

Alternate Side Parking Program: Are You Ready for Snow?

Alternate-side parking during heavy snow allows Skokie's Public Works Department to efficiently plow Village streets. The mandatory program is designed to provide the ability to plow the streets from curb-to-curb within a two-day period. Residents should call 847/675-SNOW (7669) or tune to 1660 AM, Skokie's new advisory radio station, to confirm that the program is in effect and for program updates. For more information on 1660 AM Skokie, please see the article on this page.

Frequently Asked Questions

• On what side of the street do I park?

On odd-numbered dates, residents park vehicles on the odd-numbered side of the street. On even-numbered dates, residents park vehicles on the even-numbered side of the street. Odd and even dates are determined by the date on the calendar. Odd and even sides of the streets are determined by house addresses.

• When is alternate-side parking in effect?

The alternate-side parking plan is in effect between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. after any snowfall of two inches or more. An alert siren sounds to signal the start of alternate-side parking at 7 a.m. each day the plan is in effect. Cable television subscribers are alerted through the Village emergency over-ride system at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Additional information can be found on the SkokieVision cable station, 1660 AM (see article to the right for details) or by contacting 847/675-SNOW(7669) for a recorded status report.

Need help shoveling snow? Turn to page 8 for TeenLink program information.

• How many days does alternate-side parking last?

The program generally is in effect for at least two days. To find out if it is extended, call 847/675-SNOW (7669).

• What should I do with my vehicle(s) while on vacation or while I am at work?

Residents who do not have off-street parking facilities must make arrangements to have vehicles moved when the program is in effect.

• May I park on either side of the street once the street is plowed?

No, even after the street is plowed, your vehicle must remain parked on the proper side of the street until 6 p.m. This allows Public Works crews to plow a second time if necessary. At 6 p.m., an alert warning siren will sound notifying residents that cars may be moved to either side of the street.

• To what location is a vehicle towed if in violation?

If your vehicle has been towed due to a violation of the Village's snow ordinance, contact the Police Department at 847/982-5900.

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Village of Skokie Launches Advisory AM Radio Station

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Skokie, the Village of Skokie has installed an advisory AM radio station. The frequency of the station is 1660 on the AM dial. Hundreds of communities, universities and government agencies across the country now operate advisory AM radio stations to tell citizens what to do during an emergency or critical situation. Advisory radio stations give listeners direct, repeated, up-to-the-minute reports, alerts and relevant instructions.

The primary use of 1660 AM Skokie is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather to hazardous material spills, alternate-side parking when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Skokie area.

This non-commercial radio station is monitored by the Village, and in non-emergency situations, the station will broadcast emergency preparedness and Village of Skokie information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. New AM radios in cars and other radios will be able to receive frequency.

For further information about 1660 AM Skokie, the Village's municipal advisory radio station, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 or visit www.skokie.org.

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• **Are there streets that are exempt from snow parking provisions?**

Yes, the following blocks are exempt on Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day:

Birchwood Avenue: 4600 block

Bronx Avenue: 8800, 8900, 9000 and 9100 blocks

Carol Street: 4800, 4900 and 5000 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Central Park Avenue: 8000 and 8100 blocks

Cleveland Street: 3300, 3400, 4600 and 4700 blocks

Conrad Street: 4800 and 4900 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Crain Street: 4800, 4900 and 5000 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Davis Street: 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000 and 5100 blocks

Dobson Street: 4700 block

Elm Street: 4800 block

Enfield Avenue: 4800, 4900, 5000 and 5100 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Greenleaf Avenue: 4800 block

Greenwood Avenue: 4800, 4900, 5000 and 5100 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Grove Street: 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000 and 5100 blocks (to Terminal Avenue)

Hull Street: 4800 and 4900 blocks

Jarvis Street: 3800 and 3900 blocks



Karlov Avenue: 7900 block

Keating Avenue: 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 9000, 9100 and 9200 blocks

Kedvale Avenue: 7900 block

Keeney Avenue: 4600 and 4700 blocks

Kilpatrick Avenue: 8000, 8100, 8200 to 8350, 9100 and 9200 blocks

Kimball Avenue: 8300 block

Kirk Street: 4800 and 4900 blocks

Knox Avenue: 7600, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300 blocks

LaCrosse Avenue: 7900, 8850, 8900, 9000 and 9100 blocks

Lamon Avenue: 7800, 7900, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9160 blocks

Lavergne Avenue: 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400 and 9500 blocks

Lawler Avenue: 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500 blocks

Lee Street: 4800 block

Long Avenue: 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100 and 8200 blocks

Louise Street: 4800 and 4900 blocks

Madison Street: 4600 and 4700 blocks

Monticello Avenue: 8000 and 8100 blocks

Mulford Street: 4800, 4900, 5400 and 5500 blocks

Niles Avenue: 7750, 7800 and 7900 blocks

Ridgeway Avenue: 8000 and 8100 blocks

St. Louis Avenue: 8300 and 8600, 8700 blocks

Suffield Terrace: 5000 block

Trumbull Avenue: 8600 and 8700 blocks

Washington Street: 4600 and 4700 blocks

Wright Terrace: 4800 block

• **Are state and county roadways exempt from snow parking provisions?**

Yes, the following roads are exempt from the program: Crawford Ave. (Jarvis Ave. to Old Orchard Rd.), Church St. (Gross Point Rd. to McCormick Blvd.), Church St.

(Linder Ave. to Gross Point Rd.), Gross Point Rd. (Church St. to Old Orchard Rd.), Golf Rd. (McCormick Blvd. to Harms Rd.), Gross Point Rd. (Lincoln Ave. to Howard St.), Lincoln Ave. (Linder Ave. to Jarvis Ave.), McCormick Blvd. (Touhy Ave. to Golf Rd.), Niles Center Rd. (Pratt Ave. to Brown St.), Oakton St. (Skokie Blvd. to McCormick Blvd.), Old Orchard Rd. (Harms Rd. to Crawford Ave.), Skokie Blvd. (Jarvis Ave. to Old Orchard Rd.) and Touhy Ave. (east to west limits).

Refuse Carts and Fire Hydrants

Refuse collectors have a difficult time emptying refuse and recycling carts that are buried by drifts or piles of snow. Residents are responsible for ensuring that refuse containers are accessible. Please clear a path for the crews so that your recycling and refuse can be picked up as scheduled.

In addition, snow plowing operations may cover your fire hydrant. Please assign someone in your household the responsibility of keeping fire hydrants on or near your property clear of snow for easy access. Snow piled on top of fire hydrants slows fire response time. In the event of a fire emergency every second counts!

For more information please visit www.skokie.org.

Public Art Advisory Committee Installs First Sculpture, Second Scheduled for Spring 2009

The Glowing of Such Fire

The first sculpture chosen and purchased by the Village of Skokie Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) is *The Glowing of Such Fire* by Richard Taylor. The sculpture was installed on October 21, 2008 in the Village Green, located between Skokie Village Hall (5127 Oakton Street) and the Skokie Public Library (5215 Oakton Street).

Gourd Man

Artist Shencheng Xu was commissioned to install a second public art sculpture at the November 3, 2008 Village Board meeting. *Gourd Man* will be installed in the Village Green in early spring 2009.

Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of the PAAC is to integrate a wide range of public art into the community that reflects the diversity of the Village, various artistic disciplines and points of view, as well as to:

- Promote vitality and economic development throughout the community;
- Develop a collection of public art which has strong aesthetic quality and a wide range of artistic styles and disciplines;
- Encourage collaboration among artists, architects, engineers and property owners for the public display of art so that buildings, store facades, parks and open spaces are in aesthetic harmony with public art;
- Provide opportunities for professional artists to sell or lease their art to the Village of Skokie; and
- Disperse public art throughout the community with an initial focus in Downtown Skokie.

Call for Professional Artists

The PAAC continues to look for art in a wide variety of media and styles, but all

sculptures must be durable and suitable for outdoor placement. Only professional sculptors and artists who have worked on large scale format should apply.

If you are professional sculptor or artist interested in proposing artwork for the PAAC, please visit www.skokie.org and complete an artist application form. ∞

2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Each year under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides block grants to qualified local communities.

Skokie expects about \$480,000 in funding for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009. These funds are used for physical improvement projects, housing programs, limited social services and other activities that are consistent with local planning goals and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations.

Eligible projects must meet national objectives by principally benefiting people in the community with low to moderate income or aiding in the prevention and elimination of blighted conditions. All projects are approved by HUD before funds are released.

The Village has scheduled three public hearings to solicit public input on the 2009-2010 CDBG Program. Information gathered at the hearings assists in formulating the Village's funding request to HUD. At the December 15, 2008 Village Board meeting, the Board will review the current year's program progress and discuss 2009-2010 community development needs and objectives.

Project suggestions, comments and program recommendations that are solicited from Village staff, citizens and representatives of various social agencies will be presented at the January 5, 2009 Village Board meeting. The Board will select the projects to be funded at the February 2, 2009 hearing. Village Board meetings begin at 8 p.m. and Community Development Block Grant hearings are held at the close of regular Village business.

For information on the Community Development Block Grant Program contact Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson at 847/933-8446. ∞



Shown Above: Mayor George Van Dusen (left) and Village Manager Al Rigoni (right) stand with artist Richard Taylor (center) in front of *The Glowing of Such Fire* at the Skokie Village Green.

2009 Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Refuse Collection

A 95-gallon refuse container is provided to each single-family household for storage of up to 200 pounds of household refuse, with the exception of hazardous materials and construction debris. These items require special disposal. For more information on hazardous waste and construction debris disposal, please visit www.skokie.org.

- *If you live north of Greenleaf Street or on the north side of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Monday and Thursday.*
- *If you live south of Greenleaf Street or on the south side of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Tuesday and Friday.*

Collections are made in the alley where alleys are present and at the curb in front of the house where alleys do not exist. In order to ensure collection, refuse containers must be set out by 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Refuse containers should not be set out prior to 6 p.m. on the night before collection and containers cannot remain at the curb past 6 p.m. on the night of collection. Residents with refuse collection in the alley should make sure that their backyard landscaping does not impede into the Village right-of-way.

2009 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule:

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day: Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections unchanged, Thursday collection on Wednesday.

Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Day: Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections unchanged.

Monday, February 16 - President's Day: Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections unchanged.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day: Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections unchanged.

Friday, July 3 - Independence Day: Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged, Thursday collection on Wednesday, Friday collection on Thursday.

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day: Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections unchanged.

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday: Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged, attempt to complete Thursday and Friday collections on Wednesday.

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Holiday: Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged, Thursday collection on Wednesday, Friday collection on Thursday.

Please see page 10 for 2008 Christmas Day Holiday Refuse and Recycling Schedule.

Recycling Collection

Residents are provided with 65-gallon carts for recyclable materials. Collection of recyclable materials occurs every week in single-family residential areas. The total weight of the filled cart should not exceed 150 pounds. Please flatten large boxes and place them next to the cart. Please do not mix garbage and landscape waste in the recycling cart.

- **MONDAY:** Residents living east of Kostner Avenue and north of Greenleaf Street have recycling collection every Monday.
- **TUESDAY:** Residents living east of Kostner Avenue and south of Greenleaf Street have recycling collection every Tuesday.
- **THURSDAY:** Residents living west of Kostner Avenue and north of Greenleaf Street have recycling collection every Thursday.
- **FRIDAY:** Residents living west of Kostner Avenue and south of Greenleaf Street have recycling collection every Friday.

In curbside collection areas, set out recycling containers by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup, but not before 6 p.m. on the night before collection.

2009 Holiday Recycling Collection Schedule

Thursday, January 1st (New Year's Day): Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections unchanged, Thursday collection on Wednesday.

Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Day: Normal collection schedules remain in effect.

Monday, February 16 - President's Day: Normal collection schedules remain in effect.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day: Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections unchanged.

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Friday, December 25 - Christmas Holiday: Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged, Thursday collection on Wednesday, Friday collection on Thursday.

For more refuse and recycling collection information, please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

Emergency Preparedness in Skokie

Tip of the Month: Communicating During an Emergency

During emergencies the importance of communications systems becomes clear. The Village has an extensive network of communication avenues to employ during an emergency. Depending on the emergency some of the communication systems may temporarily be unavailable. To address this concern the Village has developed multiple communication avenues. The following tools are available for emergency communications:

- **1660 AM Skokie:** The Village of Skokie recently launched an advisory radio station which will assist in communicating up-to-date information to the community during an emergency. During times of non-emergency, the radio station will play emergency preparedness information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information on 1660 AM Skokie, please turn to the front page.
- **www.skokie.org:** During a municipal emergency, residents are encouraged to visit www.skokie.org. The site is frequently updated and serves as a valuable reference guide during municipal emergencies. With the recent launch of the redesigned www.skokie.org, residents can access an Emergency Preparedness webpage (accessible from the left navigation menu from any page). The Emergency Preparedness webpage is a combination of information provided by the Skokie Fire, Health and Police Departments and provides preparedness information, tips and links to other emergency preparedness websites. To learn more about the Emergency Preparedness webpage, please visit www.skokie.org.
- **SkokieNews:** Subscribers to this electronic newsletter will receive updated information during an emergency. Visit www.skokie.org to subscribe.
- **SkokieVision Cable:** The municipal cable station provides both video and text information relating to an emergency and, when necessary, instructions on where to obtain further information.
- **Emergency Override:** During a municipal emergency the Police Department can override programming on Comcast cable channels and place a written crawl on all RCN channels. The override is used to distribute a brief message dur-



ing an emergency. It is typically used to signal the start and conclusion of alternate-side parking during snow emergencies.

- **Telephone Messaging:** The Village's high-speed telephone dialing system is designed to deliver a recorded emergency telephone message to Skokie residences and businesses. The system is flexible enough to target only certain households or it will dial the entire community over a several-day period.
- **Outdoor Warning System:** Warning sirens are strategically placed throughout the community. The warning sirens are used most commonly to signal the start and end of the snow emergency alternate-side parking program but can be used to alert the residents of a tornado or other emergency situation. After a warning siren sounds please visit www.skokie.org, or tune to 1660 AM Skokie or SkokieVision cable for details on the emergency.
- **Broadcast and Print Releases:** During an emergency the Village keeps radio, broadcast and print media regularly informed through press releases. The releases are also available at www.skokie.org.
- **Threat Condition Updates:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides "up-to-the-minute" changes in threat levels. Their color-coded Threat Level System is used to communicate threat levels so that protective measures can be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an emergency. The Department of Homeland Security also offers information about establishing an emergency plan and information on what to do during an emergency. To connect with this information and other Homeland Security Advisory System information, please visit their website at www.dhs.gov.

For additional emergency preparedness information, see future editions of NewSkokie or visit www.skokie.org. If you have questions about emergency preparedness, please call the Health Department at 847/933-8252. ∞



The Skokie Village Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month, except in the case of a holiday. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Watch Village Board Meetings on SkokieVision Cable Television (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems). The Board Meetings are broadcast at noon and 8 p.m. on the Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday following a Board Meeting.

Upcoming Public Meetings

All meetings are held at Village Hall (5127 Oakton Street).

Board of Trustees:
December 1 and 15

Plan Commission:
December 4 and 18

Appearance Commission:
December 10

Zoning Board of Appeals:
December 3 and 17



Recent Village Board Action

The Village Board heard a presentation by Management Analyst/Public Information Officer Natalie Marquez regarding the updated Village of Skokie website, www.skokie.org. The website was launched in late October, 2008, and incorporates a modern design, more updated navigation and enhanced search functions.

The Village Board heard a presentation by Temporary Zoning Commission Chair Peter Nicholas concerning recommendations on the creation and mapping of three new mixed-use zoning districts and other associated amendments to the Zoning Chapter of the Skokie Village Code as part of the implementation of the 2020 Plan for Sector A: Downtown, adopted by the Village Board on October 1, 2007.

The Village Board adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for the purchase and installation of a public art sculpture known as *Gourd Man* at the Village Green. The art purchase is funded from the Village of Skokie's Appearance and Arts Fee. This is the second purchase of public art through the Public Arts Advisory Committee.

The Village Board approved a resolution authorizing an emergency water interconnection agreement between the Village of Skokie and the Village of Lincolnwood. The agreement will allow a new emergency water interconnection with the Village of Skokie's water system at Cicero and Jarvis Avenues. Once this interconnection is established, the existing interconnection at Pratt and Lavergne Avenues will be abandoned. Lincolnwood has agreed to pay all costs and expenses associated with the design, permitting, construction and installation of the emergency interconnect.

2008 Village Open House

Nearly 400 people were in attendance at the Sunday, October 26, 2008 Village Open House. Skokie residents viewed Fire, Police and Public Works Department displays as well as information displays provided by Village of Skokie departments, Skokie public schools and community organizations. Attendees also enjoyed donut holes, apple cider and chili prepared by the Skokie Fire Department.



Lois Polakoff, shown above, was one of four Quality of Life basket winners at the 2008 Village Open House.

Four *Quality of Life* baskets were raffled at the event, each containing gifts and items donated from Village Skokie departments, divisions and community organizations. Each basket was valued at over \$800.

Skokie's Going 'Green'

Skokie's Going 'Green' article communicates the Village's environmentally friendly practices and initiatives and features 'green' tips for residents and business owners.

Make this holiday season a little greener by giving locally purchased, green or homemade gifts. Not only will you support the local economy and community but you may surprise the recipient with a unique and thoughtful gift.

Locally Purchased Gifts

Skokie offers a variety of art, entertainment, dining and retail options. This holiday season, try shopping close to

home not only to see what's new but also give a gift that will help support your community. For a listing of local entertainment venues, dining and retail outlets, visit the Skokie Chamber of Commerce website at www.skokiechamber.org or the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitor's Bureau at www.cnsccb.com.

Green Gifts

Visit the eco-friendly marketplace at the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) website www.swancc.org. Here you will find links to websites that sell products spanning from apparel and cosmetics to pet care products and items for

the home. Other green gift options include purchasing a rain barrel through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). Visit the MWRD on the web at www.mwrdd.org and click on the link to purchase a rain barrel. Rain barrels cost \$40 (limit of two barrels per household) and can be purchased online using a Visa or MasterCard and picked-up at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, 3500 West Howard Street in Skokie.



Homemade Gifts

The SWANCC website, www.swancc.org also offers ideas for kids to make crafts from trash – which also would make great homemade gift ideas. These crafts from trash include a pine cone bird feeder, picture frames, paper beads and blender paper ornaments. ∞

Skokie Fire Department Offers CPR Classes and Fire Academy to Skokie Residents

The Skokie Fire Department provides a full-service public education program. Fire Prevention staff present fire and life-safety programs to all schools, local businesses, civic organizations and nursing homes. Programs popular with Skokie residents include:

Citizens Fire Academy

The mission of the Citizens Fire Academy is to create well-informed individuals from the community by describing various functions and services offered by the Skokie Fire Department. Topics include CPR, emergency medical services, auto extrication, rappelling from ropes suspended high in the fire station (as seen in the photo to the right) and fighting fires in the drill tower. For information on the next Citizens Fire Academy please visit www.skokie.org or call 847/982-5340.

CPR

CPR classes are offered monthly to Skokie residents for \$15 and to non-Skokie residents for \$20. Advanced registration for classes is required and interested individuals may enroll by mail or in person at Fire Station 16 (headquarters), 7424 Niles Center Road between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The 2009 CPR class schedule will be released in early January. For more information or to receive an application, please call 847/982-5340. ∞



Shown above: Judy Halteman is being prepped to rappell with the help of Lt. Roger Pettinger and Lt. Russell Picek.

Monday Senior Group

All programs take place at the Smith Activities Center located at 5120 Galitz Street. Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information on Monday Senior Group Programs please call 847/933-8208.

December 1 - Table Games

Gather your friends for a fun afternoon of table games of your choice. Bring treats to share.

December 8 - BINGO

Join the Smith Activities Center for a fun afternoon of BINGO. This activity is free and small prizes will be awarded to the winners.

December 15 - Home Helpers

Home Helpers of Northeastern Illinois will inform seniors about the new licensing requirements for home health aides and give away goody bags.

December 22 - Video

Video title to be announced.

December 29 - Annual New Year's Party

Note: Lunch is at 12 p.m. The Smith Activities Center will feature their first annual New Year's Party with a great lunch menu. The cost is \$12 and reservations with payment are due in advance and there is a limit of 40 reservations. The Chicago Swedish Glee Club will perform at 1 p.m. with dessert and free raffle prizes following the entertainment. ☞

TeenLink Program: Uniting Residents & Seniors with Local Teens

The Village's TeenLink program provides residents with names of teens willing to do various tasks, such as yard mowing, pulling weeds, raking leaves and snow shoveling. Teenagers are needed year-round, but especially during heavy snowfalls.

Skokie residents often request assistance for snow shoveling during harsh winters and for lawn care in the summer. Teens provide their contact information to the TeenLink list, and Skokie residents are provided with a complete list of available teens in their area. The resident is responsible for contacting the TeenLink teenager and for making financial/scheduling arrangements. The TeenLink teenager is responsible for completing the task or notifying the resident if they are unable to complete the work.

The Village TeenLink program has been connecting residents with Skokie teenagers for over 15 years. Many communities have implemented similar programs with limited success. The success of the Skokie TeenLink program is a testament to our community's spirit. Help out your community - become a member of TeenLink today!

If you are a teen that would like to register or a senior that would like a list of available teens, please call 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org ☞

Have You Prepared Your House for Cold Winter Weather?

Frozen Pipes

Frozen pipes usually occur for one of three reasons: when cold outside air leaks into the house and freezes the water in pipes, when homeowners lower the thermostats in their houses to 55 degrees or less when they are out of the house or when the pipes in crawl spaces or attics are not properly insulated. If you turn on your faucet and only a trickle of water comes out a pipe may be frozen.

If you choose to thaw the pipe yourself do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater or any open flame device.

It is advised that you have a licensed plumber assist if you cannot immediately locate the frozen pipe.



Ice Dams

Ice dams are the result of melting water and ice entering attics via the roof shingles. Dams primarily occur after a cycle of melting-freezing days. Water from ice dams may damage ceilings, walls, floors and household items.

To reduce the chances that an ice dam will form be sure to clean out all gutters and downspouts, replacing or repairing those which are damaged, and do not allow ice or icicles to accumulate in or around gutters.

For more information please visit www.skokie.org ☞

Holiday Safety Reminder from the Skokie Health Department

You can help keep your holiday season safe and happy by following some simple safety precautions from the Skokie Health Department.

Choosing the right gift for children is very important. Many accidents result from giving gifts inappropriate for a child's age. Toys are rated for the youngest age at which they can be safely used. Please don't give a child a toy rated for older children.

Proper disposal of packaging and wrapping paper also is important. Keep plastic bags and wrapping away from small children. Gift wrapping should not be burned in the fireplace. People have been severely injured by flash fires that result when highly volatile wrapping materials are thrown on a fire.

Alcohol-related accidents account for the majority of holiday traffic deaths. When going to a party or out with friends, choose a designated driver. When hosting a party, have non-alcoholic beverages available for your guests. Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party's end. People who have had too much to drink should be given a ride home or persuaded to use public transportation. Under no circumstances should you allow your guests to drive if they have had too much to drink.

For more information about holiday safety, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.



Where Did All those Holiday Calories Go?

Many people measure the result of their calorie intake by using a scale to weigh themselves. This is not the best way to determine fitness or to make a judgement about your health status.

Lean mass actually weighs more than fat mass. Therefore, a very muscular person's weight might indicate that he is not physically fit when in fact, he is. On the other hand, an inactive, non-muscular person's weight might indicate that he is physically fit when in fact, he isn't.

A better way to measure fitness is by determining your fat-to-lean ratio. The Skokie Health Department offers a quick and easy way to determine this ratio. Body composition analysis uses near infrared light to determine the amount of fat and lean tissue you have. A comprehensive, four-page printout is generated to help you improve your physical fitness.



The Health Department conducts body composition analysis on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. The testing is done by appointment only and costs \$4. To learn more about when these and more tests are offered by the Skokie Health Department, please see the Community Calendar on page 10.

For more information visit www.skokie.org or to schedule an appointment, call 847/933-8252.



37th Anniversary Blood Drive

The Skokie Blood Program will celebrate its 37th anniversary at the December 19th blood drive held at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street from 2 to 7:30 p.m. No appointment is required.

The anniversary drive will feature cake and coffee. In addition, donors will be entered in a drawing for a turkey.

Donating blood is a simple process that takes only a short time and can save a life. Still, many people don't donate for a variety of reasons. Often they believe that they may not be eligible. The fact is that most healthy people can donate blood every 56 days.

For more information about the December blood drive or to inquire about eligibility to donate, please turn to the calendar section on page 10 or contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.



Car Seat Loaner Program

The Skokie Health Department offers a short-term car seat loaner program for Skokie residents. The "TOTS" program requires a \$10 deposit which will be returned, less \$5 for a cleaning fee when the seat is brought back in good condition. *To learn more about "TOTS" or to reserve a seat, please call 847/933-8252.*

December 2008

Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection



December 25 - Christmas Day Holiday Schedule

Refuse

Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections are unchanged. Thursday collections will take place on Wednesday (Christmas Eve).

Recycling

Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections are unchanged. Thursday collections will take place on Wednesday (Christmas Eve).

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection occurs every five to seven working days and weather permitting through mid-December. Visit www.skokie.org for details.

Health Happenings

Unless otherwise noted, all clinics are held at the Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street. Clinics marked with an (*) require advance registration. For more information or to register for a clinic, call 847/933-8252.

Note: Due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both falling on Wednesdays, the Skokie Health Department will not hold its Wednesday evening clinics on December 24 and December 31. The normal Wednesday evening clinic schedule will resume on January 7. For questions regarding this, please call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 7 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street and Wednesday, December 19 from 2-7:30 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:45 p.m., Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. (except Wednesday evenings, December 24 and 31).

Diabetes Screening*

Thursday, December 9 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Nutrition Clinic*

Thursday, December 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, December 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Nicotine Addiction Seminar

Wednesday, December 17 from 7-9 p.m.

Body Composition Analysis*

Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. (except Wednesday evenings, December 24 and 31) and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$4 fee.

Lead Screening*

Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. (except Wednesday evenings, December 24 and 31) and Wednesday, December 3 from 2-4 p.m. \$20 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio) Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. (except Wednesday evenings, December 24 and 31) \$12 fee.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

(Total cholesterol screening only) Mondays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., \$5 fee.

Immunization Clinics*

Tuesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. (except Wednesday evenings, December 24 and 31) and Wednesdays, December 10 and 24 from 1:30-4 p.m.

Well Child Clinic*

Tuesday, December 16 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Village Hall Closed

The Village of Skokie will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2008 for the Christmas Holiday and Thursday, January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's Day.

Nutrition Lecture

Thursday, December 11 at 2 p.m. Topic: "Scale Down! Eat Right!"

TB Skin Testing*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1-4:45 p.m.

Smith Center Activities

Located at 5120 Galitz Street. Please call 847/933-8208 for more information or to register.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, December 1 from 9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Needlework

Socialization and needlework. Mondays at 10 a.m.

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-4:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

A low vision support group that meets in the evenings. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Woodcarving

Fee required. Tuesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. Instructor: Irv Marion

Monday Group

See page eight for details. Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Low Vision Support Group

No December meeting.

Hearing Loss Support Group

No December meeting.

Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, December 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. No December 24 meeting.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, December 3 and 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

(Formally known as Circuit Breaker) Appointments are necessary. Monday mornings.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, December 16, 23 and 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Bright Ideas ESL Class

Registration required. Mondays and Thursdays from 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Conversational German

Thursdays, December 4 and 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Conversational German Special Program

The Lyric Opera will do a special program on *Abduction from the Seraglio* on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary.
Wednesday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Skokie Senior Mens' Group Discussion

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Weber Park, 9300 Weber Park Place.

News and Views Discussion

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Simple Will/Durable Power of Attorney/ Living Will Program

Program for low-income seniors who meet requirements. Fee charged by attorney. Call for program details. Must have at least seven to eight people registered in order for program to occur.

Mens' Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

U.S. Citizenship Class

Meets Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Smith Activities Center. Please call 847/933-8208 to register for the class.

CPR Schedule

No December class. Check back next month for the 2009 CPR schedule and registration information.

Skokie Park District

For more information on Park District programs, call 847/674-1500 or visit www.SkokieParkDistrict.org.

Winter Program Registration Begins

Online, phone and walk-in registration for Skokie

Park District winter programs begins Monday, December 15. For non-Skokie residents, registration begins Monday, December 22.

Santa's Hotline and North Pole Express

Surprise your kids with a phone call or letter from Santa. Please note that calls are limited to the following area codes: 847, 630, 312 and 773. All calls will be received on December 17. Register by December 15 by calling 847/674-1500.

Itty Bitty New Year

The Exploritorium will host a family New Year bash with art projects, face painting, a 12 p.m. ballon drop and more. Tuesday, December 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Ice Skating - Holiday Public Sessions

Lace up your skates and hit the ice with the whole family! The Skatium Ice Arena offers public skating sessions once or twice daily over the holidays. Fees are \$4-4.50 and skate rental is \$2.50. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2900 for Holiday Public Session times. Skatium Ice Arena, 9300 Weber Park Place.

Skokie Public Library

For more details on library activities and events, please visit www.skokieliibrary.info or call 847/673-7774.

Holiday Gadget Guide

Experts from a local electronics store will demonstrate the latest in computers, cameras, phones and other technology gadgets for this holiday season. Tuesday, December 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up online or call 847/673-3733.

Teen Book Discussion: Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Get ready for the movie release, based on this popular series of books. Wednesday, December 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up online or call 847/673-3733.

Super-Couponing

Jill Cataldo will share the secrets of getting the most from your shopping dollars. Thursday, December 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up online or call 847/673-3733.

Antartica: Melting Continent of Magic and Mystery

Doug Dvorak presents a photo essay of points of interest in this often misunderstood, exotic and desolate land and speaks firsthand about the effects of global warming in the Antartic. Saturday, December 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. Sign up online or call 847/673-3733.

Be an Online Detective

You might be surprised at what you can find about yourself or other people on the web. Find out and learn how to protect your private data online. Thursday, December 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up online or call 847/673-3733.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. For 2008-2009 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org

Grey Gardens

Northlight Theatre
December 3-7, 9-14, 16-21. Call for showtimes.

The Mystery of King Tut

Centre East Theatre
Thursday, December 11 at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The Nutcracker - Act II

Centre East Theatre
Friday, December 12 at 12 p.m.

The Civic Ballet of Chicago's "The Nutcracker"

Center East Theatre
Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

Ars Viva: The Maxwell Street Klezmer and "Brother Heinrich's Christmas"

Centre East Theatre
Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 21 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mandy Patinkin

Centre East Theatre
Saturday, December 27 at 8 p.m.

Immigrant Information Series

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All sessions are held at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

All sessions are free and are conducted in the English language. Light refreshments will be served. Children's activities will be available in the Youth Department for children ages 5 and above.

Upcoming Sessions Include:

December 1:

Getting Around: Buses, Trains and Automobiles

January 5:

Health and Wellness: Skokie Health Department

February 9:

Health and Wellness: Rush North Shore Medical Center

For a complete description of each workshop or to register for a workshop, please e-mail info@skokie.org or call the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257.

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