

NewSkokie



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Downtown Skokie Update Village Works to Enhance Downtown Skokie

The Village continuously works to develop a more vibrant and sustainable Downtown. As part of this goal, the Village Board recently approved the implementation of several projects and initiatives including a “Road Diet” test on Oakton Street, a new Downtown Skokie sign code, the development of Downtown design standards and a visual merchandising program for Downtown Skokie restaurants and retailers.

In 2010 a presentation regarding a “Road Diet” for the section of Oakton Street that runs through Downtown Skokie was given to the Village Board. The “Road Diet” entails a reduction of traffic lanes and the widening of sidewalks on Oakton Street to calm traffic, increase available parking and widen sidewalks to accommodate more pedestrians, outdoor dining and streetscape amenities. While opinions were largely favorable, the Village Board also heard from those concerned about the proposal. The major concern of the project was that the lane reduction would cause traffic problems particularly during rush hour periods. As a result of this concern, the Village Board approved a “Road Diet” test which will be conducted from approximately May 1

through June 15, 2011. The test will be accomplished by roadway markings, message boards and careful monitoring by staff and the consultant engineer. Traffic patterns on Oakton Street and adjacent roadways will be studied. If you have questions regarding the “Road Diet” test, please contact the Community Development Department at 847/933-8447.

The Village also is studying a new sign code for Downtown Skokie to assist the business community in marketing while maintaining a consistent, defined appearance of signs in the Downtown area.

The Village Board reviewed the matter at the March 21, 2011 meeting. Before the Board takes final action, the Downtown sign code will be further studied by the Appearance Commission. If you

would like to provide feedback on the sign code you may attend the Appearance Commission meeting on May 11 or email info@skokie.org.

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Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community

Help build a strong, caring community by hosting a neighborhood coffee gathering during the Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community (KYN) program being held from May 2 through June 30, 2011. All KYN hosts will receive a host ‘kit’ that includes a coupon redeemable for a free coffee cake (Kosher or traditional) to serve at their coffee. A two-person team of a Village Board member and a senior staff member will attend coffees scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings or Sunday afternoons.

To register as a host, please email info@skokie.org or call the Village Manager’s Office at 847/933-8257. ☞

21st Annual Festival of Cultures

May 21 and 22, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The 21st Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, Chicagoland’s most entertaining and unique family event, offers multi-cultural entertainment, delicious ethnic food and loads of fun for everyone. This annual event takes 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.

The Village of Skokie, the Skokie Park District, the Skokie Human Relations Commission, the Skokie Valley Rotary Club, the Skokie Public Library, the Skokie Kiwanis Club, the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and leaders from Skokie’s ethnic communities are involved in the year-long Festival of Cultures planning process. For more information about the Skokie Festival of Cultures, please visit www.skokieculturefest.org.



Pictured is Roy Erik Swenson, representing the Swedish community, at a previous Festival of Cultures. Mr. Swenson, a founding member of the Skokie Festival of Cultures, passed away in fall 2010. He had a generous volunteer spirit and a deep love for Skokie, and is missed by those who knew him. ☞

Spotlight on the Cable Television Advisory Commission

The Cable Television Advisory Commission was created to advise the Village Board on matters pertaining to cable television. Some other Commission responsibilities include making recommendations to the Village Board on matters pertaining to the two cable television franchise agreements the Village has with Comcast and RCN.

The Commission also promotes local involvement in public access television by holding an annual cable video awards program. The Commission annually reviews several non-professional and locally produced videos, and honors all participants at an awards ceremony held in May at the Comcast Public Access Studio.

The Cable Television Advisory Commission has seven members who serve two year terms. The commission meets on the last Tuesday night of each month.



From left to right: Randall Cling, Ken Grossman, Douglas Gordon (Chair), Eric Biljetina and Ashok Easwaran.

Who's Who:

Douglas Gordon, Cable Television Advisory Commission Chair

How long have you lived in Skokie?

I've lived in Skokie for 53 years.

How many years have you been on the Cable Advisory Commission?

I've served on the commission for 20 years.

How many years have you been Chair of the Cable Advisory Commission?

I've been Chair of the commission for 5 years.

Why did you move to Skokie?

My wife and I moved to Skokie because we wanted a good place to raise our children.



Douglas Gordon
Cable Television Advisory
Commission Chair

What is your profession?

I'm a real estate professional.

Why did you seek a volunteer position on the Cable Advisory Commission?

I wanted to give something back to the Village of Skokie.

What is your favorite Cable Advisory Commission activity or program?

The Cable Video Awards Program.

What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

Pat's Place at 5025 Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie. ∞

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

Facing Foreclosure?

What to expect and what you can do

Foreclosure is a frightening prospect that, unfortunately, is a real possibility for many homeowners. If you are facing foreclosure, the Village offers free foreclosure counseling. For more information please call the Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

If you are facing foreclosure, do not ignore the problem. Contact your lender as soon as possible. Mortgage companies have options to help borrowers through difficult times. Know your mortgage rights by reading your loan documents so you are aware of what your lender can do if you can't make your payments.

Before the mortgage company can sue you for mortgage foreclosure they must ask if you are interested in and qualify for modifying

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Skokie Police Department Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest single component within the Skokie Police Department. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments and proactively addressing community concerns. Consistent with the Department's mission, Patrol Officers are responsible for protecting life and property, maintaining peace, order and safety for all, conducting preliminary investigations and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws and Village Ordinances. The Skokie Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to act as problem solvers, and to take an active rather than reactive approach to interaction with the community.

During 2010, patrol officers responded to over 38,000 total calls for service involving criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints and other miscellaneous events.

The Patrol Division is divided into three watches, or shifts, in order to provide continuous 24-hour police service. Each watch is supervised by a commander and several sergeants. The number of officers allocated to each shift varies based upon historical and anticipated activity levels. Further, the Village is divided into

four zones, with zone staffing tailored to meet the needs of that particular area.

Patrol officers also are trained to perform additional police functions including those of evidence technician who process crime and accident scenes; field training officer for training new police recruits; canine officer; tactical mission team officer who follows trends to solve crimes and the traffic unit officer. Additional duty assignments in-



clude the tactical intervention unit officer, truck enforcement officer, bicycle patrol officer, breath analysis officer, firearms instructor and school resource officer.

Remember to immediately call 9-1-1 when suspicious or criminal activity is observed. Waiting to report such behavior will only allow potential criminals to escape.

For more information on the Skokie Police Patrol Division, please visit www.skokie.org or call the Skokie Police non-emergency line at 847/982-5900. ∞

Police Chief Silverberg Retires

On May 9, 2011 Skokie Police Chief Barry Silverberg will retire. Silverberg, a life-long Skokie resident, was promoted to Police Chief in July 2005. He served as Deputy Chief from 2001 to 2005 and, prior to that, served in management positions in the Investigations and Patrol Divisions of the Skokie Police Department.

“Chief Silverberg has served the Skokie Police Department with distinction for almost 35 years, the last six of which as the Chief of Police,” stated Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni.

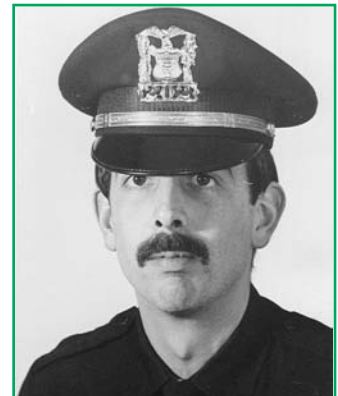
Chief Silverberg joined the Skokie Police Department as a patrol officer in 1976 following an honorable discharge from the United States Army. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from National Lewis University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Upon Chief Silverberg's retirement, Deputy Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli will be appointed as Skokie's new Police Chief. “The leadership transition from Chief Silverberg to Chief Scarpelli will be smooth,” said Rigoni. “Both men are dedicated to the community, and have the respect of the Police Department staff and community leaders. I am pleased to congratulate Chief Silverberg on his retirement after a long, dedicated career and also to congratulate Deputy Chief Scarpelli on this well-deserved promotion.”

The June/July edition of *NewSkokie* will feature an introduction to new Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli. ∞



Chief Barry Silverberg



Chief Silverberg in 1977 as a new Skokie Police Officer



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:
May 2, 16

Plan Commission:
May 5, 19

Appearance Commission:
May 11

Zoning Board of Appeals:
May 4, 18



Village Board Action

The Village Board approved a resolution that made permanent the use of fiber optic lines provided and maintained by RCN after the franchise agreement expires in March 2013. The agreement allows RCN to occupy three existing hub sites which are critical to operating the cable system and the Institutional Network (I-Net) used by the Village of Skokie and community schools.

The Village Board approved an ordinance to purchase property at 8138 Floral Avenue and 8103 Floral Avenue for future economic development purposes.

The Village Board approved an ordinance that extends the prohibition against smoking in public places to including "retail tobacco stores." The two Skokie businesses operating under the previous exemption will continue to be exempt from the new ordinance.

The Village Board recently approved a contract for Phase 1 and 2 Engineering and Landscape Design Services for the Skokie Multi-Use Path from Oakton Street south to the Skokie village limit. The majority of the project will be funded through a Model Communities grant.

The Foreclosure Process

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your mortgage under the Federal government's Making Homes Affordable Modification Program. Visit www.makinghomeaffordable.gov for more details.

In Illinois, the foreclosure process typically takes between 210 and 270 days. This time frame can vary greatly depending on if the homeowner tries to stop the foreclosure process. The process described below is based on an unopposed mortgage foreclosure where the homeowner does not try to stop the foreclosure process.

Usually the mortgage lender begins the foreclosure process after the third missed mortgage payment. Within 30 days after the third missed payment the lender's attorney gathers all the information on the property and writes up the official Foreclosure Complaint and the summons.

Between 30 and 60 days after the third missed payment the Foreclosure Complaint is filed in court and the summons is given to the borrower. A Lis Pendens is recorded which prevents the borrower from selling the home until the foreclosure case is complete. The property owner then has 90 days to reinstate the mortgage by paying all the money and fees owed.

Within 60 and 90 days the property owner will receive a notice to motion which states the court date. At the court date the borrower can ask for a continuance to a later date to provide more time to hire a lawyer or file forms to represent oneself.

Between 90 and 120 days, if the property owner loses at trial or an agreement is not reached, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale is entered and

the borrower's redemption period begins. The redemption period is the time the borrower has to pay the amount of the judgment of foreclosure, and is the longer of seven months from the date of service or four months from the date of judgment.

The foreclosure sale takes place within seven days after the redemption period ends. The mortgage company will then bring a motion in court asking for a confirmation of the foreclosure sale. Once the foreclosure sale is confirmed the property owner usually has 30 days to leave the property.

Please contact the Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 if you are going through or facing the prospect of foreclosure.

2011 Village Construction Projects

Thank you in advance to Skokie residents for their patience with these important roadway improvement projects.

Downtown Skokie Swift Station-

Timetable: through early 2012

Construction of a station for the CTA Yellow Line at Oakton Street is proceeding this construction season for a station opening in winter 2012.

Residential Street Resurfacing

Timetable: April-June, June-July

Resurfacing several miles of residential streets at various locations throughout the Village. This will be done in two phases.

Community Development Block Grant Resurfacing

Timetable: July-September

Resurfacing several street sections south of Oakton Street in CDBG-eligible areas. An oiled alley within the CDBG area also will be resurfaced.

Skokie Boulevard Streetscaping

Timetable: March-July

Skokie Boulevard received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to help pay for the enhancement of Skokie Boulevard parkway between Oakton Street and Washington Street. Improvements include new street lighting and streetscaping improvements.

Intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Golf Road: Roadway Reconstruction Project

Timetable: through end of summer 2011

This spring, the new traffic signals, new light poles, permanent pavement markings and landscape restoration will be completed. The majority of work for this project was completed last year and includes water main replacement, storm sewer improvements, street light improvements and reconstruction of entire intersection including providing northbound and southbound dual left turn lanes.

Intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Old Orchard Road: Roadway Reconstruction Project

Timetable: October-2012

Work is expected to begin late this year on the underground utilities portion of this project. When completed, this reconstructed

intersection will have an eastbound right turn lane, northbound dual left turn lanes and traffic signal modernization.

Intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Searle Parkway

Timetable: July-October

A new traffic signal to be installed at this intersection. Additional improvements include a southbound right turn lane and a northbound left turn lane, intersection radii improvements and resurfacing.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Timetable: May-July

One project will consist of sewer lining repairs on Oakton Street between Long and LaCrosse Avenues and various locations along Crawford Avenue. Another project will focus on smaller point repairs throughout the Village.

Water System Improvements

Timetable: July-August

Water main replacement on Old Orchard Road from Lawler Avenue to Bronx Avenue and Farwell Avenue from Lavergne Avenue to LeClaire Avenue. Both Village water towers will be repainted, both the interior and exterior.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

Timetable: May-June

This maintenance program replaces broken sections of sidewalk. Concrete patching and the replacement of broken curb is included.

High-Priority Patching Program

Timetable: June-July

This project repairs large bituminous patches and berms throughout the Village.

Multi-Use Path: Oakton Street to Dempster Street

Timetable: June-September

A new bituminous path will be constructed on the existing railroad ballast connecting Oakton Street to Dempster Street. Landscaping improvements also are included with this project.

Illinois Department of Transportation

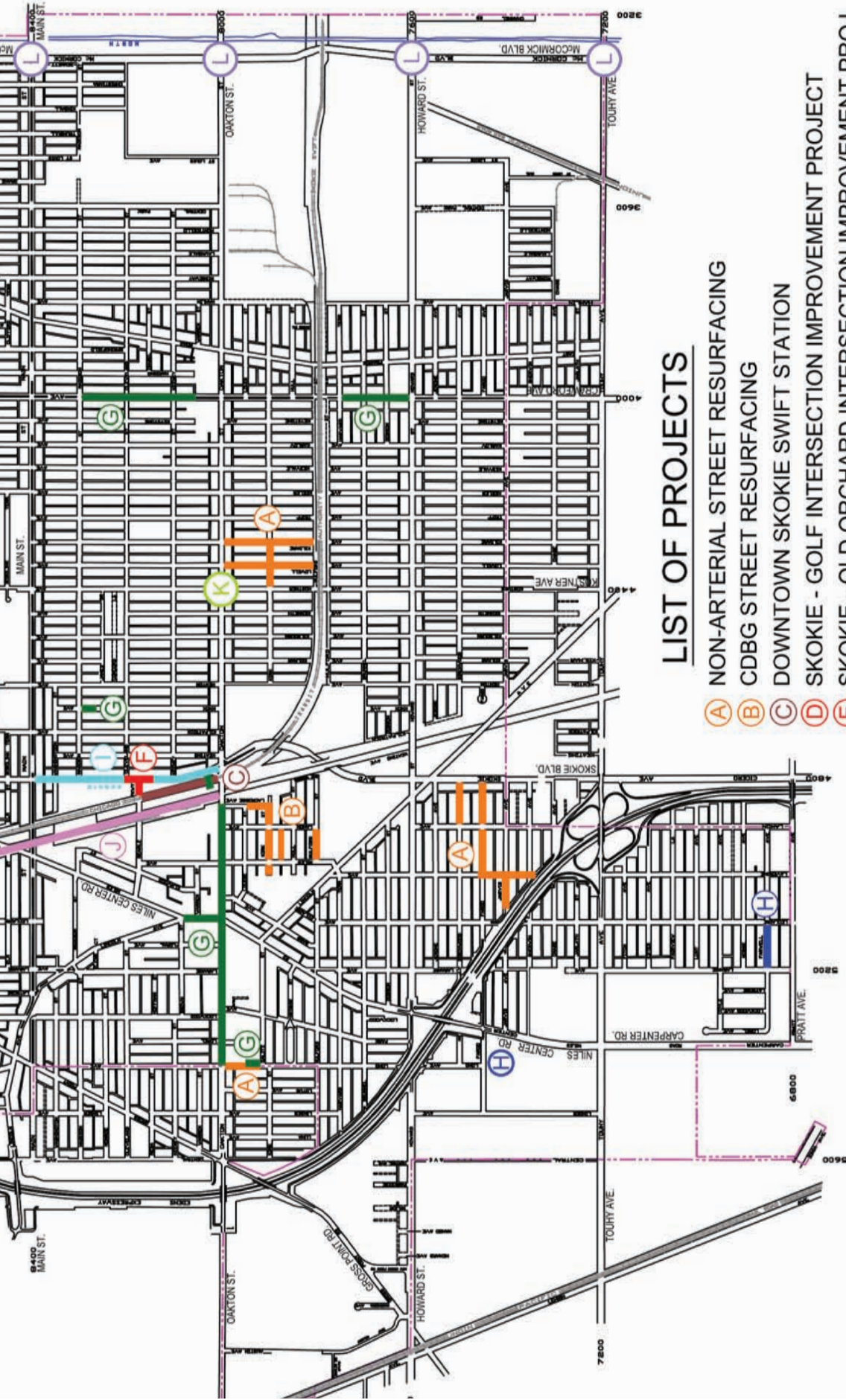
Timetable: May-November

A number of signals along Dempster Street and McCormick

Stay Informed about What's Happening in Skokie

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

Visit the Village online at www.skokie.org • Subscribe to SkokieNews • Read NewSkokie
Watch SkokieVision Cable • Tune into 1660 AM Skokie-radio • Register for CodeRed email and text alerts



LIST OF PROJECTS

- NON-ARTERIAL STREET RESURFACING
- CDBG STREET RESURFACING
- DOWNTOWN SKOKIE SWIFT STATION
- SKOKIE - GOLF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- SKOKIE - OLD ORCHARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJ.
- SKOKIE - SEARLE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION
- SEWER REHABILITATION
- WATER SYSTEM REHABILITATION
- SKOKIE BOULEVARD STREETSCAPE
- MULTI-USE PATH
- COOK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. PROJECTS
- IDOT SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

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2010 Completed Construction Programs

Main Street Resurfacing

Main Street between Skokie Boulevard and Crawford Avenue was resurfaced. The majority of this project used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Non-Arterial Street Resurfacing

Resurfacing two miles of residential streets at various locations throughout the Village.

East Prairie / Kostner Avenue Resurfacing

East Prairie Road between Main Street and Dempster Street and Kostner Avenue between Jarvis Avenue and Oakton Street was resurfaced.

Community Development Block Grant Resurfacing

Resurfacing Louise Avenue between Babb and LaCrosse Avenues. An oiled alley within the CDBG area also was resurfaced.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Sewer repairs on Monticello Avenue between Carol and Crain Streets, Trumbull Avenue between Main and Madison Streets, Trumbull Avenue from Lee Street to south of Lee Street, Bennett Avenue from Greenwood Street to north of Greenwood Street, Lowell Avenue from Cleveland Street to north of Cleveland Street, and East Prairie Road between Greenleaf and Crain Streets.

Water Main Improvements

Water main replacement on Lavergne Avenue from Old Orchard Road to Central Street and on Elm Terrace from Kenton to Kilpatrick Avenues.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

This maintenance program replaced over 30,000 square feet of broken sections of sidewalk.

High-Priority Patching Program

This project repaired nine large bituminous patches and five berms throughout the Village.

Illinois Department of Transportation

Touhy Avenue from Hamlin Avenue to McCormick Boulevard was resurfaced. The Dempster Street bridge over the Edens Expressway had expansion joints replaced and the slope walls were rehabilitated. Several frontage roads along the Edens were resurfaced.

Downtown Skokie Swift Station

Construction of the CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station in Downtown Skokie.

Lamon Avenue Pedestrian Way Improvements

The Village installed new street lighting along Lamon Avenue between Mulford and Oakton Streets. This project provides a strategic walking path between Oakton Community College and Downtown Skokie.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. 🚶



Golf Road and Skokie Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project



East Prairie Road Resurfacing



Lamon Avenue Pedestrian Way Improvements

Downtown Skokie Update

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In addition, the Village Board recently approved work to develop Downtown Skokie design standards which would include the creation of Downtown development guidelines, plans for graphics, wayfinding and pedestrian access to public and private property, review of public parking lots and landscaping at the new Oakton Skokie Swift station.

The Village has retained the services of a visual merchandising consultant who was recommended by Westfield Old Orchard. The consultant is working with a number of Downtown Skokie retail and restaurant owners to improve the appearance of their storefront window displays. The first sites set for improvements include Marge's Flowers (8038 Lincoln Avenue), DeJred Fine Jamaican Cuisine (4901 Oakton Street), Pat's Place (5025 Oakton Street), Tub Tim Thai (4927 Oakton Street), Village Inn (8050 Lincoln Avenue) and Bob's Magazine Museum (4906 Oakton Street).

All of these studies and initiatives are components of the Downtown Skokie Action Plan approved by the Village Board in 2009 and are being funded by the Downtown Skokie TIF.

For more information on these projects and initiatives, please call 847/933-8257, email info@skokie.org or visit www.skokie.org.

Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses

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

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. 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.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423.

Free Smoking Education Programs

The Village of Skokie Health Department, in conjunction with the Niles Township Schools ELL Parent Center and School District 219, is presenting a series of free smoking education programs for the area's limited English speaking populations. These programs will be presented in Spanish, Urdu, Arabic and Russian. Free child care will be offered at each program.

The programs will talk about the health and financial costs of smoking, how to prepare to stop smoking, aids to help stop smoking and referrals to stop smoking programs.

- **The Russian speaking programs** will be presented at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street on Wednesday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **The Spanish speaking programs** will be presented at the Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Avenue on Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **The Arabic speaking programs** will be presented at the Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Avenue on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **The Urdu speaking programs** will be presented at the Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Avenue on Tuesday, May 24 and Monday, June 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.

These programs are presented with funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health. For more information contact the ELL Center at 847/568-7611 or the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

National Women's Health Week

The nation will celebrate National Women's Health Week from May 8 through May 14 in an effort to encourage women to visit health care professionals to receive regular, preventive check-ups and screenings.

To participate in National Women's Health Week, women can contact the Skokie Health Department to schedule an appointment for a special screening clinic to be held on May 9 and 10.

The screening tests include blood pressure, lipid profile, diabetes, colorectal cancer and hearing. These screenings are available for a total charge of only \$10 to Skokie women. Proof of residency is required.

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

May 2011 Memorial Day Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



For the week of May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

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

Memorial Day Yard Waste Collection Schedule

All yard waste collections must be pre-scheduled by visiting www.skokie.org or calling 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

- Yard waste collections for residences north of Greenleaf Street take place on Thursday, June 2, 2011.
- Yard waste collections for residences south of Greenleaf Street take place on Friday, June 3, 2011.

For more information visit 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.

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, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 11 and 25 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Hearing Screening*
Friday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

**Body Composition
Analysis***
Mondays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

**Blood Pressure
Screening**
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Diabetes Screening*
Tuesday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

TB Skin Testing*
Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays from 1 to 4:45 p.m. \$5 fee.

Well Child Clinic*
Monday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Stop Smoking Clinic*
Tuesday, May 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. Also meets June 1, 2, 3, 6 and 14, 2011.

**Women's Health
Clinic***
Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$10 fee.

Smoking Education Programs

The following multilingual smoking education programs are offered by the Skokie Health Department and are funded through a grant initiative.

Russian Language
Wednesdays, May 11 and Tuesday, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Free.

Urdu Language
Tuesday, May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Avenue. Free.

Spanish Language
Tuesday, May 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, 9440 N. Kenton Avenue. Free.

Cholesterol Screening Programs

**Simple Cholesterol
Screening**
(Total Cholesterol Reading Only)
Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

**Lipid Profile
Screening***
(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio)
Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 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.

**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.

News and Views
Fridays at 10 a.m.

**Conversational
Yiddish**
No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, May 17, 24 and 31 at 1:30 p.m.

**Conversational
German**
Thursdays, May 5 and 19 at 1:30 p.m.

**Hearing Loss Support
Group**
Thursday, May 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**FOCUS (For Optically
Challenged Upbeat
Sorts)**
Wednesday, May 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

**Circuit Breaker/ Illi-
nois Cares RX**
(Formally known as Circuit Breaker)
Please call 847/933-8208 for an appointment.

**Low Vision Support
Group**
Tuesday, May 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Medicare Supplement
Claims Assistance/
Senior Health Insur-
ance Program**
Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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

Rules of the Road
Review for driver's exam.
Monday, May 2 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Silver Singers
Monday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. For more details, please call 847/933-8208.

**Skokie Senior Mens'
Group Discussion**
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Weber Park, 9300 Weber Park Place.

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Simple Will/Durable Power of Attorney/Living Will Program
Program for low-income seniors who meet requirements. Fee charged by attorney. Call 847/933-8208 for program details and registration information.

Stamp Club
Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Music and Laughter (formerly known as Men's Discussion Group)
Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Womens' Discussion Group
Wednesdays, May 11 and 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

CPR Schedule
Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for May 17 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.

Pool Passes now on sale!
Skokie Park District pool passes are now on sale, allowing admis-

sion to either of our two award-winning facilities! Skokie Water Playground, 4700 Oakton Street, Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Earth Day on May Day!
Visit the Emily Oaks Nature Center for earth-friendly food, entertainment, music and a native plant sale on "Earth Day on May Day." Sunday, May 1 from noon to 4 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel.

Play in the National Whiffleball Championship
Gather five players today and enter the National Whiffleball Championship, Skokie's enormous mini bat and ball tournament! The tourney will lead up to the 31st Annual World Whiffleball Championship in Indiana in July. (Men, women and kids 10+ welcome.) Call (847) 929-7171 to enter or download forms at www.SkokieParks.com. June 25, all day. Channelside Park, 3100 Main Street.

Skokie's Trail to Fitness: A Summer Road Map to a Healthier Lifestyle
For a mere \$5, join Skokie's very own fitness and nutrition "summer tour of Skokie!" Participants will receive a roadmap with specific weekly destinations, a t-shirt, fun fitness and nutrition components, activities and chances to win big prizes. (The more

you play, the better your chances to win). Registration will begin at the Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 21 and 22. The 12-week Trail to Fitness includes a healthy living self-assessment, progress tracking tools, free programming and events throughout Skokie, incentives and weekly e-mails. The program will end at Skokie's Backlot Bash on August 28. See www.TrailtoFitness.com for details.

Summer Program Registration
Skokie residents can sign up for summer classes beginning Sunday, May 15. Non-residents can sign up for summer classes beginning Sunday, May 22. Register online at www.skokieparkdistrict.org, call 847/674-1500 or register at any Skokie Park District facility.

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

Young Steinway Concert
Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m.

Making the Most of Your eReader
Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

Mothers Day Brunch with Gale Gand
Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

The Job Search: Your Toughest Questions Answered
Thursday, May 5 at 3 p.m.

The Science of Skokie
Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m.

Trio Micheletti
Sunday, May 8 at 3 p.m.

Introduction to Entomology and the Insects of Skokie
Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

Golden Age of Radio
Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Winners' Concert: Evanston Music Club 2011 Scholarships
Monday, May 16 at 1 p.m.

The Streetwise Guide to Job Interviewing
Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

Piano Recital: Mark Damish
Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.

Live Green, Save Green
Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m.

Cafe Society: Community in the Internet Age
Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m.


Be Your Own Travel Agent
Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

Library Closed
Monday, May 30.

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


Madeline and the Bad Hat
Ludwig Bemelman's popular illustrated novel and character Madeline comes alive! Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Judy Collins
"Her voice is still an instrument that evokes angelic visions." - New York Times. Saturday, May 7 at 8 p.m. 

Memorial Day Observance

The Village invites all to the Village of Skokie Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30 at 11 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial at Krier Plaza.

Local Veterans' Posts will be present, including The Jewish War Veterans Post #328, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3854 and The Skokie American Legion Post #320. Taps will be performed.

For more information call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257. 

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Wednesdays on the Green

Mark your calendar now for the *Wednesdays on the Green* program in Downtown Skokie this summer. Beginning on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, there will be a **free**, fun, family friendly event on the Village Green every Wednesday evening through August 24. The Village Green, 5107 Oakton Street, is the landscaped lawn and common area between Village Hall and the Skokie Public Library.

Wednesdays on the Green is being presented by the Skokie Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Village of Skokie, Skokie Park District, Skokie Public Library and the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie. Check www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for program updates and further information.

May Wednesdays on the Green Schedule

May 18 - Classic and Custom Cars on the Green

Start summer fun on the Village Green at *Classic Cars on the Green* with some 75 classic and custom cars, while a DJ spins tunes. The car show runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

May 25 - Movie Night featuring *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

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.

June 1 - Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

Bring a blanket or chair and your picnic basket to gather with neighbors and enjoy the sounds of summer. Program runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Music on the Green is provided, in part, through a grant from the Skokie Fine Arts Commission.

June 8 - Rock Around the Clock 50's Night

Rock around the Clock on 50's night. Get your dancing shoes ready! A DJ will spin the tunes while everyone dances the night away from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dancing on the Green is a Trail to Fitness activity through the Skokie Park District.

For more information visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com. 

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