

# NewSkokie



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## New Police Facility Open House - October 3, 2010

The public is invited to an open house at the new Skokie Police Station, 7300 Niles Center Road, on Sunday, October 3, 2010, from 1 to 4 p.m. A brief ribbon-cutting takes place at 1 p.m., after which building tours begin and continue until the event concludes at 4 p.m. Parking is available at Hotline Sales, 7400 Niles Center Road, one door north of the new police station, and

also at the Holiday Inn North Shore-Skokie, 5300 Touhy Avenue.

Visitors will tour the new state-of-the-art, 80,000 square foot police station that has been strategically planned and designed for optimum use and efficiency. For example, two open-air courtyards bring natural light into areas of the building that would have otherwise required more supple-

mental lighting and an indoor parking garage will reduce warm-up time for vehicles in winter months. At press time, the building was 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 new building replaces the


original Police and Court-house building at Laramie and Main Streets that served as the police station headquarters since 1957. A 2005 study of the facility determined that it was, among other things, undersized and lacked the infrastructure to support a modern, technologically advanced police station. The Village then purchased the 6.2-acre site at 7300 Niles Center Road and hired SRBL Architects to design the facility due to their proven experience

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## NIXLE Police Notification System

In June 2010, the Skokie Police Department launched a new community-based web information system called NIXLE to better inform residents about police activity near their homes. The service is reliable and free for the police department and citizens to use. Messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a quarter-mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Subscribed residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers also can choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message and/or over the web.

To register for NIXLE, go to the NIXLE home page which is easily reached through the Village website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), and can be accessed from both the Police Department home page and in the Crime Prevention hyperlink. Once on the NIXLE home page, click on the "for Residents" tab and enter your information. Once you finish entering your information, click on the settings tab at the upper right hand side of the web page and check the Skokie Police Department box and any other type of information you would like to receive.

For additional information visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or contact Officer Joe Marzigliano of the Skokie Police Department's Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919. 

## Leaf Collection

On Monday, October 18, 2010, the Village begins its annual leaf collection program that continues through early December, weather permitting. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves into the street next to the curb in front of their home. As weather permits, Village crews make rounds throughout Skokie collecting the leaves on a weekly basis.



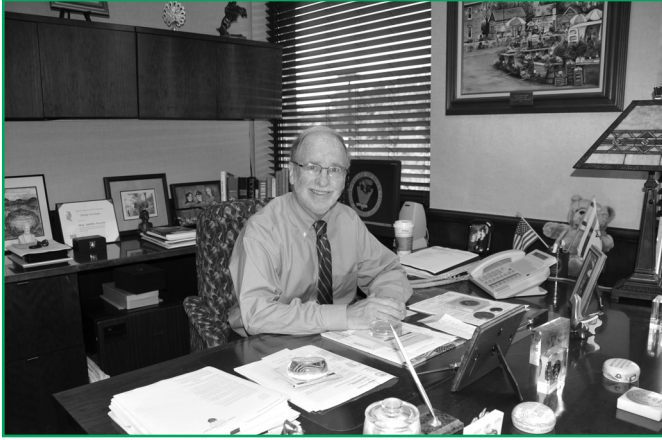
Please follow the suggested tips to ensure collection:

- Please do not leave grass piles, twigs and branches or other garden debris within the pile as these items can damage equipment and prevent leaf collection.
- Wetting leaves while piled prevents them from blowing away.

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## A Message From Mayor George Van Dusen

### Skokie Maintains Services despite Recession



*The following is excerpted from a recent essay by Mayor George Van Dusen that was featured on the inaugural home page of the new [skokie.patch.com](http://skokie.patch.com) community website.*

Over the past two years the Village of Skokie has confronted plummeting revenue sources by cutting expenses, tightening our budget and implementing a hiring freeze while addressing pension problems and keeping taxes low. For example, over the last two years the Village has experienced a reduction in revenue in six of the seven major tax revenue sources, amounting to a loss of \$4.9 million (13.6%).

In spite of the difficult economy, the Village has continued its capital and economic redevelopment plan with construction of a new police station, scheduled to open to the public in October 2010, and the new CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street station in Downtown Skokie, which will take 15 months to construct. All of the 18 contracts for the Swift station have been approved by the Village Board. These two projects represent a \$50 million investment in Skokie. This includes a total of nearly \$16 million in federal and state grant funds that supplement Village funding for the projects.

In cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Skokie Boulevard, Dempster Street, Main Street, Golf Road and McCormick Boulevard have been resurfaced and the intersection of Golf Road and Skokie Boulevard is undergoing substantial improvements. The Village continues its residential resurfacing program as well.

The Village, also, has aggressively pursued the purchase of a significant amount of property on West Dempster Street and in the downtown area. Most of these properties have been demolished. As the economy continues to turn around we will be in a good position to deal with developers to improve those properties.

Already we're beginning to see some progress with construction of the Jewish Funeral Home and the strip shopping center at Gross Point Road and Dempster Street. The Village Board has created a program of financial incentives for new business development in Downtown Skokie and continues to consider additional programs.

Westfield Old Orchard has recently welcomed ten new restaurants and retail stores to the mall, including the much sought after LL Bean, Anthropologie and ALDO. Village Crossing, also, has made improvements and, in fact, many of its restaurants and stores are leaders in their national chains. The Holiday Inn Chicago-North Shore/Skokie recently enhanced their operation with the grand opening of Bar Louie which promises to be a point of destination for travelers to our area. In addition, the Hampton Inn & Suites underwent a substantial rehabilitation this past year.

While undertaking these new projects, the Village continues to be involved in several long-term developments. Forest City Enterprises has invested \$150 million in development of the Illinois Science + Technology Park which now has 1,200 employees and 20 companies calling the park home. The Skokie Hospital (North Shore University Health Systems) is in the midst of a \$150 million renovation. The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center opened in April 2009 and, in its first year, welcomed over 100,000 visitors.

As a result of responsible budgeting and our strong economic position combining budget cuts, a three-year personnel freeze and low taxes, the Village of Skokie has been awarded the much coveted AAA bond rating by two rating services, Moody's and Fitch. These ratings will allow the Village to save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest payments on future capital projects. We're already seeing substantial savings with the Downtown Swift station, the new police station and various sewer projects now under construction.

In spite of the economy and a tight budget, the Village continues to provide the excellent service we're known for. We were the first (and remain only one of three) municipalities in the United States to have fully accredited Fire, Police and Public Works Departments and a state-board-certified Health Department. The Health Department, in fact, responded remarkably to the H1N1 crisis by delivering over 40,000 vaccinations in 2009-2010.

Undoubtedly the recovery of the economy will be slow and precarious but the Village of Skokie will continue to pursue economic development aggressively and will deliver municipal services at the lowest costs possible. ∞

## TeenLink Program

The Village of Skokie offers the *TeenLink* program to unite Skokie residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work, including leaf raking, snow shoveling 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.

To obtain a copy of the *TeenLink* contact list please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210. 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](http://www.skokie.org) to download an application. ∞

## Foreclosed Properties in Skokie

Since 2008, approximately 1,000 single family homes throughout Skokie have gone through or have filed for foreclosure. The Village proactively enforces the Property Maintenance Code, communicating with property owners, banks and property preservation companies hired by banks to ensure that these foreclosed homes are being properly maintained.

The Village subscribes to a service that identifies properties that have filed for foreclosure. Once a home has filed for foreclosure, the property is assigned to an inspector who regularly inspects it for compliance with Village code. Any issues identified by the inspector (such as tall grass or weeds, broken windows, abandoned vehicle, etc.) are documented and a notice is sent to the property owner of record, the bank and the property preservation company. A re-inspection is conducted and if there is no compliance one or more citations are given. In some instances, with court approval, the Village will bring the property into compliance and place a lien against the property.

The Property Standards Division responds to resident complaints of foreclosed homes that are not maintained properly. If you would like to register a complaint about a neglected property, please call the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224. ∞

## Skokie Farmers' Market

### Last Call for the Skokie Farmers' Market

Skokie's "Best on the North Shore" Farmers' Market closes for the season on Sunday, October 31, 2010. The Market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m., presenting farmers and vendors from four Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The market is located near the Village Green, between the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Questions? Contact Market Manager Terry Oline at 847/933-8223. ∞



## Leaf Collection

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- Be mindful of fire hydrants and keep them visible.
- Rake leaves away from parked cars and do not park on leaf piles.
- Do not rake leaves onto or in sewer drains.

Regularly scheduled yard waste collection for the 2010 season concludes after the October 13, 2010 collection.

For more information on leaf collection contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. ∞

## Community Giving Program

Each year the Skokie Human Services Division coordinates a Community Giving Program at the holidays designed to assist Skokie families with limited financial resources. This program provides all Skokie residents with the opportunity to join together in building a stronger, more caring community.

For further information or to make a donation please contact the Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞

## CTA Yellow Line Ridership Shows Sharp Increase

In 2010, ridership on the CTA Yellow Line, also known as the Skokie Swift, is up 7.6% over 2009, with growth outpacing all the other CTA train lines for the first half of 2010. Ridership on the entire CTA rail system is up 4.2% for the same time period.

Over 73,000 people boarded the Yellow Line at its terminal station on Dempster Street in June 2010, up almost 15% from June 2009. The Village of Skokie estimates that the Yellow Line will carry over 1.6 million people between the Dempster Street and Howard Street Stations in 2010, returning Yellow Line ridership to levels not seen in 25 years.

One reason for the increased ridership was the addition of weekend service in April 2008. In June 2010, CTA estimated that 5,700 people rode the Skokie Swift each weekend. One unexpected benefit of adding the weekend service was the spike in weekday ridership. Many of the jobs in

Skokie are in retail and medical, which are not Monday through Friday professions. These workers either had to have a car to get to work on weekends or else spend hours on buses and waiting for transfers. Having seven-day service on the Yellow Line gives people options, making Skokie much more attractive to both employees and employers.

“The increase in both weekend and weekday ridership on the Skokie Swift is encouraging and will hopefully continue as more and more residents of Skokie and surrounding areas utilize public transportation,” states Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. “The Skokie Swift is an important asset to the region

and its popularity will only increase with the opening of the Oakton Street Station in fall 2011.”

For more information on Skokie Swift ridership please contact Skokie’s Planning Supervisor Steve Marciani at 847/933-8447. ∞



## Parents: Don't Social Host

Those who serve alcohol to underage persons can be held liable under social hosting laws. Social hosting is providing and/or serving alcohol or drugs to a person under the age of 21. Social hosting liability can occur in a party atmosphere or even extend to parents and homeowners who are not home, but did not take sufficient measures to stop the underage drinking.

Parents and others can receive

extensive civil and criminal penalties for being a social host. Under Illinois law, a social host can receive up to three years in prison, receive a \$25,000 fine and be civilly responsible for having provided alcohol to minors.

Please promote responsibility and support the efforts of the Skokie Police

Department by taking a stand against underage drinking and not serving alcohol to people under age 21. ∞

*According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alcohol is responsible for the death of 5,000 people under age 21 each year, more than all illegal drugs combined. Most underage people who drink reported obtaining alcohol from family and friends.*

## Pet Owner's Etiquette

The Village would like to remind all pet owners to clean up after their animals and deposit animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleyways and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation and potential street flooding.

Please use the following pet etiquette:

- Always clean up after your dog.
- Do not allow a dog's barking to disturb neighbors.
- Observe leash laws and do not allow dogs to run loose

and/or cats to roam off your property.

- Spay or neuter your cat or dog.
- Do not allow the dog to fence fight with neighbor's dogs.
- Always make sure their vaccinations are up to date.

Good pet-owner etiquette not only helps neighborly relations, it also can benefit the pets.

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



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:**  
October 4, 18

**Plan Commission:**  
October 7, 21

**Appearance Commission:**  
October 13

**Zoning Board of Appeals:**  
October 6, 20



## Village Board Action

The Board approved a contract with The Segal Company in the amount of \$60,000 to review the Village's existing medical benefits plans, make recommendations based on established benchmarks and evaluate the implications of Federal Health Care Reform on the Village.

The Board approved the extension of Professional Facilities Management, Inc.'s (PFM) contract to manage the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts to April 2014.

The Board approved refunding the Series 2001 Bonds issued for Skokie Public Library renovations and Series 2003 Bonds for Village use. The refunding represents a total projected savings of almost \$1.5 million. Information on the actual savings will appear in the November 2010 *NewSkokie*.

The Board passed a resolution approving the local match for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant applications for a multi-use path on the south side of Old Orchard Road between Skokie Boulevard and Gross Point Road and streetscape improvements along Oakton Street between Skokie Boulevard and Lowell Avenue. ↻

## Overcrowded Housing

Overcrowded housing, or having too many people living in one dwelling unit, often results in health and safety hazards and can have a negative impact on a neighborhood. The Village Code establishes minimum standards to eliminate overcrowded housing. Listed below are some important regulations:

- The number of persons occupying a dwelling unit shall not create unsafe or unhealthy conditions.
- A bedroom is required to have at least 70 square feet of floor area.
- A bedroom is required to have at least 50 square feet per bedroom occupant. A typical 10' x 12' bedroom would permit a maximum of two people.
- The minimum ceiling height is seven feet (including attics).
- No habitable room except a kitchen shall be less than seven feet in any dimension.
- Sleeping below grade (basement) is prohibited.
- An enclosed porch is not a permitted bedroom.

The Village inspects overcrowded houses on a complaint basis. Once a complaint has been issued, an inspector is assigned the case and will conduct a series of steps to determine if the complaint is valid. The inspector may check the number of vehicles registered to the property, check the consumption of water and/or use a number of other inspection tools. If after the investigation the inspector believes that there is a violation, an inspection will be scheduled with the property owner. If a violation is verified, a notice will be issued. The property owner is ultimately responsible for compliance. If the owner does not comply, legal action will be taken. These steps are taken to ensure that all Skokie residents live in a safe and healthy environment.

For more information or if you have a concern of overcrowded housing, please call the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224. ↻

## Police Station Open House

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and expertise in the design and construction of energy efficient and operationally effective police facilities. Riley Construction was selected as the project construction manager due to their similar expertise. Selective demolition and construction of the new station began in April 2009 and incorporated the adaptive reuse of elements of the existing structure, consistent with LEED guidelines. A total of more than \$1.9 million in grant funds were received for construction and facility equipment, including a \$1 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency to build a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center at the new police station.

Visitors on October 3 will have the opportunity to tour the indoor firing range that has the capacity for a squad car to allow enhanced training for real-life emergency situations. Visitors also will walk through the detention center that contains four detention blocks, an attorney/client room, three interrogation rooms and more, all equipped with cameras and threshold alarms. Other areas that will be open during the tour include the communications center, evidence processing center, training room and additional sections of the building. Police vehicles will be on display, canine unit demonstrations are planned and visitors will receive give-aways and information about crime prevention.

For further information visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ∞

## Youth Community Service Recognition Program

*Diversity Action by Youth*

The Education Committee of the Village of Skokie Human Relations Commission is holding its second annual Youth Community Service Recognition Program. The goals of the program are to show the value of diversity and to promote cultural awareness through volunteer work performed by Skokie's high school students that addresses unmet community needs.

Applicants must be Skokie residents, or enrolled in a Skokie school in grades 9 through 12 and must perform a minimum of 24 hours of community service related to helping a person or a group that is different from the applicant. Examples of activities that would qualify include:

- Read a book to a younger child, a sight-impaired person or an older neighbor.
- Make and personally deliver get well cards for people in hospitals and convalescent homes.
- Work in an adult daycare center.
- Distribute food to clients at a food pantry.
- Prepare and serve food at a shelter or soup kitchen.

After completing the 24 hours of community service, applicants will submit a Skokie D.A.Y. application and an essay of 300 to 500 words describing their experience. Each essay will be evaluated by a panel assembled by the Human Relations Commission Education Committee. Recognition and honors will be given at the Skokie Festival of Cultures in May 2011. Depending on the number of entries, up to three winners will be selected for each grade level, and winners will receive an official certificate from the

Village of Skokie. Entries are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.

**Give your time. Make a difference. Do it all in a D.A.Y.**

For more information or to obtain an application, please visit the Human Relations Commission webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or contact the Human Services Division 847/933-8208. ∞

### FEMA approves Federal Disaster Aid for Cook County

A Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance has been approved in regards to the flooding disaster that Cook County suffered on July 24, 2010. This declaration authorizes FEMA to begin working with local residents to issue disaster assistance grants or loans.

Homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained losses from the storms may be eligible for disaster aid and can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice. If you submitted information to the Village regarding damage you must now apply directly to FEMA. ∞

## West Dempster Retail District Update

Motorists and pedestrians may have noticed construction and demolition activity recently along the western portion of Dempster Street. The Village has been actively preparing several key sites for potential redevelopment purposes, most notably at 4933-57 Dempster Street (the southwest corner of Dempster Street and Bronx

Avenue) and 4904 Dempster Street. In accordance with the soon-to-be-established Tax Increment Financing District plans for the area, the Village has acquired these properties and removed the former blighted structures to prepare them for new market-driven developments. Another key site, 4801 Dempster Street, also was

acquired by the Village and is awaiting redevelopment. The Village hopes to attract new retail, restaurant and mixed-use developments to revitalize the area and create a synergy with the surrounding land uses and the Transportation Center on Dempster Street. New retail uses also will add to the Village's sales tax base.

The area has already benefited from the success of the shopping center on the northwest corner of Dempster Street and Gross Point Road which features a number of new retail and restaurant uses. In addition, construction is underway at the Chicago Jewish Funerals newest facility at 8851 Skokie Boulevard that is scheduled to open this fall.

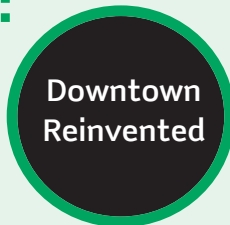
Village staff has completed a new marketing brochure detailing specific demographic and traffic characteristics pertinent to the West Dempster Retail District. The Village is actively promoting the area with direct mailings to prospective national, regional and local retailers, restaurants and broker/developers. Village residents and other interested parties may view the brochure on the Village website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and can receive one by visiting the Village Community Development Department, second floor of Village Hall, or by calling 847/933-8446. In coming months, the Village will participate in several trade shows sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers to further promote this important Village retail district.

*If you are aware of businesses that may want to locate within the West Dempster Retail District, please contact the Village's Economic Development Division at 847/933-8446.* ∞

### Downtown Skokie Spotlight:

Summer 2010 brought a number of visible changes to Downtown Skokie, including introduction of the new Downtown Skokie: Downtown Reinvented brand/logo featured on banners installed throughout the area. The Village also worked with downtown property owners to install bright window coverings to improve the appearance of vacant properties. These initiatives, and the Village's targeted efforts to promote Downtown Skokie restaurants, all stem from the spring 2009 Downtown Skokie market and retail analysis that encouraged the Village to improve the appearance of the downtown area to ready it for redevelopment when economic conditions improve.

During late summer the Village also launched a new Downtown Skokie web site. Check it out at [www.skokiedowntown.org](http://www.skokiedowntown.org), and visit often for updates on what's going on in Downtown Skokie.



Planning continues for Skokie's new Rails to Trails initiative for the recently purchased abandoned Union Pacific right-of-way west of Skokie Boulevard and stretching from Dempster Street south to Oakton Street. Earlier this year, the Village issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for firms to provide landscaping and other required design services for the soon-to-be-constructed bicycle/multi-use path. More than 25 firms responded to the Village's RFQ, and T.Y. Lin International was selected as the

project design consultant. Design plans are underway, and a number of distinct project areas are under consideration. For example, the area north of Niles Center Road is envisioned to have more natural landscaping, seating, etc, and the section near the new CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station will have a plaza with bicycle racks and bus stops for CTA routes 97 and 54A. If the project stays on schedule, the path could be operational by summer 2011. The project is being funded by one of the Village's Tax Increment Financing Districts and by a nearly \$800,000 grant received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. ∞

## Halloween in Skokie

Skokie Halloween celebrations abound as children join their friends and family in the favorite tradition of door-to-door trick-or-treating. This page lists activities and tips to make Halloween 2010 safe and memorable.

### Park District Halloween Events

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

#### Scream Scene 2010

The scariest haunted house in town; the faint of heart will not want any part of these ghouls! (Not recommended for children under 10.) 7 to 10 p.m. October 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31. \$8/person. Skokie Water Playground, 4701 Oakton Street.

#### Ex-Scare-Itorium

Halloween's Ex-Scare-Itorium lives on for the little ones at the Oakton Center! Come join the fun, with art projects, treats, a costume parade and more! Visit us outside of what Chicago Magazine calls "Chicagoland's best place for kids on a rainy day!" October 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Call for fees. 847/674-1500, ext. 2700. Oakton Center Exploritorium, 4701 Oakton Street.

#### Scooter's Halloween Party

Have a ghoulish time at the Skatium Ice Arena. Join us for skating, storytelling time, hayrides, a costume contest and a penny carnival! October 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. \$5 to \$6, skate rental \$2.50 per person. Skatium Ice Arena, 9300 Weber Park Place.

#### Things That Go Bump in the Night

Non-scary Halloween fun at Emily Oaks Nature Center. Meet the Center's friendly creatures and end with a campfire, snacks and songs. October 15 and 16. Evening times vary from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2500 for info. \$5 per person. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel.

### Trick-or-Treating Hours

The Village has set trick-or-treat hours from 3 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Please respect the privacy of other residents and do not ring doorbells before or after this period. If the outside house light is off, do not disturb the homeowner by ringing the doorbell.



The Skokie Health Department would like you to remember these tips to have a **SAFE HALLOWEEN**:

- S** words, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A** void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** xamine all treats before eating them for choking hazards and tampering. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and to help others see you.
- A** lways test make-up in a small area first and remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L** ook both ways before crossing the street and use established crosswalks.
- L** ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** nly walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** ear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- E** at only commercially-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the chef well.
- E** ntering homes for treats should be avoided unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
- N** ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

## When Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off

When your carbon monoxide detector or smoke alarm activates in your home do not take it lightly. Carbon monoxide poisoning can have deadly results and a fire can consume a home very quickly.

If either of these detectors sounds an alarm please call 9-1-1 immediately. There is no charge or cost associated with this service. Also, remember to have a qualified technician inspect your fuel-burning appliances and chimneys each year before the heating season starts to make sure they are operating correctly and that there is nothing blocking the fumes from being vented out of the house.

The Skokie Health Department's Environmental Health Division also offers free carbon monoxide screening for Skokie residents. Call the Health Department at 847/933-8484 to make an appointment.

## Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics Continue

The Skokie Health Department will offer influenza ("flu") shots, **by appointment only**, to Skokie residents this fall. **Proof of Skokie residency will be required** for all participants, and appointments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You can make your own appointment on line at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) by clicking the appointment link or by calling the Health Department at 847/933-8252 if you do not have computer access.

Influenza is a respiratory illness that spreads easily from person to person each year. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Older people, young children, pregnant women and people with certain chronic health conditions are

at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu shot each fall.

The clinics will be held on Tuesdays, September 28 and October 12 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and on Monday, October 4 from 3 to 7 p.m. **These are appointment-only clinics. No walk-ins will be taken.** Participants covered by Medicare Part B are asked to bring their card with them to the clinic. This is necessary for the Health Department to receive reimbursement from Medicare.

The clinics will be held at the Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street. This site is accessible to people with disabilities and is also accessible via the #97 and #54A buses.

## If Your Pet Gets Lost

The Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division takes reports of pets that are lost or found in Skokie. The Department will cross-reference lost and found reports in order to get missing pets back home.

If you lose a pet, whether it's a dog, cat, rabbit, ferret, bird or reptile, please call Skokie Animal Control at 847/933-8484 to make a missing pet report. Pets are dependent on their owners to keep them safe. You can also help get your pet back sooner by making sure your pet always wears a collar with identification tags.

## Proper Needle and Syringe Disposal

Do you know how to properly dispose of used needles and syringes? Diabetics needing insulin and individuals receiving other injections at home have a responsibility to protect children, refuse collectors and pets from potentially dangerous needle sticks.

Throwing used needles and syringes in the trash without proper precautions can lead to injuries. The person taking out the trash could be stuck by a needle puncturing the trash bag and garbage handlers would also be at risk as they dispose of the trash. Diseases such as hepatitis and AIDS can be transmitted by contaminated needles.

This problem can be prevented by taking a few basic steps to safely dispose of needles and syringes. The used needles and syringes should be placed in a sturdy, puncture-resistant container. A laundry detergent bottle or dish soap bottle can be used. When the container is full, the cover should be placed on it and secured with a heavy duty tape. The container can then be placed in the trash.

Alternatively, the Skokie Health Department participates in a needle ("sharps") disposal program sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. Residents who regularly dispose of used needles and syringes are able to obtain a sturdy, puncture-resistant disposal box from the Health Department and return it for appropriate disposal when it is full.

By following these basic guidelines, you can minimize the danger of injury or disease transmission from discarded needles and syringes. For more information, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

## October 2010 Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule



### Refuse

*Refuse is collected twice per week on Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays. To find out which days your refuse is collected please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).*

### Recycling

*Recycling is collected weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. To find out which day your recycling is collected and what items are recyclable, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).*

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

### Health Happenings

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

#### Blood Drive

Skokie Community Drive. Sunday, October 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Skokie Farmers' Market, 5127 Oakton Street.

#### Flu Clinics

Monday, October 4 from 3 to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oakton Park Community Center,

4701 Oakton Street. (By appointment only, no walk-ins. See page nine for more details.)

#### Immunization Clinics\*

Immunizations are available for only a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. *Appointments are required.* Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, October 13 and 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### TB Skin Testing\*

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

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m., Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

#### Body Composition Analysis\*

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee

#### Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee

#### Lipid Profile Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee

#### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to noon \$5 fee

#### Hearing Screening\*

Friday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to noon

#### Lead Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee

#### Well Child Clinic\*

Monday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon

#### Smith Center Activities

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

#### Rules of the Road

Review for driver's examination. Monday, October 4 from 9:15 a.m. to noon

#### Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, October 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

#### Needlework

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

#### Woodcarving

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

#### Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, October 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call 847/933-8208 for more information. Located in the Annex Room, Skokie Village Hall

#### Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

(Formally known as Circuit Breaker) *Please call for an appointment.*

#### Conversational Yiddish

*No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome.* Tuesdays, October 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m.

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

*Appointments are necessary.* Tuesday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon

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

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

#### Skokie Senior Mens' Group Discussion

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

#### Chess

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

#### Stamp Club

Wednesdays, October 6 and 20 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, October 13 and 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Oakton Park

#### News and Views Discussion

Fridays at 10 a.m.

#### Music & Laughter (formerly known as Mens' Discussion Group)

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

#### Conversational German

Thursdays, October 7 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

#### U.S. Citizenship Class

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

## Yard Waste Collection Ends

Regularly scheduled yard waste collection for the 2010 season concludes after the October 13, 2010 collection.

For more information on yard waste collection see [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

### Silver Singers

Monday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m.

### Medicare Part D Informational Seminar

Thursday, October 7 at 1p.m. This free seminar teaches you about your Part D prescription coverage and how to keep up with changes in coverage. Please call 847/674-1500 ext. 2700 for registration information held at Oakton Park.

### Secretary of State Driver's License Renewal

Monday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Numbers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Smith Center, 5120 Galitz.

### CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for October 19 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](http://www.SkokieParkDistrict.org).

### A Pinch of Sage

A "Still Acting Up" production. October 14 through 25. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for showtimes. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

### Scream Scene 2010

The scariest haunted house in town. October 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. \$8 per person. Not recommended for children under 10. Skokie Water Playground, 4701 Oakton Street.

### Things That Go Bump in the Night

Non-scary Halloween fun at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel. October 15 and 16. Call for times, 847/674-1500, ext. 2500. \$5 per person.

### Scooter's Halloween Party

Skating, storytelling time, hayrides, costume contest and penny carnival. October 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. \$5 to \$6 per person. Weber Center's Skatium Ice Arena, 9300 Weber Park Place.

### Ex-Scare-Itorium

Art projects, treats, costume parade and more! October 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call for fees, 847/674-1500, ext. 2700. Oakton Center Exploritorium, 4701 Oakton Street.

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

Located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. For 2010 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org)

### Daddy Long Legs

*Northlight Theatre*  
Based on the novel by Jean Webster. Running through October 24.

### Jennifer Graham

*Centre East Theatre*  
Sunday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

### River North Dance Company

*Centre East Theatre*  
Saturday, October 23 at 8 p.m.

### Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra

*Centre East Theatre*  
Sunday, October 24 at 4:30 p.m.

### Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

*Centre East Theatre*  
Sunday, October 31 at 3 p.m.

### 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.

### Cultural Presentation for Filipino American History Month

Saturday, October 2 at 2 p.m.

### Young Steinway Concert: Lewis Duo and Quintet Hero

Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m.

### World Film: Magnifico

Monday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

### Nonviolence in Everyday Life

Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m.

### Mother-Daughter Book Discussion: Confetti Girl

Thursday, October 7 at 7 p.m.

### Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Sunday, October 10 at 7 p.m.

### 'Middling Folk': The Middle Class Builds America

Monday, October 11 at 7 p.m.

### Skype for Beginners

Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

### Jazz Concert: Swing, Swing, Swing!

Sunday, October 17 at 3 p.m.

### Spooky Stories in the Courtyard

Friday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.

### Life in Outer Space: As Wild As It Gets!

Saturday, October 23 at 2 p.m.

### James Swanson: Author and Lincoln Scholar

Sunday, October 24 at 1 p.m.

### Concert: Paris in the Summer of 1910

Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m.

### Preparing Your Car for Winter

Saturday, October 30 at 2 p.m.

## 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 October 2010 meeting dates and times.

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## SkokieNews

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## Skokie's 'Going Green'

The Village of Skokie is committed to the preservation and responsible use of energy and resources. As such, environmental sustainability was sought during the construction and design of the new Skokie Police Station at 7300 Niles Center Road. The preexisting structure on the site was selectively demolished and adaptively reused to create a modern, energy efficient facility. Much of the structure that wasn't re-used was recycled.

Energy efficiency measures at the new police station include:

- Increased insulation in the walls and roof
- White roof (for urban heat island reduction)
- Low-E double-glazed windows
- Significant shading for solar control
- Efficient lighting with occupancy sensors throughout the building
- Condensing boiler with over 90% efficiency
- A majority of the space has been built on a raised floor which allows for efficient operation of smaller ventilation systems and delivers greater comfort to building occupants.

To learn about more 'green' aspects of the new police station, please attend the open house on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. 

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847/933-8203

**Community Development**  
*Building/Property Standards/  
Zoning*  
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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*  
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*Traffic Engineering*  
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**Village Hall**  
847/673-0500

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847/933-8210

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847/933-8418