



Yard Waste Collection Begins April 14

Brush collection, and limited collection of other yard debris, begins on Wednesday, April 14,

2010 and continues each Wednesday on a call-in basis through October 13, 2010.

Grass clippings will not be collected. Other yard debris includes bush trimmings, thatch from raking

(in spring only) and old flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2009 also will be collected in spring only.

Skokie residents are asked to just 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.

Public Works has an automated phone request system for brush and yard debris collection. Residents must call 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday of each week to request collection of brush and/or other yard debris for the coming Wednesday. Residents also can request collection on www.skokie.org, also by Monday at noon for collection

the coming Wednesday. Residents who do not request collection will not receive service.


Residents must request brush or yard debris collection by calling 847/933-3333 or visiting www.skokie.org by noon on Monday for the coming Wednesday. Grass clippings will not be collected.

The Village continues to collect bundled brush and tree materials as this material does not quickly decompose. Residents who request brush collection are asked to

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.

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 debris will not be collected as state law prohibits landfilling these materials.

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

Skokie Crime down Overall in 2009

The Skokie Police Department is compiling its annual statistical summary of crime data and preliminary data shows that overall crime decreased by 4% in 2009 when compared to the previous year. Over the past decade, Skokie's crime levels experienced significant and consistent decline to a 15-year low in 2005. During both 2006 and 2007, crime rose to more statistically normal levels before dropping again in both 2008 and 2009.


In 2009, the Police Department logged a total 5,111 offenses in all categories, including homicide, burglary, motor vehicle theft, assault/battery and others. In 2008, the total number of offenses in all categories was 5,300. Alarm calls dropped 11% between 2008 and 2009. Of the 15 offense categories included in the analysis, eight categories showed decreases. The most significant decrease was in motor vehicle theft, which showed a 32% decrease between 2008 and 2009. Other notable decreases included criminal damage, down by 19%; a 15% decline in disorderly conduct and a 12% reduction in aggravated assault/battery. Burglaries were down by 1% between 2008 and 2009. Vehicle crashes on public roadways also declined by 15% between 2008 and 2009.

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Skokie Offers Online Payment Options

As part of the Village of Skokie's mission to provide the best customer service possible, residents now have the ability to make online payments for water bills, parking tickets/other non-moving violations, vehicle stickers (June 1 through August 31) and miscellaneous invoices through the Village's website, www.skokie.org. The E-pay system is secure, easy and free, with its popularity increasing by 225% since it was first offered in 2009.

The new e-pay service is a great way to save time, avoid the cost of postage and reduce your use of paper. You may choose to make a one-time payment or register to have your water bills automatically deducted from your account.

Payments may be made online using American Express, Mastercard, Discover and Visa credit/debit cards. To make a payment or learn more about online payment and Automatic Bank Payment, please visit www.skokie.org. 

The 2010 Census is Here!

We can't move forward until you mail it back

Census Day is April 1, 2010. Every 10 years, every person living in the United States is required by law to participate in the United States Census and be counted as part of our official population. This count is very important to determine the funding we receive from the various levels of government and the boundaries of many of our local, state, and federal voting districts.

By now, every household in Skokie should have received a 2010 Census form in the mail.

You must fill out the form and return it in the pre-paid envelope. If you need help filling out the census questionnaire form, would like confidential assistance from a Census employee or have lost or never received a Census form, you may visit one of the Questionnaire Assistance Centers below between March 19 and April 19, 2010:

Location	Times
Skokie Public Library 5215 Oakton Street Skokie, IL 60077 847/673-7774	Sunday: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday: 5-9 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday: 5-9 p.m.
Niles Township Government 5255 Main St. Skokie, IL 60077 847/673-9300	Monday through Friday: 1-4 p.m.
-Including Foreign Language Assistance- Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center 9440 Kenton Ave. Skokie, IL 60076 847/568-7611	Monday and Tuesday: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday: 9 am.-1 p.m. Thursday: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Questionnaires are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Korean, and Chinese.

There are also extra Census forms and help cards with directions in 51 different languages about how to fill out the Census questionnaire. The help cards are available at each of the Questionnaire Assistance Centers and also at the Be Counted Center at Village Hall during regular business hours. ∞

Know Your Neighbor Week: May 16 to 23, 2010

During the week of May 16 through May 23, 2010, the Village of Skokie launches *Know Your Neighbor Week* during which residents are encouraged to host a neighborhood coffee to get to know one another and to celebrate each others similarities and differences. The *Know Your Neighbor Week* program is funded by The Chicago Community Trust Immigrant Integration Initiative and co-sponsored by the Human Relations Commission.

By hosting a *Know Your Neighbor Week* coffee, which is an informal gathering of neighbors and friends, the host assists in building a strong, caring community. The Village will supply all registered hosts with a coffee kit that includes invitation flyers, name tags, markers, information about Village programs and services, conversation starters/ideas and a certificate for a free coffee cake to serve to their guests. During the 2008 *Know Your*

Neighbor Week, 61 Skokie residents hosted coffees to which more than 2,000 of their neighbors were invited.

For 93 years, The Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with the needs of the community by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. With assets of \$1.8 billion, the Trust made a record-breaking \$114 million in grants in 2007. From strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence, the Trust works to enhance our region.

For more information or to register as a *Know Your Neighbor Week* host and to receive your coffee kit please e-mail info@skokie.org or call 847/933-8257. ∞

Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures

The 20th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, Chicagoland's most entertaining and unique family event, offers education, 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 22 and Sunday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about the Skokie Festival of Cultures, please visit www.skokieculturefest.com.



More 2009 National Citizen Survey

In fall 2009, the Village of Skokie contracted with the National Research Center (NRC), Boulder, Colorado, to conduct a written survey asking Skokie residents to rate life in the community and specific Village programs and services. As first reported in the March 2010 *NewSkokie*, residents report a high level of satisfaction with Village programs and services. The Village also participated in the survey program in 2003 and 2006. A total 1,200 surveys were mailed to randomly selected Skokie single- and multi-family households in October 2009; 450 surveys were returned, for an excellent 39% response rate. The margin of error for the Village's survey is 5%, meaning that any percentage reported in the survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points from the reported number.

All of the standardized questions included in the survey are compared against benchmark data received from approximately 500 other jurisdictions across the country that participate in the National Citizen Survey. Of the 29 services for which comparative data exists, 27 of Skokie's ratings were above national benchmarks, two were similar to national benchmark data and none were below.

The March, 2010 edition of *NewSkokie* contained a partial summary of survey results. Following is more of what residents had to say about Skokie services, and how Skokie compares with other towns:

Transportation/Parking Services

- Ease of walking in Skokie - 77% excellent/good rating; 44th out of 217 comparable jurisdictions
- Ease of bus travel in Skokie - 73% excellent/good rating; 6th out of 154 comparable jurisdictions
- Ease of bicycle travel in Skokie - 68% excellent/good rating; 24th out of 218 comparable jurisdictions
- Traffic flow on major streets - 58% excellent/good rating; 30th out of 161 comparable jurisdictions
- Street cleaning services - 77% excellent/good rating; 23rd out of 249 comparable jurisdictions
- Street lighting - 70% excellent/good rating; 34th out of 261 comparable jurisdictions
- Snow removal - 70% excellent/good rating; 54th out of 224 comparable jurisdictions
- Amount of public parking - 69% excellent/good rating; 8th out of 159 comparable jurisdictions
- Sidewalk maintenance - 67% excellent/good rating; 24th out of 224 comparable jurisdictions
- Street repair - 55% excellent/good rating; 121st out of 351 comparable jurisdictions

Land Use and Zoning

Survey respondents were asked to rate the Village's appearance, speed of population growth and planning/code enforcement services.

- Overall appearance of Skokie - 74% excellent/good rating;

96th out of 265 comparable jurisdictions

- Land use, planning and zoning in the community - 64% excellent/good rating; 20th out of 230 comparable jurisdictions
- Code enforcement efforts - 62% excellent/good rating; 46th out of 283 comparable jurisdictions
- Animal control efforts - 75% excellent/good rating; 64th out of 250 comparable jurisdictions

Environmental Sustainability

The survey asked residents about their recycling habits and also asked them to rate utility services. A total 85% of Skokie residents reported participating in the Village's recycling program at least once in the past year. Utility services received high rankings, as follows:

- Drinking water - 84% excellent/good rating; 15th out of 230 comparable jurisdictions
- Garbage collection - 90% excellent/good rating; 16th out of 290 comparable jurisdictions
- Recycling - 87% excellent/good rating; 21st out of 255 comparable jurisdictions
- Electric service - 84% excellent/good rating; 6th out of 50 comparable jurisdictions
- Sewer services - 71% excellent/good rating; 122nd out of 232 comparable jurisdictions
- Storm drainage - 51% excellent/good rating; 170th out of 276 comparable jurisdictions

The Village's \$80 million storm water management program

will continue to be reviewed and updated as necessary. This service category dropped from a 63% excellent/good rating in 2006 to a 51% similar rating in 2009. A number of factors likely contributed to this decline, including the major rain events in August 2007 and September 2008. Also, residents who are newer to the community might not understand the Village's storm water management system, and might not realize that the intentional ponding of water on Village streets during a rain event allows restricted flow into the sewer system. For a detailed explanation of the Village's storm water management program see www.skokie.org.

Recreation

A total 80% of respondents rated recreational opportunities in the community as excellent/good. Some 90% of those surveyed indicated that they had visited a neighborhood or community park at least once in the past six months.

Culture, Arts and Education

The survey asked residents to rate the quality of opportunities to participate in cultural activities. A total 81% of those surveyed gave excellent/good ratings for opportunities to attend cultural activities in the community, with a rank of 15th out of 232 comparable jurisdictions. A total of 83% of respondents reported using the Skokie Public Library or its services at least once in the past year, with a rank of 17th out of 159 comparable jurisdictions.

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The 4th of July Parade Committee of Skokie, Illinois

2010 Parade Application

Sunday, July 4, 2010 at 12 p.m. Assembles at Oakton Community College parking lot, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue. **No entries will be accepted after May 21, 2010; no exceptions.**

Name of Group: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Type of unit: (circle all that apply)

Float or Display Vehicle Marching Unit

Category most appropriate for entry (circle all that apply)

(*\$50.00 fee for each commercial vehicle.)

Local	Organization	Neighborhood	Antique	Commercial
Business		Group	Auto	Vehicle*

Enclosed is our donation for \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to the 4th of July Parade Committee)

Number of Adults: _____ **Number of Children under 6 years old:**

Want to be (circle one): Away from music Near music

Due to insurance regulations, no one is permitted to throw items from moving vehicles. All handouts must be passed along the curb only. This will be strictly enforced. We cannot guarantee specific parade positions. All applications must be approved by the Parade Committee. Letter of Acceptance will be sent upon approval.

Return all applications to:

Fern Katz, Chairperson, 4th of July Committee
P.O. Box 702 Skokie, IL 60077
Phone: 847/674-8602 • Fax: 847/674-1340

Downtown Skokie Spotlight:

April 2010 Update

The Village recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Downtown Skokie design services. The initiative will be funded by the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District that was established by the Village Board many years ago to provide resources for improvements in the Downtown area. The RFQ seeks a qualified firm to design the following:

- Landscaping, lighting, signage, way finding (signs showing which way to turn to access the Library, for example), sidewalks, plazas and streetscape (decorative pavers, light posts, etc.);
- Locations for Downtown entry signs, sculptures and wall graphics;
- Locations for improvements to pedestrian paths on public and private property;
- Possible improvements to rear and side entry locations at Downtown buildings;
- Municipal parking lot improvements;
- Directional and identification signage plan;
- Corner and bump-out streetscape enhancements (bump-outs are extended sections of sidewalk near some Downtown intersections and parking areas);
- Street furniture (benches, etc.); and
- Site landscaping projects

The Village has received responses from more than 20 firms. The submittals are being reviewed by a Village staff committee and those firms deemed most qualified will be invited to submit detailed design, timeline and cost proposals. Work on the project is expected to begin this year. For updates, visit the Village's Downtown Skokie web page at www.skokiedowntown.org. ∞

2009 Property Owner Awards

The Beautification and Improvement Commission Annual Property Owner Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 19, 2010 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following residents and businesses will receive Certificates of Appreciation from the Commission for maintaining their property in an exceptional manner during 2009:



Sheldon and Michele Abrams, 9131 Dr. Korczak Terrace	Eduardo and Rosa Diaz, 7823 East Prairie	Steven and Elizabeth MacGeachy, 9411 Drake	Helen Stein and Rich Ziko, 5031 Golf
Judy and Brian Brenner, 4331 Enfield	Babken and Seda Dilanjian, 4220 Oakton	Salvador and Leticia Mansera, 8327 Kedvale	Mr. and Mrs. Stellatos, 6835 Lorel
Efren and Adora Briones, 5201 Conrad	Fredrick Ehmke, 5229 Madison	John and Reny Matthew, 8049 Kolmar	Cati and Ted Tiriteu, 4200 En- field
Dorin and Agnes Candea, 5254 Farwell	Jerry Feinstein, 8149 Kenton	Rose and James Monahan, 3943 Fargo	Janet and Randy Trettin, 7750 Long
Antonio and Gloria Clemente, 9339 Latrobe	First Bank and Trust of Skokie, 8047 Skokie Boulevard	Scott and Susan Richter, 4211 Lee	Gerarro and Melanie Vill- abonda, 8110 Keeler
Zenia and Jeffrey Cohen, 3934 Crain	Mark Penning and Katie Hol- lenberg, 8019 Lowell	Larry and Ming Riordan, 8349 Trumbull	Westfield Old Orchard Shop- ping Center, 34 Old Orchard Shopping Center
Carol and Thomas Dammrich, 7915 Lorel	Ron and Julie Ipjian, 9442 Hamlin	Paulina and George Sarafolean, 7734 Kildare	Mr. and Mrs. Pete Zarras, 4140 Oakton
Pons and Dorothy Derequito, 4151 Emerson	Cornelia Isfan, 4917 Dobson	Mary Jo and Greg Stegeman, 7840 Kolmar	Milton and Michelle Zimmer- man, 4036 Emerson ∞
	Stefania Kozenko, 4500 Kirk		
	Nanette and Noel Lagatao, 8401 Kostner		

Community Development Block Grant Program

The Village of Skokie recently conducted three public hearings to determine its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Village receives CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development each year to use for a variety of capital improvements, housing rehabilitation and social services that principally benefit low- and moderate-income Skokie residents.

An open, competitive application process is conducted by the Village annually to determine the most worthy funding requests. Administration expenses are also paid from the grant, but are capped at 20% of the annual entitlement. General support to social services is also limited to 15% of the new grant plus any program income that has been generated throughout the year. The CDBG program is designed to mostly fund capital improvements and rehabilitation activities.

The estimated grant for 2010-2011 is \$500,000. The Village will also re-program \$50,802 of grant funds that have not been spent from previously completed projects for a total 2010-2011 budget of \$550,802. CDBG proposals from both Village staff and outside agencies totaled \$722,693, necessitating a \$171,891 reduction through the public hearing process.

Following are the approved activities, funding allocations and descriptions of each project:

Program Administration and Planning - \$98,137

Funding to administer the Village's CDBG Program, implement and monitor all projects, submit all required documentation to HUD, and coordinate all planning activities relative to the Village's community development efforts.

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Thank You from the Village of Skokie

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, Village Clerk Marlene Williams and the Board of Trustees wish to thank the following individuals and organizations for assisting with the Village of Skokie's recent large-scale H1N1 influenza vaccination campaign. It would not have been possible to administer and distribute vaccine to 40,000 individuals, including Skokie school children, numerous Skokie residents and people from 192 other Illinois municipalities without your help.

Appearance Commission

Tom DaMario
Mike Lynk

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Sherwin Ditlove
Janet Enwia
Edward Potash
Mitchell Sandler

Board of Fire and Police Commission

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Local Media

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Mike Isaacs, Pioneer Press
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Wolf
Chana Goldstein, RN Liaison
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Director Ronna Cooper
Devonshire Park Preschool
Director Heidi Luksa

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Devonshire School
Leslie Gordon, Principal,
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Susan O'Neil, Principal,
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Center Director Jac McBride
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Dist. # 69

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Edison School
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Jason Ness, Assistant Principal
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Dist. #65

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Walker School
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Bessi Rhodes Magnet
School

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Fairview South

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Mencahem Linzer

Chana Goldstein

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Montessori School of Skokie
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Solomon Schechter Day
School Principal Sheryl
Katzman

Solomon Schechter Day
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Irene Sufrin

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Gail Hulse

St. Paul Lutheran Academy
Preschool Principal Dale
Luksha

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Claudette Roberts, RN

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Principal Joan McCain

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Director Joanna Varda

Tiny Tot Preschool Director
Bonnie Shanahan

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Rivka Schack

Mitchell Schack

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Kathy Hill
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Rehab
FACIC
Lincolnwood Fire Department
Morton Grove Emergency
Management Agency
Morton Grove Fire
Department
Niles Fire Department
Oakton Community College
School of Nursing
Skokie Board of Health
Skokie Citizens Fire Academy
Skokie Department of
Public Works
Skokie Fire Department
Skokie Meadows Nursing
Center
Skokie Park District
Skokie Police Department
Superior Ambulance
Swedish Covenant Hospital
U.S. Army Evanston
Recruiting Station
Virgos Home Health

*The Village regrets any errors
or omissions.* 🌸



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:
April 6, 19

Plan Commission:
April 1, 15

Appearance Commission:
April 14

Zoning Board of Appeals:
April 7, 21

Village Board Action

The Village Board heard a presentation by Ann Tennes, Director of Marketing and Communications, about the 2009 National Citizen Survey. To access the report in its entirety, please visit www.skokie.org.



The Village Board approved a resolution accepting a \$100,000 grant from the Regional Transportation Authority to develop a land use, parking and circulation plan for the West Dempster Street area. The study is planned to be completed by spring 2011.

The Village Board approved a 5% utility tax, recommended by the Village Manager, to enable the Village to meet increased employee pension obligations due largely to benefit increases mandated by the State of Illinois General Assembly and to sustain Village operations despite dramatically reduced revenue receipts from most tax sources. The utility tax goes into effect May 1, 2010. More information can be found at www.skokie.org. Additionally, detailed information on the state of the Village's finances and the utility tax will be included in the May *NewSkokie*.

The Board approved a contract with the Emergency Communications Network to upgrade Skokie's Community Messaging System, commonly known as Reverse 9-1-1, to the CodeRED system. The old system was proven to be too obsolete to be used effectively during the fall 2009 H1N1 notification to all Skokie households.

The Board approved the purchase of a new Risk Management software to manage the Village's liability, to manage workers' compensation claims and to track Village loss trends. The current risk management software is over 14 years old, is beyond its technical useful life and is no longer supported by the vendor. ∞

Village Commissioners Honored

On March 8, 2010 Village Commissioners were honored for their many years of volunteer service and dedication to the Village of Skokie. Mayor George Van Dusen presented the Village of Skokie Lifetime Achievement Award to Human Relations Commissioner Al Nathan for his many years of dedicated volunteer service to the Village. The following list highlights other Commissioners who were recognized and their years of service:

Appearance Commission

Debra Yampol, 10 years
Sharon Abelman, 10 years

Beautification and Improvement Commission

Joan Kelly, 15 years
Igor Gerenrot, 5 years
Dalya Horowitz, 5 years

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Michael H. Rotman, 10 years

Board of Health

Melvin Nudelman, 25 years
M. Zia Usman, 20 years
Zia M. Quraishi, 15 years
Mike Shah, 5 years

Commission on Family Services

Kirk Erickson, 5 years
Mark Collins, 5 years
Jay N. Goldman, 5 years

Consumer Affairs Commission

Sheila Gross, 30 years
Babu Varma, 10 years

Fine Arts Commission

Andrea Siegel, 25 years
Barbara L. Ruber, 15 years
Randie Von Samek, 10 years
Lynn Svoboda, 10 years
Karyn Israel, 5 years

Human Relations Commission

Victor Dye, 15 years
Marjorie Howard, 5 years
Kirit Madhiwala, 5 years

Plan Commission

James G. McCarthy, 10 years

Traffic Safety Commission

Roy Swenson, 5 years
Chuck Kohn, 5 years

Zoning Board of Appeals

Syed Najiullah, 10 years ∞

April 2010

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.

Recycling Collection

To find out which days your recycling is collected please visit www.skokie.org.

Yard Waste Collection

Collection begins April 14, 2010. For more information please see the front page or 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.

****Denotes 50% off fee during Public Health Week. Please see page 13 for details.**

Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 14 from 2-7:30 p.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:45 p.m., Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, April 7 and 21 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

*Body Composition Analysis

Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m., Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays, April 7 and 21 from 5-8 p.m. \$6 Fee**

Cholesterol Screening Programs:

Simple Cholesterol Screening (Total Cholesterol Reading Only)

Mondays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, April 7 and 21 from 5-8 p.m. \$6 Fee**

**Lipid Profile Screening (Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio).*

Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays, April 7 and 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$15 Fee**

***Diabetes Screening**
Tuesday, April 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 Fee

***Hearing Screening**
Friday, April 16 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

*Immunization Clinics

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, April 7 and 21, from 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays April 14 and 28 from 1:30-4 p.m. \$5/person Clinic Fee

***Lead Screening**
Wednesday, April 7 from 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, April 7 and 21 from 5-7 p.m. \$25 Fee

*Nicotine Addiction Seminar

Wednesday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m.

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

***Well Child Clinic**
Tuesday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-4:30 p.m.

Conversational German

Thursdays, April 1 and 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, April 20 and 27 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, April 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, April 8 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Illinois Cares RX and RX Plus

Please call for an appointment.

Low Vision Support Group

Thursday, April 8 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Monday Group

See page 12 for details. Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/Senior Health Insurance Program

Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.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 12 p.m.

News and Views Discussion

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, April 5 from 9:15 a.m.-12 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.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, April 7, 21 at 1:30 p.m.

U.S. Citizenship Class

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

Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, April 14 (current events discussion) and 28 (safety and scam alerts) from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Woodcarving

Fee required. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Irv Marion

CPR Schedule

Tuesday, April 20. Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for more information. **Residents:** \$15 refundable fee. **Non-residents:** \$20 non-refundable fee.

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North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

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

A Life

By Hugh Leonard. Directed by BJ Jones; featuring John Mahoney. *Northlight Theatre* Playing through April 25. Call for showtimes.

Centre East presents
The Wit and Wisdom of Dave Barry

Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m.

An evening of Sacred Song and Kirtan with Krishna Das and Deva Premal & Miten with Manose

Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Centre East presents
A Night in the Catskills

Double bill featuring Broadway Star Mike Burstyn and Comedian Mal Z. Lawrence
Centre East
Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra presents Paris in the Spring

Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m.

Secretary of State

Monday, April 12, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Secretary of State will be at the Smith Center, 5120 Galitz Street, to renew driver's licenses for those under age 75 with a clean driving record. There is a \$30 license renewal fee for non-seniors.

Skokie Park District

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

Pool Passes on sale April 1, 2010

Skokie Park District pool passes go on sale April 1. Not only do these passes offer Skokie residents a big discount, but by purchasing your pass before April 30 you receive a free Buddy Pass good for five visits to either one of our two award-winning facilities! *Skokie Water Playground, 4700 Oakton Street, Skokie. Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4400 Greenwood Street, Skokie*

Golf season is here

April 1, 2010 marks the official opening of the 2010 Skokie Park District golf season, with both the Sports Park Golf Range and Weber Park Golf Course open daily, weather permitting. *Skokie Sports Park, 3459 Oakton Street, Skokie. Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.*

Breakfast with the Bunny & EGG-stravaganza

Enjoy breakfast with our furry friend followed by our annual egg hunt! Saturday, April 3 from 9-11 a.m. *Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.*

Nature's Palette Art Show at Emily Oaks Nature Center

View paintings and sketches depicting natural scenery found in northeastern Illinois during regular Nature Center hours, through April 25. *Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.*

Aladdin, Jr.

Check out the Devonshire Children's Playhouse version of the Disney classic! April 24 to May 2. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for times and tickets. *Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie*

Earth Day Celebration

Visit the Emily Oaks Nature Center for earth-friendly food, entertainment, music and a native plant sale. The theme for the day is "The Quest to Overcome," featuring medieval games to test your environmental worthiness! Sunday, April 25, 12-4 p.m. *Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie*

Play in the National Whiffleball Championship

Gather five players today and enter the National Whiffleball Championship, Skokie's 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 age 10+ welcome.) Call

847/929-7171 to enter or download forms at www.SkokieParkDistrict.org. June 26, all day. *Channelside Park, 3100 Main Street, Skokie*

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 St., Skokie; Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.*

Skokie Public Library

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

Should You go into Business for Yourself?

Saturday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back

Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert

Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m.

You Can't Google This

Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Chicago's Movers and Shakers

Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
Saturday, April 17 at 4 p.m.

Inside Chicago Dance

Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m.

Job Hunting on the Web

Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Get Back on Track: Developing Your Financial Recovery Plan

Tuesday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Through the Eyes of Hubble

Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m.

Duo Figer-Khanina (violin and piano)

Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m.

Author Visit: Ann Martin (The Baby-sitters Club)

Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Skokie Art Guild Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair

July 10-11, 2010. Prizes and awards. \$150 booth fee. 75 exhibitors. Held outdoors on the beautiful Village Green in Downtown Skokie, 5211 Oakton Street. Apply now, 847/677-8163 or email skokieart@aol.com.



2009 National Citizen Survey

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Health and Wellness

Some 81% of those surveyed gave the Skokie Health Department services an excellent/good rating. This rating gives the Skokie Health Department a ranking of 3rd out of 153 comparable jurisdictions.

Policy Questions

The Village developed a number of very specific policy questions for the survey. Many aspects of the questions focused on economic development, and one question asked residents specifically about their support for a property tax increase to fund various initiatives. A summary of responses to the Village's three policy questions follows.

Policy Question 1 – Please rate the importance of the following community issues or initiatives for the Village of Skokie:

Note: The percentage shown in all categories is the aggregate of the essential, very important and important ratings given by those surveyed.

- Redevelop West Dempster Street from the Edens to Skokie Boulevard, 77%
- Downtown Skokie redevelopment, 79%
- Domestic violence, 89%
- Elderly care service, 91%
- At-risk youth, 94%
- Traffic/transportation, 92%
- Extend Skokie Swift service to the Old Orchard area, 59%

Policy Question 2 – The Village's property taxes have not increased since 1990. To what extent would you support or oppose a property tax increase for the following programs or initiatives?

Note: The percentage shown in all categories is the aggregate of the strongly support and somewhat support ratings given by those surveyed.

- Revitalize Downtown Skokie – 58%
- Revitalize West Dempster Street – 56%
- Continue twice-weekly garbage collection – 78%
- Continue sidewalk snow plowing – 78%
- Install sidewalks in areas without sidewalks – 67%
- Resume collecting grass clippings during summer months - 60%

∞ SmithCenterNews ∞ Senior Activities

Monday Senior Group

All programs take place at the Smith Activities Center located at 5120 Galitz Street. Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information on Monday Senior Group programs please call 847/933-8208.

April 5: Table Games

Bring your friends and treats to share and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your favorite table games.

April 26: Silver Singers

Sing-a-long while Miriam Strauss plays her musical tunes on the piano. Tune up your vocal chords and join the group!

- Pensions of public safety and municipal personnel as required by the Illinois legislature – 62%
- 'Green' or other environmentally friendly equipment and programs (electric lawn mower rebates, hybrid vehicles for village fleet, etc.) – 69%

Policy Question 3 - Please rate how important each of the following is for Downtown Skokie:

Note: The percentage shown in all categories is the aggregate of the essential, very important and important ratings given by those surveyed.

- Increased surface parking – 61%
- Tourist destination for people outside Skokie – 60%
- Variety of housing options – 60%
- National retail stores – 66%
- Unique retail stores and restaurants – 82%
- Parking garage – 53%
- Streetscape enhancements (landscaping, lighting, etc.) – 70%
- Directional signage – 68%

The entire 2009 Village of Skokie National Citizen Survey survey results are posted on the Village web site at www.skokie.org. ∞

∞ HealthNotes ∞

National Public Health Week

The country is celebrating National Public Health Week from April 5 to 11, 2010. In conjunction with this observance, the Skokie Health Department is offering routine screenings for cholesterol, lipid profile and body composition analysis at 50% off the normal fees.

Cholesterol screening is being offered for \$3, lipid profile test for \$7.50 and body composition analysis for \$3. Clinic dates are:

Cholesterol screening (walk-in): Monday, April 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday, April 8 from 1-4 p.m.

Lipid profile (by appointment only, *note - you must fast for 12 hours prior to the test*): Monday, April 5 from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday, April 8 from 1-4 p.m.

Body composition (by appointment only): Monday, April 5 from 2-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Blood Donors Needed

Blood donations in the Village of Skokie are at a ten year low, with just 323 pints donated from May to December, 2009. This is a 43% decrease from the same time period during 2008, and creates the potential for a regional shortage of blood.

The next community blood drive will be held on Wednesday, April 14th from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. The goal for this drive is to collect at least 100 donations, and it can only be met with your help. Please consider donating blood to save a life.

You are eligible to donate if you are 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are healthy. The Health Department especially encourages people with O-type blood to donate, as they are “universal donors” whose blood can be used with any other blood type. Each pint of blood donated can help up to three people, and you can donate once every 56 days. If you donate the maximum of six times a year, up to 18 people can benefit.

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



Merchant of the Year

Which store, service or business in Skokie is outstanding? The Consumer Affairs Commission recognizes 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 May 3, 2010.

Name of Business _____

Address of Business _____

Your Comments _____

Your Name _____

Your Signature _____

Your Address _____

- All ballots must be signed. One vote per person please.
- Merchant must be located in Skokie.
- Any Skokie business providing goods or services for at least one year is eligible.
- Merchant of the Year winners from the previous three years are not eligible.
- Photocopying of the ballot is acceptable. Additional ballots also are available at www.skokie.org.
- Ballots must be received by May 3, 2010.

Return ballots to:

Consumer Affairs Commission
 Village of Skokie
 5127 Oakton Street
 Skokie, Illinois 60077

Community Development Block Grant Program

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Home Improvements Program - \$125,000

Funding to continue the Village's program of repairing single-family homes owned and occupied by low/moderate-income residents. The program generally serves about 15 to 25 households per year. To learn more, please visit the Economic Development page at www.skokie.org.

Street Resurfacing - \$150,000

Funding to resurface Louise Avenue from Babb to Lacrosse and an alley east of Lamon Avenue between Kirk and Hull Street.

Sidewalk Grant Program - \$2,000

This program provides grants to homeowners meeting low/moderate-income eligibility who are required to participate in the Village's mandatory 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Low/moderate-income property owners are able to apply on an individual basis for CDBG funds to cover their 50% share.

Social Worker - \$33,000

Funding for a part-time Village social worker position in the Human Service Division who will provide case management, counseling and referral services to low/moderate-income Skokie residents.

CJE SeniorLife - \$10,000

Funding will be used to replace eight rooftop exhaust fans and motors which will improve air circulation and ventilation in the resident bathrooms throughout

the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road.

SHORE Community Services - \$12,000

Funding will help to replace two furnaces and two air conditioners at the Regenstein Administration Center, 4232 Dempster Street.

Search Development Center - \$18,000

Funding will allow Search to improve the accessibility of two bathrooms in a group home located at 4505 Concord Lane.

Niles Township Food Pantry - \$15,000

The funding will allow the food pantry to make needed improvements to the Annex Building at 5255 Main Street. Specifically, the Township will expand doors to better accommodate the delivery of large pallets of food and, if possible, install automatic doors for clients.

Housing Opportunity Development Corp. - \$12,000

Funding will be used for security and life safety updates at the two apartment buildings owned by the agency at 4831 and 4845 Conrad Street.

Turning Point - \$6,665

Funding will assist Turning Point with various building repairs including masonry repair, tuckpointing, roof repairs, re-building a chimney and con-

struction of a new doorway for an office at 8324 Skokie Boulevard.

Orchard Village - \$15,000

Funding will enable the remodeling of a bathroom and kitchen at a group home located at 8124 Lowell Avenue.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago - \$12,000

Funding will assist in the replacement of two obsolete and inefficient rooftop heating, ventilation and cooling units at the Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road.

Access to Care - \$10,000

Funding will allow the enrollment of 12 Skokie residents in the Access to Care Program, sponsored by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council, providing low-cost medical service to uninsured low-income people.

Children's Advocacy Center - \$2,000

Funding will offset the costs of a Child and Family Advocate/Counselor position in the Child Abuse Service program.

Center for Enriched Living - \$4,000

Funding will support scholarships for Skokie residents to enroll in programs that help people with developmental disabilities improve interpersonal and basic living skills to function more independently.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation - \$3,000

Funding for scholarships to enable low-income families or adults with developmental disabilities participate in special recreational, social and exercise programs.

PEER Services Inc. - \$6,000

Funding will be used to offset the costs of a part-time outreach counselor providing substance abuse treatment to Skokie residents.

North Shore Senior Center - \$9,000

Funding will help provide long-term case management and counseling services to Skokie's homebound, low-income elderly and their families.

The Harbour, Inc. - \$5,000

Funding will offset the costs associated with staff functions of the Harbour's Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Programs for homeless and neglected girls.

Urhai Community Service Center - \$3,000

Funding will extend the hours of a bilingual Community Case Worker for services to refugees and immigrants including counseling, case management, advocacy and referrals.

For further information about the program and services listed here, as well as a complete description of each grant, please contact Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson at 847/933-8446. ∞

Skokie Crime down Overall in 2009

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A total of five crime categories showed increases between 2008 and 2009. There were no homicides in 2008 and two in 2009. Robberies increased by 41%, from 41 incidents in 2008 and 58 in 2009. Theft increased by 3%, sex crimes increased by 7% and narcotics incidents increased by 32%. The increase in narcotics incidents is due to an ongoing focus on youth activities in and around parks and an ever-growing awareness throughout the community of drugs and drug-related activities.

When examining 2009 crime data, the Police Department discovered some interesting trends. For example, in 2006, burglaries to businesses and other non-residential structures accounted for 31% of all burglaries, but represented only 19% of the total in 2009. Burglaries to garages and sheds also decreased in 2009. Of note, though, was a rise in burglaries to residences, which accounted for 50% of all burglaries in 2009. Over the past few months, the Police Department has arrested several residential burglary suspects that resulted in solving several burglary incidents. Residential burglary investigations are ongoing and may lead to additional arrests.

The statistics also show seasonal trends for crime. Burglaries generally peak with the onset of good weather during April, and rise again during the summer months. The spring and mid-summer increases co-

incide directly with the increased likelihood of leaving doors, windows, garages and sheds open during nice weather. Another factor in spring and summer are the number of homes left vacant during lengthy family vacations.

The Police Department's final 2009 crime analysis will soon be posted on the Village web site, www.skokie.org.

How to prevent crime at your residence and in your neighborhood

The Skokie Police Department provides citizens with the tools and services necessary to help keep their homes and neighborhoods safe. The best defense against criminal activity is a combined effort between citizens and the Police Department.

The Skokie Police Department offers the following programs:

- **Security surveys** – a Skokie Police Officer will visit your residence and advise you on potential burglary entry points and targets.
- **Away from home checks** – notify the Police Department when you will be on vacation or away for an extended period of time. While on patrol, an officer will check the perimeter of your home for any possible criminal activity.
- **Neighborhood Watch Block** – this includes direct contact between the police and resi-

dents of a block, along with a better understanding of how citizens can help reduce crime by looking for key indicators.

- **Crime alerts** – providing detailed information about criminal activity and related suspect information in your neighborhood.
- **Hazard cards** – while on patrol, officers will notify citizens of potential crime hazards specific to their residence. For example, an officer might leave a card regarding unlocked car doors, or a garage door left open. The officer will leave the card and Crime Prevention officers often follow up with the homeowner.

How can citizens obtain information about criminal activity and find out about the many programs offered by the Skokie Police Department?

- **Neighborhood Watch newsletter** – these are sent to residents who belong to a Neighborhood Watch Block group. If there is no group in your neighborhood, consider starting one. The newsletters are also available at Village Hall, the Skokie Public Library, Devonshire Center, Oakton Park or Emily Oaks Nature Center.
- **Local media** – police reports and crime alerts are available to the media for reporting purposes. All major and local newspapers, radio and television outlets have access to

these reports. The Skokie Police Department does not determine what will be reported by media outlets.

- **Block Watch reports** – annual reports of all criminal and service call activity (as described in the first section of this article) are provided to each Neighborhood Watch Block group captain; they are encouraged to share the report with their neighbors. The report is also posted on the Village web site, www.skokie.org.
- **Senior Groups** – the TRIad group meets quarterly to discuss criminal activity affecting senior citizens. The group is open to any senior age 60 or older. For more information on TRIad, contact Officer Tammy Jacobsen at 847/982-5922.

The Police Department is currently evaluating several means of distributing information to the community electronically. Any such programs will be announced in a future edition of *NewSkokie* and featured on the Village web site, www.skokie.org.

The Skokie Police Department welcomes all information and suggestions from Skokie residents. Together, we can maintain a safe community. To contact the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit, call 847/982-5919 or visit www.skokie.org. ∞



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Arbor Day 2010

Remember April 30 is Arbor Day! Designated as a Tree City for over 23 years, this day has special meaning for Skokie. Each year on Arbor Day the Village and the Skokie Park District co-sponsor a tree planting ceremony. This year's ceremony is April 30 at 10 a.m. at McNally Park (Central Park Avenue and Madison Street) and will be hosted by the Village of Skokie and Skokie Park District.

For more information please contact the Village Forester at 847/933-8427, or visit www.skokie.org.



Feedback

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