

## LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: FINKEL'S DELI

Finkel's Deli  
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Finkel's offers traditional deli fare plus an assortment of heart-healthy salads, pastas and sandwiches. In addition to the regular menu, Finkel's offers daily specials, deli trays and delivery.

Joann Borek, Owner of Finkel's Deli, originally wanted to be the owner of a coffee shop but the opportunity to have and operate a deli came first. Joann and her husband bought the deli near the intersection of Ogden and Milwaukee Avenues in 1998 but moved in 2000 to their current location at North Branch and Halsted in the Goose Island Planned Manufacturing District where the deli continues to grow and be a success.

When asked if her company experienced any obstacles while growing, Joann responded, "The building at the old location required upgrades and also there needed to be a parking attendant. The reason for a parking attendant was from people leaving their vehicle in the parking lot of the deli and jumping on the nearby CTA." At their current location, parking is more than sufficient and people can easily find them.



Joann said, "Our current location has a lot of benefits. I like the convenience of being so close to downtown so that we can deliver food and cater events for companies located in the business district. In addition, we have tables placed outside along the river so our customers may sit and eat while enjoying the view and watching barges and boats going up and down the waterway.



What makes Finkel's Deli unique is that they are independently owned, not a franchise. It there is something that a customer wants that is not on the menu, they can accommodate the request just as long as they have the food item in the kitchen. In addition, the staff at Finkel's Deli is more personal with their customers. That's why they have regular customers such as Carol Marin from NBC News and Kendall College students because it's just steps away from the main entrance of the school. Also, the Container Store and EcoLab hold weekly and/or monthly company meetings at the restaurant. Furthermore, Finkel's Deli makes their own homemade soups, offer daily specials, cater events and offer food delivery!

Joann mentioned that when they first moved into the area they had some problems and contacted the LEED Council to assist them. Joann attended meetings on a regular basis after Finkel's Deli became a member of the LEED Council. She said, "I know the LEED Council is there to assist us whenever we need the help."



When it comes to Joann's favorite food item on the menu without hesitation she replied the Italian Sub and also the corn beef is excellent, it's not fatty but lean and full of flavor!

For your next breakfast/ lunch outing or catering event/ food delivery- Finkel's Deli does it all, let them fill you up!