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Fourth of July Celebration 2011

Celebrate the birthday of the United States of America with the 28th annual Skokie Fourth of July Parade beginning at noon on Monday, July 4 on Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie. The parade takes place rain or shine. The Fourth of July Parade Committee, led by Fern Katz, has worked for months to bring top-rated groups to march in the parade.

Event 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. Musical entertainment begins 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.



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The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie *An Economic, Dining and Tourism Revenue Catalyst*

The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie (NSCPAS) is a state-of-the-art, award-winning two-theater complex. The center opened in November 1996 to operate as part of the Village's plan to provide cultural programs to benefit the citizens of Skokie and Chicago's North Shore and

to have a positive impact on economic development in the community. The facility features an 867-seat main theater, and a convertible 342-seat theater. In addition, there is a 6,000 square-foot grand lobby, a rehearsal hall and conference rooms. Programming is varied and includes a Feature Se-

ries in the Centre East Theatre as well as Northlight Theatre, Youtheatre and the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performances. In addition, numerous cultural organizations and special rental events occur at the NSCPAS each year. Operations at the NSCPAS are overseen by Professional Facil-


ities Management (PFM), a Providence, Rhode Island firm specializing in operating performing arts facilities throughout the United States.

More than 15 years ago the Village leveraged a \$10.2 million grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to build the NSCPAS. Discussions about generating economic development benefits from a performing arts center began in the mid 1980's in concert with the renovation of Old Orchard shopping center. Discussions on the NSCPAS, held in public session at Village Board and other planning meetings, included the expectation that an ongoing Village subsidy for center operations would be required.

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West Dempster Street Update

The Village continues to focus on revitalizing West Dempster Street. In late April 2011, the Village Board approved development of an Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store that will open soon at Dempster Street and Skokie Boulevard in Skokie. The new site will feature Oberweis ice cream creations and dairy products alongside a new quick-serve restaurant concept being developed by Oberweis. Village leaders believe that the initiative could serve as a catalyst for additional interest in the Village's remaining West Dempster Street opportunity sites.

The new Oberweis store and quick-serve restaurant, encompassing approximately 4,000 square feet, will include a drive-through and surface parking. It will be the first Oberweis store to combine the quick-serve restaurant concept with an ice cream and dairy store. The Village's newly established Tax Increment Financing District on West Dempster Street is enabling Oberweis to utilize this site for their new concept. The new restaurant and retail store will contribute substantial property and sales tax revenues to the Village. Construction is expected to begin during 2011 with an estimated opening in early 2012. 

Spotlight on the Fine Arts Commission

The Fine Arts Commission promotes interest in cultural and arts activities in the Village. Some of the Commission's responsibilities include promoting the work of non-profit organizations and individual volunteers within the Village who are active in the fine arts, and encouraging the cooperation of public and private agencies, as well as the general public, in supporting cultural enrichment within the Village.

The Fine Arts Commission has 20 members who serve two-year terms. The Commission meets on the second Wednesday night of each month.

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission annually presents the Award for Artistic Excellence to a Skokie resident who has been nominated for the award and who the Commission believes has made a significant contribution to furthering the arts in the Skokie Community. Artistic Excellence Award nominations are welcome for individuals who have contributed to the visual, performing, literary or musical arts. The winner is announced and presented with their award at a Village Board meeting.



From left to right from back to front row: Jeff Rhodes, Myrna Gale Petlicki, Pamela Garbarini, Barbara Ruber, Hope Salmanoff, Ellen Waxberg, Chair Andrea Siegel, Judy Schutz, Trustee Donald Perille, Amy Greenwood, Maya Snitman, Sharon Vicker, Mira Chander, Eva Gross and Sylvia Callistein. Not Pictured: Janice Goldstein, Karyn Israel, Thomas Marnard, Lynn Svoboda and Randie Von Samek.

Who's Who: Andrea Siegel, Fine Arts Commission Chair

How many years have you been on the Fine Arts Commission?

I have been on the Skokie Fine Arts Commission for 26 years.

How many years have you been Chair of the Fine Arts Commission?

I've been Chair of the commission for about 15 years.

Why did you seek a volunteer position on the Fine Arts Commission?

It has always been a part of who I am to volunteer and to give back to the community. As chairman of the Fine Arts Commission, I am able to use my expertise to enhance the arts in Skokie.

What is your favorite Fine Arts Commission activity or program?

I am extremely proud of our SOAR program (Students Outstanding Artistic Recognition). From the time I was accepted onto the commission, it was my dream to have a community children's art exhibition. We were finally able to create this event about 10 years ago, with the cooperation of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie (NSCPAS). The NSCPAS displays the students' art work, selected by art teachers from Skokie schools during National Youth Arts Month in March. The Fine Arts Com-



Andrea Siegel
Fine Arts Commission Chair

mission sponsors a reception that honors the students and their teachers. Typically the reception hosts about 1,000 people and includes greetings from Mayor Van Dusen and Board of Trustee members. It is personally rewarding to look out on the crowd to see the joyous faces of children, proud moms, dads and grandparents and know that I helped create this community event.

How long have you lived in Skokie?

I have lived in Skokie for a total of 33 years: first as a child with my parents; then I moved back with my husband and children.

Why did you move to Skokie?

Affordable housing, diverse community, close to my family, close to the city, easy transportation and great municipal services.

What is your profession?

I am an elementary school art teacher in Evanston.

What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

Old Orchard Mall, even with all of the changes it's home. I spent my adolescence hanging out with friends, teen and young adult years working in Marshall Field's toy department and now spend a lot of time at Nordstroms, Barnes and Noble, Crate and Barrel, Bloomies, McCormick and Schmick, etc. Love Ruby of Siam, too. ∞

If you would like further information on how to become an active member of the Skokie community, or on other volunteer opportunities, contact the Mayor's Office at 847/933-8269 or visit www.skokie.org to download a Board and Commissions application.

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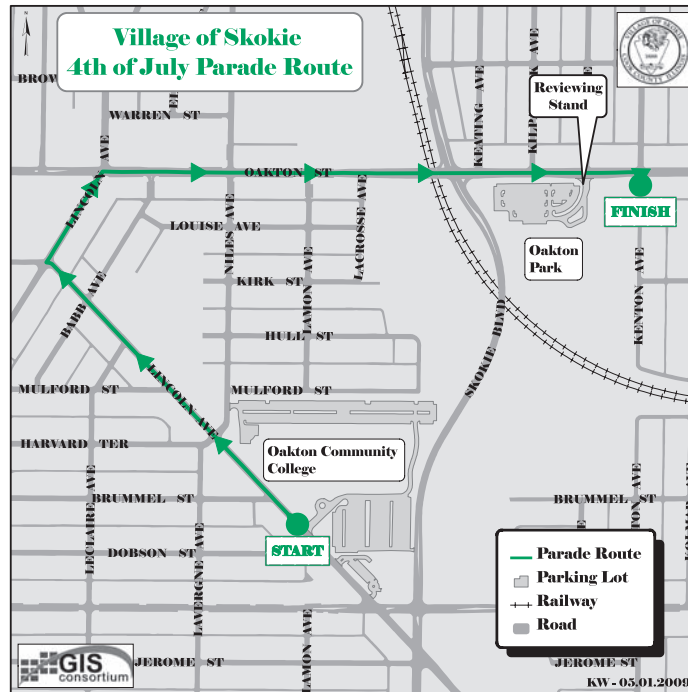
The 2011 parade music and entertainment includes:

- Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps - Illinois
- Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps - Ohio
- Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps - Wisconsin
- Teal Sound Drum and Bugle Corps - Florida
- Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps - Wyoming
- South Shore Drill Team
- Chicago Celtic Pipes and Drums
- Renacer Boliviano Folkloric Dance Troupe
- Medinah Oriental Band
- Wood Dale Stars
- Jesse White Tumbling Team
- Chicago Light Artillery, Battery A
- 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
- Camel, llama and horses

Please see the map below for the 2011 Fourth of July Parade route. For more information, please visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8210.



Illegal Fireworks

Fourth of July is celebrated with fireworks displays by most communities. Unfortunately, many individuals also purchase fireworks illegally for their own home display.

Most fireworks are illegal in the State of Illinois. 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, skyrocketers, 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 of those injuries to preschool-aged children. Fireworks are fun to look at but should be left to professionals at public displays.

Don't risk your safety with illegal fireworks. Rather, go to Skokie's July 4th celebration to watch the 3-D fireworks at Niles West High School.

Bicycle Safety Day - June 4, 2011

Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Village of Skokie Bicycle Safety Day on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oakton Park's parking lot (Oakton Street at Knox Avenue). The rain date is June 11.

Children through age 14 can participate in games and win prizes. A bicycle safety course will test their knowledge of the law and their ability to properly handle a bicycle. Bicyclists can register their bicycles with the Skokie Police Department this day as well.

Members of the Skokie Park District, Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fire Department will be on hand to promote pedestrian and traffic safety.

The Skokie Public Safety Commission sponsors Traffic Safety Week. Traffic Safety Week is designed to further public awareness of traffic and pedestrian safety 52 weeks a year.

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

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review

Skokie's 20 year Property Tax Freeze Continues

The Skokie Village Board has completed the public hearings for the FY12 budget. The Village's proposed FY12 budget continues Skokie's tradition of careful financial management while maintaining Village services. Projected revenues will be sufficient to fund the FY12 budget, with no new taxes. The FY12 budget will continue the twenty-year freeze on Skokie's portion of property taxes.

"I am pleased that the Village's economy shows signs of recovery, with non-property tax revenues increasing during the first nine months of the FY11, which began May 1, 2010," said Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni. "The FY12 operating budget is \$48.7 million which is only a 1.38% increase over the previous budget. This follows two consecutive operating budgets that were less than the previous year. While the FY12 budget includes a modest water rate increase, there are no other new taxes or fees.

Moreover, it is a significant accomplishment that in the middle of the recession period the Village was able to achieve a AAA bond rating from two rating agencies (Moody's and Fitch)."

Mandatory increases include health insurance expenses partially attributable to state and federal mandates, recycling costs and higher fuel prices. Without these mandatory increases the operating budget would have been reduced by \$16,998. While the Village hiring freeze, first imposed in late 2008, remains in effect, the FY12 budget includes hiring key positions that have been vacant due to the freeze. These positions include two new police officers, along with the positions of deputy chief of police and police commander that were vacated due to retirements. Also reinstated are a total of four administrative, maintenance and inspector positions in the Fire, Health and Public Works Departments.

In FY12, the water rate was increased from \$29.55 to \$31.01 per 1,000 cubic feet, which is necessary to cover the 2% annual rate increase for water purchased from the City of Evanston along with the costs associated with maintaining an aging water system and continued water usage declines. "Even with the water rate increase Skokie's water rate is now the lowest water rate among recently surveyed communities," commented Rigoni.

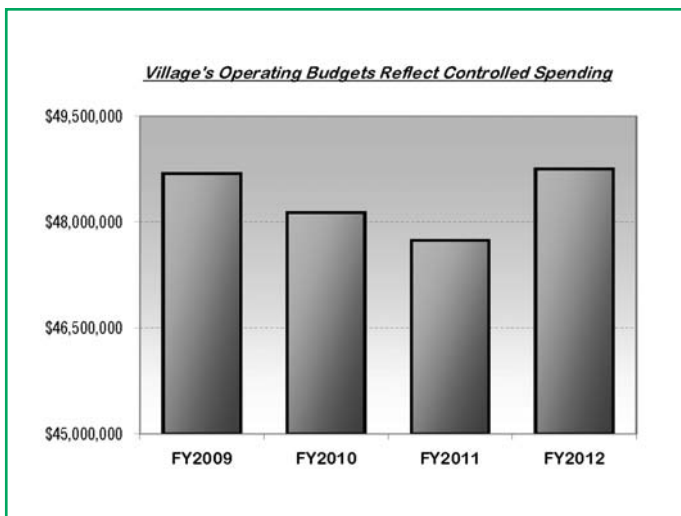
The FY12 budget includes a number of important capital projects, most of which are supplemented with federal, state and county funds. Just under \$2.1 million is allocated for street resurfacing and improvements, along with \$681,000 in funds for constructing Skokie's new Rails to Trails corridor from Dempster to Oakton Streets. In addition to Village funds, the Village received \$200,000 in grants for the project. Other FY12 capital projects include improvements to the intersections at Skokie Boulevard and Searle Parkway and also Old Orchard Road and Skokie Boulevard. The latter project is supplemented by more than \$6.2 million in federal, state and private funds, with the Village funding \$376,620.

For two years during the down economy, the Village used reserve funds to supplement under performing revenues due to the impact of the national recession. Prior to the

economic downturn, the Village had a fund balance of over \$14 million, which was nearly 29% of the expenditures and exceeded the Village's long-standing policy requiring a minimum 25% General Fund reserve balance. After use of reserves during the recession, the Village's current reserve balance is just over \$9 million or 18% at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2011. The fund balance has been used as it is intended for the short-term economic downturn and emergencies. "The Village expects to restore the reserve fund over time," Rigoni explained.

"I am thankful to the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their support during this difficult economic time. As always, our shared goal was to control spending while maintaining or improving Skokie's superior levels of service. I am especially grateful to all of the Village employees who have worked harder because of frozen positions, increased work loads and limits on spending. The Village's tradition of a positive work ethic and commitment to excellence in service delivery helped ease the impact of these challenging times," Rigoni expressed.

For more information or to view the complete FY12 budget, please visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8210. ∞





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 6, 20

July 5*, 18

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

Plan Commission:

June 2, 16

July 7, 21

Appearance Commission:

June 15

July 13

Zoning Board of Appeals:

June 1, 15

July 6, 20

Village Board Action



The Deputy Director of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) awarded the Skokie Police Department reaccreditation. CALEA also deemed the Skokie Police Department to be both “Meritorious” and a “Flagship Agency.” The “Meritorious” distinction derives from the Department being accredited for more than 15 consecutive years. The designation of “Flagship Agency” is CALEA’s most prestigious award and places the Skokie Police Department among the top ten percent of accredited agencies worldwide.

The Skokie Health Department presented the first annual Public Health Partners in Excellence award to the Nursing Program at Oakton Community College and the Animal Medical Center.

The Village Board directed the Corporation Counsel to prepare the necessary ordinance to sell the Village-owned property at the southwest corner of Skokie Boulevard and Dempster Street to Oberweis Dairy for a new and expanded store at the location. *See the article on the front page for more information.*

The Village Board approved a resolution to award a contract for energy efficiency improvements regarding light fixtures and ceiling replacements to AGAE Contractors. Money for the improvements came from stimulus funding under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. ∞

Welcome Chief Anthony Scarpelli

On May 9, 2011, Skokie Deputy Police Chief Tony Scarpelli was appointed Skokie’s new Police Chief, after the retirement of Chief Barry Silverberg. Scarpelli was sworn in at the May 16, 2011 Village Board meeting.

“Deputy Chief Scarpelli has provided exemplary service to the Village and the Skokie Police Department since 1982 and is deserving of the promotion. He knows the Police Department operations, is familiar with each member of the Department and has a thorough understanding of the community,” Village Manager Albert Rigoni stated.



Scarpelli earned a Master of Arts in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration degree from Western Illinois University, and holds a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Criminal Justice from DePaul University. He joined the Skokie Police Department in 1982, having served as a patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, lieutenant and commander until his appointment to Deputy Chief in 2005. Scarpelli has received numerous professional awards during his career, including a Chief’s Award of Valor.

The transition from Chief Silverberg to Chief Scarpelli has been smooth. “The early stages of a new administration can be crucial to achieving a successful transition and to building or improving upon a variety of relationships,” stated Chief Scarpelli. “Chief Silverberg and I shared many similar philosophies especially with regard to our dedication to the Department as well as the community. Thus, the transition has gone very well.”

Chief Scarpelli has many plans, goals and priorities for the Department, “The safety and security of the Village is of the highest priority. I believe improving upon already good alliances with school, business and community groups, coupled with use of innovative law enforcement-related strategies will be essential to ensuring excellent police and customer service to citizens.” ∞

Skokie Police Investigations Division

The Skokie Police Department Investigations Division is responsible for follow-up investigation of all crimes reported to the Police Department. Utilizing their experience and established solvability factors, Investigations Division Supervisors reviewed almost 5,200 reports in 2010 to identify and designate cases for further action. In order to increase the likelihood of solving each crime, cases are assigned to one of 11 detectives, each of who has been extensively trained in the investigation of specific crimes. Investigative specialties include juvenile crimes, property crimes, crimes against persons, auto theft, crimes against the elderly and financial crimes. All detectives are cross-trained in each specialty and are capable of investigating any type of crime that might occur.

In 2010 the Investigations Division played a critical role in addressing the January, 2010 spike in residential burglaries. Police Department investigators and members of the Tactical Mission Team worked to identify patterns, trends and suspects in the burglary cases. This excellent, focused police work led to the arrests of 23 suspects believed to be responsible for 30 burglaries and recovery of proceeds from numerous burglaries in Skokie and other area towns.

Residents are encouraged to call the Skokie Police Department whenever even the slightest thing looks or sounds unusual. Please call 9-1-1 for emergencies or 847/982-5900 for non-emergencies. ∞

The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

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The performing arts center has generated economic development on a number of levels. First, the facility was built on a gravel parking lot, thus enhancing an underutilized parcel within the prime Old Orchard corridor. In addition, the vision of the Performing Arts Center to generate economic activity in the Old Orchard corridor and the Village at large has materialized. The facility complements the area by generating business for hotels, restaurants and retail establishments. The Village recently received testimonial letters from the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau, the DoubleTree Hotel North Shore and Maggiano's Little Italy attesting to the revenue-generating benefits provided by the NSCPAS.

In addition, annual customer service satisfaction surveys conducted at the NSCPAS show that between 60% and 70% of patrons dine at an area restaurant either before or after a performance. In the past year, the facility issued 165,000 event tickets. If 60% of these patrons (99,000) dine at an area restaurant, spending an aver-

age of \$20 per person, this amounts to \$1.98 million annually. This does not account for the approximately 30 people employed at the NSCPAS (through PFM or the two resident companies, Northlight Theatre and the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra) and the transient actors and production staff who dine and shop in the Old Orchard corridor each day.

Furthermore, the Village has leveraged state and private funds to assist with building programs and capital improvements. Several years ago, some \$300,000 in state funds were received and used to re-seat the 867-seat Centre East Theatre and for improvements in the Northlight Theatre space. The building also received \$1 million in funds from The Rice Foundation, approximately \$500,000 of which were allocated to capital projects. As required by The Rice Foundation, the balance of the funds is used as an endowment to generate funds to support youth programming at the facility. In addition, The Rice Foundation donated \$5,000 in

2006 for youth performances and community activities in conjunction with the facility's tenth anniversary. These are just a few examples of the additional public and private funds that support the NSCPAS.

The NSCPAS also is utilized for numerous private functions throughout the year, including graduations, dance recitals, bar mitzvahs, weddings and other social functions. Rental and ancillary income from these events assist in funding building operations. When the Village bonds associated with the building are paid off in 2016, the Village of Skokie will own the NSCPAS. At present, the Centre East Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority owns the building and serves as the oversight body for policy making, budgeting, capital improvements for the building and also oversees feature programming in the Centre East Theatre.

It is common for performing arts facilities to require public financial support. This is the case for the NSCPAS. In addition to the facility generating approxi-

mately \$925,000 in annual income, the Village provides a \$250,000 annual subsidy. Historically, in years when the entire amount of the \$250,000 Village subsidy was not needed for operations, the Village authorized utilizing remaining funds to subsidize capital improvements. With continued investment in capital improvements, the Village will receive ownership of a structurally sound building when the bond debt is retired in 2016.

The decision to create and support the NSCPAS was a long-term commitment that the Village made to provide cultural programs and to stimulate economic activity in the Old Orchard corridor and throughout the Village. The testimony of area restaurants and tourism organizations validate the forethought of Village leaders in building the NSCPAS for the benefit of the entire community.

For show times or more information turn to page 11 or visit www.northshorecenter.org. ∞



Village of Skokie

2010 Water Quality Report

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.

Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Skokie cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the po-



tential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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 for which water samples were tested 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: 1) microbial contaminants from a variety of sources, such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; 2) inor-

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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. ♦

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ganic contaminants such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming; 3) pesticides and herbicides which come from agricultural, storm water runoff and residential uses; 4) organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm runoff and septic tanks; and 5) radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. The primary sources of pollution threatening Lake Michigan include air deposition (pollution from the air, rain and snow), runoff and industrial discharge. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be 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 USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800/426-4791.



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. ♦

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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. Water conservation, however, 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. ♦

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

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.

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2010 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. At certain times of the year, however, 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. ♦

Skokie's Drinking Water

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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in tap or bottled water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those 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.

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. 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. ♦



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 to learn tips and ideas on how you can help reduce non-point source pollution in and around your home or business. ♦

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. ♦

Summer 2011 in Skokie

Summer of Art in Skokie

There are an abundance of arts-related activities in Skokie this summer, with something for everyone:

Skokie Art Guild Annual Art Fair

July 9 and 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This marks the 50th year of the Skokie Art Guild's annual Art Fair. Held on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street, the event features dozens of artists representing categories such as two-dimensional paintings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass and much more. For details on this year's event, please visit www.skokieartguild.org.

Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park - McCormick Boulevard between Touhy Avenue and Dempster Street.

The park features over 60 sculptures by artists of local, national and international renown. Admission is free, and the park is open year-round. For information on public and private tour options, visit www.sculpturepark.org.



North Shore Festival of Art at Old Orchard

July 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, sponsored by the Skokie Chamber of Commerce.

Showcasing some 150 juried artists from all over the country, this art fair features artists displaying works in a large variety of mediums, including painting, photography, jewelry, fiber, glass, wood and more. For details on the 2011 event, please visit www.skokiechamber.org.

Summer Fun in Downtown Skokie

Fun, family friendly entertainment can be found all summer long in Downtown Skokie. Come one, come all and enjoy!



Wednesdays on the Green

Each Wednesday night through August 24, the Village Green at 5155 Oakton Street (landscaped area between Village Hall and the Skokie Public Library) will feature free, fun, family oriented entertainment. See the back page or visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for more information.

Skokie Farmers' Market

Skokie's "Best on the North Shore" Farmers' Market, held in the parking lot just west of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, begins on June 26 and continues every Sunday through the end of October from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Fresh produce vendors from all over the Midwest bring the finest selection of fruits and vegetables. For more information, visit www.skokie.org.

Skokie Historical Society and Heritage Museum

Downtown Skokie is home to the Skokie Heritage Museum and Historical Society at 8031 Floral Avenue. The Heritage Museum and historic log cabin are staffed by the Skokie Park District, and the Historical Society is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. The Historic Engine House that houses the Heritage Museum is a beautifully restored two-story building. The first floor contains a reference library that is open to the public and permanent exhibit space for the Skokie Fire Department. Among the items on display include a recon-

structed ladder truck from the 1800s, a newly refurbished 1860s Rumley hand pumper and much, much more. The Skokie Park District, in cooperation with the Skokie Historical Society, conducts programs recreating the nineteenth century life of Niles Center, Skokie's former name. For details on these programs, please contact the Skokie Park District at 847/674-1500, ext. 3000 or email shs@skokieparkdistrict.org.

Backlot Bash

The 2011 Backlot Bash in Downtown Skokie will be the best yet! Set for August 26 through 28, the event takes place on a closed-off, two-block section of Oakton Street between Lincoln and

Laramie Avenues. This year's Backlot Bash will feature more than 15 hours of free live music on a main stage, including regional and national acts, and also features an amusement park/carnival, a 5K run, silent movies at the historic Skokie Theater, a classic auto show, business expo and sidewalk sale, fun teen activities, a pancake breakfast, bingo, food, beer and more! For more information visit www.backlotbash.com and read the August 2011 edition of *NewSkokie*.

For more information on Downtown Skokie events visit www.skokiedowntown.org. ∞

Village of Skokie Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses

2011 Village of Skokie vehicle stickers must be displayed on windshields by August 31. The stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

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 through August 31. Payment is accepted from Visa, MasterCard, 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. ∞

Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program

Join Skokie in "Mowing" Out Air Pollution!

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

The Village of Skokie, in support of northeastern Illinois' regional eco-friendly Clean Air Counts initiative, is continuing its environmentally friendly practices by offering a Lawn Care Rebate Program.

From Memorial Day (May 30, 2011) through Labor Day (September 5, 2011),



gasoline-powered lawn mowers can be traded in for a discounted or "people-powered" lawn mower. Discounts range from 5% to 30% based on the size and model of the mower.

Mowers available with a 5% to 30% Discount:

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

Lawn Care Equipment Rebate Program vendors are:

- Skokie Ace Hardware
5035 Oakton Street, Skokie
847/673-0700
- Neuton Mowers with rebate voucher
877/271-5475

To participate in the program, gasoline-powered mowers can be brought to Skokie Ace Hardware, 5035 Oakton Street, 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 to 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 with Clean Air Counts, please visit 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	\$399.00	\$274.00
Neuton (purchase by phone with voucher)	19" cordless	\$499.00	\$359.00
Toro (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" cordless	\$399.99	\$379.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" cordless	\$329.99	\$309.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" corded	\$229.99	\$209.99
Earthwise (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18" corded	\$199.99	\$184.99
Scotts (Skokie Ace Hardware)	20" classic reel	\$144.99	\$134.99
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	18" deluxe reel	\$124.99	\$114.99
American (Skokie Ace Hardware)	16" reel	\$114.99	\$104.99

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 lectures at the Skokie Public Library.

Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. - "Medicare Part D - What You Need to Know"

Pharmacist Rohit Pandya, a Skokie Board of Health member, will explain the benefits of signing up for Medicare Part D. Participants will also learn about the Illinois Department on Aging's Circuit Breaker program, which provides grants to senior citizens and persons with disabilities to help them obtain needed prescription medications.

Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m. - "Keep Your Pet Healthy"

Veterinarian Lesley Luka, a Skokie Board of Health member, will talk about how to keep pets safe and healthy. Join Dr. Luka to learn more about the human-animal bond, recommended puppy and kitten shot schedules, common conditions that affect pets, the benefits of an annual physical, and much more.

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. - "Food Safety Savvy"

Did you know that an estimated 76 million cases of illness from improperly prepared or stored food occur each year in the United



States? Join Bruce Jones, Environmental Health Supervisor for the Village of Skokie, to learn how to keep food safe at your picnic, potluck or family gathering. He will discuss safe food preparation, the items most likely to cause illness, the importance of keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold and how to handle leftovers.

Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m. - "Coping with Lower Back Injury"

Physical therapist Romil Sood, a Skokie Board of Health member, will discuss back health and techniques to prevent and treat lower back injuries. A long-time Skokie resident, Sood has 22 years of experience as a physical therapist and is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy.

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

The National Men's Health Week

No matter how much you know about men's health, it is always good to know more about ways to a better lifestyle, the top men's health concerns and the importance of getting medical care and regular screening tests. Men not only have unique health concerns they also suffer more from certain diseases. Worldwide, women outlive men. Why? Some reasons include:

- Men tend to smoke and drink more than women and generally have less healthy lifestyles.
- Men do not seek medical help as often as women.
- Men tend to join in fearless, risky, dangerous behaviors more than women.

Men also largely define themselves by their work, which adds to stress, and they tend to

"disconnect" from their emotional side. This can add to problems in relationships, as well as in jobs and careers.

The good news is that many of the major health risks that men face can be prevented and treated if they are diagnosed early. So, you deserve to pay more attention to 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 20 and 21. The screening tests include blood pressure, lipid profile, diabetes, colorectal cancer, 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. ∞

Blood Drives at Skokie Farmers' Market

The Health Department is sponsoring a series of blood drives with LifeSource at the Skokie Farmers' Market. The drives will be held on the third Sunday of each month from July to October.

The first drive will be on Sunday, July 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lot next to the Village Hall adjacent to the Farmers Market. Blood drives will also be held on August 21, September 18 and October 16 during the Farmers' Market.

All healthy individuals are encouraged to take a few minutes to donate blood at the LifeSource mobile van. Blood is the gift of life and one donation can help save the lives of up to three people. All individuals who donate blood will be entered in a raffle for a gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie restaurant.

If you have questions or would like more information about giving blood, contact LifeSource at 877/543-3768. ∞

June/July 2011 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 Holiday Yard Waste Collection

All yard waste collections must be pre-scheduled by visiting www.skokie.org or calling 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Yard waste collections for residence north of Greenleaf Street take place on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Yard waste collections for residences south of Greenleaf Street take place on Friday, July 8, 2011. Grass clippings are not collected. For more information, see www.skokie.org.

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, June 17 and July 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*

Wednesdays, June 1 and July 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.
\$25 fee.

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, June 13 and July 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Immunization Clinics*

Immunizations are available for a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. Appointments are required. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Diabetes Screening*

Thursday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Tuesday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

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

Men's Health Clinic*

Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$10 fee.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

(Total Cholesterol Reading Only)
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.
\$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio)
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

Smith Center Activities

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

Chess

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

Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

Woodcarving Club

No instructor
Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Amateurs are welcome.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, June 21, June 28, July 19 and July 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Conversational German

Thursdays, June 2, June 16, July 7 and July 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, June 9 and July 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

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

Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares RX

(Formally known as Circuit Breaker)
Please call 847/933-8208 for an appointment.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, June 14 and July 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, June 1, June 15, July 6 and July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, June 6 and July 11 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, June 14 and July 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Needlework

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

New Visions Workshop/Adults With Vision Loss

The Guild for the Blind will be coming to the Smith Activities Center, 5120 Galitz, to present a "New Visions" program designed to help individuals adjust to vision loss with an emphasis on safety and independence. Topics will include "Where Did I Put It?", "Magnifier Madness" and "Maintaining Your Lifestyle". July 13, August 9 and September 13. For more information 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.

Silver Singers

Monday, June 27 and July 25 at 1:30 p.m. For more details, please call 847/933-8208.

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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, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

CPR Schedule
Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for June 21 and July 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.

Woofstock 2011
Celebrate Skokie's canine counterculture at the Skokie Park District's only dog recreation area! The event features an afternoon of dog acts, food, music and family fun. June 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Channelside Park, 3220 Oakton Street.

Rent
Check out the Devonshire Playhouse version of "Rent" from June 11 through June 19. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for times and tickets. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Movies in the Park
Take the kids or a date and head to the park for an evening of free family fun in front of the outdoor big screen! June 16; *Ghostbusters* (movies also on Thursdays on July 15, August 19 and September 16). Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue.

National Whiffleball Championship
Deadline to register to play in Skokie's first national championship tournament is June 1. Go to SkokieParks.com.

Sunday Night Concerts in the Park
Free world-class entertainment sure to please the entire community! Sundays, July 10 through August 14 at 7 p.m. Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Wednesday Magical Merry-Go-Round Children's Concerts
These free family-oriented performances feature singers, storytellers, magicians and more. Arrive a half-hour early and participate in the pre-concert games and contests. Wednesdays, July 13 to August 10 at 7 p.m. Various parks. Call the Skokie Park District for more information.

Pancake Breakfast in the Woods
Visit Emily Oaks Nature Center for a sunrise breakfast in the woods! July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. \$5-7 admission. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

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

Building Your Resume - Your Presentation Package
Friday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

Young Steinway Concert
Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

YIVO Concert: Stewart Figa and Ilya Levinson
Monday, June 6 at 12:15 p.m.

Riveting Rio
Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m.

YIVO Concert: Gypsy Rhythm Project
Wednesday, June 15 at 12:15 p.m.

Organizing Your Job Search
Thursday, June 16 at 2 p.m.

Cooking Fresh Simple and In-Season Meals at Home
Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Cartier Collective: Professional Tap Dance Performance
Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m.

Sweet Home Chicago: History of the Candy Capital of America
Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

Affordable Care Act and Medicare: Making It work for You
Thursday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

You Can't Google This
Thursday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Job Search and Networking Techniques
Friday, July 1 at 10 a.m.

Tapping into the Hidden Job Market
Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

Prospects for Democracy in North Africa and the Middle East
Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

Solo Concert: Cellist Alexei Romanenko
Sunday, July 17 at 3 p.m.

Jen Jensen and Our Native Landscape
Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Bobblehead Dad: 25 Life Lessons I Forgot I Knew
Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

Savvy Food Safety
Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

Voice of the Caribbean: Pan Go Steel Drum Band
Sunday, July 31 at 3 p.m.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie
Located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. For 2011 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org

The Outgoing Tide World Premiere!
Northlight Theatre Through June 19, 2011

Ensemble Español American Spanish Dance and Music Festival
Centre East Theatre June 24 through 26, 2011

Mrs. International Pageant
Centre East Theatre July 22 through 23, 2011

Miss Teen & Miss International Pageant
Centre East Theatre July 28 through 30, 2011

Skokie Rush NSCPAS Discount Ticket Offer

When tickets remain for a feature performance in the Centre East Theatre at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, unsold tickets are available for half-price on the day of a performance through the Skokie Rush program. People who live in the 60076, 60077 and 60203 zip codes and can prove residency may buy half-price tickets on the day of the show, between 12 and 2 p.m. Matinees are typically offered the day before. For additional information call the Box Office at 847/673-6300. Skokie Rush tickets are only for select feature performances in the Centre East Theatre.



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Wednesdays on the Green

Every Wednesday evening until August 24 there will be a free, fun, family friendly event on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street. Each Wednesday evening, one restaurant will be the Featured Restaurant and offer 20% off that evening when the *Wednesday on the Green* postcard is presented. Those who dine-in or carry out from the Featured Restaurant receive a raffle ticket for a drawing at the Village Green at 7 p.m. for a gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie restaurant. All other participating Downtown Skokie restaurants will extend a 10% discount on Wednesday evenings through August 24 when the postcard is presented. Copies of the postcard can be downloaded from www.skokiedowntown.org.

June/July Wednesdays on the Green Schedule

June 1 - Skokie Valley Symphony Performers
Program runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. De-Jred Fine Jamaican Cuisine is the 20% off featured restaurant.

June 8 - Rock Around the Clock '50s Night
Come dance the night away from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dunkin' Donuts, 8408 Skokie Boulevard, is the 20% off featured restaurant.

June 15 - Classic Cars on the Green, 6 to 9 p.m.
Eclissi Italian Restaurant is the 20% off featured restaurant.

June 22 - Ghostbusters II
The festivities begin at 7 p.m. with fun, entertaining programs for the whole family provided by the Skokie Public Library, followed by the feature film that starts at dusk. Kabul House is the 20% off featured restaurant.

June 29 - Dixieland Band
Enjoy the sounds of summer from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Skokie Club is the 20% off featured restaurant.

July 6 - Skokie Valley Symphony Performers
Enjoy the sounds of summer from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Subway, 5041 Oakton Street, is the 20% off featured restaurant.

July 13 - Catch "Wednesday Night Fever" on '70s night
Dance the night away from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sweetie Pies is the 20% off featured restaurant.

July 20 - Classic Cars on the Green, 6 to 9 p.m.
Taco Bell is the 20% off featured restaurant.

July 27 - Pee-Wee's Big Adventure
The festivities begin at 7 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk. Tub Tim Thai is the 20% off featured restaurant.

For more information visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Village Departments

Village Hall
847/673-0500

Citizens Assistance
847/933-8480

Civil Engineering
847/933-8231

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847/933-8203

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*Building/Property Standards/
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847/933-8223

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847/933-8446

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847/933-8252

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847/933-8484

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847/933-8208

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847/933-8427

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847/933-8427

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847/933-8427

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847/933-8418