

NewSkokie



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2010 Burglary Statistics Trend Downward

While a spike in residential burglaries occurred in the early months of 2010, once several arrests were made in those cases, burglary statistics continued to trend downward for the remainder of the year. The Skokie Police Department data shows the following downward trend in burglaries since 2008:

2008 - 32.1 average total monthly burglaries

2009 - 31.8 average total monthly burglaries

2010 - 30.5 average total monthly burglaries

These statistics include residential and commercial burglaries, home invasions and burglaries to garages/sheds as well as attempts to commit these offenses.

The Village now has nearly 200 Neighborhood Watch groups in residential neighborhoods that look out for the safety of their neighbors and community. Residents are encouraged to look out for one another and to call the Skokie Police Department anytime something doesn't look or feel right, or if they see anything out of the ordinary. The Police Department welcomes these calls and however small or seemingly unimportant the matter, residents should always err on the side of caution and call the Police Department at either the 9-1-1 or 847/982-5900, the non-emergency line.

The best defense against criminal activity is a combined effort between citizens, businesses and the Police Department. Representatives of the Skokie Police Department are available to consult with Skokie residents, groups and businesses, at no charge, regarding crime prevention and personal safety. Officers will visit and make recommendations for preventing crime and provide tips for overall safety.

The above information was excerpted from a draft of the Skokie Police Department's 2010 Annual Report that, at press time, was still in development. Please see future editions of NewSkokie for more information from the final Skokie Police Department 2010 Annual Report.

Yard Waste Collection Starts April 6

Brush collection, and limited collection of other yard waste, begins on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 and continues each Wednesday on a call-in basis through November 2, 2011. Grass clippings will not be

collected. Other yard waste eligible for collection includes bush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and old flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2010 will only be collected in the spring.

Public Works has an automated phone request system for brush and yard waste collection. To ensure yard waste is collected, residents must call 847/933-3333 or request collection at www.skokie.org by noon on the Monday of each week for collection on Wednesday of that week.

Residents who do not request collection will not receive service for that week. Residents who request brush collection are asked to please

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Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is inviting nominations from the community for Skokie residents who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie.

The 2011 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the June 6, 2011 Village Board meeting 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.

Nominations are welcome for individuals who have contributed to the visual, performing, musical or literary arts. Award judging criteria include:

- Visibility in the Skokie community
- Breadth of impact - number of people reached in Skokie and the entire region
- Demonstration of artistic excellence
- Scope of artistic talents
- Recognition and awards the artist has received

Nominations must be submitted on the form on page seven by April 1, 2011. Please call the Village Manager's Office for more information at 847/933-8257 or email info@skokie.org.

The Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence nomination form can be found on page seven.

Downtown Corner Skokie Rails to Trails Initiative

Planning continues for Skokie's new Rails to Trails initiative for the recently purchased abandoned Union Pacific right-of-way that lies west of Skokie Boulevard and stretches from Dempster Street south to Oakton Street. In summer 2010, after a competitive proposal process through which more than 25 proposals were received, the Village Board approved a contract with T.Y. Lin International Great Lakes, Inc. (TYLIN) for design of the multi-use path.

In January 2011, the Village Board reviewed and approved TYLIN's conceptual design for the project. The proposed path will be functional, safe and aesthetically pleasing, with a 10-foot-wide asphalt surface and two-foot aggregate shoulders on both sides. The path will meet industry design standards for bicycle and multi-use paths. Where possible, the path has been maintained on the existing railroad ballast stone with some curves added for path user enjoyment and interest. All storm water will be retained on site without any connections to the Village's sewer system; berms and land contouring will direct rainwater to bioswales/rain gardens where native prairie plants will assist with water absorption.

The conceptual plan calls for a variety of park themes or "Rooms" in different segments of the path. For example, the area between Oakton Street and Searle Parkway is designed as an open prairie field. The area between Searle Parkway and Main Street will continue the prairie look, but also will feature a row of columnar trees to accentuate the narrow area. A sculpture display area is incorporated into the triangular area at Main



Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor through the Illinois Science + Technology Center

Street and Niles Center Road, and the area north of Niles Center Road to Dempster Street will have a more residential park look. At each street there will be a path entrance plaza and locations throughout the park for sculpture display. At the Dempster Street Swift Station location there will be a shelter that can be used for bicycle parking and persons waiting for a ride at the Terminal Avenue kiss and ride facility. The Village posted the plan on the Village web site and asked for community input, receiving more than a dozen favorable comments with suggestions for additional project amenities.

The project is being funded by over \$900,000 in state and federal grants, with the Village's share funded by two of the Tax Increment Financing Districts. The Village Board also approved the second phase of the project that includes development of construction drawings, detailed landscape drawings, construction documents for bidding and construction oversight. All project construction and landscaping is expected to be complete by fall 2011. ∞

www.skokie.org - A Valuable Resource

The Village's website, www.skokie.org, is a valuable resource for residents, business owners and visitors, with over 226,000 visitors in 2010. The Village website not only offers extensive information on Village government, departments, programs and services, but allows residents and users to conduct business with the Village.

Services offered through www.skokie.org include paying water bills, parking tickets, non-moving violations and miscellaneous invoices; asking questions, reporting a problem or submitting a concern; accessing Village forms, permits and applications; registering for yard waste pickup and much more.

The Village's website also offers unique resources such as an interactive mapping application through MapOffice, an interactive map of Skokie restaurants and attractions and information on Skokie bicycle routes. In fall 2010, the Village launched www.skokiedowntown.org, a new, enhanced Downtown Skokie website. Through this website residents and visitors can obtain information on dining, shopping, events and entertainment opportunities in Downtown Skokie.

If you have trouble finding what you're looking for on the website, click on the A-to-Z Service Guide. From here, you can search alphabetically through the Village's many programs and services. Alternatively, as always, you can contact the Village of Skokie at 847/673-0500, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on www.skokie.org, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210. ∞

Special Thanks - Blizzard 2011

During the blizzard in February, 2011, several community organizations assisted the Village with snow clean up.

Special thanks to Sherman Dodge for loaning five brand-new Jeep vehicles for Police and Public Works Department use during the storm. Thanks also to the Skokie Park District and Oakton Community College for use of designated parking lots for overflow parking in multi-family areas of the community. The Village is grateful for the generous assistance. ∞

Make a Difference - Shop in Skokie!

Local shopping keeps local dollars working closer to home and positively affects Skokie schools, businesses and jobs. Buying in Skokie also creates and sustains local jobs. Many businesses bank locally, hire local accountants and service providers, hire local residents and advertise in local media outlets.

Successful Skokie businesses also attract future or potential businesses to Skokie. The Village actively markets Skokie to potential businesses. You can help the Village by writing or emailing your favorite business, if not already located in Skokie, and express your interest in a Skokie location. Corporate addresses are usually located on a business's website.

If you would like to receive email alerts on upcoming Downtown Skokie dining specials and events, please visit www.skokiedowntown.org to subscribe.

To learn more about all the great dining, entertainment and art opportunities waiting for you in Skokie visit www.skokie.org or www.skokiedowntown.org. Information on local shopping and dining options also is available at the Skokie Chamber of Commerce website, www.skokiechamber.org or at the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitor's Bureau website at www.cnscvb.com. ∞

Foreclosure Counseling

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division offers many programs and services to Skokie homeowners facing the possibility of foreclosure. The Human Services Division hosts a housing counselor who is available to residents facing foreclosure. To make an appointment with the housing counselor, please call Jessica Rivera at 312/613-6863.

The Village also offers a seminar that explains options available to homeowners facing foreclosure. These seminars will be held at the Skokie Public Library on April 28, June 30, August 25 and October 27, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Also, the Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program helps homeowners explore their options to either stay in their homes or negotiate a respectable exit. For more information on this program, please call 877/895-2444.

For more information on these programs, please call the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞

Frustrated by Potholes?

While the Village is responsible for maintaining the majority of Skokie's 179 miles of roadways, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (800/452-4368 or www.dot.state.il.us) and the Cook County Highway Department (708/485-7130) are responsible for plowing, maintaining and repairing potholes on approximately 35 miles of Skokie streets. These typically include more heavily used roads

such as Crawford Avenue, McCormick Boulevard, Old Orchard Road and Skokie Boulevard.

Residents are always encouraged to report pothole problems to the Village. If the pothole is on a street that the Village maintains, a Public Works crew will be dispatched as soon as possible, often even the same day, to repair the problem. If the pothole is on an IDOT or Cook County Highway Department road, the informa-

IDOT and Cook County are responsible for plowing and repairing potholes on many major Skokie roadways.

tion is passed along to the proper jurisdictional agency.

For more information on Skokie roadway jurisdictions, please visit www.skokie.org, Public Works/Snow section. ∞

Welcome New Businesses

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

The following businesses have opened in Skokie since September 2010:

**Care For the Soul, Inc
(Home Healthcare)**
4805 Greenwood Street

Eclissi Italian Restaurant
8018 Lincoln Avenue

Jameson's Charhouse
9525 Skokie Boulevard

JJ Wireless
4413 Oakton Street

Kabul House
4949 Oakton Street

**Value Transmission
(New Location)**
8241 Skokie Boulevard

Premier Physical Therapy
5252 Dempster Street

**Westfield Old Orchard
New Businesses**

T-Mobile

Jaripacha

Adagio Teas

Ecco

Akira

Charlotte Russe ∞

Visit the Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park

The Village of Skokie is home to the Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park, located just north of the metropolitan Chicago area along the north channel of the Chicago River. The park runs for two miles from Dempster Street south to Touhy Avenue.

Visitors find the paved open paths along the river a great place to ride bicycles, run, walk and picnic. The Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park displays over

60 sculptures by artists of local, national and international reputation and has three convenient parking lots.

Visitors can download and print a tour guide from the Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park website at www.sculpturepark.org that can be brought along while visiting the park.



For further details on the Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park, visit www.sculpturepark.org. ∞

Be Prepared for Litter After the Snow Melts

Spring is coming and everyone is excited for warm and beautiful days. Every year when the snow melts, though, litter, food wrappers, cans and other trash are exposed.

The Village urges all residents to keep Skokie clean by picking up litter and debris in their neighborhood and around their homes and businesses. If everyone does their small part, Skokie will remain a clean and beautiful place to live and work.

The Village of Skokie also would like to remind all pet owners to clean up after their animals and deposit any animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. If a person is caught not properly cleaning up after their dog, the Village can issue a citation. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleys and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation.

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. For information on litter control and property standards, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8223. ∞



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:
March 7, 21

Plan Commission:
March 3, 17

Appearance Commission:
March 9

Zoning Board of Appeals:
March 2, 16



Village Board Action

The Village Board approved a resolution which allows the hiring of special counsel to file actions challenging the 2010 underassessment claim by property owners in the Downtown Science and Technology TIF District.

Dr. Melvin Nudelman was honored by the Village Board for his many years of service as chair of the Board of Health. Dr. Nudelman was appointed to the Board of Health in 1986 and became chair in 1992.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners swore in Maria Vazquez as a new Skokie police officer.

The design and conceptual drawings of the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor was presented to the Village Board. See the *Downtown Corner* article on page two for more information on the *Rails to Trails* initiative.

The Village Board approved a modification of the Village Code in regard to the new fire and security alarm-monitoring system to be consistent with current policy and practices.

The Village Board approved an ordinance creating a new category of liquor licenses for large retailers over 40,000 square feet.

SOAR Children's Art Exhibit

In honor of Illinois Youth Arts Month, the Skokie Fine Arts Commission will host the Student Outstanding Artists Recognition (SOAR) exhibition at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Hundreds of pieces of art submitted from students at Skokie schools will be on display at the Center. A Mayor's reception is scheduled for March 14 for the artists, their parents and art teachers.

The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie is located at 9501 Skokie Boulevard. The public is in-



2010 SOAR recipients with Mayor George Van Dusen (far left) and Village Trustee Donald Perille (far right).

vited to view the exhibition from March 2 through 21 during the Performing Arts Center's normal business hours.

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

Recent Changes in Illinois Pedestrian Laws

As of July 22, 2010 Illinois law changed regarding motorist obligations to pedestrians in crosswalks. The new law states that all drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, regardless of whether or not there are traffic signals or stop signs present at the crosswalk.

Changes in the law require motorists and bicyclists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks to ensure a safe environment for everyone using the roadways and sidewalks. Previous law required motorists to yield for pedestrians and stop when necessary.

Under the new law, Illinois drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk that is marked, unmarked, signaled and unmarked.

A marked crosswalk has painted lines on the road that designate the location, such as the crosswalk at Oakton Street and Floral Avenue, by Village Hall. An unmarked crosswalk is present whenever a sidewalk leads into a street. A signaled crosswalk includes those at stop signs and traffic signals. An unmarked crosswalk does not have a stop sign or traffic signal. They are also referred to as mid-block crosswalks.

This law requires bicyclists to stop for pedestrians as they are required to follow all rules of the road.

contact the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5900 or visit www.skokie.org.

For more information, please

Yard Waste Collection

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bundle the brush with rope, string or twine. Branches must not exceed five feet in length and three inches in diameter. Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for collection of brush, branches or logs larger than five feet in length or three inches in diameter, and also for dirt and sod.

Skokie residents are asked to let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing. A normal weekly grass cutting creates no aesthetic odor or other nuisance problems. Since grass is 75% water, the grass will quickly decompose and nourish the lawn with nitrogen; thereby less artificial or chemical fertilizer is needed. This is a common practice with golf courses and arboretums. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.

The Village has strong anti-dumping ordinances, and violators will be ticketed. Also, garbage and recycling containers that contain grass clippings, branches or other yard waste materials will not be collected as state law prohibits landfilling these materials.

For further information on yard waste collection, please call 847/933-8427 or visit www.skokie.org for program updates.

Merchant of the Year

Which store, service or business in Skokie is outstanding? The Consumer Affairs Commission will recognize a business that has distinguished itself to consumers. The Merchant of the Year plaque will be awarded to the business receiving the highest number of votes. The two merchants receiving the next highest number of votes also will be honored. Please return signed ballots by April 8, 2011.

Name of Business:

Address of Business:

Your Comments:

Your Name:

Your Signature:

Your Address:

Rules

- All ballots must be signed. One vote per person please.
- Any Skokie business providing goods or services is eligible.
- Merchant of the Year recipients from the previous three years are not eligible. For a list, see www.skokie.org.
- Additional ballots are available at www.skokie.org.
- **Ballots must be received by April 8, 2011.**

Return ballots to:

**Consumer Affairs Commission
Village of Skokie
5127 Oakton Street
Skokie, IL 60077**

The Village Forester Says...

Did you know that mature parkway trees can save you between \$100 and \$250 per year in air conditioning costs?

Residents with an open planting space on their parkway are invited to contribute to the Village's urban forest by planting a new tree in their parkway. The Village will pay 50% of both the cost and planting of the new tree.

Simply call the Forestry Division at 847/933-8427 to request an inspection of your parkway, or visit the web at www.skokie.org for more information. Following an inspection, eligible residents can select a tree from a list of suitable species. ∞

Call for Artists

The Skokie Art Guild is looking for artists for its 50th Annual Art Fair.

The Skokie Art Guild's Annual Art Fair will be held on July 9 and 10, 2011 on the Skokie Village Green between Skokie Village Hall and the Skokie Public Library.

For more information visit www.skokieartguild.org, email skokieart@aol.com or call the Skokie Art Guild at 847/677-8163. ∞

Village Employees Donate More than \$30,000 to the United Way

The Village of Skokie employees contributed over \$30,000 to the 2010 United Way campaign. This accomplishment by Village employees is a great achievement during difficult economic times. The Village of Skokie has won the United Way Top Campaign Award for Municipalities for the past five consecutive years.

Nearly 230 Village of Skokie employees contributed to the 2010 United Way campaign. A percentage of the donations were raised from special events conducted by Village employees, for Village employees and the rest were raised through ongoing, voluntary employee payroll deductions.

All proceeds go to the Northwest Suburban United Way. Donations to the United Way go into the community to change people's lives. More than 600 funded programs, targeted initiatives, partnerships with schools, government and corporations, as well as collaborations with human service experts assist with United Way to help people become independent. ∞

Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence Nomination Form

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Length of time involved in the arts in Skokie: _____

Which age group does the artist's involvement reach? (circle one):

Children

Adult

Both

Artistic category (circle one):

Visual Arts

Performing Arts

Musical Arts

Literature/Poetry

Other:) _____

On a separate page, please provide a one-page narrative on why this Skokie resident deserves this award and attach one or two samples/photographs of their art or a list of their performances.

Nomination submitted by:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2011 to:

Skokie Fine Arts Commission, c/o Village Manager's Office
5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Please see page one for award details.

2010 Community Giving Program Donors

Many thanks to all of the 2010 Skokie Community Giving Program donors whose generosity brightened the holidays for nearly 100 families and proved, once again, that Skokie is a community that cares.

Albany Bank & Trust Company N.A.	Keith & Christina Dimas	Kafko International, Ltd.	Ronald & Sandra Ritter
Carrie W. Allen	Students & Staff of Elizabeth Meyer School	Polina & Roman Kagan	Trustee Randall & Margaret Roberts
Amflex Packaging Corp.	Gabe, Ariel, Amy & Steve Elizer	Bert L. Kahn, Ltd.	Joyce Romanoff
Andy's Custom Gutters, Inc.	Evanshire Presbyterian Church	Dr. Kimberly Kenton	Susan A. Ross & William P. George
Donation on Behalf of The Angelus Association	Fred & Judy Feinstein	Nancy Kenton	Joseph & Debra Ruel
Anonymous Donors	Carlyn Fleck	Stella V. Ketter	SAFCO LLC
Layla Audisho	John France	Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley	St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
Melvin L. Baity	Doris Freehill	Thomas R. Koster	Carla M. Leone Sands
Marcia & Lucian Barba	Georgia Nut Co.	Michael & Jennifer Lande	Roger P. Schoeneberger
The Benbow Family	Michael Gershbein	State Representative Lou Lang	Berenice M. Sexauer
Ryan J. Berry	Ananta & Manjusree Ghosh	Lerman, Sweeney & Company, LLP	Elise J. Shortall
Qadir & Rosamin Bhanpuri	Marilyn Glazer	John & Katherine Lockerby	Minnie Shulman
Marianne F. Bielinski	Paul & Betty Gournoe	Sherry & Melvin Lopata	Judy Siegel Winer
Linda Boskelly	Barbara Grudziecki	Macy's	Skokie Firefighters Benevolent Fund (Boot Day)
Harry J. Bosworth Co.	Haben Funeral Home & Crematory	John J. Mahal	Skokie Hospital
Carmel & George Callobre	James & Susan Hagedorn	Geraldine R. Marchetti	Staff of Skokie Park District
Robert Carty & Adelaide Whitehouse	Michael & Carolyn Halliburton	Martin Nissan, Inc.	Staff of Skokie Public Library
Central United Methodist Church	Joanne K. Hamer	Staff of Middleton School on behalf of Dana Otto & Nel Synchango	Yuriy Sobolev
Central United Methodist Women	J. Patrick Hanley	E. & Melanie Miller	Sharon K. Stein
Sally Chapralis	Emily & Paul Hayden	The Missner Group	Norma Struch
Jo Marie Cleburne	Tats Hirotsuka	Raymond Muller	Ann & Howard Tennes
CMS Consolidated Inc.	Home Instead Senior Care	Niles Township High School Dist. 219 & Cabinet Level Admn. on behalf of Dr. Nanciann Gatta	Thomas & Sharon Thompson
Commission on Family Services	James & Denise Hopp	Niles Township Interagency Network	Tub Tim Thai Restaurant
Computer Systems Institute	Arcelia Huss	Richard & Wilma Nock	Sidney & Shyrlene Weiner
Erica Crohn, Esq.	International House of Pan- cakes (IHOP), Skokie	Dr. Melvin Nudelman In Honor of his Grandchildren	Weiss Properties, Inc.
Staff of Devonshire School	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Collection	Leone N. O'Roark	Eleanor Weiss Zoub
	ITT Corporation	Michael L. Passman	Westfield Old Orchard
	Perry & Catherine Iverson	Stephen F. Pavkovic	Westfield Old Orchard Anonymous Donors
	Heath & Ellen Izenon	George & Cecile Pfaff	Robert & Kathy Wicks
	Jacqueline & Forrest Johnson	Albert J. Rigoni	Irwin & Eileen Zeidman
	Leah Jordan		<i>Please accept our sincere thanks to all of you who helped to make the 2010 Community Giving Program successful.</i> ∞

Medical and Dental Referral Resources

During these difficult economic times the Skokie Health Department frequently hears questions such as: “I don’t have health insurance, where can I go for medical care?” “I haven’t seen a dentist in a long time. I don’t have insurance, where can I go?” “My child needs a physical and dental exam for school. I don’t have insurance, where can I go?”

The Skokie Health Department offers several resources to assist those individuals and families without health insurance:

- Clinic Referrals: a listing of clinics that offer services to individuals without health insurance and those who are enrolled in the *All Kids* or *Public Aid* program. Although these clinics are not in Skokie they are located nearby and are accessible by public transportation.
- Dental Referrals: a listing of area dentists who accept those without insurance and those who receive *All Kids* or *Public Aid*.
- *All Kids*: This program provides medical services for infants through the age of 18 years.
- *Illinois Healthy Women*: a program for women ages 19 to 44 which covers family planning services.
- Niles Township Government, Illinois Free Discount Prescription Card. This card offers benefits such as discounted prescription’s prices at local pharmacies and may cover certain tests ordered by your physician. Please contact Niles Township at 847/673-9300 for more information.

Information material for all these resources is available at the Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street or on the Skokie Health Department home page at www.skokie.org. Please stop by to pick up a copy during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call the Health Department at 847/933-8252 if you have any questions.

Colorectal Cancer Month

Colorectal cancer — cancer of the colon or rectum — is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. The disease surpasses both breast and prostate cancer in mortality, second only to lung cancer in numbers of cancer deaths.

Despite the fact that it is highly preventable, over 140,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year and over 50,000 people will die from the disease. An almost equal number of men and women are diagnosed each year.

There are ways to prevent colorectal cancer — screening tests are the most effective. Most cases of the disease begin as

non-cancerous polyps — grape-like growths on the lining of the colon and rectum. These polyps can become cancerous. Removing these polyps can prevent colorectal cancer from ever developing. Approximately 90 percent of colorectal cancers and deaths are thought to be preventable.

Because there are often no symptoms related to polyps, it is important to be routinely screened. Colorectal cancer screening tests save lives by catching colorectal cancer in its earliest, most curable stages. When discovered early, the disease can be cured in most cases.

Along with regular colorectal cancer screenings, regular exer-

cise and maintaining a healthy weight can reduce your risk of colorectal cancer. While recent research has presented conflicting evidence about fruits and vegetables and the prevention of colorectal cancer, a diet rich in fruits and vegetables provides overall health benefits and can help prevent other cancers. On-going research will help answer questions about the extent to which dietary changes can be protective.

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. Starting at age 50, men and women who are at average risk for the disease should get screened. Men and women who have a higher risk of colorectal cancer may need to be

Break the Habit!

Want to quit smoking? The Skokie Health Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Public Health to help you. The *Break the Habit* program provides one-on-one counseling and nicotine replacement therapy. There is no cost to eligible Skokie residents.

Interested Skokie residents 18 years of age or older must call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1/866-QUIT-YES (1/866-784-8937) and speak with a tobacco cessation counselor first. The counselor will take information from you and determine if you are eligible for the program. If it is determined that you are eligible, the Skokie Health Department will contact you and schedule a series of smoking cessation sessions.

Due to limited funding, the Skokie Health Department will be able to work only with a limited number of residents.

Do something healthy for yourself and your loved ones, call the Quitline today at 1-866-QUIT-YES and get started!

tested earlier and should talk to their health care professional about when.

The Skokie Health Department will be providing screening kits for a \$5 charge to residents. If you would like a screening kit, stop by the Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street during normal business hours to pick one up.

March 2011

Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



Refuse Collection

If you live on the north side of Greenleaf Street or north of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Monday and Thursday. If you live on the south side of Greenleaf Street or south of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Tuesday and Friday.

Holiday Recycling Collection

To find out which day your recycling is collected and what items are recyclable, please visit www.skokie.org.

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

Health Happenings

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

Immunization Clinics*

Immunizations are available for only a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. *Appointments are required.* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9 and 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesday, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Conversational German

Thursdays, March 3 and 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

Diabetes Screening*

Thursday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

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

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Smith Center Activities

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

Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

Woodcarving Club

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

Chess

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

Conversational Yiddish

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

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, March 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, March 9 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, March 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, March 8 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

News and Views

Fridays at 10 a.m.

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

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Needlework

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

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, March 7 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Silver Singers

Monday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. For more details, please call 847/933-8208.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Skokie Senior Mens' Group Discussion

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

Simple Will/Durable Power of Attorney/ Living Will Program

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

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, March 9 and 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

Amplified Telephone Testing

Free amplified telephones available to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Test free amplified telephones on Wednesday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Skokie Human Services Division, 5120 Galitz. Applications will be provided. To request an application prior to March 30, please contact Juanita at 847/933-8208. Reservations recommended.

Secretary of State

On Monday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Secretary of State will issue ID cards (over 65 is free) and renew driver's licenses for those under the age of 75 with a clean driving record. 5120 Galitz, Skokie.

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CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for March 15 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.

4th and 5th Grade Dance Party

Get ready to dance and party the night away! Pizza, juice and supervision will be provided. Advance registration only unless spots are still available. Friday, March 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street. \$7 - \$8.

Public Paper Recyclers

Bring your paper to Emily Oaks Nature Center or Weber Leisure Center and place it in our green and yellow paper retriever dumpsters for recycling! Your paper will have a new life within two weeks after pick-up. Contact 847/674-1500, ext. 2525 with questions regarding acceptable types of paper. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie. Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.

Skokie's 3-on-3 Hoops Throwdown

This all-day, single-elimination hoops extravaganza for girls and boys in grades 3-8 tips off at the Weber Center Gym and will crown its champions that afternoon. Free t-shirts for all and trophies for the winners. Sunday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place.

Massage Therapy

Certified and licensed massage therapists are on staff at the Weber Leisure Center. Members of *Fitness First* receive special rates, non-members rates are already super low. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2600 for more information. Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place.

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

Sense & Sensibility

Northlight Theatre
March 10 through April 17

Junie B. Jones

In the Centre East Theatre
Saturday, March 5 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mavis Staples

In the Centre East Theatre
Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m.

Harmony Sweepstakes - a Cappella Festival

In the Centre East Theatre
Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Skokie Public Library

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

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, March 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert: Emily Camras, cello and Jean Lin, piano

Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m.

Coming Together in Skokie - Author Visit:

Cecelia Manguerra Brainard

Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Coming Together in Skokie - Marketing Dreams, Manufacturing Heroes

Monday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Highland Park Pops Big Band Concert

Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

History and Practice of Integrative Medicine

Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Housing Choices for Seniors

Tuesday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

Natural Remedies to Alleviate Chronic Pain

Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Friday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

North Shore Dance Center Performing Groups

Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m.

Cafe Society: Life After the Daley Show

Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

What You Need to Know About Arthritis

Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.


Be an Online Detective

Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Skokie Art Guild

Programs are held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Mary Radmacher Room at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street.

The Process of Thermal Transfer on to Fabric

Presented by artist, photographer, scientist Julian Gordon. March 22. 

Save the Date!

Festival of Cultures

The 21st Annual *Skokie Festival of Cultures* will take place at Oakton Park (corner of Skokie Boulevard and Oakton Street) on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesdays on the Green

Plans are underway for an exciting summer of fun activities on the Village Green each and every Wednesday evening from late May through late August, 2011. The festivities begin on Wednesday, May 18, with the first *Classic Cars on the Village Green*. Plans for other Wednesday events include dances, movies and other fun, family friendly entertainment that Skokie residents can enjoy on the Village Green.

Skokie Backlot Bash

The *Skokie Backlot Bash* will be held August 26, 27 and 28, 2011.

Watch for more details on these events in upcoming editions of *NewSkokie* and at www.skokie.org. 

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Skokie's 'Going Green' Skokie's Spring Greening Community Expo

On Sunday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Niles North High School the Village of Skokie, Skokie Park District, School District 219, the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and the Skokie Public Library will be hosting a *Spring Greening Community Expo*.

The *Spring Greening Community Expo* will feature:

- Green products and services trade show with local businesses
- Green lifestyle workshops
- Reducing your environmental 'foodprint' by Whole Foods
- Entertainers: Strictly Jug Nuts Jug Band and Ricky Recycle
- Reuse and recycling drop-off (see www.skokiespringgreening.org for acceptable items)
- The Trashy Fashion Show by District 219

For more information, please call 847/674-1500, ext. 2500. ♻️

Skokie Offers Online Payment Options

The Village has a convenient online payment program for:

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

Payment may be made online using Mastercard, Discover, Visa credit and debit cards. The Village does not charge a fee for this service. To make a payment or learn more about online payments and Automatic Bank Payment, please visit www.skokie.org. ♻️



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