

NewSkokie

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Village of Skokie Open House

Join your neighbors at the Village of Skokie Open House on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Open House activities will include tours of Village Hall, a raffle drawing for a "Quality of Life" Basket containing gift certificates and items from local businesses (expected value of over \$500 per basket), Skokie Crime Prevention Materials, Health Department screenings, Public Works and other equipment displays. Apple cider, doughnut holes and apples will be served. There will also be a gas can exchange. For details on this program please see page four. After visiting Village Hall, take a stroll across Oakton Street to the Skokie Heritage Museum (8031 Floral Street) for Fire Department activities including tours of the old fire house, fire safety activities for children, Fire Department apparatus display and enjoy chili and popcorn.

For more information, please call the Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.



Trick-or-Treating in Skokie

Skokie Halloween celebrations abound as children join their friends and family in the favorite tradition of door-to-door trick-or-treating.

The Village has set trick-or-treat hours from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31. Please do not ring doorbells before or after this period.

For more information on trick-or-treating in Skokie and tips on how to have a fun and safe Halloween, please see article on page nine, visit www.skokie.org or contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210.

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November 4, 2008 Presidential Election

Voter registration for the November Election ends on October 7, 2008. Anyone who was registered and moved to a new address must re-register. Likewise, anyone who changed his or her name must re-register. People who will be 18 years of age by Election Day and new U.S. citizens will need to register in order to vote.

Voter registration is available at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registered voters may "early vote" at the Skokie Village Hall from October 13 through October 30, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students and "snowbirds" who will not be able to vote on Election Day or "early vote" may request an application for an absentee ballot by visiting the Village Clerk's Office or by calling the Clerk's Office at 847/933-8203.

Stormwater Runoff Information

Heavy rains can challenge the Village's sewer systems. The Village has a comprehensive stormwater runoff control program designed to mitigate basement flooding and sewer backups. The following provides answers to common questions about the program:

Why do my streets flood after a heavy rainfall?

Answer: Runoff control intentionally ponds water on Village streets. Without ponding, the water would flow into sewers at a greater rate than the sewers can handle. This can cause a surcharge into basements.

Water levels in the streets should abate within a few hours after a heavy storm. If the street is still flooded after this period, contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. Public Works staff will check to see if a sewer inlet is clogged.

Does this program eliminate seepage into my house?

Answer: No, the program is designed to mitigate problems with sewer backup into basements, not to address seepage problems. Seepage is clear stormwater that enters basements through cracks in the foundation or through window wells. A private licensed plumber, flood control contractor or water proofer can assist with seepage problems. Some of the things a contractor may suggest are waterproofing basement walls, installing new foundation drains, placing glass blocks in basement windows and sealing around window wells.

Why do certain streets flood more than others?

Answer: The topography, sewers and other appurtenances are unique to each street. A topographic survey conducted by the Village

showed that each street's water holding capacity varies. The system of berms and detention areas is designed to work with each street's unique topography.

Is the program a guaranteed solution to basement flooding?

Answer: The program has substantially decreased the number of sewer surcharges into homeowners' basements. Heavy rainstorms that exceed the design capacity of the storm water program (2.1 inches in one hour) may still cause problems for some homeowners.

If frequent sewer back ups are a problem, contact a private licensed plumbing company and review private flood control options. These options may include installation of valve systems or overhead sewers:

Valve systems: There are a number of different types of valve systems to consider. All of the valve systems use gate-like devices to prevent sewage in an overload main sewer line from backing into a basement.


Overhead sewer: This system diverts sewage from the first and second floors to a new sewer line that runs above the basement floor. The old sewer

system is sealed and drainage from the basement level is pumped into the overhead sewer.

Before selecting a contractor carefully check references. In addition, remember that a permit and inspections are required by the Village.

Final Notes

- Disconnect downspouts from the sewer system.
- Never dump anything into the street sewers!
- Regularly clear curbside gutters of leaves, paper and other debris.
- Have private house drains and catch basins cleaned regularly by a licensed plumber.
- Service and maintain private stormwater control devices.

Visit www.skokie.org for detailed information on the stormwater runoff control program such as an interactive presentation and video. 



Shown above: Gabion Pond on Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie. Depressed landscaped areas like Gabion Pond are used to detain stormwater runoff during heavy rainstorms. The ponds fill with excess water and drain into the combined sewer system at a rate that reduces the chance of sewer surcharge.

During the weekend of September 13 and 14, Skokie received over eight inches of rain which resulted in many street closures and localized flooding. As a result, the Village would like to communicate the following:

- **Flood Insurance** is an important line of defense against the financial impact from floods. Although the average homeowner insurance policy does not cover flood damage, homeowners can buy flood insurance. In addition, a rider to a homeowner insurance policy is available for sewer back-up. Residents are encouraged to talk to their insurance agent regarding these safeguards if they have not already done so.
- The State of Illinois Treasurer's Office provides **low-interest loans** to storm victims whose property has sustained weather-related damage. For details on this program, please visit <http://www.treasurer.il.gov/programs/opportunity-illinois/consumer-loans/storm-victims.aspx>

Host a Coffee During Skokie's Know Your Neighbor Week

Know Your Neighbor Week is October 18 through October 26, 2008.

Sponsored by the Village of Skokie and funded by The Chicago Community Trust Immigrant Integration Initiative, *Know Your Neighbor Week* is a program to encourage residents in Skokie's multicultural community to get to know one another and to build a strong, caring community.

- **Host a coffee:** A coffee is an informal gathering of neighbors and friends.
- **Who to invite:** Neighbors new and old, new people from your church, school and any other friends or acquaintances new to the community. A mix of new and established residents is ideal.
- **The Village will help:** The Village of Skokie will provide all registered hosts with a coffee kit, which will include invitation flyers, name tags, markers, information about Village programs and services, conversation starters/ideas and a certificate for a **free** coffee cake to serve at the coffee.
- **Register to host and you could win:** All registered hosts will be entered into a drawing for a Quality of Life Basket (expected value over \$500) which will be given away at 4 p.m. during the **Village of Skokie Open House on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.** *Need not be present to win.* For information on the Village Open House, please see page one or visit www.skokie.org.

To register by mail as a host, please complete the application to the right. For more information or to register as a host by email, please email info@skokie.org or call 847/933-8257. ∞

Skokie Farmers' Market

Last Call for Skokie Farmers' Market

Skokie's "Best on the North Shore" Farmers' Market closes for the season on Sunday, October 26, 2008. The Market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m., presenting farmers and vendors from four Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The market is located near Village Green, between the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall.

Please note that on Sunday, October 26, the Farmers' Market will close at 12 p.m. in preparation for the Village Open House that afternoon. For Open House information, please see article on page one.

Questions? Contact Market Master Terry Oline at 847/933-8223. ∞

Know Your Neighbor Week October 18-26, 2008

Coffee Host Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE:

(work) _____

(home) _____

(cell) _____

DATE OF COFFEE: _____

NUMBER OF INVITATIONS NEEDED: _____

I will need a coupon for a:

Coffee Cake

Kosher Coffee Cake

Both

**Please return this registration form by
OCTOBER 10, 2008 to:**

Village of Skokie
ATTN: Janelle Silva
5127 Oakton Street
Skokie, Illinois 60077

**Questions? Please call 847/933-8257 or email
info@skokie.org.**

Immigrant Information Series

Sponsored by the Village of Skokie

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. Childrens' activities will be available in the Youth Department for children ages 5 and above.

Upcoming Sessions Include:

October 6:

Insuring Your Home, Your Property and Yourself

November 3:

Emergency Services: Protection, Prevention and Preparedness

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

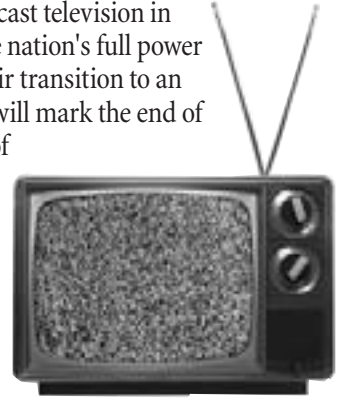
For a complete description of each workshop or to register for a workshop, please e-mail info@skokie.org.

Funded by The Chicago Community Trust Immigrant Integration Initiative

Digital Transition

On February 19, 2009, all broadcast television in the United States will end as the nation's full power television stations complete their transition to an all-digital system. This change will mark the end of the traditional analog method of broadcasting over-the-air television.

This does not mean the end of free broadcast television, and your favorite broadcast programs and local television stations will still be available.



How can you tell if you will be affected by the transition? If you don't currently subscribe to cable or satellite AND your television set was purchased prior to 2008, you will be affected. This means you currently receive analog television over the air or via an antenna, and your TV set is not able to handle digital transmission. To be able to continue to watch over-the-air, or broadcast TV, you will need a converter box available at many electronics stores, for which the federal government can provide a \$40 coupon. You must apply for the coupon directly with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through the website at www.dtv2009.gov, or by requesting an application via phone at 1-888-DTV-2009.

If you have any questions about the digital transition please call the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257. ∞

Village Open House to Feature Gas Can Exchange

Portable metal gas cans account for a significant amount of smog-forming emissions. By replacing these existing, older style cans, with newer plastic environmentally friendly gas cans, harmful vapor emissions can be reduced by 75%.

On Sunday, October 26 from 2 to 4 p.m., you may bring old metal gas cans to the Village of Skokie Open House at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, and trade them in for a new, environmentally friendly gas can *free of charge*. The gas can exchange will take place at the Fire Department display at the Skokie Heritage Museum at Oakton Street and Floral Avenue.

While there, you are invited to join in the fun and educational activities planned by the Village of Skokie. Learn more about the Open House on the front page. ∞

Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

The regular weekly Wednesday collection of residential yard waste material will end after the October 15 collection. After this date, residents who have grass or small brush bagged in 30-gallon kraft paper bags or who have bundled brush will be required to contact the Public Works Department to schedule a collection.

Weather permitting, the Village leaf collection service will begin October 13 and is expected to run through mid-December. Residents who do not mulch may rake leaves to the street, next to the curb line in front of their residence and Village crews will collect loose leaves from the street. Caution should be exercised so that leaves are not raked into sewer inlets or in front of fire hydrants. Do not mix grass piles, twigs, branches, sticks, rocks,

bottles, garden debris, etc. with the leaves as such items could cause the equipment to breakdown. It is suggested that residents wet down any loose leaf piles to keep them from blowing away. Avoid parking your car in front of a large leaf pile and, when raking, please try not to pile leaves where vehicles are parked. It is difficult for the collection crews to work around parked cars.

The Public Works Department makes every effort to complete one cycle through the Village every five to seven working days. Due to the large volume of leaves and weather uncertainties, it is impossible for the Village to guarantee leaf collection on a specific day. During the winter months or anytime during the normal leaf collection season, residents have the option to place their leaves in a biodegradable



yard waste bag and call Public Works to schedule a collection.

Residents who are in need of assistance with their yard work should consider participating in TeenLink, a program that matches Skokie seniors with teens that are available

for hire for outside seasonal yard work. Details on this program can be found on page 11.

For questions regarding the yard waste and leaf collection programs, contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. ∞

International Leadership Academy

On Sundays, November 9 and December 7, 2008, the Village of Skokie will host a two-part International Leadership Academy for Skokie residents. The November 9 session will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy, Westfield Old Orchard, from 2 to 7 p.m. The December 7 session will be held at the Holiday Inn/Skokie from 2 to 7 p.m.

The Academy is being funded by a grant from the Chicago Community Trust and will include sessions on:

- Leadership throughout American History
- Volunteerism
- Understanding State and Federal Government Systems
- Serving as a Volunteer, Appointed Official or Elected Official
- Etiquette, Protocol and the Art of Negotiation

A dinner follows each informational session, and attendees will be asked to discuss how to continue developing leadership skills and their plans for leadership involvement in the community.

Registration is free, but must be done by October 27, 2008 and is limited as follows:

- Those who register are expected to commit to attending both sessions.
- Due to the nature of the grant, attendees must be born outside of the United States.

Attendees will be asked to assist in evaluating the program to ensure the effectiveness of future International Leadership Academy programs hosted by the Village of Skokie.

To register or for further information, please contact Ann Tennes, Director of Marketing and Communications, at 847/933-8234 or ann.tennes@skokie.org. ∞



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:
October 6 and 20

Plan Commission:
October 2 and 16

Appearance Commission:
October 15 (Note: This meeting will be held in the Annex Room, located on the lower-level of Village Hall)

Zoning Board of Appeals:
October 1 and 15



Recent Village Board Action

The Village Board approved an intergovernmental agreement with School Districts 68 and 69 to expand the School Resource Officer (SRO) program at the two junior high schools. In 2007, School Districts 68 and 69 implemented a program in which they shared an SRO. Under the new program, each district will pay 70% toward the total annual cost of a full-salaried police officer, and with the commencement of the 2008-2009 school year, each school has its own SRO.

The Village Board approved a truancy ordinance to reduce student truancy and increase student achievement by intervening with needed services. The truancy ordinance will be classified as a youthful offense as part of the Youth Outreach Program, a collaborative effort between the Village of Skokie, Skokie Police Department, Circuit Court, schools, social service and not-for-profit agencies to work together in the best interest of youth and their families.

The Village Board approved Downtown Skokie facade assistance at 8044 Lincoln Avenue. The program will be funded from the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District. The property has previously been vacant for several years but was recently purchased by a new owner with a tenant already in place for the second floor and plans to lease the first floor for a restaurant-type use.

Skokie Remembers September 11th

On Thursday, September 11, 2008, the Skokie Fire Department dedicated a moment of silence with a bell ceremony that began at 8:58 a.m. at the flagpole of each of the three Skokie fire stations.

Each ceremony concluded with one minute of silence. Members of the Skokie Police Department, other Village staff and neighbors of the fire stations also were present for the ceremonies.



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.

October often is the time to make winter vacation plans. In an effort to conserve energy and live more conscious of the environment, travelers around the world are opting for an eco-friendly vacation. Before you make your travel plans, check out these tips on ways you can change your habits while vacationing.

- **Transportation.** The greenest thing you can do is use public transportation. Rather than flying, try taking the train or bus. Commercial train and bus companies are offering incredible deals for travelers.

If you decide to fly, the best way to go is direct. The take-off and landing of an airplane takes an incredible amount of fuel and the more lay-overs you have the more fuel is expended.

- **Prep your home before you travel.** Before you leave for your vacation, check your house to make sure to adjust your heating and cooling systems and unplug your appliances and chargers. The Department of Energy estimates that plugged-in but unused electronics waste nearly five percent of the total electronic consumption of the United States. The biggest wasters include Plasma TV's, microwave ovens and chargers.
- **Pack light.** Travel-size packages of toiletries are convenient but all that extra plastic

packaging makes for more refuse. An alternative is to purchase reusable travel-size containers that you can re-fill before each trip.

- **Eco-Tourism.** The National Geographic defines eco-tourism as tourism that both sustains and enhances the geographical character of a location and its environment, heritage, culture and well-being of its residents. Rather than spend only a day or two in multiple locations, try spending multiple days in a single location to not only invest in the community by staying in local hotels and dining at local restaurants but adding to the economy with souvenir purchases and trips to local attractions. The National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Tourism

(www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable/travelers.html) offers an environmental scorecard to allow you to find out how your next vacation spot ranks and tips for travelers who wish to tour the world constructively.

- **Rent a hybrid.** Rental cars provide a great excuse to rent something you would not ordinarily get to drive. Thinking about purchasing a hybrid vehicle? Why not test one out on your next vacation.

For more information on Skokie's 'green' initiatives please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210.



SWANCC to Hold 10th Annual Computer/Electronics Recycling Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) along with Motorola will hold their 10th annual cost-free computer/electronics recycling event on **Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Motorola's Schaumburg facility located at 1301 E. Algonquin Road.**

Only residentially-generated equipment will be accepted (please see list of accepted items to the right). Supply-Chain Services, Inc. will recycle all computer/electronic materials in an environmentally-responsible manner at its Lombard, Illinois facility. Cell phones will be collected for Motorola's *Race to Recycle* Program, which generates funds for K-12 schools.

For more information on this computer/electronics recycling event, please visit www.swancc.org or call SWANCC at 847/724-9205.

Items Accepted at this collection include:

- **Computers and Peripherals:** PC's, monitors, hard drives, modems, printers, mice, keyboards and scanners.
- **Office Equipment and Products:** telephones, typewriters, answering machines, calculators, fax machines, copy machines, shredders and postage machines.
- **Entertainment and Visual Equipment:** TV's (no consoles), VCR's, DVD players, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, video game players and joysticks.
- **Cell phones and pagers will be collected for donation.**

Please do not bring air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, microwaves, large home appliances, power tools, toasters or toaster ovens, blenders, software, disks, CD's or DVD's. For details on recycling these items, please visit www.swancc.org.



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 a Monday Senior Group Program please call 847/933-8208.

OCTOBER 6 - Secretary of State

Note: This program takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Secretary of State will be at the Smith Center to issue ID cards for residents 65 years of age or over, and renew drivers licenses for those individuals under the age of 75 years with a clean driving record. Numbers will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

OCTOBER 13 - Table Games

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

OCTOBER 20 - Pre-Halloween Hot Dog Feast

Note: Lunch begins at 12 p.m. and entertainment to commence at 1 p.m. Join the Human Services Division for hot dogs, chips, pickles, dessert and entertainment. The cost is \$4.

OCTOBER 27 - Re-evaluation of Medication Drug Program (SHIP)

There will be changes in the Medicare Part D drug program. Come and listen to our SHIP volunteer, Jim Cowen, explain the changes and how they can affect your medication plan.

Assist-A-Family Program

Help make the season brighter for Skokie families in need. The Village's Assist-A-Family program asks businesses, individuals and groups to contribute to the effort. Human Services Division staff screens each applicant family to ensure that donations go to help Skokie's neediest families. Families receive gift certificates for area businesses which they use to purchase holiday food and to buy items specific to each child's needs and wants. Monetary contributions and/or certificates are gratefully accepted by the Human Services Division staff.

If you would like to participate in this program, please contact either Meryl Rivenson or Terri Williams at 847/933-8208.

Skokie families who believe they may qualify for the Assist-A-Family program must contact Beth Lindley or Cynthia Benton at 847/933-8208 before October 10, 2008 to schedule an interview. Only families with extremely low income are eligible. ☞

Niles Township Schools ELL Parent Center

The Niles Township Schools English Language Learners (ELL) Parent Center opened its doors in mid-July to provide English classes through a collaborative effort with Oakton Community College. Based on positive feedback by program participants, classes continue and have been expanded this fall.

The new center provides services to the ethnically diverse parents of Niles Township school children who may be living in the United States for the first time. Information includes school basics, library resources and other services which will help parents to advocate for their children's academic achievement and successfully navigate the American school system.

For more information please call 847/568-7611. ☞

"Tots" Car Seat and Proper Installation Program

The Village of Skokie's Health Department offers a short-term infant/toddler car seat loan program. The "Toddler Seats Offer Travel Safety" (TOTS) program is available to Skokie residents and is ideal when young guests are visiting.

Seats are subject to availability and are loaned for up to six weeks. A \$10 deposit is required for each seat borrowed. The participating resident receives \$5.00 of the deposit back once the seat is returned in good condition. The Health Department can assist with the proper installation of loaned seats. Please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 for additional information or visit www.skokie.org.

The Skokie Police Department also invites residents to make appointments to check for proper installation of child safety seats.

The proper installation and use of the child safety seats is critical. The process takes approximately 20 to 45 minutes. *To make an appointment, please call 847/982-5996.* ☞



Time For Flu Shots

Seasonal, or common flu, is a contagious respiratory illness that is caused by different influenza viruses. This is the flu that is seen in the community every year. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Older people, young children and people with certain chronic health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent seasonal flu is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

The Skokie Health Department will begin offering flu shots to Skokie residents in mid-October. The clinics will be held on Tuesday, October 21st and Wednesday, October 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday, November 3rd from 3 to 7 p.m.

Any **Skokie resident age 50 or older** is eligible to obtain a flu shot and will not be charged. Skokie residents under age 50 also are eligible to receive a flu shot if they have been diagnosed with a chronic illness and have a note from their physician which states the illness and a flu shot is medically indicated.

Proof of residency is required for ALL participants. You cannot vouch for another person. *Please note: proof of residency that will be accepted include one of the following: a CURRENT Illinois drivers license or State I.D., vehicle registration card, voters registration card issued within the last four years, current utility bill, or a current lease or deed.* If a per-

son does not have proof of residency, they will not receive the flu shot at these clinics. Participants covered by Medicare Part B are asked to bring their card with them to the clinic. This is necessary for the Health Department to receive reimbursement from Medicare.

If you are allergic to chicken eggs or have had a reaction to the flu shot in the past, you must receive your shot from your doctor. The Health Department cannot vaccinate individuals in this category due to the increased risk of a severe reaction to the shot.

The clinics will once again be held at the Oakton Center located at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street. This site is accessible to people with disabilities and is also accessible via the #97 and #54A buses. **These are walk-in clinics. No appointments will be made.**

To reduce your waiting time at the clinic, the Health Department asks you: NOT to come at the very beginning of the clinics, have your proof of residency and Medicare Part B card out and ready to present to the registration staff before you get to the registration table, bring your reading glasses if you need them in order to fill out the form, and wear a short sleeve or very loose fitting shirt to facilitate giving the shot.

For more information please contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252.

Nicotine Addiction Seminar

In conjunction with its tobacco education program, the Skokie Health Department is offering a monthly Nicotine Addiction Seminar. In one easy two-hour lesson, this program will show people how to overcome the effects of withdrawal and then stay off nicotine containing products.

This program is conducted by Jerry Zabin. Mr. Zabin has many years of presenting smoking cessation programs for adults and smoking prevention programs for children in the Chicagoland area.

The next Nicotine Addiction Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Annex Room located on the lower level of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. All interested individuals are invited to attend. Please call 847/933-8252 to reserve your seat for this informative program.

Trick-or-Treat Tips

- S** words, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A** void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** xamine all treats before eating them for choking hazards and tampering. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and to help others see you.
- A** lways test make-up in a small area first and remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L** ook both ways before crossing the street and use established crosswalks.
- L** ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** nly walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** ear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- E** at only commercially-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the chef well.
- E** ntering homes for treats should be avoided unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
- N** ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

October 2008

Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection



Refuse

Refuse is collected twice per week on Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays. To find out which days your refuse is collected please visit www.skokie.org.

Recycling

Recycling is collected weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. To find out which day your recycling is collected and what items are recyclable, please visit www.skokie.org.

Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

Yard waste is collected every Wednesday through October 15. This same week, leaf collection will commence. For details on either of these programs please see page five or visit www.skokie.org.

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.*

Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 8 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.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesday, October 14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please see page 11 for more information.

Flu Clinics

Tuesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street. For more information please see page nine.

Nutrition Clinic*

Thursday, October 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, October 17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Body Composition Analysis*

Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$4 fee.

Lead Screening*

Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday, October 1 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. \$12 fee.

Nicotine Addiction Seminar

Wednesday, October 22 from 7-9 p.m. For more information please see page nine.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

(Total cholesterol screening only) Mondays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 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. and Wednesdays, October 8 and 22 from 1:30-4 p.m.

Nutrition Lecture

Thursday, October 30 at 2 p.m. Topic: "Portion Distortion".

TB Skin Testing*

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

Well Child Clinic*

Tuesday, October 7 from 8:30 a.m.-1 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, October 6 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

Everyone is welcome. Tuesday, October 14 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

October meeting canceled.

Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, October 8 and 22 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, October 1 and 15 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, October 21 and 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Silver Singers

October meeting is cancelled.

Bright Ideas ESL Class

Registration required. Mondays and Thursdays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Note: October 6 class is cancelled.

Conversational German

Thursdays, October 2 and 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary. Wednesday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.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.

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.

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
Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for October 21, 2008 program information.

Residents:
\$15 refundable fee.
Non-residents:
\$20 non-refundable fee.

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

Scream Scene 2008
The scariest haunted "house" in town. The faint of heart will not want any part of these ghouls! (Not recommended for children

under 10). October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and November 1 from 7-10 p.m. Skokie Water Playground, 4701 Oakton Street.

'Altered State U': A 'Still Acting Up' Production
The nationally-acclaimed senior acting troupe, 'Still Acting Up' goes back to college in this original show. October 15-26. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for show times. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Things That Go Bump In the Night
Non-scary Halloween fun at Emily Oaks Nature Center. Meet the Center's friendly creatures and end the night with a campfire, snacks and songs. October 17 and 18. Time vary. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2500 for information. \$5 per person. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

Scooter's Halloween Party
Have a ghoulish time at the Skatium Ice Arena with skating, storytelling time, hayrides, a costume contest and a penny carnival. October 24 from 6-9:30 p.m. \$5-6 per person. Weber Center's Skatium Ice Arena, 9300

Weber Park Place.
Ex-Scare-Itorium
Join in the fun with art projects, treats, a costume parade and more! October 30 from 3-6 p.m. Call for fees. 847/674-1500, ext. 2700. Oakton Center Exploritorium, 4701 Oakton Street.

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

Turning 65: What You Need to Know about Medicare and Medicaid
Learn the basics of Medicare services and other programs to help with costs. Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

Let's Visit Mexico off the Beaten Path
Family program with crafts, food, and fun. Friday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert
Amy Pikler plays recorder and viola and Takuma Tateishi plays piano. Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m.

Scrabble Open Play
Join other word lovers for some lively Scrabble games. Wednesday, October 8 at 6 p.m.

Flamenco Triana
Live music and the fiery and explosive footwork of gypsy flamenco. Sunday, October 12 at 3 p.m.

How to Live More Green
Tips on reducing waste and conserving resources. Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Senior Wii Club
Play some exciting Wii sports at the library. Tuesday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.

True Chicagoland Ghost Stories
A presentation on spooky haunted Chicagoland Site. Wednesday, October 29 at 7 p.m.

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

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Northlight Theatre
October 1-5, 8-12, 14-19 and 22-26.

Ars Viva: Mozart Magic
Centre East Theatre
October 26 at 4:30 p.m. and October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Dudu Fisher - Jerusalem
Centre East Theatre
October 25 at 8 p.m.

Skokie Art Guild Members' Fall Exhibit
Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street.
October 18 through November 22 with an opening reception on Sunday, October 19 from 4-6 p.m.

Skokie Teens Help Seniors through Skokie TeenLink Program

The Village of Skokie's TeenLink program unites residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work with teens who are available for hire to do the work. This program is only available to Skokie residents.

The TeenLink program is a compilation of contact information of Skokie teens available to do seasonal yard work. The list includes the name and address of the teen, days available, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email. The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

If you would like the TeenLink contact list, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Manager's Office or visiting www.skokie.org to download an application.

Turn Back Time

It's time to reset your alarm clock! Daylight Saving Time officially ends on November 2. Time will revert back to standard time at 2 a.m. that Sunday.

In addition to setting back your clocks, the Fire Department reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency kit accessories.

