip codes considered "high-risk" according to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).



Recognizing the potential dangers of lead exposure, the IDPH and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have identified testing for lead in children's blood as a crucial preventive measure. In June 2023, IDPH designated all three of Skokie's Zip Codes (60076, 60077, and 60203) as high-risk areas for lead exposure due to the age of housing stock. Consequently, it is now mandatory for all children aged 6 or younger in Skokie to be

evaluated and tested for lead exposure before enrolling in daycare, preschool, or kindergarten. This requirement was not in place before June 2023.

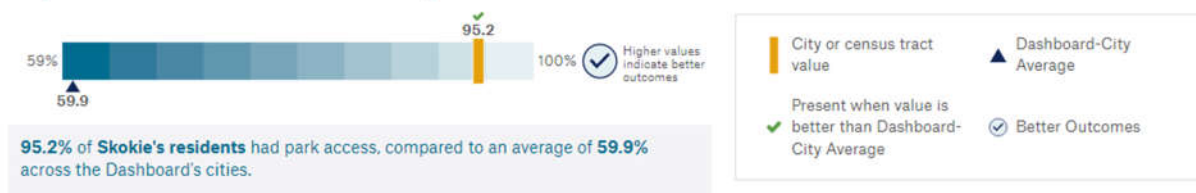
As a result of this change, more children will undergo lead testing, leading to an increase in the number of children qualifying for Nursing Case Management through the Skokie Health and Human Services (HHS) Department. HHS serves as the IDPH delegate agency for managing cases of children with confirmed Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs). When a child's blood lead level is confirmed to be 5 µg/dL or higher, HHS nursing staff engage in case management. They work closely with the child's parents/guardians to connect them with social services, conduct home visits, refer cases for environmental investigation, and provide education and outreach for each case. This comprehensive approach aims to mitigate the adverse effects of lead exposure on children's health and well-being.

### Park Access

Park access is the percent of the population that lives within a 10-minute walk of green space. Green space includes public, local, state owned parks, national parks, school parks, and private parks allowed for public use. On average, the City Health Dashboard reports that around 60% of the population lives within a 10-minute walk to green space. According to the dashboard, 95.2% of Skokie residents have park access within a 10-minute walk. This value is much higher than the average in other cities that participate in the dashboard.

This value was broken down by race and ethnicity within the Skokie community as well. Amongst the Asian population in Skokie, which is about 27% of the entire community population, 94.8% have park access. This is about 40% more than other dashboard communities. Not only does the Asian community in Skokie have elevated park access, but Black, Hispanic and White populations also have much higher park access in the Skokie community than other dashboard cities.

City Value for Park Access in Skokie, IL



### Walkability

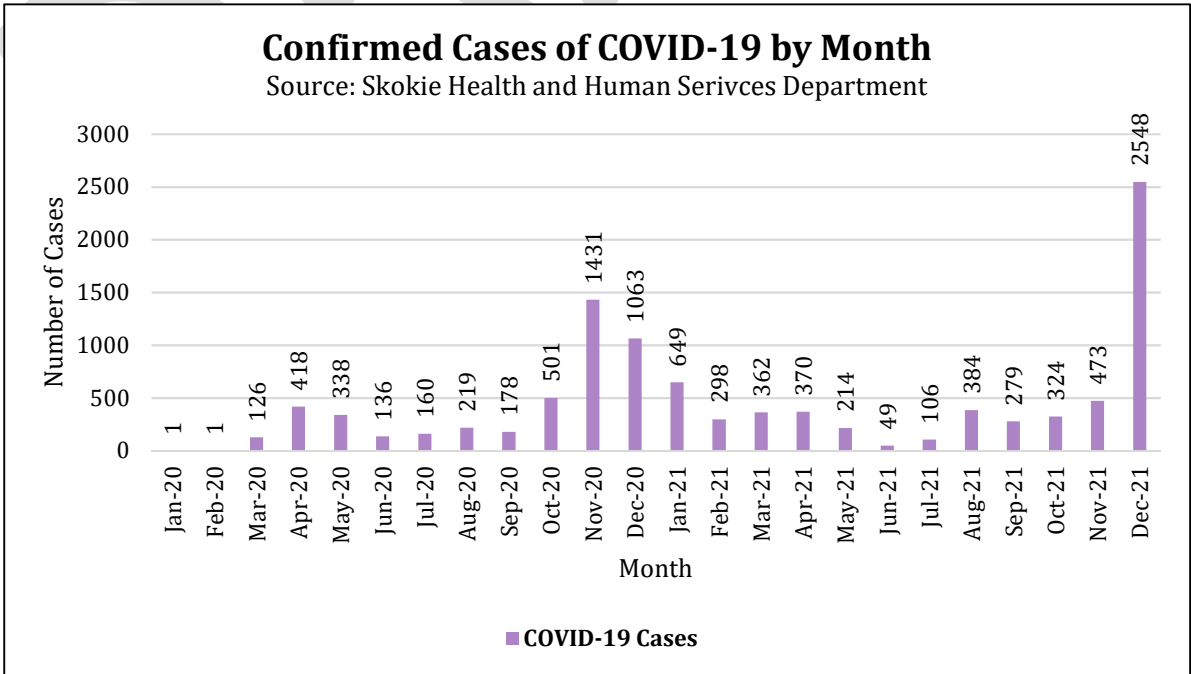
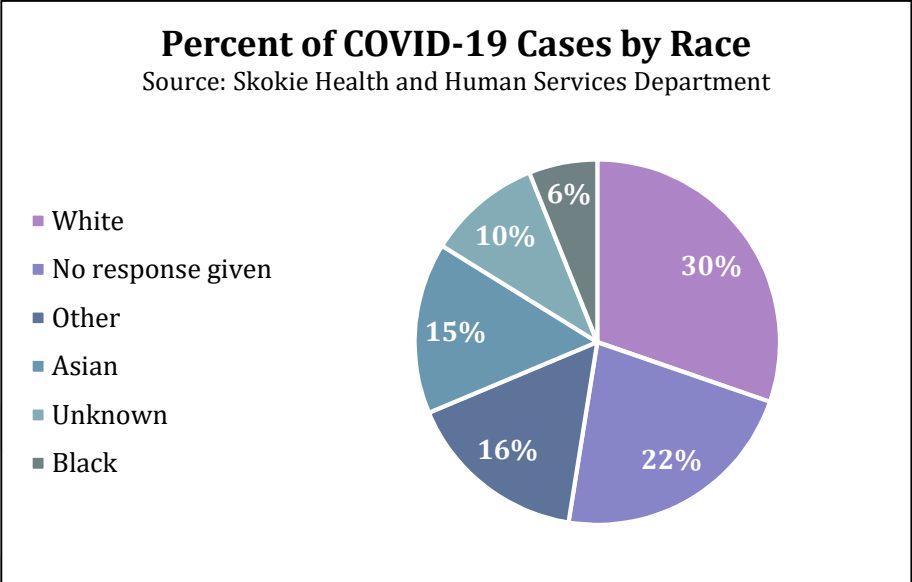
Walkability is a crucial metric designed to underscore a city's urban planning and its support for walking and physical activity. The City Dashboard reveals that residents in neighborhoods with a high walkability rating are notably more active, potentially leading to improved health outcomes such as reduced rates of diabetes and obesity. Skokie stands out with an impressive walkability score of 65.7, significantly surpassing the dashboard's average of 41.3 for all represented cities.

## Sentinel Events

The Village of Skokie’s first case of COVID-19 was reported in March 2020. Since then there have been a total of 22,648 cases, 831 hospitalizations and 220 deaths through October 2022.

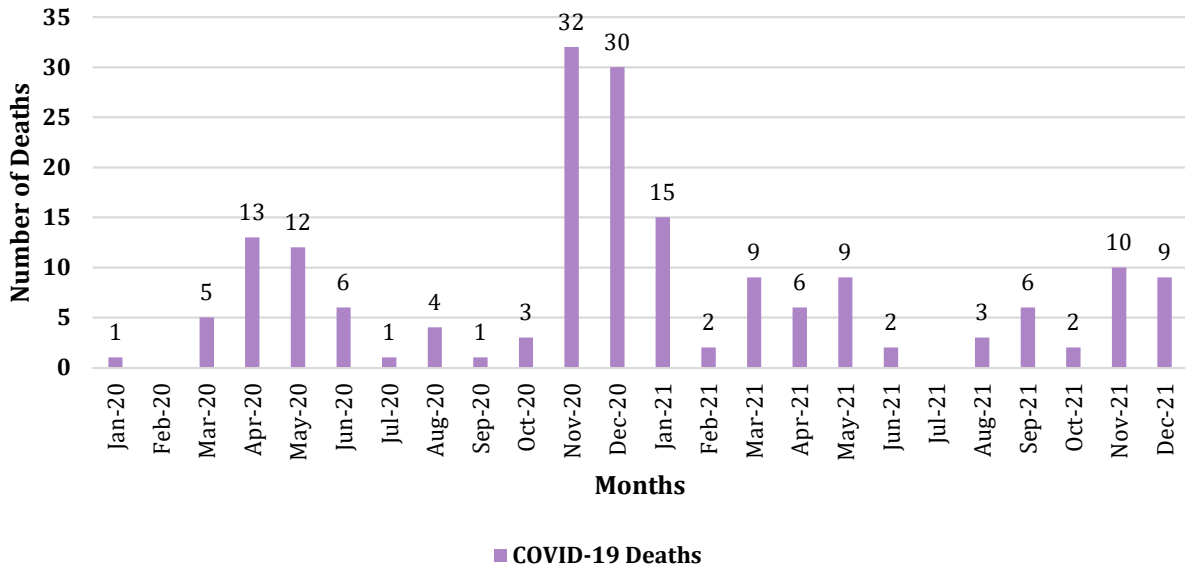
The Skokie Health and Human Services Department swiftly commenced administering COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as they became available. Initially, the Department set up a large mass vaccination clinic, which later transitioned to an appointment-only system at the HHS clinic within Skokie Village Hall. The Department started by offering both Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines until July 1, 2022, when they decided to exclusively provide the Moderna vaccine on-site.

In response to the recommendations and guidelines issued by the CDC, the Department began offering vaccinations for children aged 6 months through 5 years old in mid-June 2022. Simultaneously, they continued to serve all other residents in need of vaccination. It's worth noting that the Department remains proactive in updating its policies in accordance with the latest guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



### COVID-19 Deaths per Month 2020-2021

Source: Skokie Health and Human Services Department



### Number of Vaccinated Skokie Residents

Source: Skokie Health & Human Services Dept.

	2021	2022	
< 5 years old	2	275	
5 to 9 years	1,043	1,329	
10 to 14 years	1,443	1,601	
15 to 19 years	2,110	1,378	
20 to 24 years	2,190	885	
25 to 29 years	2,249	733	
30 to 34 years	2,441	777	
35 to 39 years	2,665	820	
40 to 44 years	2,908	750	
45 to 49 years	2,735	811	
50 to 54 years	2,304	1,483	
55 to 59 years	2,262	1,591	
60 to 64 years	2,186	1,905	
65 to 69 years	2,000	2,211	
70 to 74 years	1,575	1,925	
75 to 79 years	960	1,362	
80 to 84 years	670	800	
≥ 85 years	811	820	
<b>Total Number Vaccinated</b>	<b>32,554</b>	<b>21,456</b>	<b>Total= 54,010</b>
<b>Percent Vaccinated</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>Total= 85%</b>



# Community Themes & Strengths Assessment

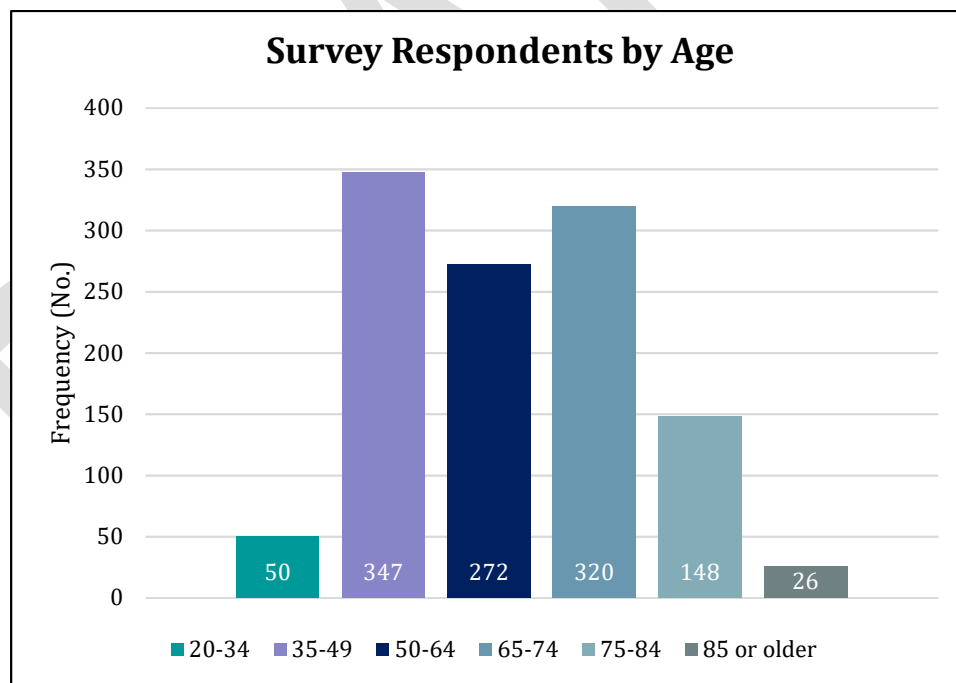
In order to gain insight into the prevailing themes and strengths of the Skokie community, a community health survey was conducted. To ensure inclusivity and accessibility, the survey was made available to the public for a duration of one month and thoughtfully translated into six languages commonly spoken in the Skokie community: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Russian, Farsi, and Arabic.

Out of an estimated 67,824 residents in Skokie, an encouraging total of 1,164 residents actively participated in the survey, representing approximately 2% of the population. While this response rate may seem modest, the gathered data holds significant value in assessing specific themes and strengths within the vibrant Skokie community.

## Data on Survey Respondents

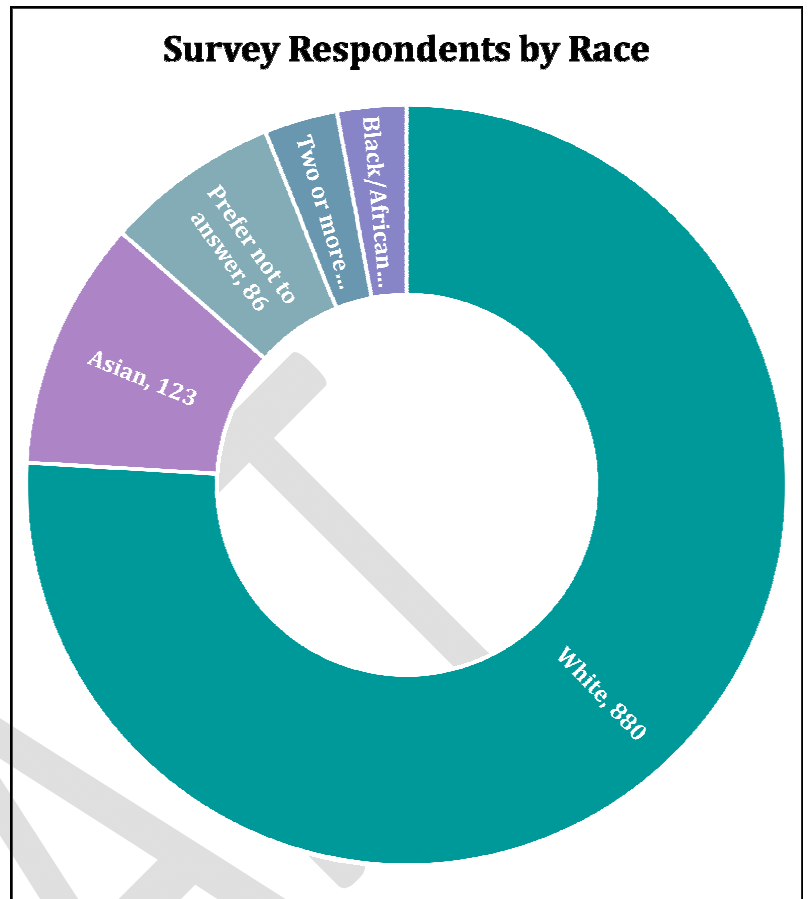
### Age

The responses to the surveys when broken down by age are representative of the age groups in the Skokie community. About the same percent of each age group that is found in Skokie responded respectively to the survey.



## Race

The survey results revealed a significant majority of 76% identifying as White respondents. However, it's worth noting that according to the latest data from the United States Census Bureau, only 55% of Skokie residents are White. This disparity in data raises concerns about accurately representing the opinions of community members from other racial backgrounds, who actually constitute a larger percentage of the Skokie community than the survey reflects.



## Socioeconomic Data

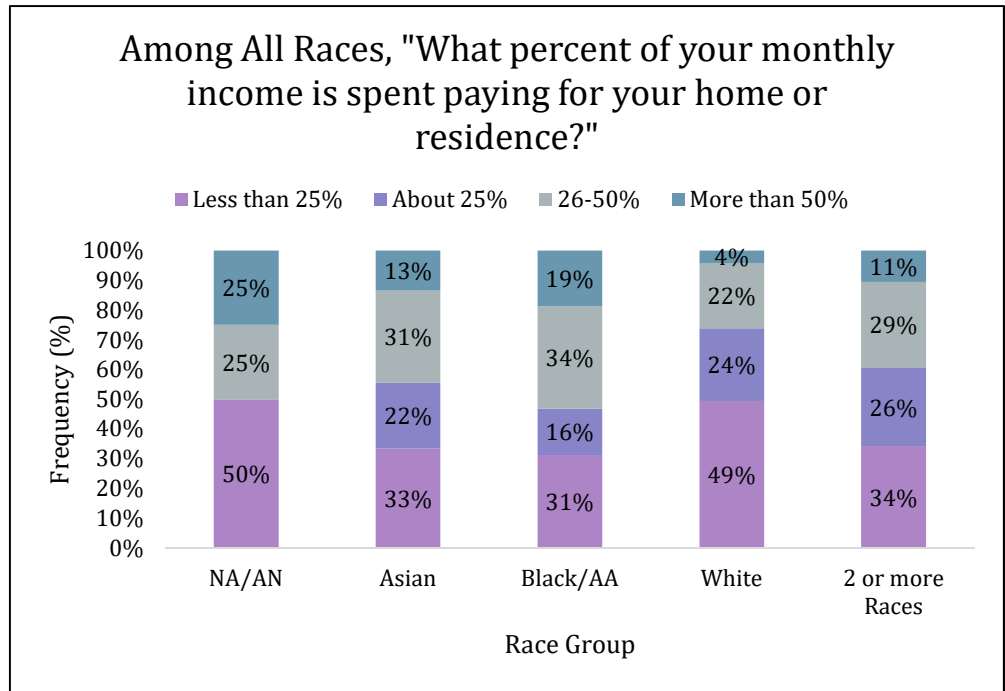
### Income and Housing

The survey aimed to gauge the affordability of housing in Skokie and the financial strain it places on residents in relation to their income. Respondents were asked to estimate the portion of their monthly income allocated to housing expenses, including rent or mortgage payments. It is generally recommended that individuals or households spend 30% or less of their monthly income on housing.

The data was further analyzed, considering both race and age groups. The majority of respondents across all racial backgrounds and age groups reported spending less than 25% or between 26-50% of their monthly income on housing. However, concerning figures were observed among specific demographics. For instance, 25% of Native Americans and Alaska Natives, and 19% of Black respondents indicated that they spend more than 50% of their monthly income on housing, suggesting a significant financial burden for some individuals within these communities.

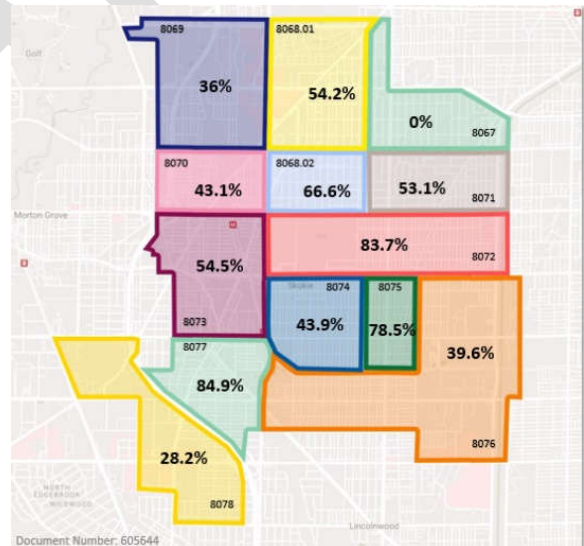
This analysis sheds light on the housing affordability disparities in Skokie, emphasizing the need for targeted measures to alleviate the economic strain experienced by certain racial groups and age demographics. Addressing these issues can contribute to a more equitable and sustainable housing

situation for all residents. When analyzed by age, most older respondents spend about 25% or less of their monthly income on housing. The 49 or younger age group is more likely to spend more of their monthly income on housing, spending between 26-50% of their monthly income on housing.



### Rent Costs/Burden

Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the median gross rent cost in the Village of Skokie is \$1,287 per month. Zip code 60076 has the highest proportion of rentals exceeding \$1,000. The report indicates that 54.1% of Skokie residents face rent burden, which means they spend over 30% of their household income on rent. The census tract 8077 exhibits the highest percentage of residents experiencing rent burden at 84.9%, while 8067 has the lowest percentage at 0%. However, it is essential to exercise caution when interpreting these numbers as certain rentals, such as short-term or private rentals, may not have been accurately reported.



## Housing Occupancy

In the Village of Skokie, there are a total of 22,503 housing units, with 93.2% of them currently occupied. The remaining 6.8% are reported as vacant. Among the occupied units, a majority of 72.2% are owned by their residents, while the remaining 27.8% are rented.

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2016-2020

	Skokie	
	Count	Percent
<b>Occupied Housing Units</b>	22,503	93.2
Owner-Occupied*	16,247	72.2
Renter-Occupied*	6,256	27.8
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	1,650	6.8

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

## Household Income Spent on Housing

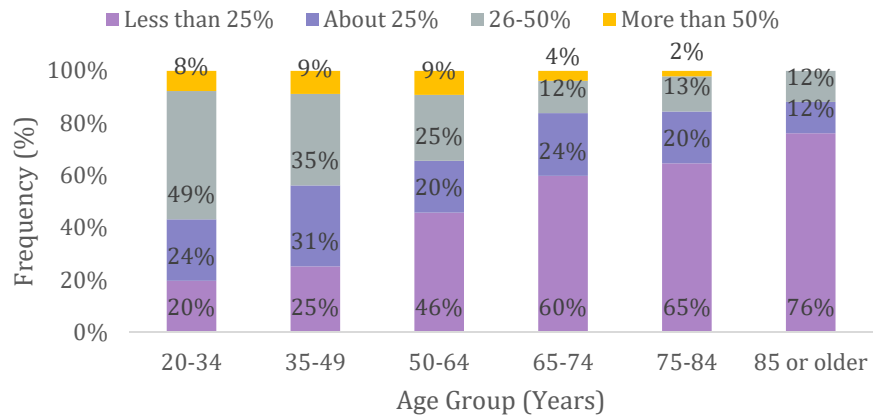
The percentage of income spent on housing varies significantly among different income brackets. Lower-income individuals allocate a higher portion of their income to housing costs. For instance, a considerable number of households earning less than \$20,000 spend 30% or more on housing. On the other hand, higher-income individuals, earning \$75,000 or more, tend to spend a smaller proportion of their income, with many households in this bracket spending less than 20% on housing.

The middle-income bracket, ranging from \$50,000 to \$74,999, shows a more balanced distribution of housing expenditure. Each group within this bracket allocates approximately 6% of their income to housing costs.

	Skokie	
	Count	Percent
<b>Less than \$20,000</b>	2,183	10.0
Less than 20 Percent	0	0.0
20 to 29 Percent	105	0.5
30 Percent or More	2,078	9.5
<b>\$20,000 to \$49,999</b>	4,381	20.1
Less than 20 Percent	385	1.8
20 to 29 Percent	766	3.5
30 Percent or More	3,230	14.8
<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999</b>	4,099	18.8
Less than 20 Percent	1,336	6.1
20 to 29 Percent	1,365	6.3
30 Percent or More	1,398	6.4
<b>\$75,000 or More</b>	11,172	51.2
Less than 20 Percent	7,581	34.7
20 to 29 Percent	2,412	11.0
30 Percent or More	1,179	5.4

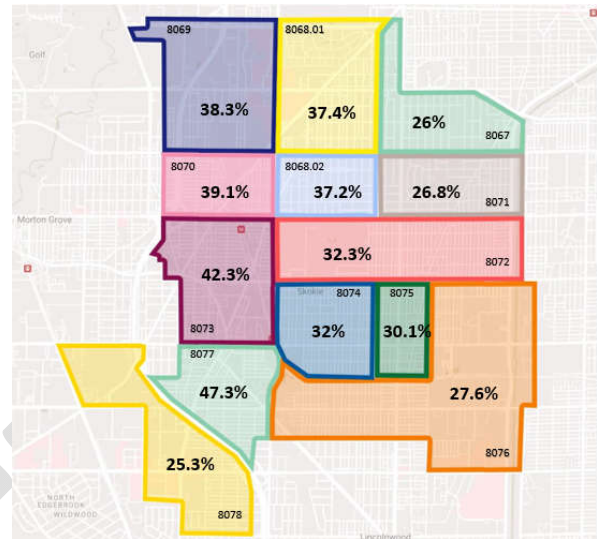
## Among All Ages, "What percent of your monthly income is spent paying for your home or residence?"

Source: Skokie Community Health Assessment



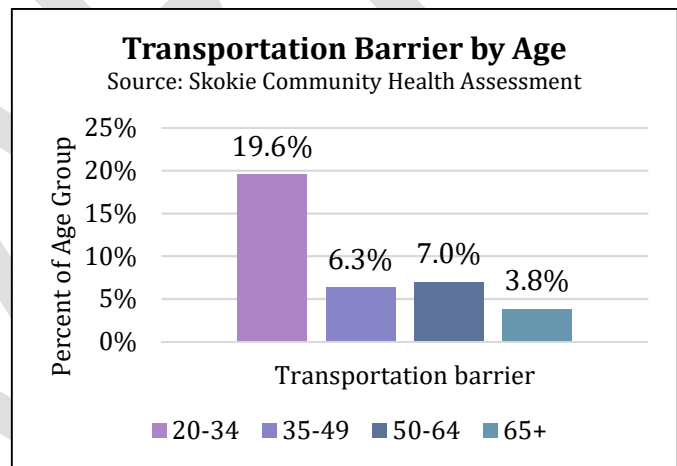
## Housing Burden

Upon analyzing specific census tracts, it becomes evident that 8077 exhibits the highest percentage of individuals allocating 30% or more of their income towards housing expenses. On the contrary, census tract 8067 displays the lowest percentage of such individuals. Overall, within the Village, approximately 35% of households spend 30% or more of their income on housing, aligning closely with the national average of 34.2%.



## Transportation Data

Out of the 1,200 people surveyed, 93.6% reported experiencing no transportation barriers in the last 12 months. However, for those who did face obstacles, the age group between 20 and 34 reported the highest transportation barriers at 19.6%, while seniors aged 65 and above reported the lowest transportation barriers at only 3.8%.

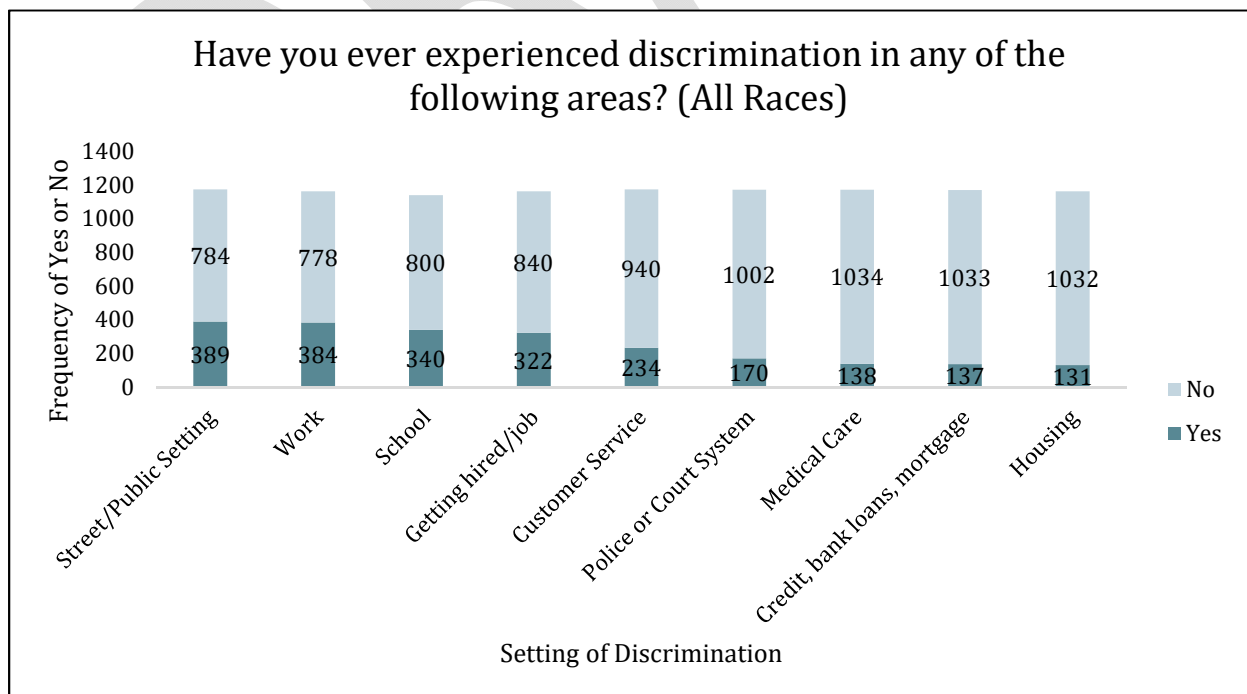
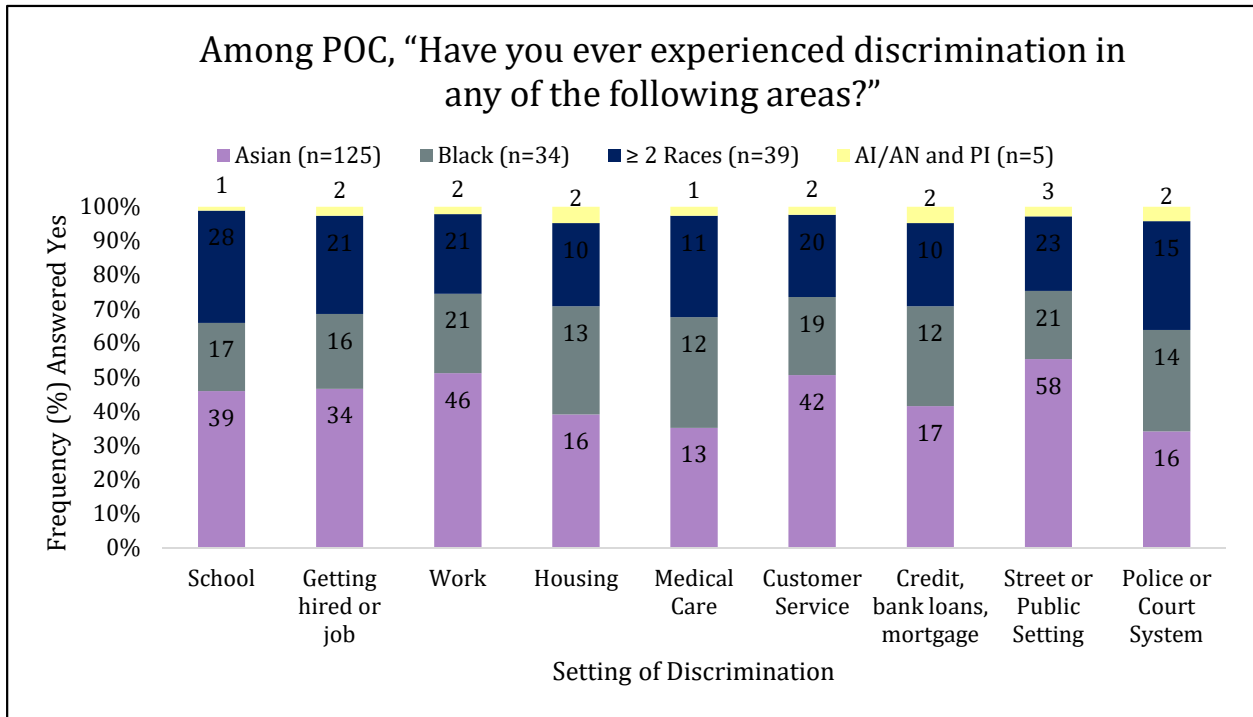


## Discrimination Data

Participants were requested to indicate any locations in the Village where they might have experienced discrimination. This data was then analyzed both by race and in a broader context to shed light on the prevalence of discrimination within the community.

The findings revealed that the most commonly reported locations where individuals felt discrimination occurred were in street/public settings, workplaces, schools, and during the job application process. However, it is noteworthy that the proportion of respondents affirming experiencing discrimination in these places accounted for only about 33% or less of the total responses received.

This question was also analyzed by races. For this analysis, respondents who self-identified as White were excluded to analyze the discrimination experienced by the respondents of color. This is important as the survey respondents were skewed, and the White population was overrepresented in survey responses when compared to its percentage in the general population. This table shows the number of respondents who answered in the affirmative, that they did experience discrimination, and in which places they identified as feeling discriminated against in.



# Local Public Health Assessment

## Scoring and Notes

This Local Public Health Assessment was completed looking at the competencies and essential services provided by the Skokie Health and Human Services Department. This was an internal assessment completed with input from the Director of Health and Human Services, the Community Health Services Supervisor, a long-standing employee of the department, the Environmental Health Supervisor, and the Public Health Coordinator. This assessment only assessed the Skokie HHS system; therefore, it must be noted that there are certain areas that are not possible to be fully represented, due to exclusions of the other systems. The Skokie HHS is a state-certified municipal public health department. In addition to the HHS, there are several other public health stakeholders and services that play a crucial role in ensuring public health in Skokie. These include, but are not limited to, the Northshore University Healthcare system, three local Federally Qualified Health Centers, local medical providers, pharmacies, and schools. These entities collectively address a wide range of competencies that may not be fully addressed by the HHS alone. In future assessments, HHS will consider including the other public health stakeholders in this assessment, rather than attempting to improve or expand the responsibilities of the HHS and HHS's duties in the public health sector. A focus on improving competencies that scored the lowest, will be the priority of this IPLAN cycle.

The following scale was used to score each essential service.

- 0%: No Activity
- 25%: Minimal Activity
- 50%: Moderate Activity
- 75%: Significant Activity
- 100%: Optimal Activity

## **Essential Service 1: Monitor Health Status to Identify Community Health Problems**

Average Score: 81.25

The Skokie Health and Human Services (HHS) has demonstrated commendable efforts in maintaining population health registries. These registries serve as valuable repositories of health data, enabling comprehensive assessments of the community's well-being and other related analyses. The HHS adopts state-of-the-art technology and methodologies to monitor, analyze, present, and visualize data. However, as with any system, there is always scope for improvement.

Given the size of the HHS staff, conducting in-depth geographic analyses to identify priority problem areas across the community can be challenging. Nonetheless, the HHS has managed to provide a satisfactory level of service in fulfilling this critical function.

To enhance their services further, the HHS could focus on two key areas. Firstly, investing in technological advancements would facilitate more in-depth and efficient analyses of health data. This could involve leveraging emerging data analytics tools and artificial intelligence to gain deeper insights into the health concerns of the community.

Secondly, promoting greater community involvement in the process of community health assessments would be beneficial. Engaging with the residents, local organizations, and healthcare providers can yield valuable perspectives on prevalent health issues and potential solutions. This



approach fosters a collaborative effort to address health challenges and ensures that the assessments accurately reflect the needs and concerns of the people they serve.

In conclusion, while the Skokie HHS does an admirable job in maintaining population health registries and conducting community health assessments, there are opportunities for improvement. By embracing technological advancements and fostering community involvement, the HHS can enhance its ability to address the evolving health needs of the community effectively.

### **Essential Service 2: Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems and Health Hazards**

Average Score: 92.5

The HHS proactively engages with licensed laboratories to address public health needs consistently, even in challenging times like pandemics and emergencies. Additionally, it actively participates in comprehensive surveillance systems at all levels while keeping essential resources and information up-to-date, ensuring their readiness for emergencies.

However, there are areas where the HHS could further enhance its effectiveness. One crucial aspect is the development and continuous updating of written materials to expedite the investigation of public health threats and emergencies. By doing so, they can respond promptly and efficiently in critical situations. Moreover, the HHS should also focus on evaluating the effectiveness of current practices regularly. This evaluation will not only help in addressing immediate concerns but also reveal opportunities for future improvements, allowing the agency to stay at the forefront of public health management and response.

### **Essential Service 3: Inform, Educate, and Empower People about Health Issues**

Average Score: 75

The HHS demonstrates commendable competence in risk communication, encompassing comprehensive employee training, resource accessibility during emergencies, and the formulation of emergency communication plans for all stages of crises. However, there are several areas that could be enhanced to improve their overall effectiveness.

One crucial aspect for enhancement is the development of health communications plans concerning media and public dissemination of pertinent information. By establishing a robust strategy for engaging with media outlets and effectively sharing crucial updates with the public, the HHS can ensure accurate and timely information reaches the masses.

Additionally, the HHS should strive to enhance its community engagement efforts, particularly through health promotional events and health education initiatives at all levels. Collaborating with the community will foster a stronger understanding of their needs and enable the development of public health priorities that resonate with the population.

To achieve these objectives, the HHS should focus on strengthening connections between policymakers, stakeholders, and the public. A key step towards this goal would be to ensure adequate staffing levels and the identification of a well-trained spokesperson. This spokesperson would effectively represent the HHS's messages, fostering trust and transparency with the public and other key stakeholders.



By addressing these areas of improvement, the HHS can elevate its risk communication efforts to new heights, solidifying its position as a reliable and effective institution dedicated to safeguarding public health.

#### **Essential Service 4: Mobilize Community Partnerships to Identify and Solve Health Problems**

Average Score: 67.9

The Skokie Health and Human Services (HHS) plays a vital role in enhancing the well-being of our community members. Our primary objective is to foster strong community partnerships and alliances, constantly striving to improve the overall health of our residents. We firmly believe that active participation and collaboration from constituents are essential for achieving this goal.

To facilitate better communication and engagement on public health issues, we are committed to enhancing our existing communication forums. This includes utilizing various platforms and channels to effectively reach out to the community and encourage their active involvement in health-related activities and strategies.

Moreover, we recognize the importance of diverse perspectives and representation in shaping community health initiatives. To ensure a well-rounded approach, we are actively working towards establishing a comprehensive community health improvement committee. This committee will include representatives from all sectors of our community, promoting inclusivity and avoiding over-concentration in any specific field or sector.

Our dedication to continuous improvement extends to evaluating our partnerships regularly. By doing so, we can nurture existing relationships and explore opportunities for creating new ones. This will enable us to adapt and respond effectively to the changing needs of our community.

Together, with the active engagement of community members and the establishment of a diverse and inclusive health improvement committee, we will continue striving for a healthier and stronger Skokie community. Your active participation is crucial in this journey, and we encourage you to join hands with us to shape a healthier future for all.

#### **Essential Service 5: Develop Policies and Plans that Support Individual and Community Health Efforts**

Average Score: 56.25

Enhancing the performance of this essential service is a crucial area that requires some improvement from the HHS. One primary focus should be on strengthening their relationships with policymakers in the community to better address the public health implications of existing and proposed policies. To achieve this, the HHS should actively engage with community partners, aiming for sustained participation, and collaboratively develop a standardized and strategic community health improvement plan. Such a plan must take into account the valuable input from community members, stakeholders, and organizations.

In the pursuit of these goals, the HHS could benefit from evaluating and learning from other successful public health organizations. By benchmarking against best practices, the HHS can identify areas of opportunity and refine their approach. The main challenges hindering progress in this essential service are limited resources, personnel constraints, and community outreach limitations.

To summarize, by prioritizing stronger collaborations with policymakers, fostering ongoing engagement with community partners, and adopting a data-driven approach through lessons learned from successful organizations, the HHS can significantly enhance their ability to execute key competencies within this critical service. It is imperative that they address the challenges head-on to make a more meaningful and lasting impact on public health in the community.

### **Essential Service 6: Enforce Laws and Regulations that Protect Health and Ensure Safety**

Average Score: 100

The HHS completed to the fullest of its capabilities, all the competencies that fall under this essential service. The HHS will continue to work to fulfill this essential service.

### **Essential Service 7: Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Health Care when Otherwise Unavailable**

Average Score: 96.9

The HHS nearly fulfills all the competencies within this essential service. One area for improvement would be to better identify all personal health service needs and unmet needs throughout the community. This competency could be fulfilled with more collaboration between community partners and greater access to data from sources outside of the HHS Department.

### **Essential Service 8: Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Care Workforce**

Average Score: 76.7

The HHS has made significant efforts in maintaining public health workforce standards by focusing on education, training, mentoring, and leadership development. However, there are several potential areas for improvement within these competencies.

One key area that could benefit from enhancement is informal leadership training and development. While the HHS has been effective in its formal leadership programs, incorporating informal leadership training can provide additional opportunities for staff to develop leadership skills in everyday situations, leading to a more empowered and capable workforce.

Another aspect that requires attention is the tracking of current public and personal health care workforce jobs and the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for local public health positions. By regularly updating and analyzing this information, the HHS can better align training and educational programs to meet the specific needs of the community and ensure a competent workforce.

Furthermore, the findings from workforce assessments should be made readily available to community organizations and groups. This transparency can foster collaboration and enable relevant stakeholders to identify areas for improvement and collectively address gaps in the local public health workforce.

Currently, there seems to be a disconnect between the workforce assessment and its practical application to address gaps in the local public health workforce. The HHS should actively use the assessment results to develop targeted interventions, training programs, and recruitment strategies to fill those gaps effectively.

While these areas hold promise for improvement, the HHS faces resource limitations. It's evident that community support can play a crucial role in assisting the HHS to meet these competencies fully. Engaging community stakeholders and organizations can not only provide valuable input and resources but also foster a sense of ownership and collaboration in addressing public health challenges.

In summary, the HHS has achieved success in several aspects of maintaining public health workforce standards, but there is room for improvement. By implementing informal leadership training, tracking workforce data, sharing assessment findings, and collaborating with community stakeholders, the HHS can further strengthen its efforts and ensure a more resilient and capable public health workforce.

### **Essential Service 9: Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality of Personal and Population-Based Health Services**

Average Score: 88.5

The HHS demonstrates a strong commitment to fulfilling the competencies within this essential service. They actively evaluate the effectiveness of population-based health services, identifying and addressing gaps in their provision while ensuring accessibility to these services. However, there are opportunities for improvement. To enhance their performance, the HHS should establish a systematic method to compare the quality of community health services against established guidelines. This would enable them to measure the effectiveness of these services more accurately and identify areas that require attention. Recognizing the significance of collaboration with external public health providers, the HHS will maintain constant communication with stakeholders to ensure community access to available services. Strengthening these partnerships will lead to better coordination and more efficient service delivery.

Furthermore, a more comprehensive evaluation of population-based services, personal health services, and local public health services is necessary. This data-driven approach will provide valuable insights to make informed decisions regarding improvements in accessibility, quality, and effectiveness.

To achieve these goals, the HHS must foster better collaboration and communication with organizations that provide personal health services and other local health services. By conducting a thorough evaluation of all existing services and tapping into available resources, they can effectively enhance these areas and deliver higher-quality services to the community.

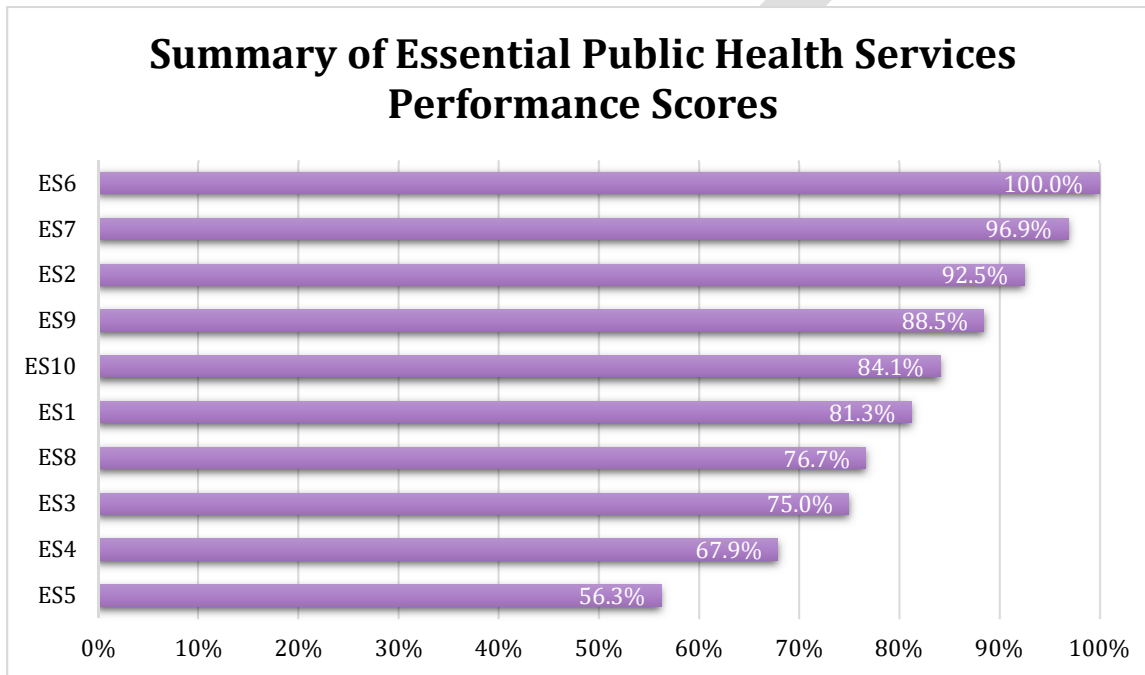
### **Essential Service 10: Research for New Insights and Innovative Solutions to Health Problems**

Average Score: 84.1

The HHS plays a crucial role in fulfilling essential services but faces certain limitations in conducting comprehensive research studies that involve community members and key stakeholders. Despite recognizing the importance of research to test innovative public health solutions, HHS has limited staffing resources for such endeavors. To bridge this gap, HHS has built strong partnerships with institutions of higher learning, seeking to leverage their expertise for the community's benefit.

One area where improvement is needed is the evaluation of public health systems research efforts at the local level. Due to staffing constraints, HHS is not currently the primary investigator in health-related research studies conducted in Skokie or among Skokie residents. However, HHS remains supportive of community research undertaken by external institutions, contributing to the research process as a partner rather than a primary facilitator.

To enhance their impact, HHS could explore ways to expand staffing resources and seek additional collaboration with external partners. This would enable them to take a more active role in evaluating research efforts and actively leading studies. By strengthening their position in health-related research, HHS can better serve the community and drive innovative solutions to public health challenges



Based on the summary chart above, Essential Service 5, Develop Policies and Plans that Support Individual and Community Health Efforts, is a priority area for the Village to prioritize on first. It is possible that if other local public health service providers were included in this assessment, some of the lower scoring essential services would see overall improvement to their scores.

## **Community Health Improvement Plan**

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a result of a collaborative effort among various stakeholders within a community to identify and address the health needs and priorities of the population. This plan was developed with the Skokie Health and Human Services being the lead organization working collaboratively with healthcare organizations, community-based organizations, government agencies, and community members through the MAPP process. The MAPP process has resulted in the identification of three priority health issues that require attention. For each of these prioritized issues, the CHIP outlines specific objectives, strategies and action steps while also creating a plan for implementation the plan and ongoing evaluation.

From November 2022 to June 2023, Skokie HHS and its partners held community partner meetings to determine and prioritize three top critical community health improvement priority issues. These priority issues are:

1. Access to Healthcare
2. Access to Behavioral Health
3. Affordable Housing

To facilitate this process, the Skokie Health Equity Network steering committee was established, consisting of individuals from diverse backgrounds and various health and support organizations in Skokie. This committee plays a crucial role in overseeing action planning, implementing the plan, and evaluating progress across all priority issues. Additionally, they are responsible for recruiting more participants and securing necessary resources for successful plan implementation.

To ensure that data plays a central role in the decision-making process, a data team was formed. Their responsibilities include collecting, reviewing, analyzing, interpreting, and presenting available public data, as well as identifying new data sources, extracting relevant information, and using the data to develop SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) goals and objectives for each priority issue.

Furthermore, to address each of the identified priority issues, three action teams were established, with one team assigned to each priority issue. Skokie residents and subject matter experts were invited to join these action teams. Between February 2023 and June 2023, these teams collaboratively worked together to identify SMART objectives and create appropriate actions and strategies tailored to the needs of the Skokie community, leveraging the data collected earlier in the process. These action teams also determined which individuals, organizations, and stakeholders should be involved to ensure the successful achievement of the identified objectives.

Through the implementation of this comprehensive approach, the Community Health Improvement Plan endeavors to effectively address priority health issues in Skokie while promoting a healthier and more equitable community.

## **Access to Healthcare**

### Description of problem

Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right and ensuring equitable access to healthcare services is crucial for promoting social justice. By addressing the health needs of Skokie's diverse population, particularly immigrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking residents, we can strive towards a more equitable society where everyone has equal opportunities to lead healthy lives.

### Importance of the need for Access to Healthcare

- **Improved Health Outcomes:** Access to timely and appropriate healthcare plays a vital role in improving health outcomes. When individuals have access to regular preventive care, early intervention, and necessary treatments, they are more likely to experience better health outcomes, lower rates of chronic disease, and improved overall well-being. By addressing the barriers to healthcare access in Skokie, we can positively impact the health outcomes of the community.
- **Disease Prevention and Control:** Accessible healthcare services are essential for disease prevention, early detection, and control. Timely access to screenings, vaccinations, and preventive measures can help identify and address health issues at an early stage, reducing the burden of preventable diseases and promoting community well-being. By ensuring that all residents can access necessary healthcare services, we can enhance disease prevention efforts in Skokie.
- **Economic Impact:** Improving access to healthcare can have positive economic effects on the community. When individuals have access to healthcare services, they are more likely to receive appropriate care for their health conditions, leading to improved productivity, reduced absenteeism, and lower healthcare costs in the long run. A healthier population also contributes to a stronger workforce and economic stability within the community.
- **Community Resilience:** Access to healthcare is an essential component of community resilience. When individuals and families have access to healthcare services, they are better equipped to manage health crises, respond to emergencies, and recover from adverse health events. Strengthening access to healthcare in Skokie will contribute to the overall resilience of the community in the face of health challenges.

### Summary of data

Approximately 19.48% of pregnant individuals in Skokie did not receive timely prenatal care in 2020, which amounts to about 1 in 5 pregnancies. Although this rate is comparatively lower than that in Evanston and Oak Park, it still raises concerns as it represents a significant portion of pregnant individuals lacking essential prenatal care.

This finding underscores the importance of identifying and addressing potential barriers that prevent pregnant individuals in Skokie from accessing prenatal care services promptly. By doing so, we can ensure that pregnant individuals receive the necessary and adequate care required for a healthy pregnancy. Taking proactive measures to overcome these obstacles will contribute to improved maternal and child health outcomes in Skokie.

Based on a convenience sample survey of Skokie residents, it was found that merely 45.3% of the employed population have access to health insurance benefits from their employers. An even smaller percentage, only 35%, have paid sick leave, which could potentially be a contributing factor to the lower rate of pregnant women seeking prenatal care in Skokie.

### Relationship to Healthy People 2030

- Reduce the proportion of people who are unable to obtain or delay receiving necessary medical care.
- Increase the proportion of pregnant women who receive early and adequate prenatal care.

### Factor analysis

In Skokie, a striking 38 percent of its residents are foreign-born, contributing to a vibrant community with over 90 different languages spoken in homes. However, this linguistic diversity also poses significant challenges in accessing healthcare services for many individuals.

One of the primary obstacles is the language barrier, which can impede effective communication between healthcare providers and patients. Without proper understanding, patients may struggle to convey their symptoms, medical history, and concerns accurately, hindering the delivery of appropriate care.

Moreover, these residents often encounter difficulties due to their unfamiliarity with the healthcare system and cultural differences. Navigating the intricacies of healthcare processes, finding suitable healthcare providers, and comprehending available resources become daunting tasks.

Additionally, the lack of health insurance coverage further exacerbates the situation. Many residents may be hesitant to seek medical attention due to financial concerns, leading to delayed or inadequate treatment.

Furthermore, access to interpreters and translated healthcare materials is limited, compounding the issues faced by these residents. The scarcity of language support hampers their ability to comprehend medical information and make informed decisions about their health.

Addressing these challenges requires targeted efforts to bridge the language and cultural gaps within the healthcare system. Providing better language support, increasing the availability of interpreters, and offering translated materials can significantly improve communication and enhance the overall quality of care for Skokie's diverse population. Additionally, efforts to increase awareness of available healthcare resources and services can empower residents to proactively seek medical assistance when needed, fostering a healthier and more inclusive community.

## Objectives and strategies

**Focus Area:** Access to Healthcare

**Strategy:** Develop Partnerships for a Formal Referral Network

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2028 the Skokie Health Equity Network will decrease the percent of pregnant women who receive late or no prenatal care from 19.5% to 14.5%.

**Outcome Objective:** By 8/31/2028 at least 100 pregnant Skokie residents will have been connected to prenatal care through the Skokie Health Equity Network’s referral program.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
<p><b>Research and analysis:</b>            Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current healthcare access and referral systems in Skokie.</p> <p>Identify the key barriers and challenges that pregnant women face in accessing timely prenatal care.</p> <p>Explore successful models and best practices from other communities that have improved access to prenatal care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Team</li> <li>• Access to Healthcare Team</li> <li>• Niles Township Early Childhood Alliance</li> </ul>	9/01/23-11/30/23	Human Partnerships Meeting space	Human Partnerships Meeting space



<p><b>Stakeholder engagement:</b> Identify and engage key stakeholders, including healthcare providers, community organizations, government agencies, and advocacy groups, who can contribute to improving access to prenatal care.</p> <p>Conduct meetings, focus groups, and surveys to gather input and insights from stakeholders regarding their needs, challenges, and potential solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Healthcare Team</li> <li>• Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>• Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>• AHS - Family Health Center</li> <li>• Advocate Lutheran General Hospital</li> <li>• Ascension St. Francis Hospital</li> <li>• WIC providers</li> <li>• Niles Township Early Childhood Alliance</li> <li>• NorthShore Evanston Hospital</li> </ul>	<p>10/1/23 - 12/31/23</p>	<p>Human Partnerships Meeting space</p>	<p>Human Partnerships Meeting space</p>
<p><b>Partnership development:</b> Establish partnerships with healthcare providers, clinics, hospitals, and other relevant organizations to develop a formal referral network. Define the criteria and guidelines for participation in the referral network.</p> <p>Collaborate with partners to streamline the referral process and ensure timely access to prenatal care for pregnant women.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Healthcare Team</li> <li>• Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>• Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>• AHS - Family Health Center</li> <li>• Advocate Lutheran General Hospital</li> <li>• Ascension St. Francis Hospital</li> <li>• WIC providers</li> <li>• Niles Township Early Childhood Alliance</li> <li>• NorthShore University Health System</li> </ul>	<p>1/1/24 - 4/30/24</p>	<p>Partnerships Financial</p>	<p>Partnerships Financial</p>

<p>Develop formal agreements or memoranda of understanding with partner organizations to outline roles, responsibilities, and expectations.</p>				
<p><b>Resource allocation:</b>  Assess the resources required to support the implementation of the referral network.  Secure funding or allocate existing resources to support the development and maintenance of the referral network.  Explore potential grants, sponsorships, or partnerships with philanthropic organizations to enhance the available resources.</p>	<p>Steering Committee</p>	<p>3/1/24 - 5/31/24</p>	<p>Human  Partnerships  Meeting space</p>	<p>Human  Partnerships  Meeting space  Financial</p>
<p><b>Training and education:</b>  Provide training on the referral process, guidelines, and tools to ensure efficient and effective coordination within the network.  Educate pregnant women and their families about the benefits of early prenatal care and the availability of the referral network.</p>	<p>Access to Healthcare Team</p>	<p>5/1/24 - 6/30/24</p>	<p>Data expertise</p>	<p>Data expertise</p>

<p><b>Implementation and monitoring:</b> Roll out the formal referral network, ensuring all necessary systems, processes, and tools are in place.</p> <p>Monitor the utilization of the referral network, track the number of pregnant women referred, and measure the percentage receiving timely prenatal care.</p> <p>Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the referral network and adjust as needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Healthcare Team</li> <li>• Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>• Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>• AHS - Family Health Center</li> <li>• Advocate Lutheran General Hospital</li> <li>• Ascension St. Francis Hospital</li> <li>• WIC providers</li> <li>• Niles Township Early Childhood Alliance</li> <li>• Data Team</li> </ul>	7/1/24 - 8/31/28	Human Partnerships	Human Partnerships Financial
<p><b>Collaboration and communication:</b> Foster ongoing collaboration and communication among the partner organizations within the referral network.</p> <p>Share success stories, challenges, and lessons learned to promote knowledge sharing and continuous improvement.</p> <p>Communicate the availability of the referral network and the importance of prenatal care to the broader community through various channels, such as</p>	Access to Healthcare Team	Ongoing	Human Data Expertise	Human Data Expertise

community events, social media, and local media outlets.				
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**Focus Area:** Access to Healthcare

**Strategy:** Develop data collection process related to linguistically appropriate care

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2024 the Skokie Health Equity Network will establish baseline data of the languages spoken by primary care providers at the three local federally qualified health centers.

**Outcome Objective:** By 8/31/2024 the Skokie Health Equity Network will utilize data collected to create a linguistically appropriate healthcare plan, that includes many languages spoken in Skokie; the plan to be shared with local Federally Qualified Health Centers with recommendations to improve the quality of healthcare services to the community.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
<b>Define the scope and methodology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the specific languages to be included in the data collection.</li> <li>Decide on the timeframe for data collection (e.g., number of months or years).</li> <li>Establish criteria for identifying primary care providers within the health centers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>AHS - Family Health Center</li> <li>Data Team</li> </ul>	9/01/23 - 10/31/23	Human Partnerships	Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise

<p><b>Identify stakeholders and establish partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and engage key stakeholders such as the federally qualified health centers, local healthcare organizations, language services providers, community members, and advocacy groups.</li> <li>Seek their support and collaboration for the data collection efforts.</li> <li>Build partnerships with the federally qualified health centers and other stakeholders.</li> <li>Secure their commitment to participate in the data collection process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>AHS - Family Health Center</li> <li>Data Team</li> </ul>	<p>11/1/23 - 12/31/23</p>	<p>Human Partnerships</p>	<p>Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise</p>
<p><b>Develop data collection tools/process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create appropriate tools, such as surveys or questionnaires, to collect data on the languages spoken by primary care providers.</li> <li>Ensure the tools are culturally sensitive and accessible to all providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skokie Health &amp; Human Services Dept.</li> <li>Data Team</li> </ul>	<p>1/1/24 - 1/31/24</p>	<p>Partnerships Data Team</p>	<p>Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise</p>
<p><b>Train data collectors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training to individuals who will collect the data.</li> </ul>	<p>Skokie Health &amp; Human Services Dept.</p>	<p>2/1/24 - 2/28/24</p>	<p>Partnerships Data Team</p>	<p>Human: HR staff Partnerships</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate them on the purpose of the project, data collection protocols, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality.</li> </ul>				Data expertise
<p><b>Implement data collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach out to primary care providers at the federally qualified health centers.</li> <li>Request their participation in the data collection by providing information on the languages they speak.</li> </ul>	Access to Healthcare Team	3/1/24 – 5/31/24	Human Partnerships Data Team	Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise
<p><b>Compile and analyze data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize and analyze the collected data to establish a baseline of the languages spoken by primary care providers.</li> <li>Utilize appropriate statistical methods and software for data analysis.</li> </ul>	Access to Healthcare Team	6/1/24 – 6/30/24	Data Team	Data expertise Financial
<p><b>Document and report findings and advocate for change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a comprehensive report documenting the findings and insights gained from the data analysis.</li> <li>Include recommendations for improving language access in healthcare services based on the identified languages spoken by providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skokie Health &amp; Human Dept.</li> <li>Access to Healthcare Team</li> <li>Data Team</li> </ul>	7/1/24 - 7/31/24	Data Team	Data expertise

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the report as a basis for advocating policy changes or interventions.</li> <li>• Engage with local policymakers, healthcare organizations, and community members to raise awareness and support for improved language access in healthcare.</li> </ul>				
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**Evaluation plan:**

1. Conduct regular surveys and interviews with Skokie residents, particularly those from immigrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking backgrounds, to assess their experiences and challenges in accessing healthcare.
2. Monitor and analyze healthcare utilization data to track the proportion of individuals obtaining necessary medical care and prenatal services over time.
3. Collaborate with healthcare providers to collect data on the number of interpreter services utilized and patient satisfaction levels with language access.

**Communication plan:**

1. Develop a targeted marketing campaign using various channels such as social media, local newspapers, and community bulletin boards to disseminate information about available healthcare resources and services.
2. Establish partnerships with local multicultural media outlets to promote healthcare awareness among diverse communities.
3. Organize community forums and town hall meetings to address concerns and gather feedback from residents regarding access to healthcare.
4. Maintain an active online presence through a dedicated website and social media platforms to provide up-to-date information, answer queries, and foster community engagement.

# Access to Behavioral Health

## Description and Importance of Need for Access to Behavioral Health

Access to behavioral health is a critical priority in Skokie, mirroring its significance throughout the Chicago area. The situation has been further accentuated by the influx of new immigrants, refugees, and asylees arriving in Skokie, many of whom have endured traumatic experiences. Ensuring access to behavioral health services in Skokie, with a special focus on immigrant populations, is indispensable for fostering individual well-being, bolstering community resilience, promoting preventive care, reducing stigma, and enhancing the overall healthcare system. Acknowledging and addressing this pressing health need will enable Skokie's behavioral health providers to collaboratively create a healthier and more inclusive environment for all residents.

## Summary of data

The local behavioral health organizations accepting Medicaid are encountering several workforce challenges, contributing significantly to the presence of lengthy wait lists. A key factor behind this issue is the Medicaid reimbursement rate for Behavioral Health services at the Local Federally Qualified Health Centers, which is less than half of the rate for medical services. Specifically, while the average reimbursement rate for medical services stands at \$166.81, the Medicaid behavioral health rate is considerably lower at \$69.12.

To shed light on the community's perspective, around 1,200 residents completed a health survey. The survey results indicated that accessing mental health services was not easy for 50.6% of respondents, in stark contrast to only 20.8% who faced similar difficulties in accessing medical care. This suggests a significant disparity in the ease of obtaining mental health services for those relying on Medicaid in the region.

## Relationship to Healthy People 2030

- Increase the proportion of persons with mental health disorders who receive treatment.
- Increase the number of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that provide mental health and substance abuse services.

## Factors analysis

Residents of Skokie are placed on wait lists and/or have challenges finding a behavioral health provider that speaks their language. The limited accessibility to behavioral health providers in Skokie is influenced by various factors, including the following:

- Language barriers
- Workforce challenges
- Medicaid reimbursement rates
- Limited cultural competency
- Stigma and mental health awareness
- Fragmented healthcare system



## Objectives and strategies

**Focus Area:** Access to Behavioral Health Services

**Strategy:** Develop data collection process related to linguistically appropriate care

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2024 the Skokie Health Equity Network will establish baseline data of the languages spoken by behavioral health providers at the three local federally qualified health centers and local community-based mental health organizations.

**Outcome Objective:** By 8/31/2024, the Skokie Health Equity Network will utilize data to create a linguistically appropriate behavioral healthcare plan, that includes many languages spoken in Skokie; the plan to be shared with local Federally Qualified Health Centers and community-based mental health organizations, with recommendations to improve the quality of behavioral health services to the community.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
<p><b>Define the scope and methodology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the specific languages to be included in the data collection.</li> <li>Decide on the timeframe for data collection (e.g., number of months or years).</li> <li>Establish criteria for identifying primary care providers within the health centers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to Behavioral Health Team</li> <li>Turning Point</li> <li>Impact</li> <li>Metro Family Serv.</li> <li>JCFS</li> <li>Trilogy</li> <li>Ascension/St. Francis</li> <li>Peer Services</li> <li>Behavioral Health Ctr</li> <li>Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>Tapestry 360 Health</li> </ul>	9/1/23 - 10/31/23	Human Partnerships	Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHS - Asian Family Health Center</li> <li>• Data Team</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Identify stakeholders and establish partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and engage key stakeholders such as the federally qualified health centers, local healthcare organizations, language services providers, community members, and advocacy groups.</li> <li>• Seek their support and collaboration for the data collection efforts.</li> <li>• Build partnerships with the federally qualified health centers and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Secure their commitment to participate in the data collection process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Behavioral Health Team</li> <li>• Turning Point</li> <li>• Impact Behavioral Health Partners</li> <li>• Metro Family Serv.</li> <li>• JCFS</li> <li>• Trilogy</li> <li>• Ascension/St. Francis</li> <li>• Peer Services</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Ctr</li> <li>• Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>• Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>• AHS - Asian Family Health Center</li> <li>• Data Team</li> </ul>	11/1/23 - 12/31/23	Human Partnerships	Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise
<p><b>Develop data collection tools/process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create appropriate tools, such as surveys or questionnaires, to collect data on the languages spoken by primary care providers.</li> <li>• Ensure the tools are culturally sensitive and accessible to all providers.</li> </ul>	Skokie Health & Human Dept. Data Team	1/1/24 - 1/31/24	Partnerships Data Team	Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise

<p><b>Train data collectors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide training to individuals who will collect the data.</li> <li>• Educate them on the purpose of the project, data collection protocols, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality.</li> </ul>	<p>Access to Behavioral Health Team</p>	<p>2/1/24 - 2/28/24</p>	<p>Partnerships Data Team</p>	<p>Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise</p>
<p><b>Implement data collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to primary care providers at the federally qualified health centers.</li> <li>• Request their participation in the data collection by providing information on the languages they speak.</li> </ul>	<p>Access to Behavioral Health Team</p>	<p>3/1/24 - 5/31/24</p>	<p>Human Partnerships Data Team</p>	<p>Human: HR staff Partnerships Data expertise</p>
<p><b>Compile and analyze data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize and analyze the collected data to establish a baseline of the languages spoken by primary care providers.</li> <li>• Utilize appropriate statistical methods and software for data analysis.</li> </ul>	<p>Access to Behavioral Health Team</p>	<p>6/1/24 - 6/30/24</p>	<p>Data Team</p>	<p>Data expertise</p>

**Focus Area:** Access to Behavioral Health Services

**Strategy:** Advocate for state budget increase in Medicaid funding for behavioral health services

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2027 the Skokie Health Equity Network will advocate for an increase in federally qualified health centers’ Medicaid funding of behavioral health services from an average of \$69.12 to the average medical rate of \$166.81.

**Outcome Objective:** By 8/31/2027, the Skokie Health Equity Network will have reduced the wait list times for low socioeconomic residents seeking behavioral health services through advocacy efforts, resulting in a decrease from the current average wait time.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
Establish definition of “wait lists” and a process to collect	Data team	9/1/2023-9/30/2023	Partnerships Data expertise	Partnerships Data expertise
The Access to Behavioral/Mental Health Services team will meet with service providers to develop clear advocacy goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turning Point</li> <li>• Impact</li> <li>• Metro Family Serv.</li> <li>• JCFS</li> <li>• Trilogy</li> <li>• Ascension/St. Francis</li> <li>• Peer Services</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Ctr</li> <li>• Erie Family Health Center</li> <li>• Tapestry 360 Health</li> <li>• AHS - Asian Family Health Center</li> </ul>	10/1/2023-10/31/2023	Human Partnerships	Human Partnerships

Communicate with statewide associations with similar advocacy needs to investigate alignment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Behavioral/Mental Health Services team</li> <li>• Illinois Association for Behavioral Health</li> <li>• National Association of Social Workers - IL Chapter (Joel Ruben)</li> <li>• Illinois Association of Rehab Facilities (Garrett will reach out)</li> <li>• Illinois Primary Health Care Association (Mary will reach out)</li> <li>• Evanston Health and Human Services/Mental Health Task Force</li> <li>• Illinois Public Health Association</li> </ul>	11/1/2023-12/31/2023	Human Partnerships Political will	Human Partnerships Political will
Analyze data to formalize baseline data and incorporate into an advocacy plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skokie Health &amp; Human Dept.</li> <li>• Data team</li> </ul>	11/1/2023-12/31/2023	Human Partnerships	Human Partnerships
Develop an advocacy plan.	Access to Behavioral Health Team	1/1/2024-1/31/2024	Partnerships Political will	Partnerships Political will
Implement an advocacy plan.	Access to Behavioral Health Team and Steering Committee	2/1/2024-5/31/2024	Human Partnerships Political will	Human Partnerships Political will
Evaluate advocacy plan, adjust goals and plan as needed.	Access to Behavioral Health Team	6/1/2024-8/31/2027	Human Partnerships	Human Partnerships

**Evaluation plan:**

- Regularly collect data on the proportion of persons with mental health disorders receiving treatment, including information on language preferences and access to multilingual providers.
- Monitor changes in the prevalence of unmet mental health treatment needs among Skokie residents.
- Evaluate the impact of initiatives to increase access to behavioral health services, improve reimbursement rates, and enhance FQHC capacity through quantitative and qualitative measures.

**Communication plan:**

- Raise awareness about the importance of mental health treatment and available resources through targeted community outreach campaigns.
- Engage with local media outlets to share success stories, information on available services, and updates on initiatives addressing the access to behavioral health issue.
- Collaborate with community organizations, advocacy groups, and local stakeholders to disseminate information and foster support for the objectives and strategies outlined above.

# Affordable Housing

## Description of the Problem:

Housing plays a crucial role as a social determinant of health, directly influencing both physical and mental well-being. However, in Skokie and throughout the United States, a pressing problem has emerged – the prevalence of rent burden among households. Rent burden occurs when a substantial portion of a household's income ( $\geq 30\%$ ) is allocated to paying rent, leaving little room for other essential expenses.

This challenging issue significantly impacts a considerable percentage of Skokie residents and has been selected as one of the top priority health concerns. Addressing this situation is vital to improving the overall health and quality of life for affected individuals and families in the community.

## Importance of Priority Health Need:

Skokie faces a critical issue with a significant number of rent burdened households, emphasizing the urgent requirement for affordable housing solutions. When a substantial portion of income is devoted to rent, it severely restricts households' financial capacity for vital necessities like healthcare, education, and nutritious food. Effectively addressing this need is of paramount importance, as it directly impacts the overall well-being and health outcomes of Skokie residents.

## Data Summary:

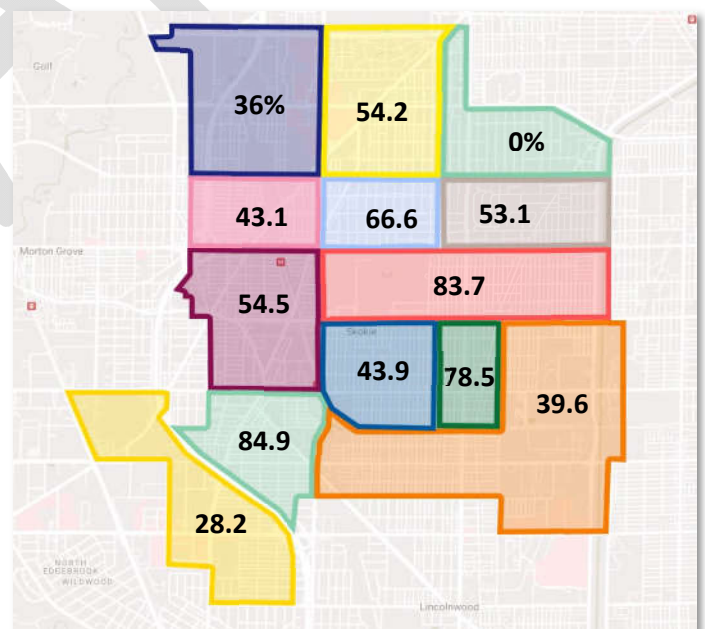
Based on data from the City Health Dashboard managed by NYU Langone Health, a noteworthy 54.1% of Skokie residents report experiencing rent burden, surpassing the average of 50.5% observed across other cities on the dashboard. This indicates a substantial portion of the population facing housing affordability challenges. Moreover, census tracts within Skokie exhibit significant disparities. In two of the tracts, over 80% of renters spend 30% or more of their income on rent, highlighting the acute nature of the problem. In contrast, other tracts show a comparatively lower rent burden, with only about 30% of renters facing similar challenges.

## Relationship to Healthy People 2030:

- Reduce the proportion of families that spend more than 30 percent of income on housing.
- Increase the proportion of persons living in housing that is affordable, safe, and meets their needs.

## Factors Influencing the Problem:

The rent burden problem in Skokie stems from a multitude of interwoven factors. Among them are escalating housing costs (rent, utilities, property maintenance costs, property taxes), stagnant or insufficient income levels, a scarcity of affordable housing units, and economic disparities within the community. Additionally, population growth, housing market dynamics, and shifts in employment patterns further compound the challenge of housing affordability in the area. Gaining a comprehensive understanding of these factors is pivotal in devising successful strategies to tackle the issue and foster housing equity in Skokie.



## Objectives and strategies

**Focus Area:** Affordable Housing

**Strategy:** Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2027 the Skokie Health Equity Network will reduce the percent of rent burdened households from 54.1% to 49.1%.

**Outcome Objective:** Skokie is developing an inclusionary housing ordinance to include a percent of units available at 60-80 percent of the Area Median Income.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
Research inclusionary housing ordinances.	Village of Skokie – Community Development	1/1/23 – 3/3/23	Human Political will	Human Political will
Develop an inclusionary housing ordinance.	Village of Skokie – Community Development	3/6/23 – 4/14/23	Human Political will	Human Political will
Introduce ordinance to Village Board for first reading.	Village of Skokie – Community Development  Skokie Village Board	5/1/23	Human Political will	Human Political will
Refine ordinance for Village Board consideration.	Village of Skokie – Community Development  Skokie Village Board	Current	Human Political will	Human Political will
Implement and monitor ordinance.	Village of Skokie – Community Development	Current - 2027	Human Political will	Human Political will



**Focus Area:** Affordable Housing

**Strategy:** Create a process to collect data on factors related to rent burden.

**Impact Objective:** By 8/31/2027 the Skokie Health Equity Network will reduce the percent of rent burdened households from 54.1% to 49.1%.

**Outcome Objective:** By 8/31/2024 Skokie will have sufficient data to understand the contributing factors to housing cost burdens as it relates to rental properties.

Action Steps	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support Available/Needed	
<i>What needs to be done?</i>	<i>Who will take actions?</i>	<i>By what date will the action be done?</i>	<i>Resources Available</i>	<i>Resources Needed (financial, human, political, and other)</i>
<p><b>Define the scope and methodology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the goals of the data collection.</li> <li>Decide on the timeframe for data collection (e.g., number of months or years).</li> <li>Establish criteria for identifying residents struggling to pay for housing.</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p> <p>Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services</p> <p>Village of Skokie –Community Development</p>	<p>9/1/23 – 11/30/23</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>
<p><b>Identify stakeholders and establish partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and engage key stakeholders such as housing assistance providers and housing advocates.</li> <li>Seek their support and collaboration for the data collection efforts.</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p> <p>Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services</p> <p>Niles Township</p> <p>Impact Behavioral Health</p>	<p>11/30/23 – 1/31/24</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build partnerships and secure their commitment to participate in the data collection process.</li> </ul>	<p>Open Communities</p> <p>Connections for the Homeless</p> <p>Local landlords</p>			
<p><b>Develop data collection tools/process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create appropriate tools, such as surveys or questionnaires, to collect data on factors related to rent burden.</li> <li>Ensure the tools are culturally sensitive and accessible to all.</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p>	2/1/24 – 3/31/24	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>
<p><b>Train data collectors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training to individuals who will collect the data.</li> <li>Educate them on the purpose of the project, data collection protocols, and the importance of maintaining anonymity.</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p>	4/1/24 – 4/30/24	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>
<p><b>Implement data collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop form for responses</li> <li>Check-in with data collectors</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p> <p>Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services</p> <p>Niles Township</p> <p>Impact Behavioral Health</p> <p>Open Communities</p> <p>Connections for the Homeless</p>	5/1/24 – 6/30/24	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human</p> <p>Partnerships</p>

<p><b>Compile and analyze data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize and analyze the collected data to establish a baseline of the factors that affect rent burden.</li> <li>Utilize appropriate statistical methods and software for data analysis.</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services</p>	<p>7/1/24 – 7/31/24</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human Partnerships</p>
<p><b>Summarize findings and advocate for change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a summary of the findings and insights gained from the data analysis.</li> <li>Review data analysis and discuss potential next steps and strategies</li> <li>Develop action plan</li> </ul>	<p>Data team</p> <p>Affordable housing team</p> <p>Village of Skokie – Health and Human Services</p> <p>Village of Skokie –Community Development</p>	<p>8/1/24 – 9/30/24</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human Partnerships</p>	<p>Data expertise</p> <p>Human Partnerships</p>

**Evaluation Plan:**

- Regularly monitor and evaluate the progress toward the outcome and impact objectives.
- Assess the effectiveness of the data collection process and its impact on informing the equitable housing plan.
- Measure the reduction in the percentage of rent-burdened households through periodic surveys or data analysis.
- Collect feedback from stakeholders on the implementation and effectiveness of the inclusionary housing ordinance.
- Adjust strategies and action plans based on evaluation findings to maximize impact and outcomes.

**Communication Plan:**

- Review existing affordable housing resources and develop an inclusive and accessible resource list for those seeking affordable housing.
- Utilize various communication channels, including social media, local newspapers, community newsletters, and the town's official website, to disseminate information.
- Regularly update stakeholders and the community on progress, milestones, and any changes in the plans through newsletters, public meetings, or dedicated online platforms.

## **Alignment with the State Health Improvement Plan**

Skokie's Health and Human Services CHIP shows alignment with two of the priorities outlined in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) of Illinois. Specifically, both plans share a focus on addressing behavioral health as a key area of concern, and their respective goals complement each other in this regard. Additionally, maternal and child health emerges as another priority where the two plans align.

The SHIP aims to support healthy pregnancies and improve birth and infant outcomes, which nicely complements Skokie's goal of reducing the percentage of pregnant women who do not receive timely prenatal care. Furthermore, while Skokie's plan emphasizes enhancing access to healthcare services, the SHIP's other priority revolves around tackling chronic diseases.

Overall, the congruence between Skokie's Health and Human Services CHIP and the State Health Improvement Plan signifies a concerted effort to address critical health needs in the region, fostering a more comprehensive and effective approach to improving the well-being of the community.

## **Next Steps**

With the adoption of the Skokie Community Health Improvement Plan, HHS and its partners will enter the final phase of the MAPP process known as the action cycle. This phase encompasses the planning, implementation, and evaluation of all the identified goals, objectives, and strategies outlined in the plan. Emphasizing the cyclical and ongoing nature of this process, the community health improvement plan will remain a dynamic document, evolving over time.

During the first year of the action cycle, HHS and the Skokie Health Equity steering committee will maintain regular meetings with a primary focus on establishing the infrastructure necessary for effective implementation. This will include ongoing discussions with existing partners and the active engagement of new partners integral to the project's success. HHS will continue collaborating with its partners to develop a robust data collection system that relates to the various priority issues.

Furthermore, HHS and its partners will take steps to identify specific organizations within Skokie that will take the lead in executing particular strategies outlined in the plan. More detailed action plans for these strategies will be established to ensure clarity and effectiveness in their execution.

To monitor progress systematically, a performance monitoring system will be put in place in collaboration with the partners. This system will help track the advancements made, and the plan will be regularly updated to reflect the progress achieved.

Overall, the action cycle represents a dynamic phase where HHS and its partners actively work together to bring about meaningful improvements in the community's health. By fostering continuous collaboration and adaptability, the Skokie Community Health Improvement Plan aims to achieve sustainable and positive outcomes over time.

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