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Shop Locally in Skokie to Make a Difference

When shopping locally, your spending power helps support your community, neighborhood and local economy. The vision behind local shopping is that it keeps local dollars working closer to home. Shopping locally positively affects Skokie schools, businesses and jobs.

Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community

Although you may not think of this every time you shop in Skokie, buying something locally creates and sustains jobs.

As an example, many businesses bank locally, hire local accountants and service

providers, hire local residents and advertise in local media. By purchasing your item in Skokie, you support many businesses and residents. Supporting local business supports the Skokie economy.

Successful Skokie businesses also attract future or potential businesses to Skokie. By shop-



ping in Skokie you enhance the local economy and make Skokie an attractive location for potential businesses. New retailers in Skokie expand the

opportunities and services available to Skokie residents and attract more people to visit Skokie and, in turn, contribute to the local economy.

Try to make Skokie tops on your list whenever possible

The next time you plan a lunch, dinner or event, try to plan it close to home. Even if you aren't a shopper, chances are you probably dine out and Skokie offers a multitude of restaurants to please any taste. To learn more about your local options, visit the Village's website at www.skokie.org where you can see all the great dining, entertainment and art opportunities waiting for you in Skokie.

For more information please visit:

- **Village of Skokie:** www.skokie.org
- **Skokie Chamber of Commerce:** www.skokiechamber.org
- **Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitor's Bureau:** www.cns cvb.com



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19th Annual Festival of Cultures

The Skokie Festival of Cultures, Chicagoland's most entertaining and unique family event, offers education, entertainment and loads of fun for the entire family.

This annual event takes place at Oakton Park (corner of Skokie Boulevard and Oakton Street) on **Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Admission is free.

For more information about the Skokie Festival of Cultures, please visit www.skokieculturefest.org.

Skokie Fourth of July 2009 Parade Application

Everyone is invited to participate in the Skokie Fourth of July Parade. This event is organized by volunteers and co-sponsored by the Village of Skokie, Niles Township Government and the Skokie Park District. Visit www.skokie.org or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 to get a copy of the 2009 Parade Application. **All applications for the parade are due by Friday, May 22, 2009.** No late applications will be accepted.



Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program

Join Skokie in “Mowing” Out Air Pollution!

Did you know that lawn mower exhaust is full of hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)? An Environmental Protection Agency study found that approximately 9% of some types of air pollution nation-wide comes from the small engines required to run lawn and garden equipment. In metropolitan areas, the concentration of lawns causes this number to increase to upwards of 33%.

The Village of Skokie, in support of northeastern Illinois’ regional eco-friendly *Clean Air Counts* initiative, is expanding its environmentally-friendly practices by offering a Lawn Care Rebate Program. From Memorial Day (May 25, 2009) through Labor Day (September 7, 2009) Skokie residents can trade-in gasoline-powered lawn mowers for a discounted electric or “people-powered” lawn mower. Discounts range from 5% to 33% based on the size and model of the mower.

To participate in the program, Skokie residents may bring a gasoline-powered mower to Skokie Ace Hardware (see box to the right) and receive a rebate voucher. This voucher can be used to purchase an eco-friendly mower at a reduced price from the vendor or purchase an electric mower by phone order with a program code from Neuton Mowers as part of their Direct Order Discount Coupon Program.

Mowers Available with a 5% to 33% Discount:

- **Earthwise** and **Neuton** corded and cordless electric lawn mowers
- **Scotts** and **American** classic reel mowers

To learn more about the Village’s Lawn Care Rebate Program or about Skokie’s

Participation with Clean Air Counts, please visit www.skokie.org or call the Village Manager’s Office at 847/933-8257. ♻️

Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program Vendors:

- **Skokie Ace Hardware**
5035 Oakton Street
847/673-0700
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Neuton Mowers**
www.neutonpower.com/CLEANAIR

Manufacturer (Vendor)	Mower Type	Suggested Price	Program Price (Skokie Resident Price)
Neuton (purchase by phone with voucher)	14” cordless	\$434.00	\$289.00
Neuton (purchase by phone with voucher)	19” cordless	\$544.00	\$389.00
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20” cordless	\$349.99	\$329.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20” corded	\$219.99	\$209.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18” corded	\$199.99	\$189.99
Scotts (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20” classic reel	\$139.99	\$129.99
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18” deluxe reel	\$119.99	\$109.99
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	16” reel	\$109.99	\$99.99

Reminder: Changes in Yard Waste Collection for 2009

This year, Skokie residents are asked to just let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing.

Beginning last month, the Village *discontinued* collecting grass clippings as part of the Yard Waste Collection program. The policy change was approved in March to provide both environmental benefits and cost savings to the community. The Village expects to reduce diesel emissions, fuel and the quantity of debris being added to the waste system. Skokie is the first municipality in metro Chicago to adopt this green concept.

Yard Waste Collection Quick Facts:

- Brush and other yard debris, including brush trimmings, thatch from raking and old flower or vegetable plants, will continue to be collected on a call-in basis each Wednesday through October 15.

This debris must be placed in a 30-gallon kraft paper bag for collection. Brush should be bundled with string, rope or twine, with branches not exceeding 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.

- 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 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Residents can also request collection at www.skokie.org.

For more information, please visit www.skokie.org or call the Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. ♻️

Skokie's Going 'Green'

Bike to Work - May is National Bike Month. Learn why and how you can participate.

Bike for the Health of it!

Most weeks, 7 out of 10 people fail to get the minimum recommended 30 minutes of activity per day – partly because many of us have to fight traffic to get the gym. The result: more than 60% of Americans are overweight or obese and rates of obesity-related diseases are soaring. An easy and environmentally friendly way to not only to increase physical activity but reduce air pollution is to ride a bike to work. By riding a bike just three hours per week, a person can slash their risk of heart disease and stroke in half, lose weight and take a car off the road.

Bike to Save Money!

The average annual price of keeping an automobile running is at least \$3,000, whereas the cost of running a bike is less than \$300.

Bike for Clean Air!

The Village of Skokie is part of *Clean Air Counts*, a northern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development. The key is to adopt emission-reducing strategies – many of them surprisingly simple – including programs to encourage car pooling and mass transit to take cars off the road, use of air-friendly

cleaning supplies, paints and building materials that lessen pollution and reduce the urban “heat island” effect that causes temperatures in the cities to be higher in rural areas. During the month of May, join the Village in reducing air pollution by riding your bike to work, school or anywhere – in the effort to make our community and earth a little greener. Motorized vehicles are responsible for 70% of the carbon monoxide, 45% of the nitrogen dioxide and 34% of the hydrocarbons people produce. Riding a bike is a simple way to improve the environment.

Be Safe Before You Bike!

Biking is an excellent way to get fit, save money and reduce air pollution. Before you begin biking, familiarize yourself with your bicycle, bicycle safety and rules of the road by visiting the Village's *Bicycling in Skokie* webpage at www.skokie.org to download a map with existing bicycle routes in Skokie, download the Bike-way System Plan that identifies existing and future bike routes in Skokie and learn more about bicycle safety and rules of the road.

Learn more about environmentally friendly practices and initiatives at the Village's website, www.skokie.org.



Monday Senior Group

All programs take place at the Smith Activities Center, 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.

May 4 - Table Games

Bring a table of friends and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your favorite table game. You may bring treats to share with your tablemates.

May 11 - Healthy Cooking

Note: This program begins at 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a healthy salad with Charlotte from Alliance Home Health Care.

May 18 - Video: "A Price Above Rubies"

This video is about a woman who rebels against her family's orthodox practices.

May 25 - Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday



Interested in Line Dancing?

The Smith Activities Center is looking to start a new line dancing class. The class would begin at the end of June or beginning of July and is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday mornings.

If you are interested, please contact Sherrie Magnuson at 847/933-8208. ∞

National Women's Health Week

The nation will celebrate National Women's Week from May 10 through May 16. National Women's Health Week is a nationwide effort to encourage women to visit health care professionals to receive regular, preventive check-ups and screenings. To participate in National Women's Health Week, women can contact the Skokie Health Department to schedule an appointment for a special screening clinic to be held on May 11 and 12. The screening tests include blood pressure, lipid profile, diabetes, colorectal cancer, and hearing. For this clinic only, these screenings are available for a total charge of \$10 to Skokie women. Proof of residency is required.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Skokie 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:
May 4, 18

Plan Commission:
May 7, 21

Appearance Commission:
May 13

Zoning Board of Appeals:
May 6, 20



Village Board Action

The Village Board approved a contract with National Power Rodding for catch basin and inlet cleaning throughout the Village. This is part of the Fiscal Year 2009 Flood Relief Operations budget. Learn more about the Village's flood relief program at www.skokie.org.

The Village Board approved a contract with Arrow Road Construction Company and a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution as it relates to the 2009 non-arterial street resurfacing project. This project will cover approximately 0.9 miles of street resurfacing.

The Village Board approved a contract with A-Lamp Concrete Contractors for Phase II of the rehabilitation of the East Industrial District Special Service Area. Elements of this project include street resurfacing, sidewalk repair, curb and gutter repair, parking improvements, lighting improvements and landscaping. Learn more about this project on pages three to five.

Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission Offers Ideas For Making Your Home and Life Greener

Part of the Mission of the Village's Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission is to provide information to residents. Here are a few helpful ideas:

Changing things at your home or business to achieve environmentally friendly objectives is commonly referred to as going "green." Adopting some new habits and practices, such as the ideas listed here, will not only save you money but it also is good for the planet!

- **Regulate your thermostat.** Heating and cooling your home uses more energy and therefore more energy dollars, typically 46% of your utility bill, than any other system in your home. Re-

duce the use of heat or air conditioning by setting your thermostat as low as is comfortable in the winter and as high as is comfortable in the summer. Using a programmable thermostat will help you save even more.

- **Unplug!** Many appliances and electronic equipment continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off. These "phantom" loads occur in most appliances that use electricity, such as VCRs, televisions, stereos, computers, telephone chargers and kitchen appliances. Avoid this energy drain by unplugging the appliance or using a power strip to cut all power to the appliance.

- **Wash your clothes in cold water.** Detergents have improved, eliminating the need for hot water (which accounts for 80% of the electricity used in a load of laundry).

- **Energy Audits.** Many companies now conduct energy audits to pinpoint the most effective ways to cut your energy costs. This can include checking the energy star rating of appliances and assessing energy fixtures and light bulbs and hot water heaters. For more information about home energy audits, including free tools and calculators, visit www.energysavers.gov or www.natresnet.org.

For more information, visit this Commission's webpage at www.skokie.org.

2009 Village Construction Projects

Thank you in advance to Skokie residents for their patience with these important improvement projects.

Residential Street Resurfacing (A on Map)

Timetable: April-June

Resurfacing of two miles of residential streets at various locations throughout the Village.

Community Development Block Grant Resurfacing (B on Map)

Timetable: July-August

Resurfacing of Lamont Avenue between Mulford Avenue and Oakton Street and installation of street lights and other pedestrian-friendly features.

Municipal Parking Lot Resurfacing (C on Map)

Timetable: September

The Village parking lots at the northwest corner of Dempster Street and East Prairie Road and the southwest corner of Dempster Street and Kimball Avenue will be resurfaced and restriped.

East Industrial Street Resurfacing (D on Map)

Timetable: April-September

Street lighting, intersection improvements, curb and gutter replacement, one mile of resurfacing and streetscape improvements in the East Industrial Special Service Area.

Sewer Rehabilitation (E on Map)

Timetable: July-September

Sewer repairs on Monticello Avenue between Carol Street and Crain Street, Trumbull Avenue between Main Street and Madison Street, Trumbull Avenue from Lee Street to south of Lee Street, Bennett Avenue from Greenwood Street to north of Greenwood Street and Lowell Avenue from Cleveland Street to north of Cleveland Street.

Water Main Improvements (F on Map)

Timetable: July-August

Water main replacement on Laverne Avenue from Old Orchard Road to Central Street and Elm Terrace from Kenton Avenue to Kilpatrick Avenue.

Intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Golf Road: Roadway Reconstruction Project (G on Map)

Timetable: Scheduled for June State Bid Letting, begins late summer 2009

Water main replacement, storm sewer improvements, street light improvements, and reconstruction of entire intersection including providing northbound and southbound dual left turn lanes, traffic signal modernization and pedestrian crossing improvement.

Traffic Signal Installation Projects (H on Map)

Timetable: August-December

New traffic signal installation and channelization improvements will be placed at the Skokie Boulevard/Searle Parkway intersection and the Niles Center Road/Madison Street intersection.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Projects (I on Map)

Timetable: May-November

- Dempster Street resurfacing between Skokie Boulevard and McCormick Boulevard.
- Skokie Boulevard resurfacing between Touhy Avenue and Foster Street.
- Skokie Boulevard resurfacing from Old Orchard Road north into Wilmette.

Downtown Skokie Swift Station (J on Map)

Timetable: Construction of station for the CTA Yellow Line at Oakton Street is planned to begin this construction season.

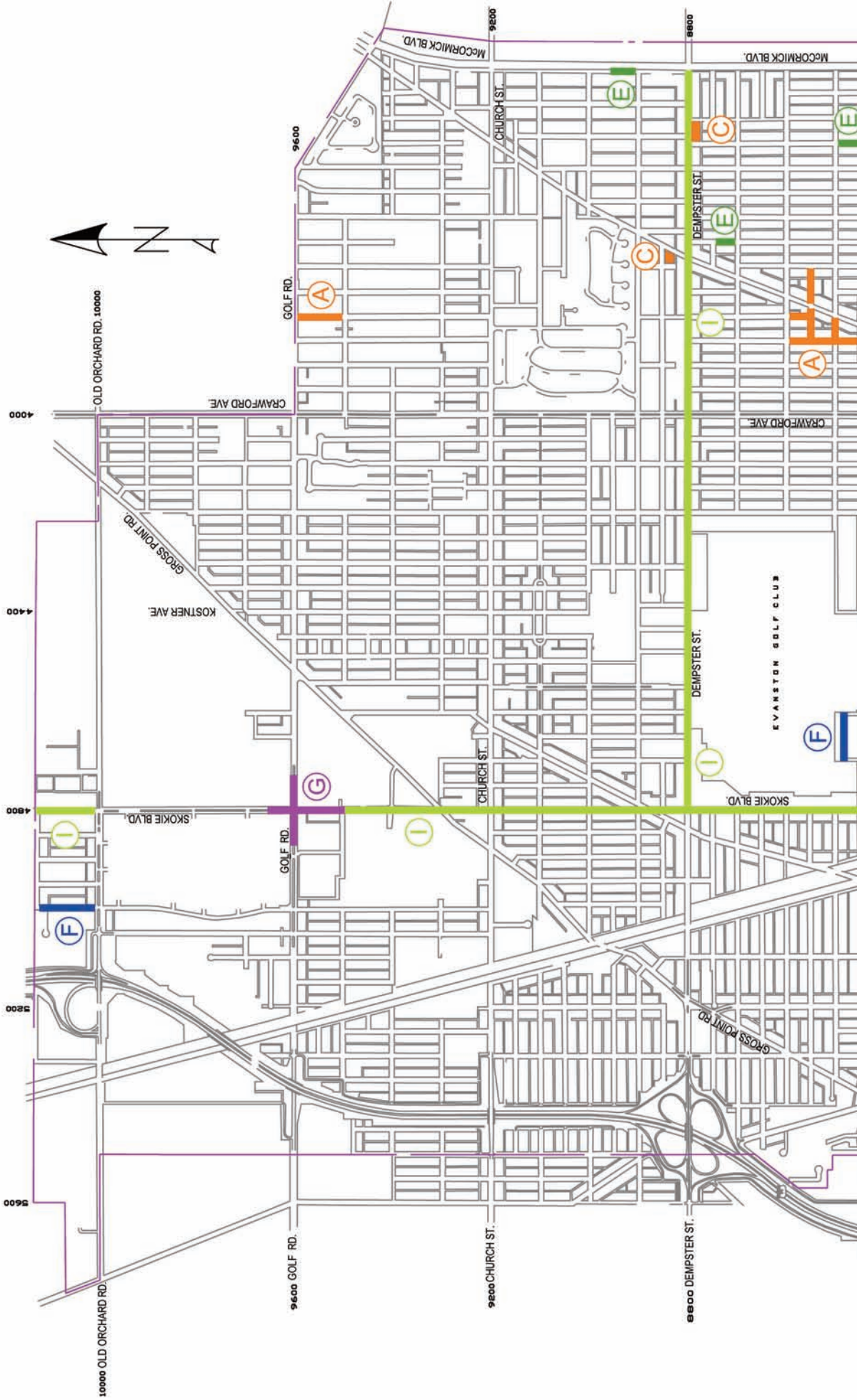
For more information on this project, please see page six.

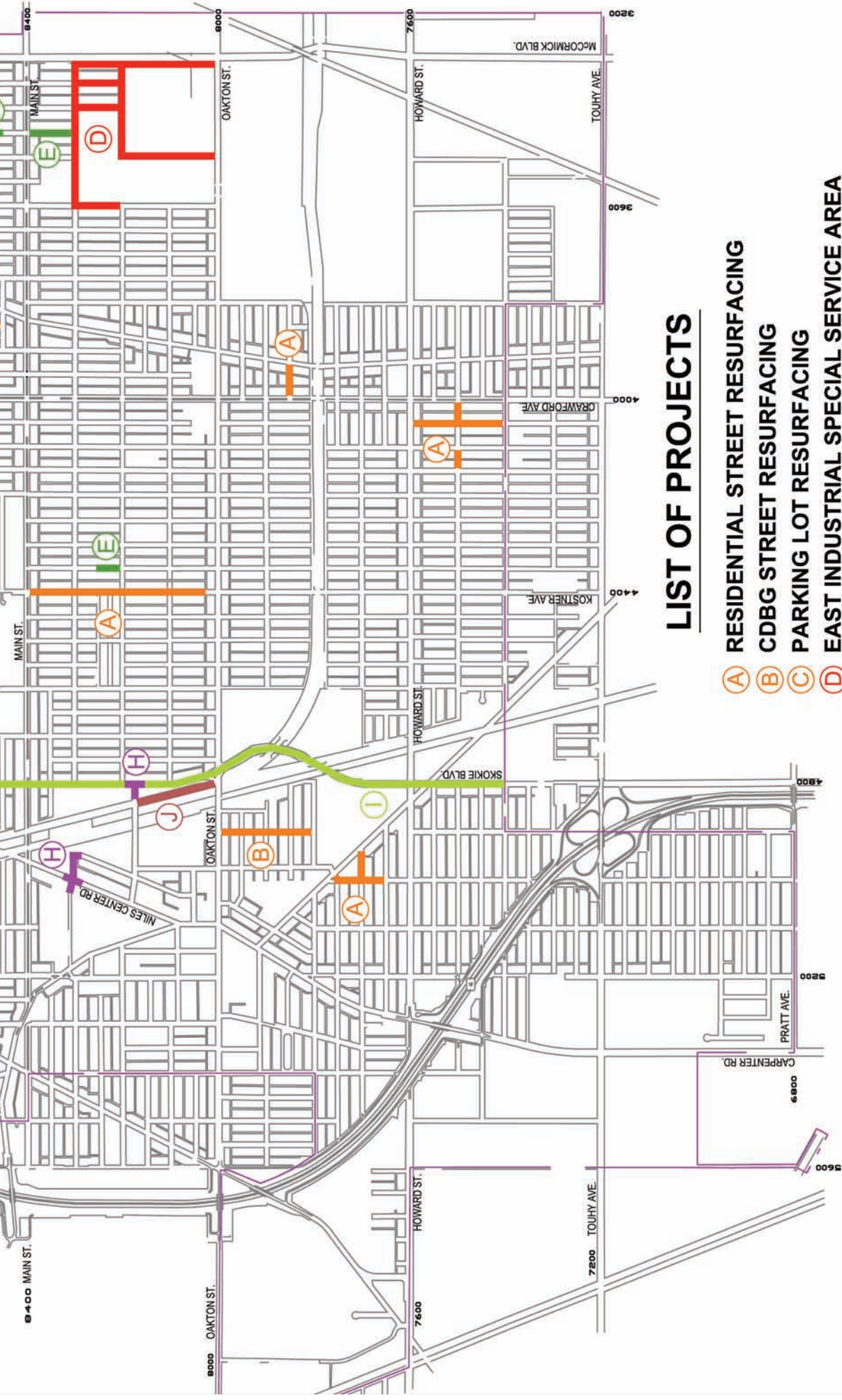
Stay Informed About Construction Projects in Skokie

The Village of Skokie proudly extends many ways to communicate to Village residents. Check out the many ways residents can learn about what's going on in Skokie:

- Visit the Village online at www.skokie.org
- Subscribe to **SkokieNews**
- Read **NewSkokie**
- Watch **SkokieVision Cable**

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE 2009 CONSTRUCTION





LIST OF PROJECTS

- A** RESIDENTIAL STREET RESURFACING
- B** CDBG STREET RESURFACING
- C** PARKING LOT RESURFACING
- D** EAST INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL SERVICE AREA
- E** SEWER REHABILITATION
- F** WATER MAIN REHABILITATION
- G** SKOKIE - GOLF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- H** TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECTS
- I** IDOT PROJECTS
- J** DOWNTOWN SKOKIE SWIFT STATION

2008 Construction Project Recap

The Village of Skokie completed many construction projects during 2008. Street repairs included over four miles of street resurfacing in residential areas and one half of the East Industrial Special Service Area. Included in this work was the final surface for Woods Drive.

A new water main was installed in the Williamsburg Village area and a new sidewalk was installed along Crawford Avenue at Highland School. This sidewalk completes the sidewalk on Crawford Avenue between Golf Road and Old Orchard Road.



Photo: Woods Drive



Photo: Woods Drive

There were many areas of sewer rehabilitation which utilized sewer lining to allow the use of existing pipes and minimize construction time.

To learn more about Village construction projects, please visit www.skokie.org.

Swift Station Update

The Downtown Skokie Swift Station is nearing the completion of the design/approval phase. Construction on this project is planned to begin this year. Improvements complementing the station at Oakton Street include entrances at the north and south of the station and a covered walkway for train riders. Once construction begins, the project is scheduled to be completed within 17 months.



Health Department Clinic and Fee Changes

Effective May 1, the Skokie Health Department will implement the following changes to its clinic and fee schedules.

Wednesday evening clinics will only be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. during the months of January through October. Weekly clinics from 5 to 7 p.m. will be available during the months of November and December.

The new fee schedule is as follows:

Body Composition Analysis: \$6

Cholesterol Screening: \$6

Colorectal Cancer Screening Kits: \$5

Diabetes Screening: \$5

Immunizations: \$5 clinic fee per person

Lead Screening: \$25

Lipid Profile Screening: \$15

TB Skin Tests: \$5

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252.

May is National Hypertension Education Month

Knowing to call 9-1-1 in an emergency can save your life. So can knowing your blood pressure numbers.

High blood pressure is dangerous. It increases your chances of developing heart disease and stroke, a leading cause of death for Americans. It can also lead to other life-threatening conditions, such as heart failure, kidney disease and blindness.

Fortunately, it is possible to prevent and control high blood pressure. Often simple lifestyle changes can do the trick.

These include:

- Losing weight, if necessary, and maintaining a healthy weight;
- Being physically active;
- Eating less salt and sodium;
- Following an eating plan rich in fruits and vegetables and low-fat dairy foods, moderate in total fat and cholesterol and low in saturated fat; and
- If you drink alcoholic beverages, doing so in moderation.

If these lifestyle changes aren't enough to reduce your blood pressure, your doctor may pre-

Dog Bite Prevention

- Spay or neuter your dog.
- Train and socialize your dog so that it is comfortable being around different people.
- Never play "attack" games with your dog.
- If you don't know how your dog will react to a new situation, be cautious.
- If your dog exhibits behavior such as growling, nipping, or biting - even occasionally - seek professional advice from your veterinarian, an animal behaviorist, or a skilled dog trainer.
- Never approach a dog you don't know or a dog that is alone.
- Don't pet a dog, even your own, without letting it first see and sniff you.
- When approached by a dog you don't know, don't run or scream. Instead, stand still with your hands at your sides and do not make direct eye contact or speak to the dog.

If you would like more information or to report a dog bite, contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484.

Stop Smoking Clinic

The Skokie Health Department, in conjunction with the Evanston Health Department, is offering a stop smoking clinic. It is free of charge for anyone who lives or works in either of the two communities.

The clinic will be held at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, and begins on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. It will also meet on May 13, 14, 15, 18, and 26.

Mr. Jerry Zabin will conduct the clinic. Mr. Zabin has many years of experience in the development and implementation of smoking cessation programs and prevention programs. He has a unique style that is very popular with his clinic participants.

Advance registration is required for the stop smoking clinics. For more information or to register for the clinic, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

May 2009 Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



Memorial Day (May 25, 2009) Refuse and Recycling Holiday Collection

Monday collection on Tuesday, Tuesday collection on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday collections are unchanged.

Refuse Collection

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 Collection

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.

For more information please visit 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 Pressure Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:45 p.m., Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m.

Body Composition Analysis*

Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Cholesterol Screening Programs

Simple Cholesterol Screening (total cholesterol reading only)
Mondays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, 1-4 p.m. and May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening (total cholesterol, LDL, cholesterol/HDL ratio)

Monday and Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays, May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m. \$15 fee.

Diabetes Screening*

Thursday, May 21 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 fee.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, May 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Immunization Clinics*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesdays May 13 and 27 from 1:30-4 p.m. \$5 fee.

Lead Screening*

Wednesday, May 6 from 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays May 6 and 20 from 5-7 p.m. \$25 fee.

Nicotine Addiction Seminar*

Wednesday, May 27 from 7-9 p.m.

Stop Smoking Clinic

Tuesday, May 12-15, 18 and 26 from 7-9 p.m. Please see page nine for more information on this clinic.

TB Skin Testing*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1-4:45 p.m. \$5 fee.

Well Child Clinic*

Tuesday, May 20 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, May 7 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesday, May 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, May 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, May 14 from 1:30-3 p.m. Special Speaker, Wendy Thornton from Medicaid Matters on "Good News, Bad News".

Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

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

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, May 12 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, May 12 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, May 4 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, May 6 and 20 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

Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 13 and 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Village of Skokie will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2008 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for May 19 program information. **Residents:** \$15 refundable fee. **Non-residents:** \$20 non-refundable fee.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

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

The Lieutenant of Inishmore

A Northlight Theatre Production
May 1-3, 5, 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 26-31

The Rat Pack is Back: A Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean

Centre East Theatre
May 9 at 3 and 8 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 programs, call 847/674-1500 or visit www.SkokieParkDistrict.org.

19th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures

Travel around the "world" and experience the sights, sounds and tastes of more than 40 nations and cultures. Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. OaktonPark, 4701 Oakton Street. Learn more on the front page.

Skokie's Trail to Fitness: A Summer Road Map to a Healthier Lifestyle

Join Skokie's very own fitness and nutrition "Summer tour of Skokie!" Participants will receive a roadmap to be stamped with specific weekly destinations, each including a fitness or nutrition component, giveaway or activity. Registration will begin at the Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 16 and 17. The 15-week Trail to Fitness includes a healthy living self-assessment, progress tracking tools, free programming and events throughout Skokie, incentives and weekly e-mails. The program will end at Skokie's Backlot Bash on August 29. See www.SkokieParkDistrict.org for details.

Woofstock 2009

Celebrate Skokie's canine counterculture at the district's only dog recreation area! Features an afternoon of dog acts, food, music and family fun. May 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ChannelsidePark, 3220 Oakton Street.

National Whiffleball Championship

Last chance to register to play in Skokie's first national championship tournament on June 27-28, 2009. Ages 12-adult. Deadline to register is May 31, 2009. ChannelsidePark, 3200 Main Street.

Be a Backlot Bash SuperFan or Super-Family!

Earn exclusive access to Skokie's Backlot Bash, August 28-30, for a mere \$25, \$50 or \$100! Individuals and families of four can receive everything from free t-shirts, to special access to events throughout the Bash. Go to www.BacklotBash.com for details!

Summer Program Registration

Skokie residents can sign up for summer Park District classes beginning Friday, May 15, 2009. Non-residents can sign up for summer classes beginning Friday, May 22, 2009. Registration available online at www.skokieparkdistrict.org, or by calling 847/674-1500 or visiting any Park District facility.

Skokie Public Library

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

Motown Alive! Family Concert

Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert: Andy Guo, piano, and Lydia Umlauf, violin

Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m.

Microblogging: What Is This 'Twitter' Thing?

Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

Training to Be Top Dog: Guiding Your Pet to Good Behavior

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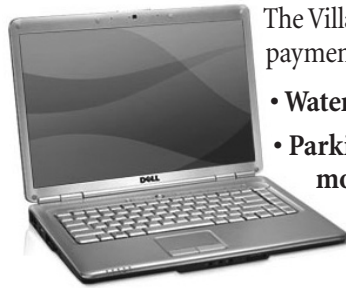
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