



Great smiles from Andi and Joan while out with pal Richie enjoying some sun in their Skokie neighborhood ~ Joan even wore pearls for the occasion!

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**Skokie's Award-Winning Public Safety Campaign
Receives National Recognition**

See National Research Center's "How Skokie's Award-Winning Public Safety Campaign Led to Safer Streets" article.

In 2015, the Village launched the Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe initiative that represented a comprehensive approach to public safety that included not only frequent, friendly neighborhood visits by Skokie Police, but involvement from the

Village's Health and Human

Services Department, Public Works, Property Standards as well as the Skokie Park District, Skokie Public Library and other faith and social service community partners. The campaign was developed by the Village's [Public Safety Commission](#).



How Skokie's Award-Winning Public Safety Campaign Led to Safer Streets

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The effectiveness of this campaign is best evidenced by increased public safety ratings in the Village's 2018 National Citizen Survey as compared to the same ratings in 2015. The significant public safety ratings increase by Skokie residents resulted in the Village receiving a "Voice of the People" award last year from the National Research Center (NRC) in Boulder, Colorado, that has conducted each of Skokie's triennial citizen surveys since 2003. This week, the NRC published an article highlighting Skokie's accomplishment with this broad-based public safety campaign. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe initiative has been deferred to the later part of summer 2020.

[See information about Skokie's National Citizen Surveys.](#)

[See information about the Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe initiative.](#)

June 26 Storm Info Message from Public Works

Today's weather forecast system calls for up to 1.5" of rain into late this evening. Skokie's flood control system is prepared and Skokie Public Works crews are available should the event exceeds design capacity.

Homeowners can prepare by making sure window well covers are in place, gutters and downspouts are clear of debris, sump pumps are plugged in and flood control systems or working correctly.



For after-hours emergencies, please call the Police Department at 847-982-5900 and they will contact Public Works staff.

Please reduce water usage during rainstorms to help increase the storage capacity in sewer collection systems. You can reduce water usage by delaying washing laundry, running your dishwasher, and limiting running the shower.

[See more information on Skokie's flood control system.](#)

[See information about May 2020 rain event.](#)

July/August 2020 *NewSkokie*



[See the July/August 2020 NewSkokie.](#)

The July/August edition of *NewSkokie*, which is scheduled to arrive in homes next week, includes information on the annual Property Beautification Awards, a message from Mayor George Van Dusen, ideas for safe Fourth of July celebration activities, how to access Village services online and by phone, a COVID-19 update and much more.

Skokie Fire, Police and Public Works on Parade *Brief video for "I Am Me" children's burn camp*

[See Skokie Fire, Police and Public Works vehicles on parade for Camp "I Am Me".](#)

Last week, vehicles from the Skokie Fire, Police and Public Works Department staged and videotaped a brief 'parade' for this year's [Illinois Fire Safety Alliance \(IFSA\) Camp "I Am Me"](#) for children and teenage burn survivors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's camp is virtual, and area fire departments were asked to film brief parades supporting that will be incorporated into a longer video program for the survivors.



According to the IFSA website, each year, generous donors provide funding to provide child and teenage burn survivors with a one-week camp experience that provides physical, psychological and emotional benefits to those who participate. After a request from Skokie Fire Chief Jeff Hoeflich, colleagues from the Skokie Police and Public Works Departments joined Fire Department staff in decorating vehicles for a brief parade showing support to the 2020 "I Am Me" campers. Great job, everyone!

Restore Illinois Phase 4 Begins Today!

Restore Illinois Phase 4 begins today and brings opportunities for businesses to open



or expand their services. The transition to Phase 4 also means that the **Skokie Park District** is opening all Skokie playgrounds and more!

[Reopening guidelines for businesses.](#)

[Phase 4 Overview](#)

COVID-19 Update

Daily Update

[See more Village of Skokie COVID-19 information.](#)

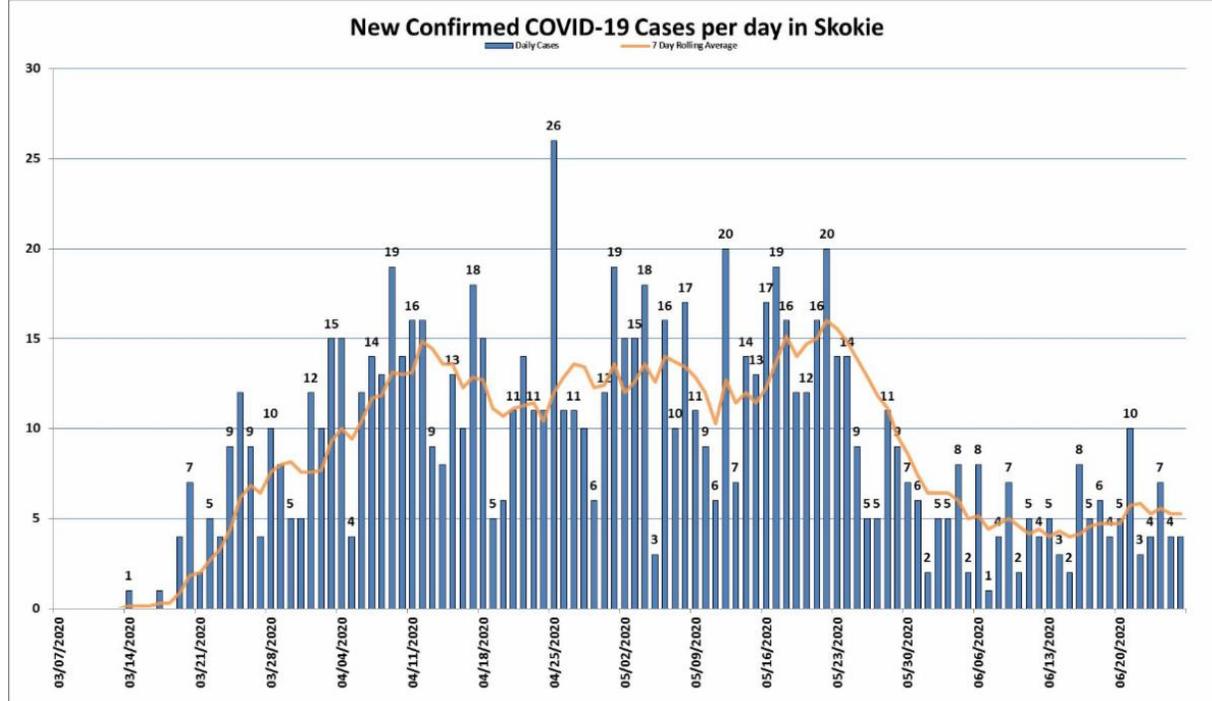
Since March 14, 2020, there have been 961 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Skokie, with 33 deaths reported. These are confirmed cases of Skokie residents ranging from three months to 99 years of age.

The people who have died range in age from their 30s to their 90s and most had underlying health conditions. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), underlying health conditions include but are not limited to asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, liver disease, serious heart conditions, severe obesity and more. See additional information from the CDC.

The following graph is updated daily to summarize the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Skokie, the number of Skokie residents who are currently ill, the number of residents who have recovered or are recovering and, unfortunately, the number of Skokie residents who have passed away due to the illness.

Total Confirmed Cases 961	Recovered - or - recovering 859	Currently ill 69	Deceased 33
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Daily COVID-19 Case Count



- The daily count of confirmed Skokie COVID-19 cases shows that people across the Village have successfully reduced transmission in our communities and "flattened the curve" by staying home, social distancing, giving each other space, wearing face coverings and washing their hands.
- Although COVID-19 continues to spread in Skokie, it is in a controlled way, which means that area hospitals are not overwhelmed.
- The number of deaths would be much higher if area hospitals were overwhelmed.

See the [expanded Skokie Health Department COVID-19 webpage](#) for more information on the number of cases in Skokie, COVID-19 symptoms and health resources, information on local resources for cloth face coverings, a list of frequently asked questions and numerous other important resources that are updated regularly.

New Bike Repair Station on Skokie Valley Trail

The Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Skokie Valley, both of which are based in Skokie, teamed up to purchase and install a new Bike Repair Station on the Skokie Valley Trail just north of Oakton Street at LaCrosse Avenue.

The two-part station features a bike stand with tools attached to allow cyclists to make basic adjustments, including modifications to gears, reattaching chains, etc. The Bike Repair Station also includes an air pump that cyclists can use to refill tires.

Skokie Public Works staff assisted with preparing the Bike Repair Station location, which is at about the half-way point of Skokie's section of the Skokie Valley Trail that goes as far as Dempster Street to the north and into the City of Chicago to the south.

Thanks to all of the members of the Skokie Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs for bringing this great amenity to the community!



Shop Local Skokie!

How are you going to Shop Local in Skokie this weekend?

Many Skokie restaurants are now offering outdoor dining and some are beginning to offer indoor dining, too, as is allowed under [Phase 4 Restore Illinois Guidelines](#). Many other stores and service providers are now open, too. [See a list of open restaurants, stores and more.](#)



Please also like and follow the [Village's Shop Local Skokie Facebook](#) page that lists information on Skokie businesses.

The State of Illinois has issued guidelines and requirements that focus on safeguards to protect both customers and employees, and Skokie businesses are working hard to comply so that residents can be assured of their safety. Village staff is working closely with the business community during this transition. Customers need to do their part by wearing cloth face coverings when inside establishments and at other times as recommended in the [Restore Illinois plan](#), respecting physical distancing requirements, etc.

Please be patient with local businesses when they re-open and adjust to their new operational requirements.

Now more than ever, it is important to stay safe and Shop Local Skokie!



Check out this great outdoor dining set up at a Skokie classic - [Annie's Pancake House](#)! They also offer curbside pick up as do many other Skokie restaurants.

Census Postcards Arriving Before Home Visits



The U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will send an [additional reminder postcard](#) to households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. The postcard is scheduled to arrive between July 22 and July 28, a few weeks before census takers are set to begin visiting households that haven't responded. As of June 26, 25% of Skokie

households have not responded. All households are required by federal law to self-respond or cooperate with U.S. Census takers.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August, giving the Census Bureau the opportunity to send one more reminder to households encouraging

them to respond online, by phone or by mail. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person.

The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov. Households can respond online or by phone [in English or 12 other languages](#), or by mail using the [paper questionnaire](#) mailed to non-responding addresses or dropped off at the door. Although census takers will begin visiting households that haven't yet responded beginning August 11, households can still respond on their own until these visits conclude on October 31.

[See how well your Skokie neighborhood is responding to the 2020 Census.](#)

June 28 Skokie Farmers' Market

The 2020 Skokie Farmers' Market continues every Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through November 1.

Thanks to all of the Market's great customers who cheerfully cooperate with this year's changes to protect everyone's health in accordance with guidelines from the Illinois Department of Health. The changes include:

- Limits on the number of guests admitted to the Market at one time.
- Attendees are required to wear face coverings and practice physical distancing inside of the Market, as well as in line to enter the Market.
- Pets are not allowed inside of the Market.
- This year's Market has a "no touch" policy, which means that merchandise can only be touched by respective vendors.



The 2020 Skokie Farmers' Market is held in the parking lot on the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Floral Avenue. Free parking is available in the Village Hall parking lot across the street at 5127 Oakton Street.

[See this week's Skokie Farmers' Market newsletter.](#)

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