



## Important Changes in Yard Waste Collection

### Collection of Grass Clippings Discontinued for 2009 Season

At the March 16, 2009 Village Board meeting, the Village Board authorized discontinuing collection of grass clippings for the 2009 season. The policy change was approved to provide both cost savings and environmental benefits to the community. Brush collection, and limited collection of other yard debris, begins on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 and continues each Wednesday on a call-in basis through October 14, 2009. Other yard debris includes bush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and old flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2008 also will be

collected in spring only. The fall leaf collection program remains in effect.

This year, Skokie residents are asked to just let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing. A normal weekly grass cutting creates no aesthetic odor or other turf nuisance problems. Since grass is 75% water, the grass will quickly decompose and nourish the lawn with nitrogen; thereby less artificial or chemical fertilizer is needed. This is a common practice with golf courses and arboretums. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.

Public Works has established an automated phone request system for brush and yard debris collection. Residents must call 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday of each week to request collection of brush and/or other yard debris for the coming Wednesday. Residents also can request collection on [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), also by Monday at noon for collection the coming Wednesday. Residents who do not request collection will not receive service.

The Village will continue to collect bundled brush and tree materials as this material does not quickly decompose. Residents who request brush collection are asked to bundle the

brush with rope, string or twine. Branches must not exceed 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.

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#### 2009 Village of Skokie Yard Waste Collection Quick Facts

- Grass clippings will no longer be collected. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.
- Skokie residents are asked to mulch their grass clippings by letting them lay on the lawn after weekly mowing.
- Brush and other yard debris will be collected on Wednesday of each week by request only from April 15 through October 15.
- Other yard debris eligible for collection includes bush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and old flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2008 also will be collected in spring only.
- Other yard debris must be placed in a 30-gallon kraft paper bag for collection.
- To schedule a collection of brush or other yard debris, residents must call 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday to request collection for the coming Wednesday. This is an automated system and messages can be left during daytime, weekend and evening hours. Residents also can request collection at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).
- Residents who do not request collection will not receive service.
- Brush should be bundled with string, rope or twine, with branches not exceeding 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.
- The fall leaf collection program begins in mid-October and continues through early December, weather permitting.



## The Village of Skokie is Here to Serve You.

Skokie offers many programs and services for residents and business owners. For more information, visit Skokie online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call one of the departments or divisions listed below.

### Village Hall

5127 Oakton Street  
Skokie, Illinois 60077  
847/673-0500 phone  
847/673-0525 fax  
[www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org)

*Village Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and some limited Saturday hours. Please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call 847/673-0500 for more information.*

- **Citizens Assistance**  
847/933-8480
- **Corporation Counsel**  
847-933-8270
- **Personnel Division**  
847/933-8212
- **Risk Management Division** 847/933-8213
- **SkokieVision Cable**  
Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems
- **Village Clerk's Office**  
847/933-8203
- **Village Manager's Office**  
847/933-8210

### Community Development Department

Located at Skokie Village Hall,  
5127 Oakton Street  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

- **Building, Zoning and Property Standards**  
847/933-8223
- **Planning** 847/933-8447
- **Economic Development**  
847/933-8446

### Finance Department

Located at Skokie Village Hall,  
5127 Oakton Street Skokie,  
Illinois 60077

- **Collections Division**  
847/933-8423
- **Parking Enforcement**  
847/933-8421
- **Purchasing Division**  
847/933-8240
- **Water Billing:**  
847/933-8418

### Fire Department

**Emergency 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency**  
847/982-5300

**Station #16 Headquarters**  
7424 Niles Center Road  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

**Station #17**  
8157 Central Park Avenue  
Skokie, Illinois 60076

**Station #18**  
9024 Gross Point Road  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

### Health Department

- **Animal Control**  
847/933-8484
- **Environmental Health**  
87/933-8484
- **Personal Health and Administration**  
847/933-8252

### Human Services Division

5120 Galitz Street  
Skokie, Illinois 60077  
847/933-8208

### Police Department

**Emergency 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency**  
847/982-5900

8350 Laramie Street  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

### Public Works

9050 Gross Point Road  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

- **Civil Engineering**  
*(located at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois)*  
847/933-8231

- **Forestry**  
847/933-8427
- **Refuse and Recycling**  
847/933-8427
- **Signs and Street Lights**  
847/933-8232
- **Streets and Alleys**  
847/933-8427
- **Traffic Engineering**  
*(located at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois)*  
847/933-8232
- **Water and Sewer**  
847/933-8427

**For breaking news and more information about Skokie, visit the Village on the web at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or tune your radio dial to 1660 AM Skokie.**

## Community Development Block Grant Program

The Village of Skokie recently conducted three public hearings to determine its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Village receives CDBG funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year to use for a variety of capital improvements, housing rehabilitation and social services that principally benefit low- and moderate income residents of Skokie.

An open, competitive application process is conducted by the Village annually to determine the most worthy funding requests. Administration expenses also are paid from the grant but are capped at 20% of the annual entitlement. General support to social services also is limited to 15% of the new grant plus any program income that has been generated throughout the year. The CDBG program is designed to mostly fund capital improvements and rehabilitation activities.

The estimated grant for 2009-2010 is \$480,000. The Village also has \$8,288 of program income and will re-program \$85,412 of grant funds that have not been spent from previously completed projects for a total 2009-2010 budget of \$573,700. CDBG proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies totaled \$647,680, necessitating a reduction of \$73,980 through the public hearing process.

Following are the approved activities, funding allocations and descriptions of each project:

- **Program Administration and Planning, \$96,000**  
Funding to administer the Village's CDBG Program, implement and monitor all projects, submit all required documentation to HUD, and coordinate all planning activities relative to the Village's community development efforts.

- **Home Improvements Program, \$120,000**

Funding to continue the Village's program of repairing single-family homes owned and occupied by low/moderate income residents. The program generally serves about 15 to 25 households per year. To learn more, please visit the Economic Development webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

- **Street Resurfacing, \$200,000**

Funding to resurface Lamon Avenue from Oakton Street to Mulford Street and Louise Avenue from Niles Avenue to LaCrosse Avenue.

- **Sidewalk Grant Program, \$5,000**

This program provides grants to homeowners meeting low/moderate income eligibility who are required to participate in the Village's mandatory 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. As the Village implements its Mandatory

Sidewalk Replacement Program, low/moderate income property owners are able to apply on an individual basis for CDBG funds to cover their 50% share.

- **Niles Township Food Pantry Freezer, \$10,000**

The Niles Township Food Pantry plans to relocate its food pantry to the Annex Building and CDBG funding will assist in the purchase of a new commercial freezer.

- **SHORE Community Services, \$20,000**

Funding will assist SHORE in replacing two furnaces, two central air conditioning units, several inefficient single-pane windows and two doors at the Karger House CILA, 4324 Church Street.

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## 2008 Merchant of the Year Winners

At the March 16, 2009 Village Board meeting the Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission announced the 2008 Merchant of the Year award winners. Ballot entries were available in *NewSkokie* and at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

The winners for the 2008 Merchant of the Year:

- 1st Place: Perfectionist Hair Salon, 4950 Oakton Street
- 2nd Place: Sweety Pies Bakery, 7931 Lincoln Avenue
- 3rd Place: Tie between Jewel, 9449 Skokie Boulevard and Total Graphics, 8343 Niles Center Road

The Consumer Affairs Commission will present a brief introduction followed by an award presentation and be honored by the Mayor and Village Trustees at the meeting. ∞

### We want to hear from you!

The Village welcomes comments and questions from residents. A number of options are available for residents to share questions, thoughts and concerns with the Village:

- Complete and submit the Feedback form below, or on the back page of any edition of *NewSkokie*.
- Email the Village at [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org).
- Call one of the Village departments (see page two or back page).

## Skokie Fourth of July 2009 Parade Application

Everyone is invited to participate! This spectacular event is organized by a group of dedicated volunteers and co-sponsored by the Village of Skokie, Niles Township Government and the Skokie Park District. Join us at noon in Downtown Skokie on July 4th. **Applications will only be accepted through Friday, May 22, 2009. No exceptions!**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of unit: (circle all that apply)**

Float or Display                      Vehicle                      Marching Unit

**Category (circle all that apply)**

Neighborhood Group                      Local Business                      Organization

Commercial Vehicle\*                      Antique Auto

(\*\$50.00 fee for each commercial vehicle.)

Enclosed is our donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make checks payable to the 4th of July Parade Committee)

**Number of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Children under 6 years old:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Want to be (circle one):**    Away from music                      Near music

*Note: All applications must be approved by the Parade Committee. A letter of acceptance will be sent upon approval.*

**Return all applications to:  
Fern Katz, Chairperson 4th of July Committee  
P.O. Box 702  
Skokie, IL 60077  
Phone: 847/674-8602 • Fax: 847/674-1340**

## Community Development Block Grant Program

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- **Search Developmental Center, \$12,700**  
Funding will be used to replace concrete walkways and improve accessibility at two group homes located at 8611 Keeler Avenue and 8556 Central Park Avenue.
- **Center for Enriched Living, \$3,000**  
Operational funding for the Center's social enrichment and skill development programs for people with developmental disabilities.
- **Access to Care, \$8,000**  
The Access to Care Program is sponsored by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council and serves those who are uninsured but not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid.
- **Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, \$3,000**  
M-NASR provides scholarship assistance for children and adults with developmental disabilities enabling them to participate in special recreational, social and exercise programs.
- **PEER Services Inc., \$4,000**  
PEER Services provides substance abuse treatment to Skokie residents, including an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for teens and specialized medical treatments for adults addicted to drugs.
- **Search Developmental Center, \$12,700**  
Funding will assist CJE with the replacement of convector units in resident rooms at the 240-bed Lieberman Geriatric Health Center at 9600 Gross Point Road.
- **Disability Services, \$47,000**  
Funding to staff and administer the Village of Skokie's Disability Services, a part of the Human Services Division.
- **North Shore Senior Center, \$6,000**  
Funding will help provide long-term case management and counseling services to Skokie's homebound, low-income elderly and their families.
- **Children's Advocacy Center, \$2,000**  
The Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims of abuse as well as non-offending parents and siblings.

*For further information about the program and services listed here, as well as a complete description of each grant, please contact Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson at 847/933-8446. ∞*

## 2008 Beautification Awards

The Beautification and Improvement Commission Annual Property Owner Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 20, 2009 at 8 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

The following residents will receive Certificates of Appreciation from the Commission for maintaining their property in an exceptional manner during 2008:

Estrella and Ma. Aberin and Estrella Nigros  
8027 East Prairie Road

Cheri and Asher Beederman  
9050 Kildare Avenue

Alan and JoAnn Borlack  
3909 Emerson Street

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Brasch  
9134 Keystone Avenue

Judy and Brian Brenner  
4331 Enfield Lane

Avram and Lidia Candea  
5136 Pratt

Zenia R. and Jeffrey L. Cohen  
3934 Crain Street

Lloyd and Eileen Corrigan  
3723 Golf Road

Sinagtala P. Decena  
9150 Tripp Avenue

Sofronio and Dorothy  
Derequito, 4151 Emerson  
Street

Elline and Dani Eliasoff  
9116 Karlov Avenue

Marion E. Gulley  
9244 Ewing Avenue (north  
unit)

Ms. Rita Head  
9523 Leamington Street

Rosemary Hickman  
9244 Ewing Avenue (south  
unit)

Chet and Anchalee  
Hocharoen  
5217 Foster Street

Daniela S. Hristova and  
Vladimir Tchernev  
8727 Harding Avenue

Nikola and Janja Hrvojevic  
9134 Kildare Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ipjian  
9442 Hamlin Avenue

Marlene Kurland  
7526 Karlov Avenue

Yvette Leroy  
9241 Ewing Avenue

Angel Magdaleno  
8701 Lockwood Avenue

McCracken Middle School  
8000 East Prairie Road



Moshe and Sema Menora  
4100 Grove Street

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L.  
Moore, Sr., 8940 Lavergne  
Avenue

Frank and Matilda  
Niewiadomski  
9445 Latrobe Avenue

North Shore Fertility  
4250 Dempster Street

Oakton Terrace Condo-  
minium, 5200 Oakton Street

Anilkumar Patel  
9443 Lotus Avenue

Stephen and Julia Pavkovic  
8237 Kilbourn Avenue

Jennie and Avi Rothner  
9100 Kedvale Avenue

Janet and Bernie Shaitman  
9406 Lorel Avenue

Lauren and Allen Shapiro  
9008 Lowell Avenue

Gilberto and Lourdes  
Villaluna, 7632 Niles Center  
Road

Barbara Weisman  
9405 Harding Avenue

Westfield Old Orchard  
Shopping Center  
66 Old Orchard Center

Bob and Carol Wooldridge  
9426 Avers Avenue

Mary J. Wrobewski  
9214 Ridgeway Avenue

Robert Xhoxho and Arsemina  
Sadikaj, 8534 Terminal  
Avenue

### 5 Year Awards

Congratulations to the following five-time Beautification Award recipients:

Adam's Mobil Station  
8401 Skokie Boulevard

Robert Anderson  
8350 Laramie Avenue

Gerry and Mary Bonkoske  
8001 Lorel Avenue

Haben Funeral Home and  
Residence, 8051-57 Niles  
Center Road

Janet and Ralph Kiernicki  
8124 Lorel Avenue

Rice Foundation - Daniel F.  
and Ada L. Rice, 8600 Gross  
Point Road ∞





*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:**

*April 6, 20*

### **Plan Commission:**

*April 2, 23*

### **Appearance Commission:**

*April 1*

### **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

*April 1, 22*



## Village Board Action

The Village Board will begin reviewing bids related to the new police station at 7300 Niles Center Road, just north of Touhy Avenue. In March 2009, the Village went out to bid for demolition of part of the existing structure on the property and will, in April 2009, go out to bid for construction of the new station. The Village plans to utilize a portion of the existing building as part of the goal to obtain a silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating. LEED is a Green Building Rating system and is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green, or environmentally friendly buildings.

The rendering below shows what Sente, Rubel, Bosman and Lee (SRBL), the lead architect for the project, and the Village of Skokie, have agreed upon for the design of the future station.

*To learn more on the new police station, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).*



*Rendering courtesy of Sente, Rubel, Bosman and Lee Architects*

## Forms, Permits and Applications

The Village of Skokie wants to make it easy for residents and business owners to complete Village forms, permits and applications. The most frequently requested forms, permits and applications are available online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). The forms are designed to be printed on your printer, but may be completed electronically (using Adobe Acrobat) or by hand. Adobe Acrobat is a free program and if your computer does not have this program, a link to download it is available on the forms, permits and applications page. All forms, permits and applications may be submitted in person or by mail to the Village of Skokie, with specific addresses listed on each document.

*If you notice a form, permit or application you frequently use that is not listed and would like it posted online, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.*

## Important Changes in Yard Waste Collection

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Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for collection of brush, branches or logs larger than 5 feet in length or 3 inches in diameter, and also for dirt and sod.

The Village has strong anti-dumping ordinances, and violators will be ticketed. Also, garbage and recycling containers that contain grass clippings, branches or other yard debris will not be collected as state law prohibits landfilling these materials.

In 2008, an average 11.71% of homeowners utilized weekly yard waste collection service.

The annual financial savings of eliminating weekly grass pick up by Public Works crews is approximately \$90,000.

Skokie is the first municipality in metro Chicago to adopt this green concept. The extra fuel consumption and the diesel emissions from the refuse trucks commuting each Wednesday to collect the yard waste not only pollutes the air, but also is a waste of fuel, equipment and manpower. The May edition of *NewSkokie* will include information about rebate programs for residents who purchase battery or “people-powered” lawn mowers.

The rebates and discounts included in the programs are offered by private firms, not the Village.

More program details will be announced in coming weeks; please see future editions of *NewSkokie* or the Village web site, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), for updates. Residents’ cooperation with this new program that saves both money and conserves natural resources is greatly appreciated.

*Questions? Please call 847/933-8427 or check out [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for program updates.*

## The Village Forester Says...

### *Arbor Day*

Remember April 24 is Arbor Day! Designated as a Tree City for over 22 years, this day has special meaning for Skokie. Each year on Arbor Day the Village and the Skokie Park District co-sponsor a tree planting ceremony. This year's ceremony is April 24 at 10 a.m. at Fire Station 18, 9024 Gross Point Road and will be hosted by the Village of Skokie and Skokie Park District.

In honor of Arbor Day, residents are encouraged to plant a tree on the parkway in front of their houses. The Village's 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program will pay for 50 percent of the cost of the tree. Parkway Tree Planting applications are available from the Village Forester and online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

*For more information please contact the Village Forester at 847/933-8427, or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).*



**TREE CITY USA.**

## Skokie Offers New Online Payment Option

The Village has a new, convenient online payment program for:

- Water bills
- Parking tickets and other non-moving violations
- Miscellaneous invoices

Payment may be made online using American Express, Debit, DiscoverCard and Visa cards. The Village does not charge a fee for this service. To make a payment or learn more about online payments and Automatic Bank Payment, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).



## Cast Your Vote on April 7

Vote for Village of Skokie Mayor, Clerk and Trustees as well as Niles Township administration, school board members, library and park district directors on April 7, 2009. All precinct polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For further information on the April 7 election, please call the Village Clerk's Office at 847/922-8203.

## 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.

### April 6 - Secretary of State

The Secretary of State will come to the Smith Activities Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to issue ID cards (over age 65 is free) and renew driver's licenses for those under the age of 75 with a good driving record. Numbers will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### April 13 - Table Games

Join your friends for a relaxing afternoon with your favorite table games. Bring treats to share with your tablemates.

### April 20 - "Make Em Laugh"

Watch the movie, "Make Em Laugh" with your friends at the Smith Activities Center.

### April 27 - Peppermint Candy Checker Tournament

Play checkers the fun way using peppermint candy on your checkerboard. Candy will be distributed.



## Board of Health to Present an Informational Health Insurance Program

The Skokie Public Library, in partnership with the Village of Skokie Board of Health, will present an informational program on health insurance. Topics covered will include:

- Options for individuals who need health insurance
- Options for individuals who can't afford health insurance
- Options for individuals who have inadequate health insurance coverage

A distinguished panel will be present to answer questions about getting the care you need for your health concern. Panelists include Kris Sadur from the Office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Jonathan VanderBrug from the Campaign for Better Health Care and Jessica Papp from the Gilead Center.

The program will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 1 p.m. in the Mary Radmacher Room at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street.

To learn more about this program, please call the Skokie Public Library Reference Desk at 847/673-3733.

## Village Commissioners Honored

On March 9, 2009 Village Commissioners were honored for their many years of volunteer services and dedication to the Village of Skokie.

The following list highlights Commissioners who recognized and their award years:

### Advisory Commission on Human Services

Ms. Thankamma George, 25 years

Mr. Ananta R. Ghosh, 15 years

Ms. Lorraine Kempel, 5 years

Mr. Eugene Kramer, 5 years

Mrs. Roselin Rothman, 5 years

### Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Mr. Walter Dougan, 5 years

### Appearance Commission

Mr. Thomas DaMario, 5 years

### Beautification and Improvement Commission

Ms. Cecile Pfaff, 10 years

Ms. Bonnie Pershin, 5 years

Ms. Elaine Steiner, 5 years

### Consumer Affairs Commission

Ms. Judy Wolf, 15 years

### Fine Arts Commission

Janice Goldstein, 20 years

Ms. Maya Snitman, 15 years

Mr. Thomas Mannard, 5 years

Ms. Hope Salmanoff, 5 years

### Human Relations Commission

Mr. Ralph Ruebner, 10 years

Mr. Brandon Schwartz, 5 years

Ms. Karen Lise Sherman, 5 years

### Plan Commission

Mr. George Mitchell, 30 years

Mr. Paul Luke, 25 years

Ms. Angeles Carandang, 5 years

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. David Solovy, 10 years

Mr. Brian Lee O'Donnell, 5 years



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1660 AM

Village of Skokie  
Municipal Advisory Radio Station

For emergency preparedness information, up-to-the-minute reports, alerts and relevant instructions for what to do in an emergency and national weather service announcements.

## Handling and Preparing Food Safely

Almost everyone has experienced a foodborne illness although we often think it is a “virus” or maybe the “stomach flu.” We also tend to think that we only get sick from restaurant food, but this is not true. In fact, many cases of foodborne illnesses occur when food is prepared at home. If food is handled and prepared safely, illness can be avoided.

All food may contain some natural bacteria and improper handling gives the bacteria a chance to grow. Food may also be contaminated with bacteria from other sources that can make you ill. Contaminated or unclean food can be very dangerous, especially to young children, older adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems. Each year in the United States, approximately 76 million people get sick, more than 300,000 are hospitalized, and 5,000 Americans die, each from foodborne illness.

*There are four major tips you can use to prevent contaminating food.*

### 1. Use caution when you buy your food.

- Buy perishable food such as meat, eggs and milk last.
- Avoid raw or unpasteurized milk.
- Because eggs, meat, seafood and poultry are most likely to contain bacteria, do not allow their juices to drip on other food.

- Shop for groceries when you can take food home right away so that it does not spoil in a hot car.

### 2. Store your food properly.

- Store eggs, raw meat, poultry and seafood in the refrigerator.
- Use containers to prevent contaminating other foods or kitchen surfaces.
- Your refrigerator should be set at 40° F.
- Your freezer should be set at 0° F.
- Regularly clean and disinfect the refrigerator and freezer.

### 3. Use special precautions when preparing and cooking food.

- Wash your hands and clean and disinfect kitchen surfaces before, during and after handling, cooking and serving food.
- Wash raw fruits and vegetables before eating them.
- Defrost frozen food on a plate either in the refrigerator or microwave, not on the counter.
- Cook food immediately after defrosting.
- Use different dishes and utensils for raw foods than you use for cooked foods.

### 4. Cool and promptly store leftovers after food has been served.

- Harmful bacteria grows at room temperature so it is

## National Public Health Week

The country is celebrating National Public Health Week April 6 through 12, 2009. In conjunction with this observance, the Skokie Health Department is offering Cholesterol, Lipid Profile, and body composition analysis screenings at 50% off the normal fees. Appointments must be made prior to the end of National Public Health Week.

Cholesterol screening is being offered for \$2.50 on a walk-in basis on Monday, April 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, April 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, April 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Lipid Profile test is being offered for \$6 by appointment only on Monday, April 6 and Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Body Composition Analysis is being offered for \$2 by appointment only on Monday, April 6th from 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 8th from 5 to 8 p.m.; and Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.*

best to keep hot food at 140° F or higher and keep cold food at 40° F or cooler. This is especially important during picnics and buffets.

- Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.
- Promptly refrigerate or freeze leftovers in shallow containers or wrapped tightly in bags.

Use common sense and when in doubt, throw it out. It is much cheaper to throw out bad food than it is to pay expensive medical bills or miss work. For more information on food safety, call the Skokie Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 847/933-8484.

## Pet Owner's Etiquette

- Do not allow a dog's barking to disturb neighbors.
- Observe leash laws and do not allow dogs to run loose and/or cats to roam off your property.
- **Always** clean up after your dog.
- Spay or neuter your cat or dog.
- Do not allow the dog to fence-fight with neighbor's dogs.
- At the vet's office, keep your cat in your lap or in a carrier and/or your dog on a leash so as not to disturb other pets.
- Always make sure their vaccinations are up to date.

For further information on being a good pet owner, contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484.

## April 2009 Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



### 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](http://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](http://www.skokie.org).*

For more information please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call the Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

### 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

Sunday, April 5 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street and Wednesday, April 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.

### 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. (Fee is 50% off during Public Health Week, April 6-12.)

### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesday, April 21 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Hearing Screening\*

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

### Immunization Clinics\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 8 and 22 from 1:30-4 p.m.

### Lead Screening\*

Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 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. \$12 fee. (Fee is 50% off during Public Health Week, April 6-12.)

### Nicotine Addiction Seminar

Wednesday, April 29 from 7-9 p.m.

### Nutrition Clinic\*

Thursday, April 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Nutrition Lecture

Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Topic: "Salt Sense: Sodium in Foods".

### 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. (Fee is 50% off during Public Health Week, April 6-12.)

### 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, April 14 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Smith Center Activities

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

### Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

### Chess

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

### Conversational German

Thursday, April 2 and 16 at 1:30 p.m.

### Conversational Yiddish

*No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome.* Tuesday, April 21 and 28 at 1:30 p.m.

### FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, April 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

### Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, April 9 from 1:30-3 p.m.

### Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

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

### Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, April 14 from 1:30-3 p.m.

### Monday Group

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

### Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/Senior Health Insurance Program

*Appointments are necessary.* Tuesday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Mens' Discussion Group

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

### Needlework

*Socialization and needlework.* Mondays at 10 a.m.

### News and Views Discussion

Fridays, 10 a.m.

### Rules of the Road

*Review for driver's exam.* Monday, April 6 from 9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Skokie Senior Mens' Group Discussion

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

### 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 and registration information.*

### Stamp Club

Wednesday, April 1 and 15 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.

### Woodcarving

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

## Smith Center Activities (continued)

### Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesday, April 8 and  
22 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie  
Fire Department at  
847/982-5340 for April  
21 program informa-  
tion. **Residents:** \$15  
refundable fee. **Non-**  
**residents:** \$20 non-re-  
fundable fee.

### North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie  
Blvd. For 2009 per-  
formance dates and in-  
formation please call  
the box office at  
847/673-6300 or visit  
www.northshorecen-  
ter.org

### Mauritius

*A Northlight Theatre  
Production*  
April 1-5. Call for  
showtimes.

### James and the Giant Peach

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 1 at 10 a.m. and  
12 p.m.

### Street Beat - Dance Through the Decades

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 17 at 12 p.m.

### River North Chicago Dance Company

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 18 at 8 p.m.

### Junie B. Jones

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 19 at 1 and 3 p.m.

### Jackie Mason

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 21-23. Call for  
showtimes.

### Ars Viva - Beauty and Brilliance

*Centre East Theatre*  
April 26 at 4:30 p.m.  
and April 27 at 7:30  
p.m.

### The Lieutenant of Inishmore

*A Northlight Theatre  
Production*  
April 29 and April 30 at  
7:30 p.m.

### Skokie Art Guild Call for Artists

**Apply now for the**  
Skokie Art Guild's 48th  
Annual Art Fair. July  
11-12, 2009 at the  
Skokie Village Green.  
Awards and prizes. For  
more information, call  
847/677-8163 or email  
skokieart@aol.com.

### Skokie Park District

*For more information  
on Park District pro-  
grams, call 847/674-  
1500 or visit  
www.SkokieParkDist-  
rict.org.*

### Pool Passes on Sale Beginning April 1

Purchase your pass be-  
fore April 30 and re-  
ceive a free Buddy Pass  
good for five visits to  
either of the two Park  
District facilities. Avail-  
able at Skokie Water  
Playground, 4700 Oak-  
ton Street or Devon-  
shire Aquatic Center at  
9300 Weber Park Place.

### Golf Season is Here

April 1 marks the offi-  
cial opening of the 2009  
Skokie Park District  
golf season, with both  
Sport Park Golf Range\*  
and Weber Park Golf  
Course open daily,  
weather permitting.  
(\*Due to renovation,  
call ahead to the golf  
range for availability).  
Skokie Sports Park,  
3459 Oakton Street and  
Weber Park Golf  
Course, 9300 Weber  
Park Place.

### Murder on the Orient Express

Devonshire Playhouse,  
through April 5. Call  
847/674-1500, ext. 2400  
for times and fees. De-  
vonshire Cultural Cen-  
ter, 4400 Greenwood.

### Nature's Palette Art Show at Emily Oaks Nature Center

Through April 26, view  
paintings and sketches  
depicting natural  
scenery found in north-  
easter Illinois during  
regular business hours.  
Emily Oaks Nature  
Center, 4650 Brummel  
Street.

### Breakfast with the Bunny and EGG- stravaganza

Enjoy breakfast with  
the bunny followed by  
an egg hunt. Saturday,  
April 11 from 9 a.m.-12  
p.m. Oakton Commu-  
nity Center, 4701 Oak-  
ton Street.

### Circus Spectacular at the Exploritorium

The Exploritorium will  
host a circus event in-  
cluding juggling, bal-  
loon animals, face  
painting and more.

Saturday, April 25 from  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton  
Community Center,  
4700 Oakton Street.

### Earth Day Celebration

Includes earth-friendly  
food, entertainment,  
music and a native  
plant sale. Sunday,  
April 26 from 12-4 p.m.  
at the Emily Oaks Na-  
ture Center, 4650  
Brummel Street.

### Play in the National Whiffleball Championship

Gather five players  
today and enter the Na-  
tional Whiffleball  
Championship. This  
tourney will lead up to  
the 30th Annual World  
Whiffleball Champi-  
onship in Indiana in  
July. Call 847/929-7171  
or visit the Skokie Park  
District website for  
more information. July  
27-28 at Channelside  
Park, 3100 Main Street.

### Public Paper Recyclers

Dumpsters available for  
paper recycling at  
Emily Oaks Nature  
Center, 4650 Brummel  
Street and Weber  
Leisure Center, 9300  
Weber Park Place.

### Skokie Public Library

*For more details on li-  
brary activities and  
events, please visit  
www.skokielibrary.info  
or call 847/673-7774.*

### Food for Fines Spe- cial!

Help restock local food  
pantries and the Li-  
brary will waive over-

due fines during Na-  
tional Library Week,  
April 13-19.

### Conquering Clutter: An Organized Ap- proach

Wednesday, April 1 at  
7 p.m.

### Using the Web to Grow Your Small Business

Tuesday, April 7 at  
7 p.m.

### Trigger Point Massage Workshop

Tuesday, April 14 at  
7 p.m.

### School Stories with Skokie School Principals

Wednesday, April 15 at  
6:30 p.m. For pre-  
school through 6th  
grade.

### Be the Groove! Rhythmic Perform- ance Ensemble

Wednesday, April 17 at  
7 p.m.

### If You Take a Mouse to School

Saturday, April 18 at  
4 p.m.

### Peru Profundo Dance Company

Sunday, April 19 at  
3 p.m.

### Greening Your Garden: Tips for an Earth-Friendly Landscape

Thursday, April 23 at  
7 p.m.

### Elements Contempo- rary Ballet

Sunday, April 26 at  
3 p.m. 

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## Landlord Housing Information Session

**April 28, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street**

Numerous topics will be discussed including Skokie's Property Maintenance Code, legal issues, Illinois State Landlord Ordinance and the tenant/landlord mediation project. Through this session landlords will gain a better understanding of their responsibilities and will understand Skokie ordinances that effect their operations.

This session is free and open to the public. For further information call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 or log on to the Village's website at www.skokie.org.

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### Feedback

The Village is pleased to respond to your questions and concerns. If you have a suggestion for the Village web site or for a future NewSkokie article, or have a question, return this form to the Village Hall or e-mail info@skokie.org. Please provide your address for a direct response.

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847/933-8231

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