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Neighborhood Watch

Get involved to help keep your home and neighborhood safe

Turn to page two for detailed information on crime prevention.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens working in cooperation with law enforcement to discourage residential crime. Neighborhood Watch is all about organizing the eyes and ears of an entire neighborhood into a powerful 24/7 barrier that is difficult to penetrate, and thus protects the neighborhood from crime. Neighborhood Watch groups learn how to fight crime the most effective way – before it occurs. By getting to know one another and by recognizing and reporting to the police suspicious and unusual activity, Neighborhood Watch groups build a communications network to protect their neighborhood.

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Village Bond Savings Exceed Projections

Skokie Retains Elite AAA Status with Bond Rating Agencies

In late August, 2010, the Village of Skokie sold its Series 2010 Refunding Bonds, resulting in a present value savings of more than \$1.9 million. Financial advisors originally projected a present value savings of just over \$1.3 million.

The bond sale refunded Series 2001 Bonds issued for the Skokie Public Library and Series 2003 Bonds issued by the Village. The Village set a threshold of a 3% savings from the transaction, with financial advisors originally estimating an 8.3% savings. The refunding actually resulted in a 12.15% savings on the refunded bonds. The increased savings means that the Village will realize annual average savings of nearly \$61,000 for the next seven years, with the

Library saving \$166,100 annually through 2020.

The bond refunding process required both Moody's and Fitch bond rating agencies to review Skokie's financial status. The Village once again was assigned the highest rating available from both agencies, a Aaa from Moody's and AAA from Fitch. Both rating agencies cited Skokie's financial strength, diverse revenue sources and prudent financial management practices in assigning these superior ratings. Fitch also mentioned Skokie's maintenance of financial reserves within policy limits as being integral to the high rating. These ratings place Skokie in an elite category among municipalities around the country, with Fitch citing

only 15.5% of municipalities receiving a AAA rating, and Moody's citing only a 6.4% Aaa rating for municipalities.

Both rating agencies cited Skokie's strong socio-economic status and large tax base as factors in the high rat-

ings. Fitch further noted Skokie's expanding transportation network, meaning the CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street Station now under construction in Downtown Skokie that "...attracts a professional workforce with above-average wealth levels." 

Skokie Public Works Earns Re-accreditation

The Village of Skokie Public Works Department recently earned re-accreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA) after a three-day site visit by a team of public works professionals from across the country. A formal award presentation will be made at a future Village Board meeting.

"APWA re-accreditation is acknowledgement that the work done by our Public Works employees meets rigorous national standards," said Mayor George Van Dusen. "I congratulate Public Works Director Max Slankard, the Public Works staff and all Village Departments that contributed to this achievement."

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What is Suspicious?

When and Why to Call the Skokie Police Department

Residents are encouraged to call the Skokie Police Department if they see anything out of the ordinary in their neighborhood or any other area of the community. The Skokie Police Department welcomes these calls and assures residents that however small or seemingly unimportant the matter, residents should always err on the side of caution and call the Police Department.

Following are some tips on when to call the Skokie Police Department and what information is helpful to provide when reporting an emergency or suspicious activity.

What do I need to tell the police when I call?

- WHAT happened?
- WHEN did it happen?
- WHERE did it happen? Be as specific as possible with the street address or general area.
- WHO did it?
- Suspect Description: Race/gender, clothing, height/weight, hair color/length and other identifying marks.
- Vehicle Description: Color/make/model/year, license plate number and direction of travel.

Do I have to give my name, address or phone number?

No, but it is helpful for the Police Department to have that information in case we need to contact you for additional details.

Will the officer stop and talk to me?

Not unless you specifically request it. If you want to talk to the officer, please tell the dispatcher when you call.

Examples of Suspicious Activity Concerning Persons

Activity: Going door-to-door in a residential neighborhood for unknown reasons.

Possible Crime: Possible burglary suspects.

Activity: Screaming or loud voices.

Possible Crime: Possible assault and or battery in progress.

Activity: Lone individual loitering near schools/parks, possibly observing children.

Possible Crime: Possible sex offender.

Activity: Items or services for sale at very low prices.

Possible Crime: Possible stolen property operation.

Activity: Heavy traffic to and from a specific residence on a regular basis, including odd hours.

Possible Crime: Possible drug or stolen property operation.

Activity: Forcing entry into a locked vehicle.

Possible Crime: Possible theft of car or its contents.

Activity: Persons acting unusual, disoriented or appearing lost.

Possible Crime: Possibly ill, on drugs or mentally challenged.

Suspicious Activity Concerning Vehicles

Activity: Driving slowly throughout a residential neighborhood.

Possible Crime: Possible burglary suspects or casing potential target properties.

Activity: Parked, occupied vehicles, especially at unusual hours.

Possible Crime: Possible burglary suspects or drug offenders.

Activity: Vehicle driving at night without lights on a side street.

Possible Crime: Possible burglary suspects.

Activity: Business transaction being conducted out of a vehicle.

Possible Crime: Possible sale of drugs or stolen property.

Activity: Vehicles being operated with a cracked steering column or screwdriver in the ignition switch.

Possible Crime: Possible stolen vehicle.

Activity: Sound of breaking glass.

Possible Crime: Possible burglary, theft or criminal damage to property in progress.

No matter the situation, residents should never hesitate to call the Skokie Police Department. It is never a bother and seemingly small tips or bits of information can lead to crime prevention, cracking burglary or drug rings, etc. When a situation doesn't look or feel right, please call! 📞

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies or suspicious activity and 847/982-5900 for non-emergencies.

Winter in Skokie

There has rarely been a winter in our area without two or more severe storms. The Village of Skokie would like to help you become more prepared with the following informative articles.

Prepare Your House for Cold Weather

Use the following suggestions to prevent pipes from freezing or ice dams from occurring in severely cold weather.

Frozen Pipes

Frozen pipes usually occur for one of three reasons: when cold outside air leaks into the house and freezes the water in pipes, when a homeowner lowers the thermostat in their house to 55 degrees or less when they are out of the house or when the pipes in crawl spaces or attics are not properly insulated. When a pipe is frozen only a trickle of water comes out when the faucet is turned on. If you choose to thaw the pipe yourself do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater or any open flame device. It is advised that you have a licensed plumber assist if you cannot immediately locate the frozen pipe or cannot make the necessary repair.

Ice Dams

Ice dams are the result of melting water and ice entering attics via the roof shingles. Dams primarily occur after a cycle of melting-freezing days. Water from ice dams may damage ceilings, walls, floors and household items. To reduce the chances that an ice dam will form be sure to clean out all gutters and downspouts, replacing or repairing those which are damaged, and do not allow ice or icicles to accumulate in or around gutters.

For more information please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

Find Teenage Snow Shovelers through TeenLink

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 847/933-8257. Skokie teens can complete an application to be added to the *TeenLink* program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting www.skokie.org to download an application. ∞



Is Your Car Ready for Winter?

Reliable transportation is especially important during the winter. If you have a vehicle, make sure it is ready for whatever winter weather may bring. Not only should your vehicle be kept in top operating condition all year round for safety and fuel economy, it is especially important to get it winterized to avoid any unpleasant or dangerous situations while traveling in inclement weather. Items to check include the ignition system, fuel system, brakes, exhaust system, wiper blades, snow tires, tire tread, defroster, proper grade oil, cooling system, battery, lights and antifreeze. ∞

Winter Emergency Kit

Be prepared for weather-related emergencies by having an emergency kit in both your auto and home. At a minimum the kit should include the following:

- Non-perishable food and bottles of water
- Flashlight with spare batteries
- Portable battery-operated radio with spare batteries
- Warm clothing and a blanket
- First aid kit
- Small tool kit, flares for an auto
- Spare cell phone battery
- Phone numbers of relatives, physicians, etc.
- Copy of prescriptions and an emergency supply of medication taken on a daily basis
- Extra credit cards or travelers checks
- Writing materials
- Extra car keys

For further information about emergency preparedness please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

Alternate Side Parking Program

The Village of Skokie would like to remind residents, business owners and visitors about the Village's Alternate Side Parking Program.

When there is snow accumulation of two inches or more on the pavement, the Village's Alternate Side Parking Program goes into effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.



The Alternate Side Parking Program is a minimum two-day operation and is an important component of the Village's snow removal efforts. An "alert" warning siren will sound at 7 a.m., indicating that alternate side parking will be in effect. At 6 p.m., the siren will sound again, indicating that residents may move their vehicles to the opposite side of the street.

- **On even-numbered days of the month, after two inches or more of snowfall, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with even-numbered addresses (8210 Tripp, for example). Violators will be ticketed and towed.**
- **On odd-numbered days of the month, after two inches or more of snowfall, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses (8209 Tripp, for example). Violators will be ticketed and towed.**

Cable television subscribers will be alerted of the program through the Village emergency override system at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. Comcast customers should tune to channel 17 and RCN customers should tune to channel 25. Residents also may tune to 1660 AM, the Village of Skokie's Advisory Radio Station, to learn more about the alternate side parking program and if it is in effect.

The Village's "Snow Hotline" at 847/675-SNOW (7669) provides a recorded message noting if the alternate side parking program is or is not in effect.

The Village does have certain streets that are exempt from the Alternate Side Parking Program but only on Saturday, Sunday and some holidays. There also are streets in Skokie that are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation or Cook County. A complete listing of these streets is available at www.skokie.org.

To learn more about the Alternate Side Parking Program, please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency offers a household hazardous chemicals disposal facility at Goose Island, 1150 North Branch Street in Chicago. For more information or for drop-off times, please call 312/744-7606.

For other household hazardous waste disposal options and information on electronics recycling and many other environmental programs, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County website at www.swancc.org. ∞

License Plate Covers

License plate covers, whether tinted, colored, painted, marked, clear or illuminated are illegal in the State of Illinois. Drivers using license plates covers may be ticketed. This type of ticket is considered a non-moving violation. ∞

Economic Development Update

Economic development progress continues on West Dempster Street. The Village is close to completing the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) for the area from Gross Point Road on the west to Kilpatrick Avenue on the east.

The Village purchased the Dempster/Swift Shopping Center located at the southwest corner of Bronx Avenue and Dempster Street, and also the property at 4874-4912 Dempster Street. The Village recently

acquired a 14,000 square-foot property at 4829 Dempster Street that will be combined with the adjacent 13,550 square-foot Village-owned property.

The Village acquired all of these properties for redevelopment purposes consistent with those allowed in the zoning district. Because of the deteriorated property conditions, the Village has demolished the buildings, with the exception of the 4829 Dempster Street property in an-

icipation of future redevelopment. In coming months, the Village will solicit proposals from qualified developers and/or retail and restaurant establishments for these opportunity sites. In the meantime, the Village has developed a new West Dempster Street brochure that was distributed to commercial real estate brokers and representatives of restaurants and retail entities at the late-October, 2010 International Council of Shopping Centers Deal Making

expo held in Chicago. The brochures also are being distributed to a targeted mailing list of additional brokers, developers and other potentially interested parties.

For further information about the Village's redevelopment efforts on West Dempster Street, Downtown Skokie and other areas of the community, please contact the Economic Development Division at 847/933-8446. ∞



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:
November 1, 15

Plan Commission:
November 4, 18

Appearance Commission:
November 10

Zoning Board of Appeals:
November 3, 17



Village Board Action

The Village Board approved a \$1.62 million grant from the Regional Transportation Authority's ICE Program for improvements to the southwest corner of Searle Parkway/Skokie Boulevard, which abuts the new Oakton Station. Improvements include vehicle access lanes, a bus stop, taxi access lanes, kiss and ride, bicycle parking and landscape improvements.

The Village Board approved the arbitrator's August 23, 2010 award concerning wages and benefits for police officers. Sergeants, commanders and deputy chiefs are not represented in collective bargaining. The award implements a four-year agreement affective May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2012.

Public Works Re-accreditation

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Two of Skokie's programs, Tree Inventory and Solid Waste Plan, are now designated as model programs for all APWA-affiliated agencies. There are only 60 accredited public works agencies in the entire United States, and only six in the state of Illinois. The Skokie Public Works department originally earned APWA accreditation in spring 2003 and re-accreditation in 2006.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the

requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as water, solid waste management, street/sewer repair and maintenance, engineering, building maintenance and vehicle maintenance.

Skokie was the first municipality in the nation to have a professionally accredited Police Department, Public Works Department and a profession-

ally accredited, ISO Class One-rated Fire Department.

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, with an office in Washington, D.C.

Stay Informed about What's Happening in Skokie

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

Visit the Village online at www.skokie.org • Subscribe to SkokieNews

Read *NewSkokie* • Watch SkokieVision Cable

Tune into 1660 AM Skokie-radio • Register for NIXLE Police Notification System

Community Shows Support for New, 'Green' Skokie Police Headquarters

On Sunday, October 3, 2010, after a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony by Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and United States Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, approximately 1,600 people toured the new Skokie Police Headquarters at 7300 Niles Center Road. Visitors had the opportunity to tour the indoor firing range, walk through the detention center and view the communications center, evidence processing center, training room and many other areas. Canine unit demonstrations also were given.

The new building is expected to receive, at minimum, silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program (LEED), the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance 'green' buildings.

"The community's support for the new Skokie Police Headquarters was heart-warming. So many residents came to the state-of-the-art facility to show their support to the Police Department for all they do to protect the community. One couple, long-time Skokie residents Mr. and Mrs. Berkowitz, even brought a beautiful cake with this sentiment, 'May God bless this building and the men and women who serve the Skokie Police Department'" stated Mayor George Van Dusen. "I was proud of the Skokie Police Department and our entire community at the Open House. I thank my colleagues on the Village Board for their support of the new building that will serve the community for decades to come."

The Skokie Police Department moved into the new Police Headquarters on October 18, 2010. For more information on the new Skokie Police Headquarters visit www.skokie.org.



Visitors touring the Investigative Services Area of the new Police Headquarters.



Pictured from left to right at the October 3, 2010 new Police Headquarters Open House: Trustee Edie Sue Sutker, Trustee Pramod Shah, Police Chaplain Father White, Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Michele Bromberg, Village Clerk Marlene Williams, Park District President Mike Reid, Trustee Michael Lorge, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Howard Meyer, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Trustee Donald Perille, Park District Commissioner Maureen Yanes and Representative Lou Lang.

New Police Officers Hired

The Village of Skokie recently hired five new police officers. While the Village has had a hiring freeze in effect since late 2008, a growing number of position vacancies in the Police Department led to the recent hiring. Several vacancies in Police Department upper management positions will remain unfilled. The last time the Village hired police officers was September 2008.



Pictured from left to right at the September 20, 2010 Village Board meeting at which the new officers were sworn into their new positions: Commissioner Michael Rotman, Sean Gibson, John Oakley, Benni Johnsson, Ryan Rafferty, Garren Zerfass and Police Chief Barry Silverberg.

Welcome New Businesses

Every November and March, *NewSkokie* features the names and addresses of retail and service businesses that have recently opened in Skokie. Please consider shopping locally and contributing to the Skokie economy. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community, positively effecting Skokie schools, businesses and jobs. The following businesses have opened in Skokie since March 2010:

Lucid Labs
8025 Lamon Avenue #030

Sanford Brown College
4930 Oakton Street

Bar Louie Skokie
5300 W. Touhy Avenue

Advance Auto Parts
9320 Skokie Boulevard

Elizabeth Osten & Associates
9833 Woods Drive

State Farm Insurance
4523 Oakton Street

Cutex Salon
4847 Oakton Street

Proformance
5230 Dempster Street

Shallots Bistro
7016 Carpenter Road

Revive Chiropractic & Rehab
9711 Skokie Boulevard Unit F

Skokie Paint & Wallpaper
7929 N. Lincoln Avenue

Skokie Club
4741 Main Street

Vista Landscape Inc
8210 McCormick Boulevard

Crunchy, Inc
4920 Dempster Street

Yawa's African MKT & Natural
7950 Lamon Avenue

Cash For Gold
9240 Skokie Boulevard

Solomon Computer Clinics
3560 Dempster Street

Westfield Old Orchard New Businesses

Core Power Yoga
4999 Old Orchard Center N69

Soma
4999 Old Orchard Center M20

Chicago Soccer
4999 Old Orchard Center L11

Yankee Candle
4999 Old Orchard Center L21

Cynderella
4999 Old Orchard Center H18

NYS Collection
4999 Old Orchard Center
ext 14

Increase in Permit Activity

During the 2010 construction season, to date, the Village of Skokie has experienced an increase in the valuation of building permit activity and an increase in the number of building permits issued. Of the 53 permit categories tracked by the Village, an increase in the number of permits or the valuation of the permits in 45 categories was seen. The increase was especially seen in non-residential new construction and renovation permits. An increase in construction activity shows that businesses and residents are reinvesting in the community.



Neighborhood Watch

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Starting a Neighborhood Watch group is easy:

- First, contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit of the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5919 for help getting a group started.
- Talk to your neighbors about getting involved. Chances are they have probably already heard about Neighborhood Watch.
- Arrange a date, time and place for your first meeting. One of the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention Specialists will be on hand to present the Neighborhood Watch program to you and your neighbors. The police officer will discuss crime prevention techniques and what it takes to make a highly effective Neighborhood Watch group.

What is expected of a Neighborhood Watch Member?

- Maintain a watchful, concerned attitude and be aware of what's going on in your neighborhood.

- Report suspicious vehicles and/or activity to the police immediately.
- Let someone in your neighborhood know when you will be away from home, and watch your neighbors' homes when they are away.
- Have a police officer conduct a security survey of your home.
- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings when they are held in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch does not require frequent meetings or loss of privacy, and does not expose participants to personal risk. Neighborhood Watch leaves the responsibility for apprehending criminals where it belongs – with the police.

For further information on Neighborhood Watch, please call the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919.



Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D Begins on November 15

Medicare Part D is the prescription drug coverage available to everyone with Medicare. Many enrollees signed up for a prescription plan when Part D coverage was first available, and they have continued with that plan ever since. Prescription Plans have the option of changing their list of covered medications each year and they can raise premiums too. Review your coverage each year during open enrollment to determine if your plan or another plan is right for you.

Free consultations are available with Skokie Human Services throughout November and December. Please call 847/933-8208 for an appointment. ∞

Community Giving Program

For over 15 years the Skokie Human Services Division has coordinated a Community Giving Program to assist Skokie families whose income is at or below 150% of the poverty threshold, have children under the age of 18 and also have experienced a catastrophic life event in 2010. 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.

The Community Giving 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. ∞

Keeping Chickens Prohibited

Did you know that the keeping of chickens or other farm animals is not allowed in Skokie? This question has been asked on several occasions by people who are interested in raising chickens for their eggs. Unfortunately the answer is no. The Village of Skokie Code Sec. 18-7 states: "Keeping livestock. No person shall keep, or suffer to be kept, any cattle, goats, horses, swine, poultry or other livestock in the Village".


If you are experiencing a problem with a neighbor raising chickens please contact the Health Department at 847/933-8484. ∞

Carrier Watch Program

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division encourages Skokie seniors and persons with disabilities to sign up for the Carrier Watch Program. This free-of-charge program authorizes postal carriers to notify the Human Services Division if a resident's mail accumulates for more than 24 hours. The Human Services Division will contact the person and/or notify their designated emergency contact.

Registration can be done over the phone with the Human Services Division. Seniors and persons with disabilities will be asked to provide a staff member with their name, address and emergency contact information. The information is then sent to the post office, and the designated postal carrier for the address will place a Carrier Watch sticker on the mailbox.

If you would like more information or would like to register for the program, please call the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞



**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.**

Thanksgiving Turkey Safety

As Thanksgiving approaches, cooking the traditional turkey dinner may give rise to anxieties and questions. The Skokie Health Department recommends these simple steps to ensure a delicious and safe meal.

Plan Ahead

- **FRESH OR FROZEN:** To most consumers there is no appreciable difference between a fresh or frozen bird. It is just a personal preference.
- **WHEN TO PURCHASE:** If you choose to buy a frozen bird, make sure you have adequate storage space in your freezer. *If you buy a fresh turkey, be sure you purchase it only one to two days before cooking.* Do not buy a pre-stuffed fresh turkey.
- **THAWING IN REFRIGERATOR:** Place frozen bird in original wrapper in the refrigerator (40°F). Allow approximately 24 hours per five pounds of turkey. After thawing, keep turkey refrigerated for only one to two days.
- **THAWING IN COLD WATER:** If you forget to thaw the turkey or don't have room in the refrigerator for thawing, you can submerge the turkey in cold water and change the water every 30 minutes. Allow about 30 minutes defrosting time per pound of turkey.
- **THAWING IN MICROWAVE:** Microwave thawing is safe if the turkey is not too large. Check the manufacturer's instructions for the size turkey that will fit into your oven, the minutes per pound, and the power level to use for thawing. *Cook immediately after thawing.*

Preparation of the Turkey

Make sure you have all the ingredients and equipment you will need to prepare your holiday meal, including a roasting pan large enough to hold your turkey and a meat thermometer.

Wet and dry stuffing ingredients can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated separately. If you choose to stuff your turkey, stuff loosely – about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. The stuffing should be moist, not dry, since heat destroys bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment. Place stuffed turkey in the oven immediately.

Thanksgiving Holiday Clinic Closure

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Skokie Health Department will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. All clinics normally held on those dates will be cancelled. The Health Department will resume its regular clinic schedule on Monday, November 29th.

Use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey. When the temperature of the poultry (as measured in the thigh) has reached 180°F, the entire bird should be at a safe temperature of 165°F. Check the temperature in several locations, being sure to include the wing joint. All turkey meat, including any that remains pink, is safe to eat as soon as all parts reach at least 165°F for a minimum of 15 seconds. The stuffing should also reach 165°F for 15 seconds. Stuffing temperature is easier to control if it is cooked in a separate dish outside the bird.

When the turkey is removed from the oven, let it stand for 20 minutes before carving. This allows the meat to reabsorb some of the moisture lost during the cooking process.

Safely Storing Leftovers

Cut the turkey into small pieces; refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 3 to 4 days; gravy within 1 to 2 days; or freeze these foods. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165°F.

For additional food safety information you can call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8484 or the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 800/535-4555.

Microwave Oven Testing Available

Today's microwave ovens have been designed with safety in mind. When used properly, there is little risk of radiation. However, radiation leakage is more likely in older models. The Skokie Health Department can perform a simple test to determine whether your microwave oven is leaking radiation above acceptable limits. The test is performed by the Health Department's sanitarians and takes only a few minutes. Residents whose ovens do not fall within the safety guidelines will be instructed to have the microwave checked by a qualified service technician before using it again.



To schedule an appointment, call the Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 847/933-8484.

November 2010

Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



Holiday Refuse Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, 2010), Monday and Tuesday collections are unchanged, with an attempt to complete both Thursday and Friday collections on Wednesday. To find out which days your refuse is collected please visit www.skokie.org.

Holiday Recycling Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, 2010), Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections are unchanged, Thursday collections will take place on Wednesday. To find out which day your recycling is collected and what items are recyclable, please visit www.skokie.org.

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

Health Happenings

Unless otherwise noted, all clinics are held at the Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street. Clinics marked with an () require advance registration. For more information or to register for a clinic, call 847/933-8252.*

Hearing Screening*

Friday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon except November 25. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

Immunization Clinics*

Immunizations are available for only a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. *Appointments are required.* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon except for November 25. Wednesdays,

November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, November 10 and 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon except November 25. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon except November 25. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. except for November 25. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon except November 25. Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon except November 26. Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. except for November 25. \$5 fee.

Village Hall Closed

The Village of Skokie offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2010.

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, November 15 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.

Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

Woodcarving Club

Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Amateurs are welcome.

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Conversational German

Thursdays, November 4 and 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, November 16, 23 and 30 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, November 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, November 11 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares RX

(Formerly known as Circuit Breaker) *Appointments are necessary.*

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, November 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, November 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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 noon.

News and Views Discussion

Fridays at 10 a.m.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, November 1 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

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Silver Singers

Monday, November 29 at 1:30 p.m. For more details, please call 847/933-8208.

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, November 3 and 17 at 1:30 p.m.

U.S. Citizenship Class

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at the Smith Activities Center. Please call 847/933-8208 to register for the class.

Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, November 10 and 24 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Oakton Park.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Counseling

Starting November 15. By appointment only.

CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for November 16 program information.

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

Skokie Park District

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

Devonshire Playhouse Presents: "Little Shop of Horrors"

November 6 through 21. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2400 for showtimes and ticket information. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Chili Cook-off and "Little Shop of Horrors"

November 14 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Enter the Devonshire Chili Cook-Off or sample the entries, then enjoy a matinee showing of Little Shop of Horrors. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2400 for details. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Princess Ball

This parent/child dance is sure to please all princes and princesses. Attendees should wear their finest royal attire and every child will receive their own special invitation in the mail. Join us for a night of dancing, food, fun and of course, a visit from Cinderella, Belle and Snow White! Pre-registration is required,

no at-the-door registration. Ages 3+. Fee: \$24-30. November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Unique Birthday Parties

Celebrate family and children's birthdays with a variety of unusual themes, from nature, to history, to skating, to dance and more! Call 847/674 1500 for more party information.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

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

A Civil War Christmas

Northlight Theatre
November 11 through December 19.

The Hundred Dresses presented by Chicago Children's Theatre

Centre East Theatre
November 3 through December 2.

Skokie Public Library

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

Voices of the Holocaust Project

Thursday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

Turn Back Time

It's time to reset your alarm clock! Daylight Savings Time officially ends on November 7. Time will revert back to standard time at 2 a.m. that Sunday.

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



Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Friday, November 5 at 10 a.m.

Hidden Harry Potter

Friday, November 5 at 7 p.m.

Children's Author Visit: Tom Lichtenheld

Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m.

Vintage Holidays

Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Wimpy Kid Book 5 Movie Release Party and Movie

Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Web Browser Show-down

Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m.

National Gaming Day (fun for all ages)

Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dances Around the World: Kotlyar-Shifrin Piano Duo

Sunday, November 14 at 3 p.m.

Be an Online Detective

Thursday, November 18 at 7 p.m.

Let's Visit Greece

Friday, November 19 at 7 p.m.

Second City Brass Concert

Sunday, November 21 at 3 p.m.

Mobile Phone Basics

Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

Library Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 25

Easter Island - Land of the Giants

Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. 🌀

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The Village has a convenient online payment program for:

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


Payment may be made online using 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. 



Skokie's 'Going Green' Recycling in Skokie

Through the comprehensive weekly recycling collection program the Village of Skokie makes it easy for residents to recycle.

Non-paper materials that are accepted include aluminum cans, foil, tins, beverage six-pack rings, empty aerosol cans, empty/dry steel paint cans, foam from egg cartons, glass containers – all colors, plastic containers marked 1 through 7, plastic grocery bags and plastic newspaper bags. Paper materials accepted include catalogs, colored paper, gift wrap, juice drink boxes, magazines, newspaper and white paper. Materials that are not accepted include food scraps, clothing, cookware, light bulbs, mirrors, paper plates, soiled pizza boxes or window glass.

For additional information on accepted recycling materials or for details on recycling for multi-family buildings, please contact the Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 or visit www.skokie.org. 

Recycling benefits the entire community, so please recycle to minimize the amount of waste sent to landfills each year.

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