Evanston is a great place to locate your business!

Downtown Evanston is the commercial center for Chicago’s North Shore, with one-of-a-kind shops, diverse entertainment, incredible restaurants, offices and condominiums. The area has experienced unprecedented development and redevelopment within the last decade. New developments have included residential and retail components, resulting in the construction of nearly 4,317 condo units since 2000. 561 residential units are currently under construction. In addition, the downtown remains the commercial center for the multitude of galleries, museums, organization and live theaters:

- 18 screen Century Theater
- Piven Theatre
- Next Theater
- SPACE
- 27 Live
- Music Institute of Chicago
- Piccolo Theater
- Evanston Arts Center

Evanston boasts one of the largest and most diverse arts communities in the state, among the multitude of galleries, museums, organization and live theaters:

- Borders Chicago on the South
- Population: 74,486
- Total retail expenditure: $1,123,030,872
- Home to Northwestern University, providing more than $13.5 million of goods and services annually
- Over 10,000 downtown employees

Evanston is conveniently located just 30 minutes from O’Hare International Airport and 45 minutes from Midway International Airport, making Evanston attractive to regional and international travelers.

Businesses are provided support by Downtown Evanston, which manages and markets the downtown district of Evanston. In addition, the Evanston Chamber of Commerce provides leadership and services for its members who represent the thriving economy of Evanston. The City of Evanston’s Economic Development staff has created an economic development work plan that focuses on arts & entertainment, thriving economy of Evanston.

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Evanston is easily accessible via CTA Purple line and Metra, making Evanston attractive to regional and international travelers.

Evanston is also conveniently located just 30 miles

From Passport Parking.

• The new single-head meter technology allows for payment with coin, credit card and by mobile app on all meters with the exception of 39.

• 2 hour maximum time limit restriction

• Per hour meter rates in the CBD is $1

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• Current street parking spaces in the downtown area is 1200.

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• There are long term meters for commuters and employees at $.25 for 1-2.5 hours (12 hr max). There is a 2 hour maximum time limit restriction on all meters with the exception of 39.

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CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University
- 12 schools and colleges
- 21,000 total enrollment
- 8,000 Full-time undergrad
- 8,000 Full-time graduate
- 6,000+ Full-time staff
- 3,820 Full-time Faculty

MEDICAL FACILITIES

- Evanston Hospital
- Presence
- North Shore Medical Group
- Northwestern Medicine

PARKS AND RECREATION

- 80 parks and 4 community centers
- 5 public beaches
- 18-hole golf course
- Lakefront offers swimming, sailing, kayaking, picnicking, cycling, etc.

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ABOUT US

Downtown Evanston (DE), created in 1987, provides marketing and management services to Evanston’s downtown district. DE is a 501(c) (6) nonprofit corporation. The district that DE is responsible for is the Special Service Area (SSA#4), Evanston, Illinois’ equivalent of a Business Improvement District (BID). Since its inception, Downtown Evanston has worked closely with the City of Evanston, downtown property owners, local real estate professionals and other stakeholders to ensure a healthy mix of retail uses and to recruit and retain over 300 ground floor businesses and the many office tenants in downtown. Vacancies can be found at downtownevanston.org.

DOWNTOWN EVANSTON’S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Maintain the physical appearance**
  Downtown Evanston manages a landscape contract to ensure extra sidewalk cleaning, trash collection, litter removal, landscaping and seasonal plantings in 18 planters throughout downtown.
- **Coordinate and market events, including:**
  - It's Thursday, Let's Dance!: Free six-week summer live music and dance series
  - Summer Sidewalk Sale
  - Holiday Tree Lighting
  - Big Bite Night: Partnership event with Northwestern University to introduce incoming students to the many dining options in downtown
- **Banners and seasonal decorations on streetlights**
- **Downtown Evanston Gift Card Program**
  Since 2010, DE has managed a gift card program to encourage local shopping and increase spending in the district. The gift card is accepted at over 150 businesses in Downtown Evanston.

GETTING HERE

**BY CTA**
The Purple line stops at the Davis Street Station. CTA can also be accessed by the Skokie Swift Yellow Line. transitchicago.com

**BY METRA**
The Union Pacific North Line stops at the Davis Street Station in downtown Evanston. metrarail.com

**BY CAR**
With its close proximity to the Chicago, Evanston is easily accessible from the Edens Expressway (Interstate 94), Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90) and Lake Shore Drive.