Keep It Local
Support Local Businesses

Over the last few months, the Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber of Commerce introduced Keep It Local; a new initiative to urge local residents to support local businesses in our community.

What happens with you support local businesses?

Builds Relationships
Meeting neighbors and friends in and around businesses helps build a closer community.

Strengthens the Local Economy
Every dollar spent at an independent businesses returns 3 times more money to the local economy than one spent at a chain and almost 50 times more than buying from and online merchant.

Creates a Healthier Environment
Local businesses typically use less land, use locally-made products and are easier to access creating less traffic and air pollution.

Offers Choices and Gives Character
Local businesses have a better chance to offer services residents want and help give the city its distinct personality.

Lowers Taxes
With more centralized locations, local businesses put less demand on roads, sewers, and safety services generating more tax revenue per sales dollar.

Look for the Keep It Local decal at businesses around the city. If your business needs a door decal, contact the Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber of Commerce at 708-687-4600 or visit oc-chamber.org.

www.oc-chamber.org