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- *1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics Co. E*
- *Medinah Motor Corps*
- *Medinah Mini Choppers*
- *Genie's Their Flying Carpets*
- *Uncle Sam on Stilts*
- *A-Ok Klowns*
- *Medinah Clown Unit*
- *Those Funny Little People*
- *Medinah Aviators*
- *Medinah Fire Unit*
- *Model "A" Restorers Club*



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- *Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps – Pennsylvania*
- *Teal Sound Drum and Bugle Corps – Florida*
- *Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps – Wisconsin*
- *Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps – Ohio*
- *Band of the Black Watch – Wisconsin*
- *Chicago Celtic Pipes and Drums*
- *South Shore Drill Team*
- *Renacer Boliviano Folkloric Dance Troupe*
- *Jazz Steppers*
- *Medinah Oriental Band*
- *Wood Dale Stars*
- *Jesse White Tumbling Team*
- *Chicago Light Artillery, Battery A*


## Village of Skokie Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses

Village of Skokie vehicle stickers are available beginning Tuesday, June 1 and must be displayed on windshields by August 31. The stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All vehicles registered with the State of Illinois to an address within the corporate limits of the Village of Skokie must display a valid Village sticker. Even if the vehicle is not physically in Skokie, it must display a Village sticker. The address appearing in the Secretary of State's records for the vehicle is the criterion and the owner of record is responsible for obtaining the sticker.

Passenger vehicle stickers purchased through August 31 cost \$20. After that date, the cost increases to \$30. Other vehicles have different licensing fees. Vehicle sticker renewals may be made online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) through August 31. Payment is accepted from Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and debit cards. The Village does not charge an added fee for paying with a credit card.

Pet licenses also are available at Village Hall. With a veterinarian's statement of spay/neutering, the pet license fee is \$6. Without the statement the fee is \$12. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase whether purchasing in-person or by mail. Pet licenses cannot be renewed online at this time.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses can be purchased at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423. 

## Home Improvements Program

If you are a Skokie homeowner you may be eligible to receive financial assistance to improve your home. The Village of Skokie makes the grants and interest subsidies to homeowners using the federally funded Community Development Block Grant funds. The goal of this program is to assist low- and moderate-income households to maintain the quality of their homes and reduce home energy consumption. Added program benefits include increased year-round comfort, lower utility bills and increased property value.

Qualified low-income households are eligible to receive grants from the Village of up to \$8,000 for approved housing improvements. For life safety and emergency improvements, this amount can be increased to \$12,000. Qualified moderate-income households are eligible to receive no-interest loans from participating local banks with the entire interest subsidized by the Village upfront. The maximum loan amount for which the Village will provide an interest subsidy is \$8,000.

To be eligible for this program, you must own and reside in a single-family house, townhouse, two-flat, condominium or cooperative and meet income limits set by the fed-

## Skokie Bicycle Safety Day

The annual Village of Skokie Bicycle Safety Day is Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oakton Park parking lot, 4701 Oakton Street (Oakton Street at Knox Avenue).

Children through age 14 can participate in games and win prizes by participating in a bicycle safety course. Bicyclists can register their bicycles with the Skokie Police Department this day as well.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 13, 2010.

For more information, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 847/933-8231. ∞

eral government. Home improvements eligible under the program include most weatherization work, roof repairs or replacement, tuck pointing, exterior painting, window replacement, furnace repair or replacement, flood control systems and major structural repairs. As part of the program's requirements, participating households receive a free inspection by the Village Property Standards Division.

Normal home maintenance or decorating such as interior painting, carpeting, and kitchen remodeling or decorating are ineligible under the program.

Local banks participating in the loan portion of this program include Cole Taylor Bank, First American Bank and North Shore Community Bank. These institutions make loans to qualified homeowners and the Village pays the interest.

For more information on how to apply for this program, please call the Village Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224. ∞

## Summer Fun in Downtown Skokie

### Farmers' Market Starts Sunday, June 27

Downtown Skokie is the place to be this summer, with numerous activities and fun for everyone. The summer's fun activities include the *Cruise the Backlot* car shows, sponsored by the Skokie Chamber, Park District and IMODS on June 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. The *Cruise the Backlot* shows continue on the third Wednesday evening of each month through September on the Village Green between Village Hall and the Library. Visitors will browse among classic cars and trucks while enjoying food and family entertainment.

The "Best of the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market begins on Sunday, June 27 and takes place each Sunday through late October from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot west of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Farmers and vendors from all over the Midwest participate, bringing an abundance of the season's finest farm-fresh fruit, vegetables, cheeses and flowers, often picked just hours before they are made available to the public.

The Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair takes place on the Village Green on July 10 and 11, 2010, featuring the works of 75 talented artists. The Skokie Backlot Bash takes place August 27, 28 and 29 in Downtown Skokie. In addition to these activities, the Skokie Public Library offers numerous events for adults, children and families. Free parking abounds in Downtown Skokie; look for the Village parking lots at Oakton Street and Floral Avenue, and on Lincoln Avenue.

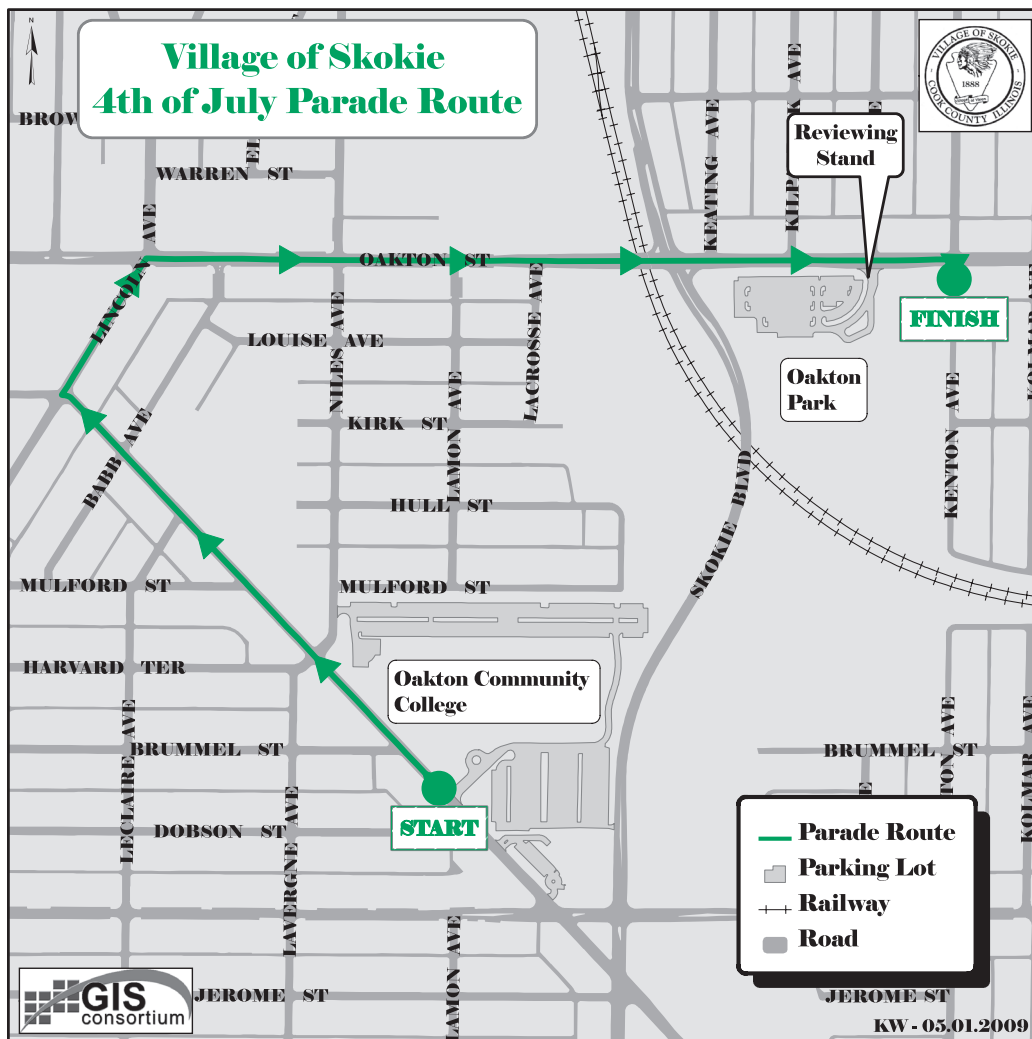
Information on these and other Downtown Skokie activities can be found at [www.skokie-downtown.org](http://www.skokie-downtown.org). ∞



## July Fourth Celebration 2010

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Parade sponsors include the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Park District. The parade is followed by an evening of family festivities at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, beginning at 5 p.m. with musical entertainment starting at 6 p.m. End the evening with a spectacular, 3-D fireworks celebration scheduled for dusk. The fireworks are sponsored by the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Park District. ∞



## Illegal Fireworks

Many communities celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks displays. Unfortunately, many individuals also purchase fireworks illegally for their own home display. Fireworks are fun to look at but should be left to professionals at public displays.

It is unlawful for anyone to possess or discharge fireworks in Skokie and the State of Illinois. Fireworks include but are not limited to firecrackers, skyrocket, Roman candles, etc.

A special permit and license must be acquired through the State Fire Marshal in order to display fireworks. The only legal fireworks (class C explosives) are sparklers, smoke bombs and caps. The hazards with these, and any type of fireworks, occurs when children become involved. Fireworks cause numerous fires and injure many people each year. The majority of fireworks injuries involve victims under the age of 15 with many injuries to preschool-aged children.

Don't risk your safety with illegal fireworks. Rather, go to Skokie's Fourth of July celebration to watch the 3-D fireworks at Niles West High School. Please see article on pages one and three for more details. ∞

## Skokie Village Hall Offices Closed for Independence Day

The Village of Skokie offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010 in honor of Independence Day. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ∞

## Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program

### Join Skokie in "Mowing" Out Air Pollution!

From Memorial Day (May 31, 2010) through Labor Day (September 6, 2010), gasoline-powered lawn mowers can be traded in for a discounted or "people-powered" lawn mower. Discounts range from 5% to 35% based on the size and model of the mower.

To participate in the program, gasoline-powered mowers can be brought to Skokie Ace Hardware, 5035 Oakton Street, 847/673-0700 to receive a rebate voucher. This voucher can be used to purchase an eco-friendly mower at a reduced price from Skokie Ace Hardware or purchase an electric mower by phone order

with a program code from Neuton Mowers as part of their Direct Order Discount Coupon Program.

To learn more about the Village's Lawn Care Rebate Program or about Skokie's participation in Clean Air Counts, please visit

[www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257. ∞

Manufacturer (Vendor)	Mower Type	Suggested Price	Program Price (Skokie Resident Price)
Neuton (purchase by phone with voucher)	14" cordless	\$349.00	\$289.00
Neuton (purchase by phone with voucher)	19" cordless	\$499.00	\$379.00
Toro (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" cordless	\$399.00	\$379.00
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" cordless	\$349.99	\$329.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" corded	\$219.99	\$199.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18" corded	\$199.99	\$184.99
Scotts (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" classic reel	\$139.99	\$129.00
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18" deluxe reel	\$119.99	\$109.99
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	16" reel	\$109.99	\$99.99

## June/July 2010 Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



### Fourth of July Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

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

### Fourth of July Holliday Yard Waste Collection

All yard waste collections must be pre-scheduled by visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or by calling 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Yard waste collections for residence north of Greenleaf Street take place on Thursday, July 8, 2010. Yard waste collections for residences south of Greenleaf Street take place on Friday, July 9, 2010. Grass clippings are not collected. For more information, see [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) ∞

## Are You Concerned about Potholes?

With the winter/spring thaw cycles behind us, many area roadways are left with potholes that cause driving problems. While Village of Skokie Public Works crews regularly fill and patch potholes on Village streets, a number of the larger streets in Skokie are under the jurisdiction of either the Cook County Highway Department (Crawford Avenue and Old Orchard Road, for example) or the Illinois Department of Transportation (Skokie Boulevard and Touhy Avenue, for example).

When potholes occur on these streets, the Village can only inform the jurisdictional agency about the problem. It is up to either the county or state to fix the problem.

The Village has developed a detailed map showing the jurisdiction of Skokie roadways. To view the map, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). The map also contains contact information for the county and state agencies where residents can report pothole concerns. ∞



*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:**

June 7, 21

July 6\*, 19

*\*Tuesday, due to the Fourth of July Holiday*

### **Plan Commission:**

June 3, 17

July 1, 15

### **Appearance Commission:**

June 9

July 14

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

June 2, 16

July 7, 21

## Village Board Action

The Village Board approved contracts for asbestos remediation and building demolition at two Village-owned structures at 4933 Dempster Street and 8734 Bronx Avenue. Asbestos remediation will be performed by Bay Environmental, and demolition will be done by DMD Services.

The Village Board approved the purchase of the Police Department's Communications Center Console Workstations, new furniture, accessories and miscellaneous furnishing items for the new Police Department, at 7300 Niles Center Road that is expected to be substantially complete by September 2010.

The Board approved a contract in the amount of \$53,340 to Briggs Paving for the Village's Street Patching Program. This year's Street Patching Program will include the removal and replacement of asphalt at 13 locations in the Village. The Street Patching Program is in addition to resurfacing 4.5 miles of roadway during the 2010 construction season. ↻



## Village of Skokie Youth Outreach Program

The Youth Outreach Program (YOP) began in 1999 to address juveniles and young adults, ages nine to 20, who are first-time offenders ticketed for violating various Village ordinances. These ordinance violations include: minors in possession of alcohol or tobacco, curfew, truancy, disorderly conduct, in park after hours, vandalism/graffiti, possession/discharge of fireworks, trespassing and possession of marijuana (under age 17, less than 2.5 grams).

The YOP focus is on early intervention and prevention. The program's goals include holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions, reducing the incidence of repeat offenses, diverting youthful offenders from further court action and providing social service programs to address underlying concerns. Once a month, there is a Youthful Offender Court Call or session that works in conjunction with the Youth Outreach Program. The court call is conducted at the Cook County Court House at 5600 Old Orchard Road in Skokie. Ticketed youth must appear at this court call with a parent or guardian. The presiding judge takes extra time to discuss the offense with the youth and his/her family and to explore remedies that will best serve the youth, their family and the community as a whole.

For example, when a youth is ticketed for an alcohol- or drug-related violation, the court will order alcohol/drug education, assessment and counseling. This encourages the youth and their family to confront potential or current substance abuse problems. As more information is gathered, the program coordinator may learn that the family is in need of food, clothing or financial assistance and will refer families to organizations that can provide this assistance.

The YOP benefits Skokie youth, families, the courts and the entire community. Through enforcement of the Village's zero-tolerance policy, the youthful offender learns to take responsibility for his/her actions while receiving needed social services. The Skokie YOP works to ensure a safe and secure community that values children and their families.

*For more information about the Village of Skokie Youth Outreach Program contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ↻*

## OCC, NIU and NIPSTA Join Forces for Emergency Responder Education Initiative

Oakton Community College (OCC) recently announced that, in cooperation with Northern Illinois University (NIU), it will offer a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management with an emphasis on public safety. The new program enables emergency management personnel, firefighters and police officers to earn an accredited bachelor's degree at Oakton and is designed for professionals with a designated AAS (Associate of Applied Science) from a community college. Before this partnership, emergency responders with an associate's degree could not transfer their degree to a four-year college or university. Those completing the program will receive a Bachelor's degree from NIU. The program is open to all Skokie residents and other communities served by both OCC and the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA).

The new program also complements training provided by NIPSTA. The Village of Skokie and many other area towns belong to NIPSTA, which is a local government cooperative that provides ongoing training of fire, police, public works and other public safety personnel at a state-of-the-art facility in Glenview. The Village of Skokie is a founding member of NIPSTA and Skokie's emergency responders participate in numerous training initiatives at the NIPSTA campus.

In addition to the new degree program, OCC announced its *First Providers for First Responders* initiative through which OCC will provide three tuition waivers to the chief of each public safety department who will select qualified employees to pursue the AAS.

For more information on the new AAS program please visit [www.oakton.edu](http://www.oakton.edu). ∞

## Town Hall Meeting

On June 24, 2010, the Village of Skokie will host a town hall meeting at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, to discuss crime trends, crime prevention and safety issues. Representatives of the Skokie Police Department and Village officials will provide information and answer residents' questions. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

## 1660 AM Skokie

### *The Village's Emergency Advisory Radio Station*

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Skokie, the Village of Skokie has an AM advisory radio station. The frequency of the station is 1660 AM on the AM dial.

The primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather to hazardous material spills, alternate-side parking when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Skokie area. This non-commercial radio station is monitored by the Village, and in non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts emergency preparedness information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For further information about the Village's advisory radio station, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210. ∞

## SkokieVision Cable TV

Skokie broadcasts around-the-clock information to residents on the SkokieVision cable television station. **SkokieVision programming can be found on Channel 17 (Comcast) and Channel 25 (RCN)**, and features several informational videos, among which include:

- **Village Board Meetings:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday following a Board meeting at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Video Series:** An approximately 30-minute video collection shown daily at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. The collection features: *Skokie: A Great Place to Call Home*; *Public Works: Exceptional Services*; *Stormwater Runoff Control*; *Recycling Begins With You*; *Health and Human Services*.
- **Skokie Adopts Council-Manager Form of Government:** A short video created in celebration of Skokie's 50th Anniversary of the Council-Manager form of government in 2007. Shown Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **Skokie Swift Relocation:** A short video exploring the technical challenges and successful relocation of the historical Skokie Swift station building on Dempster Street. Shown daily at 11:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. ∞



# Village of Skokie

## 2009 Water Quality Report

### Lake Michigan, Skokie's Source of Drinking Water

In general, people obtain drinking water from rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. This is true for both tap water and bottled drinking water. Skokie's tap water comes from Lake Michigan which, like the other Great Lakes, was formed as glaciers retreated north during the last ice age. Lake Michigan is the largest lake in the United States at 118 miles wide and 307 miles long. Lake Michigan averages 279 feet in depth and reaches 925 feet at its deepest point. The lake's drainage basin, which is approximately twice as large as its 22,300 square miles of surface water, includes portions of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Great Lakes are one of the world's most valuable sources of fresh surface water. Almost half of all the liquid fresh water in the world is found in the Great Lakes. Most of the world's surface fresh water is locked away in the ice caps around the North and the South Poles, which makes us appreciate the Great Lakes that much more.

All 63 miles of Illinois shoreline support drinking water uses. The primary sources of pollution threatening Lake Michigan include air, rain and snow pollution, storm water runoff and industrial discharges. ♦

How often do you turn on your water faucet for a glass of drinking water? The answer is probably very often, as the Skokie Water Distribution System sends an average of 8.5 million gallons a day of pure drinking water to residential and commercial customers. This is enough to cover the entire Village with several feet of water in a year's time. Skokie residents can be confident that every gallon, every glass of their drinking water exceeds the federal standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

For years, Skokie citizens have enjoyed a safe, economical water supply (purchased from the City of Evanston) with no reported water-borne illnesses. Evanston has a long history of drinking water safety. In 1914, when typhoid fever, cholera and dysentery gripped the nation, Evanston was the first community on Lake Michigan to treat its water. In 1947, Evanston became the first city in Illinois to provide **fluoridated\*** water. In 1973, Evanston's water treatment plant eliminated all water discharge into Lake Michigan. Today, in addition to over 50 chemical and bacteriological tests conducted by Evanston water personnel daily, the Village of Skokie's water professionals monitor drinking water for chlorine levels, contaminant levels and **lead**, copper and total **trihalomethanes**. To protect citizens' health, over 70 Village-wide samples are collected each month from the taps of Skokie

homes and businesses. The result is that Skokie's drinking water is among the safest in the United States.

With the publication of this Water Quality Report, Skokie continues the water quality tradition. Not only were there no treatment, monitoring, or reporting violations in the reporting period, but every substance detected in Skokie's water was well below federal standards. Over 65 contaminants tested for were totally absent in the drinking water. This includes such major contaminants as **synthetic organic substances** and **radon**. This USEPA-mandated Water Quality Report is an outgrowth of the consumer movement which has successfully championed the public's right to know the impact of water quality on health.

### Why does Skokie Test the Water Supply?

As water travels over the land surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material. Water also picks up substances resulting from the presence of animals and human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: pesticides and herbicides, microbial contaminants, organic chemical contaminants, inorganic contaminants and radioactive contaminants.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount

of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Water Drinking Hotline at 800/426-4791. ♦

\* Words in bold are defined in the About the Data section on page two.

### How Much Water Do You Use?

Lake Michigan affords a plentiful supply of water which may cause people not to consider conservation a primary concern. However, water conservation is more than just reducing the amount of water consumed. Water conservation means using water intelligently.

Before you can conserve water, you need to know how to measure the amount of water you use. Your water bill and water meter are the tools that can help to determine your water consumption and start your own water conservation program. ♦

## Skokie's Drinking Water

Skokie's vast water system includes two 4.9-million-gallon storage facilities and over 2,300 hydrants. A full-time staff of laboratory professionals, public works staff and public health professionals devote themselves to Skokie's water safety.

Skokie's drinking water has received several awards for water purity. A State-Certified Water Plant Operator is on duty 24 hours a day at the Evanston plant, and over 50 chemical and bacteriological tests are conducted each day. Skokie water professionals continue the quality vigilance with frequent tests for chlorine levels, microbial contamination, **trihalomethanes\*** and copper and lead levels at Skokie homes and businesses.

The Evanston Treatment Plant, which supplies Skokie's water, is capable of pumping 108 million gallons a day to communities like Skokie. Its raw water pumps bring Lake Michigan water in, while its finished water pumps send water to users. Natural gas engines fuel these pumps so the community never goes without safe drinking water, even during power outages.

### Here's how the water is treated:

1. Six centrifugal pumps lift the water from suction wells to

begin its journey through the treatment plant.

2. Chlorine to disinfect, fluoride for dental health and aluminum sulphate and polymers to coagulate suspended solids are added to the water. Carbon is added as necessary to enhance taste and odor.
3. The resulting **floc** sinks to the bottom of settlement basins in four to eight hours.
4. Water inches through filters that contain a layer of anthracite coal and filter sand, removing the tiniest of particles and bacteria.
5. After postchlorination, water goes to reservoirs where a blended polyphosphate is added to prevent copper and lead contamination. Water is sampled one more time for quality assurance before being pumped into the distribution system.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in tap or bottled water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly persons and infants can be at particular risk for infections.

These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. The EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/ow](http://www.epa.gov/ow).

For specific information about Skokie's Water Division, the community's water quality, a complete water quality report of all tested contaminants, water conservation information, on-source pollutant information or any other water or sewer-related questions, contact the Skokie Water Division at 847/933-8277 or visit the Village's Web site at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). The Skokie Water and Sewer Division is located at 9050 Gross Point Road in the Public Works building. The public is welcome to attend Village Board Meetings at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, at 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Many decisions regarding Village matters, such as water, are made at these meetings.

\* *Words in bold are defined in the About the Data section on page three.*



## 2009 Water Source Data - Abbreviations Key

**% pos/mo:** Percent positive samples per month.

**#pos/mo:** Number of positive samples per month.

**MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL:** Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of a substance allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as closely as feasible to the MCLG using the best available treatment technology.

**AL:** Action Level. The concentration of a substance which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**N/A:** Not Applicable

**mg/l:** Milligrams per liter, also called parts per million (ppm).

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit. Used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.

**%<0.3 NTU:** Percent samples less than 0.3 NTU.

**ppb:** Parts per billion, also called micrograms per liter.

## 2009 Source Water Assessment Summary

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intakes with no protection, only dilution, which is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois.

According to the sensitivity analysis, all three of Evanston's intakes are located far enough off shore that shoreline impacts are not considered a factor on water quality. However, at certain times of the year the potential for contamination exists due to the proximity of the North Shore Channel and west-weather flows. In addition, the proximity to a major shipping lane adds to the susceptibility of these three intakes. Coordination regarding water quality situations (i.e. spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc.) is frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. ♦

**ppm:** Parts per million, also called milligrams per liter.

**pCi/l:** Picocuries per liter. Used to measure radioactivity and infection practices.

**TT:** Treatment Technique. A required process that reduces a contaminant level.

**mrem/year:** Abbreviation for millirem. A unit used to measure radioactivity effects. ♦

## Year 2009 Water Quality Data

Substance	EPA Goal (MCL)	EPA Highest (MCL)	Results	Min.	Max	Contamination Source
*Turbidity	N/A	TT=monitored by % <0.3 NTU and max allowed is 1NTU	% of samples <0.3 NTU	0.05 NTU	0.14 NTU	Soil runoff
^Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.8	0.1	0.8	Water additive used to control microbes
^Copper (ppb)	1.3	Action level = 1.3	0.171	No sites exceeded AL		Corrosion of plumbing and erosion of natural deposits
^Lead (ppb)	0	Action Level = 15	<detection level	1 site exceeded AL		Corrosion of household plumbing and erosion of natural deposits
^Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	29.00	24.2	35.2	By-product of drinking water chlorination
^Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	12.00	6.81	15.36	See Total Trihalomethanes
*Sodium	N/A	N/A	7.0	7.0	7.0	Erosion of natural deposits
*Beta/photons emitters (pCi/L)	N/A	50	7.3	7.3	7.3	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
*Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	0.82	0.82	0.82	Erosion of natural deposits
*Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	3.9	3.9	3.9	Erosion of natural deposits

**^ Skokie results** **\* Evanston Results**  
 Notes: \*MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively. Some people who drink water containing Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years, experience problems with their livers, kidneys, central nervous systems, and may experience increased risk of cancer.

## About the 2009 Water Source Data

- **Chlorine:** A byproduct formed when chlorine dioxide is used to disinfect water.
- **Coliform:** Bacteria that are commonly found in the intestines of humans and other vertebrates.
- **Copper:** Copper is a metal found in natural deposits as ores containing other elements. It is widely used in household plumbing materials.
- **Floc:** A mass formed in a fluid through the aggregation of suspended particles.
- **Fluoridated:** Adding a fluorine compound to drinking water for the purpose of reducing tooth decay.
- **Lead:** Lead poses a significant danger, especially to infants and young children. It is possible that lead levels in

some homes may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in household plumbing. If you are concerned about lead levels in your water, you may wish to have your water privately tested.

- **Nitrate (as Nitrogen):** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity.
- **Radon:** A radioactive, largely inert gaseous element formed by the radioactive decay of radium.
- **Sodium:** USEPA or IEPA does not regulate sodium, but monitoring is required to provide information about sodium intake due to dietary precautions.

Consult a physician if the level is greater than 20 mg/l and you are on a sodium-restricted diet.

- **Synthetic Organic Compounds:** A group of compounds not included among the trihalomethanes that may have carcinogenic (cancer causing) potential to humans.
- **Trihalomethanes:** A group of compounds (including Total Haloacetic Acids, Bromoacetic Acids, Chloroacetic Acids, Dibromoacetic Acids, Dichloroacetic Acids, and Trichloroacetic Acids) formed from decayed vegetable or animal matter present in most surface and some groundwaters. The EPA regulates the level found in drinking water because of the toxic nature that may produce disease in humans and animals.

- **Turbidity:** A measure of the cloudiness of water. It is monitored by the Village because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of the filtration and disinfection systems. 💧

### MWRDGC 24 Hour Hotline

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) receives and treats the sewage from the Village of Skokie. The District has established a 24 hour hotline to report the dumping of hazardous material into the sewer system. This number was established in an effort to reduce the possibility of contamination of waterways, poisoned fish and wildlife, and damage to the biological process of the waste water treatment plant. The hotline number is 800-332-DUMP. 💧

## What are Non-Point Source Storm Water Pollutants?

Non-point source (NPS) pollution occurs when rain or melting snow carry pollutants such as contaminated soil, fertilizers, salt or animal waste into the sewer system. These pollutants are called non-point source because it is not always possible to identify their origins. While we sometimes want to point the finger of blame at industry, the fact is that we all contribute to non-point source pollution when we dispose of household hazardous wastes through the sewer system, over fertilize our lawns and gardens, leave pet waste unattended or allow our cars to leak automotive fluids onto Skokie streets and parking lots.

### What are some more examples?

Pollutants can come from a variety of places both in and around our homes and businesses:

**Pollutant:** Sand, clay particles, other debris

**Source:** Construction sites, bare spots in lawns and gardens, wastewater from washing cars and trucks on driveways or parking lots

**Pollutant:** Nutrients

**Source:** Overused or spilled fertilizers; pet waste, grass clippings that enter the street sewers and leaves burned in ditches

**Pollutant:** Diseased organisms

**Source:** Pet waste and garbage

**Pollutant:** Hydrocarbons

**Source:** Car and truck exhaust; leaks and spills of oil and gas; burning leaves and garbage

**Pollutant:** Pesticides

**Source:** Spills and leaks or pesticides applied before a rainstorm

**Pollutant:** Metals

**Source:** Cars and trucks (tire wear, brakes, exhaust); galvanized metal gutters and downspouts.

### Where do these pollutants go?

Skokie has a combination sewer system. The contents of the storm sewers are mixed with the contents of household sewers.

All of the waste is sent to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) water treatment plant. There, these wastes are treated to lower pollution levels and returned to the river system. Treated wastewater eventually flows into the Illinois River and then into the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. So, what happens in Skokie and other Chicago-area communities affects both the quality of river water and the quality of life for other residents of Illinois and the United States.

During severe rainfalls, when the water system backflows, untreated sewage and pollutants can be discharged directly into Lake Michigan, Skokie's source of drinking water. While these backflows are rare, they can occasionally occur.

What happens to pollutants at the water treatment plant?

When pollutants enter the plant, the normal treatment process is slowed down. Particles that would normally disappear after one hour may still remain in the system six to eight hours after arrival. As we all know, time is money. The cost to treat pollutants is high, and this cost is passed on to you through taxes paid to MWRDGC. One way of reducing taxes is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the sewer system.

### How can I reduce NPS pollution?

Reducing non-point source pollution can be easy. Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to learn tips and ideas on how you can help reduce non-point source pollution in and around your home or business. ♦

### Why is my Water Cloudy?

The cloudiness is attributed to millions of harmless tiny air bubbles that are not a health concern. Water in the Skokie water distribution system is under pressure, causing the air present to be dissolved in the water until the pressure is released at the tap. If the amount of dissolved air is low, water may appear to sparkle or have small bubbles. If there is a greater amount of dissolved air in the water, millions of very tiny bubbles will appear when the pressure is released, giving the water a cloudy, white or milky appearance. It may take several minutes for the air to escape. As it does, the water will clear from the bottom of the glass upward. ♦

### Water Hardness Level

Hardness is a measure of the concentration of calcium and magnesium in water. Water is considered to be soft if it is less than 17.1 parts per million and hard if over 180 parts per million. The Village of Skokie water hardness level is medium (averaging 7.5 to 8.5 grams or 130 to 140 parts per million). Learn more about water hardness levels at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ♦



## Skokie Offers Online Payment Option for Water Bills

The Village has a new, convenient online payment program for water bills, parking tickets and other non-moving violations, miscellaneous invoices and vehicle license renewals (see page one for details).

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). ♦

## Host a Block Party and Get to Know Your Neighbors

Hosting a block party is a great way to become involved in the community and get to know your neighbors. Block parties can be held at any time of the year. According to the Skokie Human Relations Commission, the best time to hold a block party is on a weekend afternoon during the summer and early fall months.

The Skokie Human Relations Commission offers these ideas to help you plan your block party:

- **Don't try to do it alone.** Involve as many of your neighbors as possible in a planning meeting.
- **Make one household the coordinating center for the party.**
- **Delegate responsibilities to specific individuals.** This can include: securing the block party permit, creating invitations, arranging for food or a potluck, purchasing supplies and decorations, planning activities for adults and children and designating a clean-up crew.

When a date is scheduled for the block party, you'll need to complete and submit a Block Party Permit to the Skokie Engineering Division. The Engineering Division, located at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Permits also are available on the Village's website at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). There is no charge for the permit, but the application must be submitted to the Village of Skokie at least three weeks prior to the party.

For more information, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call 847/933-8208. ∞

To obtain a Block Party Permit, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or contact the Engineering Division at 847/933-8232.

Applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the party.

## ∞ SmithCenterNews ∞ Senior Activities

### 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.

#### June 7 and July 12: Table Games

Bring your friends and treats to share and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your favorite table games.

#### June 28 and July 26: Silver Singers

Sing-a-long while Miriam Strauss plays her musical tunes on the piano. Tune up your vocal chords and join the group! ∞

## 2009 Block Party Award Winners

The winning block parties for 2009 were honored by the Human Relations Commission at the May 17, 2010 Village Board meeting. Winning block parties will have a plaque installed on their block to indicate that they won this year's contest.

### The winners of the 2009 block parties are:

- *Forestview Road between Greenwood and Lake Streets (Organizers included Lisa Nielsen and Sally Ivaska)*
- *9400-9500 Drake Avenue (Organizers included Trudi Westwood and Wendy Carmichael)*
- *3800 Kirk – Kirk Street and East Prairie Road (Organizers included Elizabeth Mertz and Tim Folke)*

• *5000 Brummel Street (Organizers included Jacquie Toigo and Gorgonia Gonzales)*

• *5300 Suffield Terrace (Organizers included Karen Kohler Davis and Caryn Bean)*

To learn more about block parties, please see the article on this page. ∞

## Americans with Disabilities Act

### 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Village of Skokie, in conjunction with the City of Evanston, will feature the following events:

**July 28 – 7-9 p.m.**  
Art exhibit, films and discussion  
Skokie Public Library

**July 29 – 1-4 p.m.**  
Informational workshops  
Evanston Levy Center

For further information please contact Juanita at 847/933-8208. ∞

## Village Hall Closed

Skokie Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

### 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.

#### Skokie Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 9 from 2-7 p.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Wednesdays, June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.

#### \*Body Composition Analysis

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$6 Fee\*

#### Cholesterol Screening Programs:

*Simple Cholesterol Screening (Total Cholesterol Reading Only)* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$6 Fee\*

\**Lipid Profile Screening (Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio).* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays, June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$15 Fee\*

#### \*Diabetes Screening

Thursday, June 24 and Tuesday, July 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 Fee

#### \*Hearing Screening

Fridays, June 18 and July 16 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### \*Immunization Clinics

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 9, 23 and July 14, 28 from 2-4 p.m. \$5/person Clinic Fee

#### \*Lead Screening

Wednesdays, June 2 and July 7 from 2-4 p.m. and June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$25 Fee

#### Men's Health Screening Clinic

Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10 Fee\*

#### Nicotine Addiction Seminar

Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesday, July 28 from 7-9 p.m.

#### Stop Smoking Clinic

Tuesday, June 15 from 7-9 p.m. Also meets June 16-18, 21 and 29.

#### \*TB Skin Testing

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Tuesdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 2-4 p.m. \$5 Fee

#### \*Well Child Clinic

Tuesdays, June 8 and July 13 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

Thursdays, June 3, 17 and July 1, 15 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, June 15, 22, 29 and July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays, June 10 and July 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Annex room at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. *This group targets Baby Boomers but all are welcome to attend.*

#### Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, June 10 (no meeting in July) from 1:30-3 p.m.

#### Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

Please call for an appointment.

#### Low Vision Support Group

Thursday, June 8 (no July meeting) from 1:30-3 p.m.

#### Monday Group

See page 11 for details. Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

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

Appointments are necessary. Tuesdays, June 8 and July 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### Music and Laughter (formerly known as Men's Discussion Group)

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

#### Needlework

Socialization and needlework. Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### News and Views Discussion

Fridays, 10 a.m.

#### Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Mondays, June 7 and July 12 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 847/933-8208 for program details and registration information.

#### Stamp Club

Wednesdays, June 3, 17 and July 7, 21 at 1:30 p.m.

#### U.S. Citizenship Class

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

#### Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, June 10, 24 and July 14, 28 from 1:30-3 p.m. Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street.

#### Woodcarving

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

## CPR Schedule

Tuesdays, June 15 and July 20. Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for more 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 tickets to all of these performances and to see what else is coming, visit us online at [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org) or call the box office at 847/673-6300.

Centre East Theatre Presents

### Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theatre

In residence at Northwestern Illinois University, Chicago presents Flamenco Passion Gala Concerts American Spanish Dance Festival June 25-27. Call for showtimes.

Northlight Theatre Presents

### Low Down Dirty Blues

By Randal Myler and Dan Wheatman. Directed by Randal Myler. Music Direction by Dan Wheatman. Featuring Mississippi Charles Bevel. Through July 3, 2010. Call for showtimes.

### Mrs. International Pageant

July 16 and 17. Call for times.

## Miss and Teen International Pageants

July 22 and 24. Call for times.

## Skokie Park District

For more information on Park District programs, call 847/674-1500 or visit [www.SkokieParkDistrict.org](http://www.SkokieParkDistrict.org).

## Woofstock 2010

Celebrate Skokie's canine counterculture with an afternoon of dog acts, food, music and family fun. June 6, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Channelside Park, 3220 Oakton Street.

## Movies in the Park

June 17: E.T. The Extra Terrestrial. Movies one Thursday monthly including July 15, August 19 and Sept. 16. Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue.

## A Chorus Line

June 17-20. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for times and tickets. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

## National Whiffleball Championship

June 26. Ages 10-adult. Learn more at [www.skokieparkdistrict.org](http://www.skokieparkdistrict.org). Channelside Park, 3200 Main Street.

## Pancake Breakfast in the Woods

Sunday, July 11, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.. \$5-7 admission. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

## Sunday Night Concerts in the Park

Sundays, July 11-August 15, at 7 p.m. Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood Street.

## Wednesday Magical Merry-Go-Round Children's Concerts

Wednesdays, July 14-August 11 at 7 p.m. Various parks; call for information.

## Save the Date! Skokie's Backlot Bash

Featuring national music acts, a carnival, auto show, business expo, 5K, bingo, and silent movies at the Skokie Theatre. Friday-Sunday, August 27-29. Visit [www.Backlot-Bash.com](http://www.Backlot-Bash.com) for acts and times.

## Be a Backlot Bash SuperFan or SuperFamily!

For a small donation, individuals and groups of four can receive everything from free t-shirts and food, to special access to events throughout the Bash. Go to [www.Backlot-Bash.com](http://www.Backlot-Bash.com) for details! Skokie's Backlot Bash, 5100 Oakton Street.

## Skokie Public Library

For more details on library activities and events, please visit [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info) or call 847/673-7774.

## Summer Reading Clubs begin for children and adults

Monday, June 1

## World Film Fest: Troubled Water (from Norway)

Monday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

## Flowering Shrubs and Trees for Small Landscapes

Wednesday, June 9, 7 p.m.

## World Cup 101

Thursday, June 10, 7 p.m.

## Now We Can Sing: Concert of Music Banned to Jewish Musicians in 1930s Germany

Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m.

## Food Preservation 101: Basic Freezing Techniques and Applications

Tuesday, June 15, 7 p.m.

## Be Your Own Travel Agent

Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m.

## Little Kids, Little Songs with Flute Sweets and Tickle-toons

Friday, June 18, 11 a.m.

## ToqueChicago: Afro-Cuban Folkloric Concert

Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.

## Vacation in Chicago

Monday, June 21, 7 p.m.

## Never Put Ketchup on a Hot Dog

Wednesday, June 23, 7 p.m.

## The Streetwise Guide to Job Interviewing

Thursday, June 24, 6 p.m.

## Tai Chi for Beginners

Tuesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

## Understanding YouTube

Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m.

## Travel Photography and Poetry: Journey to Africa

Thursday, July 8, 7 p.m.

## Skilled Nursing vs Home Care

Monday, July 12, 2 p.m.

## You Can't Google This

Monday, July 12, 7 p.m.

## Dancing under the Stars

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.

## Job Hunting on the Web

Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m.

## The Jodi Jean Band: Jazz and Bossa Nova Concert

Sunday, July 18, 3 p.m.

## Baking with Food Allergies and Vegan Diets

Monday, July 26, 7 p.m.

## Cirque Among Us

Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m.

## The Wonderful World of Worm Composting

Thursday, July 29, 7 p.m.

## Skokie Art Guild Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair

July 10-11, 2010. Prizes and awards. \$150 booth fee. 75 exhibitors. Held outdoors on the beautiful Village Green in Downtown Skokie, 5211 Oakton Street. Apply now, 847/677-8163 or email [skokieart@aol.com](mailto:skokieart@aol.com).

## Trail to Fitness Presentations

As part of Skokie's Trail to Fitness Program, the Skokie Board of Health and Health Department will be providing the following series of informative lectures at the Skokie Public Library.

### Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. – “Nicotine Addiction Seminar”

Jerry Zabin, LCSW, will talk about nicotine and carbon monoxide found in tobacco smoke and how they impact the body. He will also provide tips on how to quit smoking and remain smoke-free.

### Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. – “Nutrition & Oral Health”

Clifford Prince, DDS, will give an explanation of the different types of diabetes and how they affect the mouth. He will discuss methods of treatment, prevention and how to keep your mouth healthy when you have diabetes.

### Wednesday, June 30, 6 p.m. – “Summer Stoppers: Bites, Stings, Burns and Heat”

Claudia Braden, RN, BSN, MPH, will discuss ways to protect against bites, stings, sunburn and heat emergencies as well as what to do if these things happen. Her emphasis will be on how to protect yourself and your children from these fun stoppers.

### Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. – “Diabetes: A Genuine Epidemic”

Herbert Lipschultz, MD, will cover the latest information about the growing number of people with diabetes in the U.S. He will talk about symptoms to watch for, treatment options and preventive measures to keep from developing the disease.

### Wednesday, July 14, 6 p.m. – “Heart Healthy Eating”

Susan Reisberg, RN, MSN, will lead a discussion about diet, particularly as it relates to cholesterol. Bring your questions, diet tips and recipes! If weather permits, the session will end with a brisk walk to help boost your “good” cholesterol so wear comfortable shoes.

### Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m. – “Nutrition in Pregnancy”

Michael Drachler, MD, will discuss preconception health, lifestyles and nutrition during pregnancy. He will focus on key essential nutrients, foods to avoid and basic nutrition while breast feeding.

*Be sure to check out the Skokie Trail to Fitness web site at [www.trailtofitness.org](http://www.trailtofitness.org) for additional information on these and other programs being held this summer.*

## Stop Smoking Clinic

The Skokie Health Department, in conjunction with the Evanston Health Department, is offering a stop smoking clinic. *The clinic is free of charge to those who work or live in either community.*

The clinic begins on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. and continues on June 16, 17, 18, 21, and 29. Participants **must** attend the first night in order to continue in the clinic. This clinic will be held at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Mr. Jerry Zabin will conduct the clinic. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years direct clinical experience, and has been in out-

patient practice and consulting since 1984. He has earned a reputation for providing individualized, responsive and growth-oriented clinical services.

There are no quick-fix gimmicks in this clinic. We treat the nicotine addiction like any other addiction. You will receive group and individual counseling, have access to a 24-hour live hot-line and be

provided extensive reinforcement. Clinic graduates are eligible and encouraged to participate in future clinics for reinforcement at no cost.

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



### Clinic Day/Time Changes

The Skokie Health Department has changed a number of its clinic days and times. Please check the Calendar of Events section for these changes. For additional information, contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252.

## Men: Taking Care of Yourself

In conjunction with National Men's Health Week, men can contact the Skokie Health Department to schedule an appointment for a special screening clinic to be held on June 21 and 22. The screening tests include blood pressure, lipid profile, diabetes, colorectal cancer, and hearing. These screenings are available for a charge of \$10 to Skokie residents up to the capacity of the clinic. That is a savings of \$15 over the cost of these tests done separately. Proof of residency is required.

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

## Lawn Care Equipment

Occasionally, the Village receives complaints about loud lawn care equipment. Residents are reminded that the Village Code addresses these concerns, limiting use of this type of equipment as follows:

- **Lawn care equipment, except for gas-powered leaf blowers, may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.**
- **Gas-powered leaf blowers may only be operated between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday, including holidays.**
- **Throwing grass clippings in a sewer, ditch or open pit area, or upon vacant lots or public rights-of-ways is prohibited.**

Homeowners are responsible for making certain that the use of lawn equipment occurs within permitted hours of operation. Residents who use the services of a landscaping contractor should advise them of the hours of operation for lawn care equipment.

Please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for more information about leaf blower and lawn mower usage. ∞

## Skokie Fine Arts Commission

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 granting year. To be eligible for a grant, all projects and programs must take place between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. Skokie schools are invited to submit arts-related projects and programs for Cultural Arts Grants in the amount of \$500. Skokie-based arts organizations may apply for Project Grants in varying amounts. Applications for both grants are available on the Commission's webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). If you are a first-time grant applicant, please consider attending the Fine Arts Commission Grant Workshop on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. The first-time grant applicant presentation also is available on the Commission's webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

For more information or to download a copy of the grant application, please 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:**

- Email the Village at [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org).
- Call one of the Village departments (see back page).
- Attend a Village Board meeting. See page five for June and July 2010 meeting dates and times.



## Emergency Override of Broadcast Stations

During a municipal emergency, the Skokie Police Department can override programming on Comcast cable channels and place a written crawl on RCN cable channels. The override is used to distribute a brief message during a local emergency. In Skokie, the system is typically used to signal the start and conclusion of alternate-side parking during snow emergencies. The Skokie override is tested on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. ∞

## Outdoor Emergency Sirens

The Village's warning siren system is used to advise residents to take specific actions. These actions include preparation for dangerous conditions and announcing phases of snow removal operations. The sirens are often used to signal the start and conclusion of alternate-side parking during snow emergencies. Sirens are tested in Skokie on the first Tuesday of each month for one minute at 10 a.m. A steady tone is used for testing.

Learn more about outdoor emergency sirens and the Village's alternate-side parking program at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ∞



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## Skokie's 'Going Green'

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides one-day document destruction events for residentially generated paper such as medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax forms, etc. This event is open to Skokie residents and residents of other SWANCC-member towns. Identification will be checked, and no materials from businesses, schools or institutions will be accepted.

The document destruction events run from 9 to 11 a.m. and there is no cost to attend. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove binders. SWANCC staff will check identification and workers will help take paper out of vehicles and place in toter carts. The documents will then be loaded into a shredding truck on site. The paper will be cross-shredded, baled and recycled. Residents from any SWANCC member community may participate in events in any community.

*No business or institutional waste will be accepted.*

**Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m.**

**June 12** Glenview Public Works, 1333 Shermer Road

**July 17** Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue

**August 7** Niles Public Works Service Yard, 6849 Touhy Avenue

## SkokieNews

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### 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*  
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*Signs and Street Lights*  
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*Streets and Alleys*  
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*Water and Sewer*  
847/933-8427

*Traffic Engineering*  
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**Village Hall**  
847/673-0500

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

**Water Billing**  
847/933-8418