

**Save the Date!**  
 Skokie Backlot Bash  
 Friday, August 27, 2010, 6 to 10 p.m.  
 Saturday, August 28, 2010, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Sunday, August 29, 2010, noon to 8 p.m.  
 Learn more about this fun event on page two

# NewSkokie



August/September 2010

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## CodeRED® Emergency Phone System

The Village of Skokie has a new emergency telephone notification system to contact residents and businesses quickly in the case of an emergency. Through the CodeRED® system, the Village can send out automated telephone messages quickly and efficiently in the event of an emergency. The brief message will provide information on the emergency situation and any important instructions.

CodeRED® will be used solely at the Village's direction for emergency information. The Village respects residents' privacy and intends only to acti-

vate the system in true emergency situations, such as:

- Hazardous chemical spill or release;
- Missing persons;
- Evacuations;
- Water system concerns;
- Hazardous weather; or
- Security alerts.

The high-speed telephone calling system is capable of making several thousand calls per hour to traditional land-line phones, cell phones and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) phones. CodeRED® delivers messages to both an-

swered phone lines and answering devices. The system allows the Village to phone the entire community in two to three hours and the system also can target smaller geographic areas within the community for alerts that don't apply to everyone, such as a water boil order in a smaller area such as a neighborhood.

Please ensure that the Village can reach you in an emergency by providing accurate contact information. **The new system has a custom web page, linked from the Village web site, that enables**

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### CodeRED® System Test - August 3, 2010

*On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, starting at approximately 10 a.m., the Village of Skokie will conduct a test of the CodeRED® system. If you do not receive a call on August 3, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to register your number. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Communications Coordinator Roger Wilson for assistance at 847/ 982-5916.*

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## The Village Receives Millions in Outside Funding

Every year each of Skokie's municipal departments works diligently to secure grants and other external funding. This includes millions of dollars from federal, state, county and private sources that supplement or even replace Village project funds. Although grants are received for various projects and programs, significant grant money has been received for the Village's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Village will benefit from over \$26.76 million in grant and external funding for the CIP in Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11, May 2010 through April 2011).

The CIP is a five-year financial plan that allows the Village to plan, schedule, set guidelines and fund the initial construction, development and improvements of infrastructure, municipal facilities, properties, roads and equipment. The CIP is separate from the General Fund, which mostly supports personnel and operational costs.

The \$26.76 million dollars in outside CIP revenues received for FY11 is only \$4.4 million dollars less than the \$31.16 million in all other revenues received for the CIP. Other CIP funding sources include fuel taxes, utility revenues, the Economic Development Fund and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds.

Projects for FY11 receiving grant and external funding include \$14.11 million dollars from the federal government for the Downtown Skokie Swift Station, comprising almost 70% of the overall

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## Fourth Annual Downtown Skokie Backlot Bash

The Village of Skokie, together with the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and the Skokie Park District will co-present the Backlot Bash on Friday, August 27 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, August 28, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, August 29, from noon to 8 p.m. Oakton Street will be closed from Friday, August 27 at 10 a.m. through Monday, August 30 at 2 a.m.

The Backlot Bash will have activities for all ages to enjoy, including live music, carnival rides, a classic auto show, a business expo, a 5k run, teen activities, bingo and an outdoor sidewalk sale. Food and beverage vendors and a beer tent will be available throughout the event. Family story times and games will be held at the Skokie Public Library and silent films will be shown at the historic Skokie Theatre throughout the weekend.



The Backlot Bash will be held in a closed off, two-block portion of Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie Avenues adjacent to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. In addition, most parking lots within two or three blocks of the Backlot Bash will be closed in order to host event attractions.

### Available Parking

#### Handicapped Parking

5200 Oakton Street  
Enter through the alley from either Lockwood or Laramie Avenues, north of Oakton Street. Handicapped parking is also located in all general parking lots.

#### Oakton Community College

7701 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie  
Mulford Avenue Parking Lot

#### Illinois Science + Technology Park

Parking Garage - 4835 Searle Parkway

#### Chase Bank

Parking Deck located at 8001 Lincoln Avenue and parking lot located on Greenwood Street north of Village parking lot

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Academy

5201 Galitz Street

#### Lincoln Jr. High School

Parking Lots located at 7839 Lincoln Avenue and Mulford Street

#### Bicycle Parking

Parking for bikes is available throughout the Backlot grounds including at the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall

### Outdoor Sales: August 27-29, 2010

Downtown Skokie businesses will host an outdoor sale August 27 through 29, 2010 and can display and sell their products on the sidewalk in front of their storefronts as part of the Backlot Bash. The event is Village-wide and many Skokie businesses will participate. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community.

*For more information, please visit the Village of Skokie at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce at [www.skokiechamber.org](http://www.skokiechamber.org).*



### The Backlot Bash Musical Main Stage Schedule:

#### Friday

6:15 p.m. – Skokie Battle of the Bands Winner  
8:30 p.m. – Tributosaurus as Creedence Clearwater Revival

#### Saturday

Noon – School of Rock  
2 p.m. – Bullet Called Life  
4:30 p.m. – Pink Devil



6:30 p.m. – Steve Frisbie

8:30 p.m. – The Presidents of the United States of America

#### Sunday

Noon – The Fundamental Blues Band

2 p.m. – The Real Gone

4 p.m. – Aaron Fox and The Reliables

6 p.m. – American English

Village Hall office hours remain the same on Friday, August 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information contact the Backlot Bash hotline at 847/674-1500 extension 2274 or visit [www.backlotbash.com](http://www.backlotbash.com). ∞

## Stormwater Runoff Information

The Village has a comprehensive stormwater runoff control program designed to mitigate basement flooding and sewer backups. Heavy rains can challenge the Village's sewer systems. 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 discharge 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.

### Why do certain streets flood more than others?

**Answer:** The topography, sewers and other equipment 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 discharges 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 overhead sewers or other types of stormwater control. Carefully check references before selecting a contractor. In addition, remember that a permit and inspections are required by the Village.

### Helpful Hints:

- 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.
- Regularly service and maintain private stormwater control devices.

Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for detailed information on the stormwater runoff control program. ∞

## Skokie Farmers' Market

Skokie's "Best on the North Shore" Farmers' Market, celebrating over 30 years of operation, presents farmers and vendors from



five Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Skokie Farmers' Market is open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning the last Sunday in June through the last Sunday in October. For the best selection, arrive when the market opens. The market is located near Village Green between the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall.

For questions about the Farmers' Market, please contact Market Master Terry Oline at 847/933-8223 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ∞

## Community Blood Drive Held at the Skokie Farmers' Market

The Skokie Health Department, in partnership with LifeSource, will hold community blood drives at the August 8, September 12 and October 10, 2010 Skokie Farmers' Markets from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. LifeSource's mobile van will be on site at the market for donors to easily and conveniently donate blood. The goal for each drive is to collect at least 50 donations, and it can only be met with your help. Please consider donating blood to save a life. For each blood drive event, each donor will be put into a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate to restaurants in Downtown Skokie.

You are eligible to donate if you are 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are healthy. The Health Department especially encourages people with O-type blood to donate, as they are "universal donors" whose blood can be used with any other blood type. Each pint of blood donated can help up to three people, and you can donate once every 56 days. If you donate the maximum of six times a year, up to 18 people can benefit.

Blood donations in the Village of Skokie are at a ten-year low, with just 323 pints donated from May to December, 2009. This is a 43% decrease from the same time period during 2008, and creates the potential for a regional blood shortage.

For more information or to schedule a specific appointment time, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. ∞

## Forestry Corner

### 50/50 Cost Share Planting

Did you know that the right tree in the right place can increase property values and add curb appeal?

Skokie's Foresters can help you evaluate your parkway to see if there is room for a tree and provide a list of appropriate species for your location. The average property owner investment of a cost share tree is about \$150. For the best tree selection, please submit your request by October 1, 2010.



For more information on the 50/50 Cost Share Tree Planting Program, please call the Forestry Division at 847/933-8427 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Sales Tax Rate Reduction

Cook County has reduced the County Home Rule Tax from 1% to .50%, reducing Skokie's Sales Tax Rate on general merchandise from 10% to 9.5%. This change went into effect on July 1, 2010.

For more information you may visit [www.tax.illinois.gov](http://www.tax.illinois.gov) or call 1-800/732-8866.

## Skokie Offers Online Payment Options

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, Mastercard, Discover, Visa credit and debit 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).



## NIPSTA Public Safety Awareness Day

On Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the North-eastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) hosts a Public Safety Awareness Day event at the NIPSTA Campus, 2300 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview. The Village of Skokie is a founding member of NIPSTA.

NIPSTA provides a 20-acre facility for fire, police, public works and other emergency response training. The September 12 event features hands-on activities for all ages, including search dog demonstrations, high-rise fire rescues, touch-a-truck displays and more. This event provides an opportunity to meet police, fire and public works professionals and to get a close-up look at the tools of their trade.

Admission is free and open to the general public.

For more information visit [www.nipsta.org](http://www.nipsta.org) or call 847/998-8090.

## The Village Receives Millions in Outside Funding

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project costs and \$858,000 for the extension of the Downtown Streetscape Plan on Skokie Boulevard between Oakton Street and Main Street which will incorporate brick pavers, new sidewalks, tree plantings and a new street and pedestrian lighting system.

A significant amount of street/intersection improvements in the CIP also are funded through grants and external dollars. This includes resurfacing Main Street between Skokie Boulevard and Crawford Avenue, sections of East Prairie Road and Kostner Avenue and sections of East Frontage Road. Grants will largely fund the Golf Road/Skokie Boulevard and Church Street/Crawford Avenue intersection improvements and traffic signal modernization.

Other notable CIP projects funded by grants and external dollars this fiscal year include a circulation, land-use, parking and redevelopment study for the area around the CTA Dempster Street Station and an upgrade to LED lighting at two municipal parking lots at the northwest corner of Dempster Street and East Prairie Road and at the southwest corner of Dempster Street and Kimball Avenue.

Village staff work to secure grants and other external funds so that the Village can continue to provide excellent programs and services in a fiscally responsible manner and keep taxes low. The Village's portion of the property tax has been frozen since 1990.



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:

August 2, 16

September 7\* and 20 (\* Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday)

### Plan Commission:

August 5, 19

September 2, 16

### Appearance Commission:

August 11

September 22

### Zoning Board of Appeals:

August 4, 18

September 1, 15




## Village Board Action

The bid opening for the Oakton Street CTA Station took place on May 18, 2010. Of the 18 bids, 10 were competitive and the Village Board approved these contracts.

The Board approved an \$889,000 contract with Chicagoland Paving Contractors for the resurfacing of 1.7 miles of residential streets using Motor Fuel Tax and Local Fuel Tax Funds. The Board approved a \$704,159.91 contract with Arrow Road Construction for the resurfacing of approximately 1.2 miles of East Prairie Road between Main Street and Dempster Street and Kostner Avenue between Jarvis Avenue and Oakton Street.


The Village Board heard a presentation by Gewalt Hamilton Engineering regarding the Downtown Skokie Traffic Study. This study found that the best way to achieve the Village objective for the Downtown would be to put Oakton Street on a "Road Diet". This plan will convert Oakton Street from a four-to-five-lane road to a three-lane street from Park Avenue on the west to Skokie Boulevard on the east. Through the "Road Diet" pedestrian movement will become easier and safer with widened sidewalks and improved parking. Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for a copy of the complete study.

The Village Board adopted the FY 2011 Budget. The FY 2011 General Fund is \$47,739,911, representing a \$456,024 decrease from the prior year budget. This is the second consecutive operating budget that was less than the prior budget. Over a two-year period, the budget has been reduced by \$1,010,262. 

## Real Estate Signs


The Village of Skokie has regulations regarding real estate sign postings to maintain consistent aesthetics in the community. These signs include rental and "for sale" signs. No more than one real estate sign per street frontage may be posted on any private property. Two signs are allowed for a corner lot. Additionally, no real estate sign can exceed four square feet in size.

Open house signs may be temporarily erected on or above a residential real estate sign on the subject private property. One Open House directional sign is allowed and the sign must indicate the responsible agency or individual(s). A directional sign may be placed off the premise on private property or the public parkway. For example, a directional sign may be placed on the grass off private property between the curb and public sidewalk, not exceeding a 30-inch maximum height from grade. A directional sign may only be in place Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note: a directional sign may not be placed in the median.

For more information please call the Building and Zoning Division at 847/933-8223 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). 

## The Village Wants 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:

- E-mail the Village at [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org);
- Call one of the Village departments (see back page); and
- Attend a Village Board meeting (see the lower left column on this page for August and September 2010 meeting dates and times). 

## Downtown Skokie Spotlight: Downtown Skokie Swift Groundbreaking

On June 21, 2010, Skokie officials and approximately 150 guests celebrated the beginning of construction of the long-awaited CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street Station in Downtown Skokie. Construction of the “Kiss ‘n Ride” facility is expected to be complete in fall 2011, and the Chicago Transit Authority estimates some 1,200 boardings will occur at the stop each day. The station will cost approximately \$20 million to construct, with the Village of Skokie funding \$6 million and the additional \$14 million coming from federal funds. The new station site is adjacent to the Illinois Science + Technology Park in Downtown Skokie.

“Today’s groundbreaking event marks a significant step toward increased public transportation access for residents of Skokie and surrounding areas. I am grateful to officials from CTA, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Skokie’s state and federal legislators, Commonwealth Edison, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Forest City Enterprises and, of course, to Village staff who persevered with this project for many years,” said Mayor Van Dusen. “Their collective vision, hard work and dedication to this important public transportation initiative will benefit the region for decades to come.” ∞



*From left to right: Trustee Randall Roberts, Trustee Michele Bromberg, Trustee Pramod Shah, Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustee Edie Sue Sutker and Trustee Michael Lorge*



*From left to right: Mayor George Van Dusen, State Representative Lou Lang, Village Manger Al Rigoni and Trustee Donald Perille*



*From left to right: Don Kopec, CMAP, CTA President Richard Rodriguez, Mayor Van Dusen and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky blow a vintage train whistle.*

## Skokie Community Giving Program

For over 15 years the Skokie Human Services Division has coordinated a Community Giving Program designed to assist Skokie families with limited financial resources who might not otherwise be able to celebrate winter holidays with their children. 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.

This program provides all Skokie residents with the opportunity to join together in building a stronger more caring community.

For further information or to make a donation please contact the Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. Those interested in making a donation are asked to do so by December 10, 2010. ∞

## Board and Commission Members Needed

The Village's many fine programs and services rely on community volunteers. More than 250 of your neighbors volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that Skokie is a great place to call home.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Village Board. Skokie Boards and Commissions with openings include:

- Beautification and Improvement Commission
- Board of Health
- Cable Television Advisory Commission
- Consumer Affairs Commission
- Fine Arts Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Traffic Safety Commission

For more information on how to become an active member of the Skokie community by joining a Skokie Board or Commission, or for more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Mayor George Van Dusen at 847/933-8269. ∞

## Village Introduces CodeRed

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**residents and business owners to verify that their home and/or business phone numbers are in the system and to add their home phone, cell phone, voice-over internet protocol (VOIP) phone and TDD/TTY numbers to the system.** Most home and business phone numbers of Skokie properties have already been added to the system. **To verify that your phone number is registered, or to add additional numbers, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and follow the CodeRED® link from the home page.** There is no fee to residents or businesses for the service or for register-

ing additional phone numbers.

If you do not have internet access or are having difficulty entering your information through the web site, please contact Communications Coordinator Roger Wilson at 847/982-5916 for assistance. Anytime CodeRED® is used, the number displayed on your caller ID will be (866) 419-5000. This number also functions as a message repeat feature. You may call this number back at anytime, and the last message delivered to your specific phone will play, along with the date and time of the message. Save this phone number on your phone and name it CodeRED®. With

it saved in this manner, anytime you receive an emergency message from the Village, “CodeRED®” will appear on your caller ID.

This new emergency telephone alert system is an additional measure of safety the Village believes is important to protect the community. If electric power is interrupted, you may not be able to depend upon radio and TV. Even if you have power, CodeRED® will probably be able to reach you with important information faster than TV and radio stations. If you receive a CodeRED® message, you can tune your radio to 1660 AM Skokie for fur-

ther information and updates.

*For more information on the CodeRED® system, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).*

### Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit

The Village of Skokie Police Department strives to create and maintain a sense of security and community.

To reinforce these efforts, the Skokie Police Department offers many programs to residents at no cost.

These programs include:

- Nixle Community Messaging System (see [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for information)
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Security Surveys
- Personal Safety/Identity Theft/Business Security Presentations
- Senior Citizens TRIAD Group (a group focused on reducing crime against older persons)

The Skokie Police Department invites any person interested in the programs to contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919.

## Police Station Construction Update

Construction of the Village of Skokie’s new state-of-the-art police station at 7300 Niles Center Road is currently on schedule and is set to open this fall. Substantial completion is scheduled for September 1, 2010.

Skokie’s existing police station, built in 1957 and remodeled in 1985, was inadequate for the current needs of the Skokie Police Department. In 2007 the Village Board authorized the construction of the new police headquarters at 7300 Niles Center Road. Construction of the new police station began in late spring 2009.

Environmental sustainability has been sought during each phase of construction, including the selective demolition and adaptive re-use of the existing structure on the site. Additionally, energy efficiency measures are an important aspect of the new facility. These measures include a white roof (for urban heat island reduction), increased insulation in the walls and roof, significant shading for solar control and efficient lighting with occupancy sensors placed throughout the facility.

Significant grant funding was received for the project. Total grant funding from federal, state and private sources for the construction of the police facility, integrated emergency operations center and equipment exceeded \$1.9 million dollars.

The Village will receive significant benefits from the new police station including a reduction in long-term operational costs and an enhanced working environment for police employees. **The Village will host a public open house at the new station on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m.** Details will be announced in the October edition of NewSkokie and on [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Commission on Family Services

Skokie's new Commission on Family Services has begun its first initiative to address the needs of Skokie's most vulnerable residents. In collaboration with Skokie's municipal gardeners and the Green Team at the Skokie campus of Oakton Community College, fresh produce will be donated to the Niles Township Food Pantry for distribution to food pantry patrons.

For additional information please contact Skokie Human Services at 847/933-8208. ∞

## Citizens Fire Academy Begins in September

The Skokie Fire Department will host the next session of the Citizens Fire Academy beginning on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Skokie Fire Station 17, 8157 Central Park Avenue. The Academy is a



10-week program for residents and employees of businesses in the Village of Skokie and is designed to provide participants with a working and hands-on knowledge of the fire department. Through education, demonstration and participation, Academy students will gain knowledge about the fire service and what the Skokie Fire Department does every day.

Applications are available online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or at the Fire Department Headquarters, 7424 Niles Center Road. For more information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5344. ∞

## September 11 Remembrance

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the Village of Skokie Fire Department will dedicate a moment of silence with a bell ceremony beginning at 8:58 a.m. at the flagpole of each of its Fire Stations. At 8:59 a.m. a "last alarm" bell ceremony will take place followed by a minute of silence at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Station locations include:

- Fire Station 16: (Headquarters) 7424 Niles Center Road;
- Fire Station 17: 8157 Central Park Avenue; and
- Fire Station 18: 9024 Gross Point Road.

For more information, please contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/933-5320. ∞



# Tune to 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.

## Skokie TeenLink Program

The Village of Skokie offers the TeenLink program to unite Skokie residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work, including snow shoveling, raking and lawn care, with Skokie teens who are available for hire to do the work.

The TeenLink program list provides contact information for 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 847/933-8210. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to download an application. ∞

## West Nile Virus Season

Most human cases of West Nile Virus infection occur in late summer when it is hot and dry. The Skokie Health Department works diligently each summer to monitor mosquito activity in the Village, and to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites for mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus (WNV). Prevention is the key to minimizing the risk of mosquito-borne disease.

### Property owners can eliminate mosquito breeding areas in the following manner:

- Remove standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Change the water in bird-baths and plant pots once a week.
- Empty plastic pools at the end of each day and store indoors.
- Keep grass and shrubbery cut short.
- Keep gutters clean and free-flowing.

- Don't let water stand on flat roofs.

### Residents can reduce their risk of becoming infected with WNV by taking the following measures to avoid mosquito bites:

- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk or early evening.
- Spray clothes with repellents and wear protective clothing (long-sleeved shirts and long pants) if spending time in a heavily wooded area.
- Apply insect repellents containing DEET whenever you are outside.

Birds can be infected with WNV. If you find a dead bird it is important to have the bird tested for WNV. To report a dead bird, please call the Environmental Health Division at 847/933-8484.

*For more information on WNV, or to report standing water in the community, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8484.*

## Proper Garbage Disposal

The Skokie Health Department would like to ask residents to properly dispose of garbage and other items left out for Village pick-up. All normal household garbage should be tightly bagged and placed inside Village carts with lids closed at all times. Garbage left on the ground and carts with open lids are not only violations of Village ordinances, but also promotes rodent activity.

Items that are too large to fit within carts should be bagged, bundled or stacked and placed neatly next to refuse carts for Village pick-up. Residents who have large amounts of unwanted items, furniture or other materials due to moving, flooding or clean-outs

## Appointment-Only Flu Shot Clinics Scheduled for Skokie Residents

This year the national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that all persons over the age of six months receive a flu vaccination every year. During September and October, the Skokie Health Department will offer free flu shots to any interested Skokie resident over the age of six months by appointment only. Appointments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. This year's flu vaccine will include protection against three strains of the virus, including the pandemic H1N1 influenza A strain.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that is caused by different influenza viruses. It spreads easily from person to person causing mild to severe illness, and even leading 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 and following these sensible precautions: wash your hands frequently, cover your coughs and sneezes and stay home from work or school if you are sick.

### 2010 influenza vaccination clinics will take place on the following dates at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street:

- **Tuesday, September 28th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.**
- **Monday, October 4th from 3 until 7 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, October 12th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

Proof of Skokie residency is required. This year's shots will be given by appointment only. No walk-ins will be accepted.

*Appointments can be set up on-line; <http://www.skokie.org/health/healthnews.html>. If you do not have internet access, please call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.*

are asked to schedule a "special pick-up" with Skokie's Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 prior to leaving these materials out for disposal.

Please note that the Village of Skokie does not dispose of any rehab or construction-related materials and debris. All such items must be taken away by a contractor or private hauler.

By following these few steps and explaining proper disposal of garbage to anyone who takes out the trash, residents can help keep Skokie a clean and beautiful place to live.

## August / September 2010

### Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Schedule



#### Labor Day Holiday Schedules:

#### Refuse Collection

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

#### Recycling Collection

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

#### Yard Waste Collection

*Thursday, September 9, for pre-scheduled requests residing north of Greenleaf Street. Friday, September 10, for pre-scheduled requests residing south of Greenleaf Street. Residents may schedule a collection for Thursday, September 9 or Friday, September 10 by using the Village web-request system or calling the yard waste hotline at 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.*

### 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

Skokie Community Drive. Sundays, August 8 and September 12, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Skokie Farmers' Market, 5127 Oakton Street.

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and September 1, 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

#### Body Composition Analysis\*

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and September 1, 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., \$6 fee.

#### Cholesterol Screening Programs

*Simple Cholesterol Screening (total cholesterol reading only)* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and September 1, 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., \$6 fee.

#### Lipid Profile Screening\*

*(total cholesterol, LDL, cholesterol/HDL ratio)* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays,

August 4, 18 and September 1, 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., \$15 fee.

#### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesday, August 17 and Thursday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, \$5 fee.

#### Flu Clinics

*Please see page nine for details.*

#### Hearing Screening\*

Fridays, August 20 and September 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

#### Immunization Clinics\*

Immunizations are available for a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. *Appointments are required.* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and Sep-

tember 1, 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, August 11, 25 and September 8, 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### Lead Screening\*

Wednesdays, August 4 and September 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, August 4, 18 and September 1, 15 from 5 to 8 p.m., \$25 fee.

#### TB Skin Testing\*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m., \$5 fee.

#### Well Child Clinic\*

Mondays, August 9 and September 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

#### 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 examination.* Mondays, August 2 and September 13 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

#### Needlework

*Socialization and Needlework* Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

#### Woodcarving

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

#### Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, August 10 and September 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

#### Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursdays, August 12 and September 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

#### FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

*A low vision support group targeting Baby Boomers (but all interested are welcome to attend) meets in the Annex Room of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Wednesdays, August 11 and September 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.*

#### Circuit Breaker/Illinois Cares RX

*Please call for an appointment.*

#### Conversational Yiddish

*No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome.* Tuesdays, August 17, 24, 31 and September 21, 28 at 1:30 p.m.

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

*Appointments are necessary.* Tuesdays, August 10 and September 14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

#### Simple Will/Durable Power of Attorney/Living Will Program

Program for low-income seniors who meet requirements. Fee charged by attorney. Call 847/933-8208 for program details and registration information.

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**The Village of Skokie will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.**

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## Skokie Senior Mens' Group

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

## Chess

Wednesdays and Fri-  
days from noon to 4:30  
p.m.

## Stamp Club

Wednesdays, August 4,  
18 and September 1, 15  
at 1:30 p.m.

## Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, August 11,  
25 and September 8, 22  
from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at  
Oakton Park.

## News and Views

*Discussion*  
Fridays at 10 a.m.

## Music & Laughter

*(formally known as  
Men's Discussion Group)*  
Fridays, 1:30 p.m.

## Conversational German

Thursdays, August 5, 19  
and September 2, 16 at  
1:30 p.m.

## Bright Ideas ESL Class

*Registration required.*  
Mondays and Thurs-  
days from 9:15 a.m. to  
11:15 a.m.

## Silver Singers

For details, please call  
847/933-8208.

## U.S. Citizenship Class

Thursdays at 1 p.m. at  
the Smith Activities  
Center. Please call  
847/933-8208 to regis-  
ter for the class.

## CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire  
Department at 847/982-  
5340 for August 17 and  
September 21 program  
information. **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 2010 perform-  
ance dates and informa-  
tion please call the box  
office at 847/673-6300 or  
visit  
www.northshorecenter.org*

## Body, Mind, Spirit Expo

Saturday and Sunday,  
August 21 and 22  
*This annual expo comes  
to the North Shore Center  
offering an emphasis on  
natural health, personal  
growth and metaphysics.  
This event balances local  
participation with the in-  
clusion of a selection of  
the finest regional and na-  
tional names in the holi-  
stic arena.*

## Centre East's Showcase

*Centre East Theatre.*  
Tuesday, August 31 and  
Wednesday, September 1.  
*The annual two-day trade  
show for educational en-  
tertainment.*

## Daddy Long Legs

*Northlight Theatre*  
September 16 through  
October 24. Call for show  
times.  
*Based on the novel by  
Jean Webster.*

## Skokie Park District

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

## Island Fever Pool Party

August 1 from noon to  
4 p.m.  
Skokie Water Play-  
ground, 4701 Oakton  
Street.

## Sun-dae Picnic

August 8 from noon to  
4 p.m. Devonshire  
Aquatic Center, 4334  
Greenwood Street.

## Two-Person Best Ball Tourney

August 15 from 7:15 to  
10 a.m. Weber Park  
Golf Course, 9300  
Weber Park Place.

## Skokie Park District Program Registration

Begins August 15 for  
residents and August 22  
for non-residents.

## Backlot Dash 5K Run/Walk & Kid's Run

August 28 at 9:00 a.m.  
Village Green, 5215  
Oakton Street.

## Skokie's Backlot Bash

August 27 from 6 to 10  
p.m., August 28 from 11  
a.m. to 10 p.m. and Au-  
gust 29 from noon to 8  
p.m. *See page two for  
more details.*

## Nature Photo Contest Deadline

September 12 at 4 p.m.  
Emily Oaks Nature  
Center, 4650 Brummel  
Street.

## Weber Park Golf Open

September 12 from  
7:15 to 10 a.m. Weber  
Park Golf Course, 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.*

## Romanenko-Yoshikawa Cello/Piano Duo

Sunday, August 1 at 3  
p.m.

## Google: The Basics and Beyond

Thursday, August 5 at 7  
p.m.

## Pan Go Steel Drum Band: Voice of the Caribbean

Sunday, August 8 at 3  
p.m.

## E-Readers Petting Zoo

Tuesday, August 10 at 7  
p.m.

## The Magic of the Spellbinder

Tuesday, August 17 at 7  
p.m.

## Raw (food) Is Rad

Thursday, August 19 at  
7 p.m.

## Healthy Cooking for Families

Saturday, August 21 at  
10 a.m.

## Latin Jazz with Suenos

Sunday, August 22 at 3  
p.m.

## Knitting Textures and Twists

Monday, August 23 at 7  
p.m.

## Be an Informed Patient: Introduction to Health and Medical Resources Online

Tuesday, August 24 at 7  
p.m.

## Jeni & Billy: Songs and Stories Rooted in Appalachian Culture

Saturday, September 4  
at 4 p.m.

## Young Steinway Concert: Kyle Jannak-Huang, piano, and Victoria Tu, violin

Sunday, September 5 at  
3 p.m.

## Library Closed

Monday, September 6


## Building a Resume: Your Passport to Your Future

Tuesday, September 7  
at 7 p.m.

## Streetwise Guide to Job Interviewing

Thursday, September  
16 at 6 p.m.

## Staying Fit While You Sit

Thursday, September  
30 at 7 p.m. 

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## Skokie Police Department's New Station Open House

Sunday, October 3, 2010  
1 to 4 p.m.

Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles  
Center Road

For more information see the October edition of  
NewSkokie or visit [www.Skokie.org](http://www.Skokie.org).

## Skokie's 'Going Green' Electronics Recycling

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers an Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program that offers electronics collection on an ongoing basis. Collection opportunities include:

Glenview	Morton Grove	Winnetka
Public Works 1333 Shermer Road Tuesdays: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays : 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Public Works 7840 Nagle Avenue Wednesdays: 1p.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Public Works 1390 Willow Road Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays: 1 p.m. to 3p.m.

Acceptable materials include cell phones, calculators, computers, monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, telephones, answering machines, electric typewriters, shredders, TVs (max 27", no wood consoles), VHS/DVD players, boomboxes, stereo equipment, and microwaves. Unacceptable materials include air conditioners, copy machines, humidifiers/dehumidifiers, small/large home appliances, power tools, household batteries and household chemical waste.

For more information please visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or call  
847/724-9205. ♻️

### Village Departments

**Citizens Assistance**  
847/933-8480

**Civil Engineering**  
847/933-8231

**Clerk's Office**  
847/933-8203

**Community Development**  
Building/Property Standards/  
Zoning  
847/933-8223

*Economic Development*  
847/933-8446

*Planning*  
847/933-8447

**Health Department**  
Administration  
847/933-8252

*Animal Control*  
847/933-8484

*Environmental Health*  
847/933-8484

*Personal Health*  
847/933-8252

**Human Services**  
847/933-8208

**Public Works**  
*Forestry*  
847/933-8427

*Refuse and Recycling*  
847/933-8427

*Signs and Street Lights*  
847/933-8232

*Streets and Alleys*  
847/933-8427

*Water and Sewer*  
847/933-8427

*Traffic Engineering*  
847/933-8232

**Village Hall**  
847/673-0500

**Village Manager's Office**  
847/933-8210

**Water Billing**  
847/933-8418

