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 Skokie Backlot Bash  
 Friday, August 26, 2011, 6 to 10 p.m.  
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 Sunday, August 28, 2011, noon to 8 p.m.  
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# NewSkokie



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## New Police Headquarters Earns Gold LEED Certification

The new Skokie Police Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road, has earned LEED certification to the Gold level as established by the U.S Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. The Gold LEED certification was earned as a result of the project's energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. The 80,000-square-foot facility opened in October 2010 and was strategically designed for optimum use and efficiency.

LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. By using less energy and water, LEED-certified buildings promote energy sav-

ings and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, building employees and the entire community.

"The community can be very proud of the new Skokie Police Headquarters achieving Gold LEED certification," commented Mayor George Van Dusen. "The construction and design of the new building required extensive analysis, planning and effort and will serve the Police Department and Skokie residents for years to come. The building's Gold LEED certification is a credit to the Village's commitment to sustainable environmental practices. Special thanks to Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli, recently retired Skokie Police Chief Barry Silverberg, Police Deputy Chief Michael Pechter and Assistant to the Police Chief Dane Smith for their



hard work overseeing the new station construction and for their efforts to secure the building's Gold LEED certification."

LEED certification of Gold was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impacted the Police Headquarters project and the greater community. These features include:

- Water efficient landscaping
- Water use reduction
- Use of recycled content and regionally sourced materials

- Heat island effect mitigation for both roof and non-roof areas
- Use of low-emitting paints, coatings, carpet systems, composite wood and more
- Maximization of open space
- Optimized energy performance

For more information on these and other factors that contributed to the new Skokie Police Headquarter's Gold LEED certification, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Crawford Avenue Improvements

### Village Instrumental in Securing Cook County Commitment

In response to ongoing requests from the Village of Skokie, Cook County has agreed to repave sections of Crawford Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Golf Road. According to a letter Mayor George Van Dusen received from the Cook County Superintendent of Highways in early May, the roadway improvements will begin in September 2011 and are expected to be completed in November 2011. At present, Cook County plans to re-pave the outside lanes (curb lanes) of Crawford Avenue on each side at a cost of \$1 million. Crawford Avenue is under Cook County jurisdiction, and the Cook County Highway Department is responsible for all repairs, paving and snow removal.

"The Village of Skokie looks forward to better driving conditions on Crawford Avenue to benefit both Skokie residents and the motoring public from surrounding communities. I commend Cook County for agreeing to begin this much-needed repair work and hope they will continue to devote resources to problem roadway areas in Skokie that are under County jurisdiction," commented Mayor Van Dusen. The Village of Skokie continues communication with the Cook County to encourage additional repairs this fall.

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## Fifth Annual Downtown Skokie Backlot Bash



The Village of Skokie, together with the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and the Skokie Park District will co-present the Backlot Bash on Friday, August 26 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, August 27 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, August 28, from noon to 8 p.m. Oakton Street will be closed from Laramie Avenue to Lincoln Avenue beginning Friday, August 26 at 10 a.m., through Monday, August 29 at 2 a.m.

The Backlot Bash will have activities for all ages to enjoy, including live music, carnival rides, a classic auto show, a business expo, a 5k run on Saturday, bingo and an outdoor sidewalk sale. Food and beverage vendors will be available throughout the event including a separate beer tent. Family story times and games will

be held at the Skokie Public Library and silent films will be shown at the historic Skokie Theater throughout the weekend. The Skokie Valley Rotary Club will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday morning from 8 to 11 a.m.

The event will be held in a closed off, two-block portion of Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie Avenues adjacent to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. In addition, parking lots within two blocks of the Backlot Bash will be closed in order to host event attractions.

### Outdoor Sales: August 26-28, 2011

Skokie businesses will host an outdoor sale August 26 through 28, 2011 and can display and sell their products on the sidewalk in front of their storefronts as part of the Backlot Bash. The outdoor sales event is Village-wide. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community.

*For more information, please visit the Village of Skokie at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce at [www.skokiechamber.org](http://www.skokiechamber.org).*



### Available Parking

#### Handicapped Parking

5200 Oakton Street  
Enter through the alley from either Lockwood or Laramie Avenues, north of Oakton Street. Handicapped parking is also located in all general parking lots not closed by the event.

#### Oakton Community College

7701 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie  
Mulford Avenue Parking Lot

#### Illinois Science + Technology Park

Parking Garage - 4835 Searle Parkway

#### Chase Bank

Parking deck located at 8001 Lincoln Avenue and parking lot located on Greenwood Street north of Village parking lot

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Academy

5201 Galitz Street

#### Lincoln Jr. High School

Parking lots located at 7839 Lincoln Avenue and Mulford Street

#### Bicycle Parking

Parking for bikes is available throughout the Backlot grounds including at the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall

### The Backlot Bash Musical Main Stage Schedule:

#### Friday

6:30 p.m. – Skokie Battle of the Bands Winner  
8 p.m. – Tributosaurus becomes The Who

#### Saturday

Noon – Bluegrass & Old Time Fiddle Contest  
1:30 p.m. - Uptown Sound (acappella)  
3 p.m. – Dr. K. and The Volunteers



4:30 p.m. – The Statutes of Liberty  
6:30 p.m. – Smoking Popes  
8:30 p.m. – Fastball

#### Sunday

Noon – South Boulevard  
2 p.m. – The Congregation  
4 p.m. – The Matthew Skoller Band  
6 p.m. – Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials

Village Hall office hours remain the same on Friday, August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact the Backlot Bash hotline at 847/674-1500 extension 2274 or visit [www.backlotbash.com](http://www.backlotbash.com).

## Spotlight on the Commission on Family Services

The Commission on Family Services provides a forum for focus on a wide range of issues concerning Skokie's most vulnerable citizens.

The mission of the Commission on Family Services is to facilitate improvement in the quality of life for Skokie's most vulnerable persons regardless of age, physical well-being or socio-economic status through public information, education and advocacy.

The Skokie Commission on Family Services is composed of 25 community members who reflect the demographics of Skokie community members, have unique training, interests and backgrounds that are of assistance in the commission's efforts and represent public and private organizations that provide social services to Skokie residents. The Commission on Family Services meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

The commission organizes the Community Garden Initiative to provide fresh produce to the Niles Township Food Pantry. During summer 2010, 2,000 pounds of fresh produce were donated through the generosity of municipal gardeners and farmers at the Skokie Farmers' Market. The Commission on Family Services expects to exceed this amount during summer 2011.



**From left to right:** Richard Reagen, Shajan Jose, Arlene Doppelt, Leona Davis, Ed Reed, Annie Shear, Marla Chorney, Nicole Perry and Beth Lindley.

**Not pictured:** Trustee Michele Bromberg, Trustee Edie Sue Sutker, Carolyn Halliburton, Dr. Kirk Erickson, Romeo Esangga, Julian Levy, Julia Rath, Barbara Neirick, Harold Primack, Rabbi Neil Brief, Mark Collins, Jay Goldman, Gary Gustin, Richard Marcus and Dr. Edward McCarron.

## Who's Who: Arlene Doppelt, Chair of Commission on Family Services

### How many years have you been on the Commission on Family Services?

The Commission on Family Services is a new commission, beginning in August 2010. I served on the Advisory Commission for Disabilities for 15 years.

### How many years have you been Chair of the Commission on Family Services?

One year.

### Why did you seek a volunteer position on the Commission on Family Services?

I had retired from actively working in a hospital and was working with my husband setting up a consulting firm. I had time and I felt that I had skills that I still wanted to use. It was time for me to give back to the community.

### What is your favorite Commission on Family Services activity or program?

I am very proud of our Community Garden Initiative. The commission has a plot in the community garden that is tended by commissioners. All of the produce goes to the Niles Township



Arlene Doppelt, Chair of the Commission on Family Services

Food Pantry. Fresh produce is always needed so that Skokie residents in need have healthy food options.

### How long have you lived in Skokie?

I have lived in Skokie for 54 years. My husband and I have lived in the same house for all that time. We have added on to our home twice because we did not want to move.

### Why did you move to Skokie?

I moved to Skokie for affordable housing, good schools and because Skokie is close to Chicago.

### What is your profession?

I am a retired cardiac care nurse. I started the first suburban hospital-based cardiac rehab program in 1978 at the then Skokie Valley Hospital.

### What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

I have two favorite restaurants in Skokie, The Skokie Club and Hana Asian Bistro. Both have great food, good prices and great service. My favorite business is Main Auto. The owners Uri and Alex provide honest, good service at a reasonable price. They keep our cars in tip top shape. ∞

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



## Volunteers Needed!

### Skokie Home Delivered Meals Drivers Make a Difference

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division offers a Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program for the community's most vulnerable residents. The HDM Program ensures a nutritionally balanced meal Monday through Friday for residents not able to prepare meals for themselves.

This program is possible, in part, through the generous contribution of time by community volunteers. HDM volunteers help their Skokie neighbors remain independent in their own homes by contributing a small amount of time to deliver meals or to help coordinate on-site at Skokie Hospital. Volunteers determine their own level of commitment. A gift of time large or small makes a difference in the lives of those dependent upon the program.

*The Human Services Division is actively recruiting program volunteers. Please join the HDM program by completing an application. The volunteer application can be found online, or you may call the Human Services Division at 837/933-8208 to receive an application by mail or to discuss this volunteer opportunity in more detail.* ∞

## Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday through Sunday, October 30. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique.

*The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Manager, at 847/933-8224 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).* ∞

## Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community

During May and June, 2011, nearly 50 Skokie residents opened their homes for a neighborhood coffee during the *Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community* program. Residents invited neighbors and friends to their homes to meet each other and talk about community issues. Teams from the Village attended each coffee and included an elected official and management-level staff member. The Village provided a host

kit with invitations, name tags and a certificate for a free Kosher coffeecake from Breadsmith or a traditional coffee cake from Sweetie Pies.

During the coffee events, residents expressed their love for and pride in the community. While many neighbors already knew each other, some of the events served as an opportunity for neighbors from many different cultures to come together for the first time. The Oakton Street "Road Diet" pilot was often a topic of discussion (see article in the Downtown Skokie Update insert), and residents also expressed support for continued economic development efforts on West Dempster Street and in Downtown Skokie. At each coffee, surveys/comment forms were offered to residents to log their questions, concerns and compliments.

This year's KYN initiative marks the third time the Village has offered the program to the community, and it will likely be offered again in the next year or so. ∞

## September 11 Remembrance

At the September 6, 2011 Village Board Meeting, the Village Board will pass a resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, the Village of Skokie Fire Department will commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 by dedicating a moment of silence with a bell ceremony beginning at 8:58 a.m. at the flagpole of each of its fire stations. At 8:59 a.m. a "last alarm" bell ceremony will take place followed by a minute of silence at 9:00 a.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Station locations include:

- Fire Station 16: (Headquarters) 7424 Niles Center Road
- Fire Station 17: 8157 Central Park Avenue
- Fire Station 18: 9024 Gross Point Road

*For more information, please contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/933-5320.* ∞





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:**

August 1, 15

September 6\*, 19

\*Tuesday, due to Labor Day

### **Plan Commission:**

August 4, 18

September 1, 15

### **Appearance Commission:**

August 10

September 14

### **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

August 3, 17

September 7, 21



## Village Board Action

The Village Board recently formally approved the FY 2012 Budget. The General Fund for FY 2012 equates to \$49,156,898, a 2.2% increase over the FY 2011 budget. All funds in the budget total \$109,724,588.

The Village Board recently approved a 4.94% increase in the water rate to fund the increase in the cost of water purchased from the City of Evanston and to maintain the aging water infrastructure. Even with this increase, Skokie has the lowest water rate among 15 comparable area communities.

The Village Board recently approved a \$29,605 interior rehab grant for Libertad, a new restaurant in Downtown Skokie located at 7931 Lincoln Avenue. ↻

## New Police Officers Hired

The Village of Skokie recently hired three new police officers. These three new officers bring the total new officers hired in the last year to eight.

Individuals interested in becoming a Skokie Police Officer go through a very rigorous application procedure. In addition to an extensive screening process, applicants must undergo written and physical fitness tests. Successful candidates then complete a series of interviews, psychological exams, a polygraph test and background checks before the final selection is made. After the final job offer is extended, candidates must complete a 12-week police academy, three weeks of internal departmental training and 12 weeks of field training before being placed on the street as a Skokie Police Officer.

Additionally, at the July 18 Village Board Meeting Village Clerk Marlene Williams swore in Alfredo Lopez and Michael Pechter as Deputy Police Chiefs and Michael Krupnik, Terence Shiel and Paul Weinman as Police Commanders. ↻



Pictured from left to right: Jerry Krecisz, Maria Vazquez and Eric McCune.

## Skokie Offers Online Payment Options

The Village has a convenient online payment program for vehicle stickers, water bills, parking tickets and other non-moving violations and 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](http://www.skokie.org). ↻

## What is a Village? What is a Trustee?

From time to time Village officials are asked what the difference is between a city and a village and what role trustees have in Village governance.

According to the Illinois Compiled Statutes a village consists of six trustees elected from the municipality at-large. The legislative body of the village consists of the mayor and six trustees, also called the board of trustees. The main difference between a city council and a board of trustees is that members of a city council are elected by district and members of a village board are elected at-large.

State statute makes no distinction between a village and a city. In villages, the corporate authority is the president (mayor) and the board of trustees who exercise the same powers and perform the same duties as a city council.

In the Village of Skokie specifically, the Board of Trustees, working with the Mayor, serve as the legislative and policy-making body of the Village. All ordinances must be passed by a majority vote of the Board. The Board also is responsible for adopting a Village budget, undertaking an annual audit and approving all legal contracts to which the Village is a party. ∞



Shown above, clockwise: Trustees Michael Lorge, Michele Bromberg, Edie Sue Sutker, Donald Perille, Pramod Shah, Randall Roberts, Mayor George Van Dusen and Clerk Marlene Williams.

## Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens working in cooperation with law enforcement to discourage residential crime. By getting to know one another and by recognizing and report-

ing suspicious and unusual activity to the police, Neighborhood Watch groups build a communications network to protect their neighborhood. There are currently more than 180 Neighborhood Watch groups in Skokie. Starting a

Neighborhood Watch group is easy. First, contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit of the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5919 for help getting a group started.

Talk to your neighbors about getting involved. Chances are

they have probably already heard about Neighborhood Watch.

Arrange a date, time and place for your first meeting. One of the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention Specialists will be on hand to present the Neighborhood Watch program to you and your neighbors. The police officer will discuss crime prevention techniques and what it takes to make a highly effective Neighborhood Watch group.

The neighborhood and the community greatly benefit through participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

*The Skokie Police Department asks that any person interested in the program to please contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919. ∞*

## Are you in Need of Assistance?

### ***The Niles Township Food Pantry Can Help!***

The Niles Township Food Pantry offers food assistance to those in need. In the current difficult economic conditions, with job losses, foreclosures and the sky-rocketing costs of fuel and food it has become increasingly difficult for many people to make ends meet. If you are in need of assistance, the Niles Township Food Pantry can offer relief by providing a variety of different food items such as cereal, pasta, rice, canned vegetables, fruits, soups and sauces, breads, pastries, meats and fresh produce. The Niles Township Food Pantry is dedicated to meeting the needs of the community.

When visiting the pantry you must have a photo I.D. (driver's license, state I.D. or passport) in order to receive services. Don't be concerned if you have recently moved and your I.D. doesn't have your current address listed.

The Niles Township Food Pantry is located at 5255 Main Street, Skokie and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:45 p.m. The food pantry is closed the last two business days of each month and any major holidays.

*If you have any questions please contact Cynthia Carranza at 847/983-0073 or at [nilesfood@ameritech.net](mailto:nilesfood@ameritech.net). ∞*





# Village of Skokie

## *Downtown Skokie Update*

### Skokie Swift Update

Construction of the CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station in Downtown Skokie is well underway. The pedestrian oriented station located at the intersection of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard includes north and south station houses with a platform between. There will be two pedestrian entrances. One from Oakton Street and the second from the Drop Off-Pick Up Lot at the southwest corner of the Skokie Boulevard and Searle Parkway intersection. The station will have customer assistance kiosks and farecard vending machines. Other features include new signage, bicycle parking and connections to bus service.

The North Station House will have a distinct appearance and currently the steel columns and arches are being installed.

Construction on the elevated passenger platform begins soon. Preparation work will include structural steel detailing and foundation back-filling. The electrical and equipment layout and installation also is in process.

At the South Station House, foundation walls are completed and installation of structural steel continues. Modifications are being made to the transmission tower to allow the walkway to connect the station houses. Forming and pouring concrete for the electrical manholes on the east side of the train tracks is in progress.

### What's Next?

The following activities/installations are expected to begin in coming weeks:

- Structural steel column at the South Station House
- Elevated slab for the South Station House platform
- Electrical and communication huts
- Ongoing train signalization

A \$14 million Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant will fund approximately 70% of project costs. The anticipated opening of the station is January 2012 and it will be a welcomed addition to Downtown Skokie. Monthly updates on the progress of station construction can be found on the Village of Skokie website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). Please contact the Village Engineering Division at 847/933-8232 with any questions or comments.



**Structural steel columns and arches at the north station house.**



**The north station house is taking shape.**



**Foundation walls are complete on the south station house.**



**The architect's rendering of the CTA Yellow Line Station in Downtown Skokie.**

# Downtown Skokie Update

## Oakton Street “Road Diet” Frequently Asked Questions

The Village of Skokie is working continuously to develop a more vibrant and sustainable Downtown. The intended result from a “Road Diet” on Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie would be to calm traffic, increase available parking and widen sidewalks to accommodate more pedestrians, outdoor dining and streetscape amenities.

In summer 2010, several public presentations regarding the proposed “Road Diet” were made to the Village Board and, while opinions were largely favorable, the Village Board also heard from those concerned about the proposal. The major concern was that the lane reduction might cause traffic problems, particularly during rush hour periods. As a result of this concern, the Village Board approved a “Road Diet” test from May 9 to June 21, 2011. Village officials will evaluate data from the “Road Diet” test, and also will evaluate projected costs and other factors. The Skokie Village Board will review the options for Oakton Street in coming months. Notice for public meeting(s) on the “Road Diet” will be publicized on the front page of [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

### What is a “Road Diet”?

A “Road Diet” reduces the number of through traffic lanes on a roadway to calm vehicular traffic, improve pedestrian safety and to accommodate streetscape improvements and other outdoor amenities.

### Why is the Village considering a “Road Diet” for Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie?

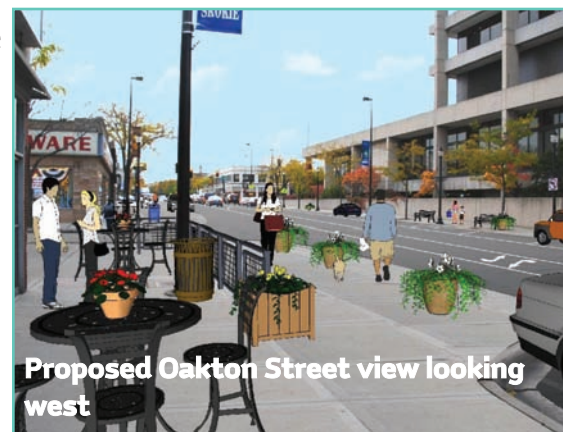
A “Road Diet” for Oakton Street through Downtown Skokie would provide wider sidewalks, calmer traffic, increased pedestrian safety and increased on-street parking. The wider sidewalks would allow for amenities such as outdoor dining, increased landscaping, additional furniture, outdoor sculpture, etc., to create a more attractive, inviting Downtown area. Currently, Oakton Street is the fastest east-west corridor for regional traffic, including trucks, which has limited benefit to Downtown Skokie. Several major developers and a retail marketing consultant have told the Village that a “Road Diet” should be considered to revitalize and attract new businesses to Downtown Skokie.

### Why did the Village conduct a “Road Diet” test?

The Village recognizes that the “Road Diet” stands to have a significant impact on the community, and it would require considerable resources for full imple-



Current view on Oakton Street looking west



Proposed Oakton Street view looking west

mentation. Due to the cost and importance of the proposed project, the Village conducted a six-week test of the Oakton Street “Road Diet” in May and June, 2011. The test included using striping and traffic barrels to narrow Oakton Street to one wider lane in each direction, and one center turn lane from Long to LaCrosse Avenues. An additional 30 on-street parking spaces were added on Oakton

Street. The test was conducted to gauge the resulting traffic patterns on Oakton Street and surrounding streets.

### Where was the extra parking during the “Road Diet” test?

A total of 30 new on-street, parallel parking spaces were added to Oakton Street during the pilot. If fully implemented, the “Road Diet” would result in an estimated 60 new parking spaces in Downtown Skokie.

### Why did it sometimes take so long to get through Downtown Skokie during the “Road Diet” pilot?

During the spring 2011 “Road Diet” pilot, the Skokie Swift operated at an extremely slow pace at the Oakton Street crossing due to construction of the new station just north of the intersection. This created a ‘worst-case scenario’ for travel times. A fully imple-



# Downtown Skokie Update

## Oakton Street Road Diet Frequently Asked Questions

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mented "Road Diet" will include traffic signal synchronization to expedite east-west traffic. Construction of the new Oakton Station will conclude by early 2012.

### What happened to the traffic during the "Road Diet" test?

At press time, the Village was awaiting full traffic study results. Preliminary estimates show that approximately 1,500 cars were diverted from Oakton Street each day. If accurate, this would bring the average traffic on Oakton Street to between 13,800 and 15,600 cars per day. The Village expects detailed information soon on whether those cars used alternate routes on the fringe of Downtown Skokie, such as Main or Howard Streets. The Village also will receive data on how many cars, if any, traveled on nearby local streets to avoid Oakton Street. The project consultants also performed travel time tests at rush hours and other times during the day to determine increased travel times as a result of the "Road Diet" pilot.

### Would the "Road Diet" result in more successful Downtown Skokie businesses?

If fully implemented, the "Road Diet" will provide enough space to create a greater sense of place and livability. For example, most of Oakton Street will have sidewalks that are at least 15 feet wide. This will allow for a comprehensive streetscape program with landscaping, street furniture, outdoor sculptures, outdoor dining and other amenities. Experts in commercial real estate and retail marketing have told the Village that this is essential to attracting quality businesses to Downtown Skokie, and to helping both new businesses and the valued existing businesses enjoy success. A number of other area towns, including Forest Park and Wilmette, have implemented similar programs that have met with very successful results.

### How would the "Road Diet" make Downtown Skokie easier for pedestrians?

During the pilot program the number of cars and trucks traveling Oakton Street was reduced, and remaining traffic was slower, making crossing Oakton Street easier for pedestrians. A fully implemented "Road Diet" will achieve balance between vehicular travel and pedestrians, with wider driving and parking lanes, narrowed pedestrian crosswalks and reduced travel speed. Experts advise that a road diet changes motorists' view of a roadway from a fast-moving thoroughfare to a community street where slower travel is necessary.

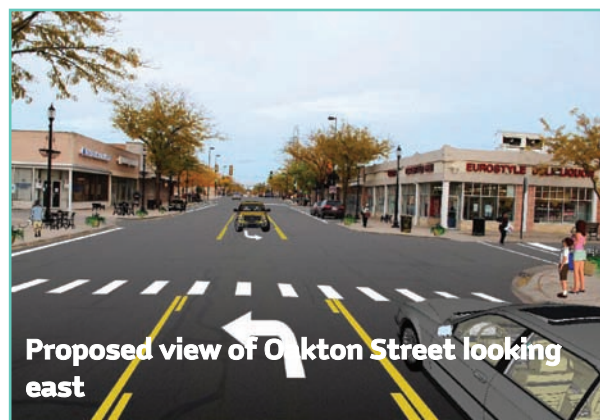
### Who will decide if the "Road Diet" is fully implemented?

It is expected that the Skokie Village Board will review options for Oakton Street during late summer or fall, 2011. Officials will evaluate data from the "Road Diet" pilot, and also will evaluate projected costs, feasibility of receiving a jurisdictional transfer from Cook County and many other factors. Notice for the meeting or meetings will be publicized on the Village of Skokie web site, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

### How would the "Road Diet" be funded?

If approved by the Village Board, the "Road Diet" would be funded mostly from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues and most likely implemented in 2012. As always, the Village of Skokie would seek state and federal grant opportunities to supplement municipal funds. The "Road Diet" pilot was funded through TIF revenues.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Peter Peyer, Community Development Director, at 847/933-8447 or email [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org).



# Downtown Skokie Update

## A Vibrant, Successful Downtown

### A shared community vision - how can it happen?

How can a revitalized Downtown come about? In 2009, the Village hired a professional market and retail analysis consultant to assist in answering this question. After researching market conditions and interviewing more than 60 community stakeholders, the consultant told the Village that:

- Downtown Skokie has a strong day-time population of workers and students and those who visit downtown for other reasons, such as library patrons.
- Downtown Skokie has a growing number of interesting restaurants that can be promoted both within and outside of the community.
- Downtown Skokie is in need of a new look to make it more attractive to businesses and patrons.

The entire Downtown Skokie Market Assessment/Retail Strategy is available on the Economic Development page at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). The report's vision for Downtown Skokie reads:

*A lively, attractive, active commercial district with offices, institutions and residential development served by food- and service-oriented retail. The pedestrian-friendly area should support year-round activity with people strolling, dining and shopping at unique businesses that reflect Skokie's diversity while still holding broad appeal. The area should have a clear identity that is unique to Skokie.*

This vision will only come about with the involvement of all stakeholders, including the Village, Downtown Skokie merchants and Skokie residents:

- **Village of Skokie – partial summary of responsibilities/activities:**
  - The new Yellow Line Oakton Station and the multi-use recreational path under development will enhance downtown as a destination.
  - Tax Increment Finance revenues will soon be used to implement new streetscape throughout downtown.
  - Financial incentives are offered to new retail stores/restaurants. The Village Board recently granted funds to a new Latin restaurant, Libertad, opening on Lincoln Avenue.
  - Financial incentives are offered to existing retail stores/restaurants to improve signage and

facades. Ace Hardware recently received Village funds for an exterior façade and signage upgrade.

- Promote Downtown Skokie outside of the community. The Village aggressively markets Downtown Skokie restaurants outside of the community. The ad on this page listing all downtown restaurants ran in the May and July, 2011 editions of Chicago Magazine, and in several other regional tourism and food-oriented online newsletters.
- Promote Downtown Skokie to the daytime population. In the past year, the Village has coordinated two Downtown Skokie 'Dine-Arounds' for people who work or study in the downtown area. Downtown restaurants report increased business as a result.
- Promote Downtown Skokie to the community. Each week, the *Wednesdays on the Green* program draws hundreds of people to Downtown Skokie to enjoy free, fun entertainment (see back page for details). Postcards offering discounts at all downtown restaurants were mailed to Skokie homes in May and July, and the restaurants report tremendous response.

**APPETIZERS IN AFGHANISTAN.  
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**Annie's Pancake House**  
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**Beijing Wok Restaurant**  
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**The Curragh Irish Pub**  
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**De-Jred Fine Jamaican Cuisine**  
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**Eclissi Italian Restaurant**  
(847) 675-8800

**Kabul House Afghan Cuisine**  
(847) 674-3830

**Libertad (Global Dining w/a Latin Twist)**  
(847) 674-8100

**Pat's Place**  
(847) 679-9466

**Skokie Club**  
(847) 673-9393

**Sweetie Pies Bakery Cakery • Cafe**  
(847) 213-0900

**Tub Tim Thai**  
(847) 675-8424

**Village Inn Pizzeria Sports Bar & Grill**  
(847) 675-3737

**Yolo Mexican Eatery**  
(847) 674-0987

**Downtown Skokie also features these family favorites:**  
**Dunkin Donuts**  
**Subway on Oakton**  
**Taco Bell**

**www.skokiedowntown.org**  
**DOWNTOWN SKOKIE • DINING REINVENTED**

### Ad featured in Chicago Magazine

- **Downtown Skokie Retail Businesses and Restaurants' responsibilities:**

- Take advantage of Village programs to enhance their exterior and interior appearance, signage and more. A Village-funded program recently resulted in new window displays at a number of Downtown Skokie stores and restaurants, with more to come.
- Participate in discount and dining incentive programs, and support community groups by donating gift certificates, taking out ads in sports and community theater programs, etc.

- **Skokie residents' responsibilities:**

- Patronize Downtown Skokie restaurants and businesses. There are currently 16 restaurants in Downtown Skokie. See [www.skokiedowntown.org](http://www.skokiedowntown.org) for details. Remember that word of mouth referrals help all businesses.
- Provide your ideas for Downtown Skokie by emailing [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org) or calling 847/933-8446.

This partial list outlines some of the most important activities and investments – both large and small – that need to occur to revitalize downtown. All community stakeholders share a measure of responsibility for creating the Downtown Skokie described by the vision statement featured earlier in this article. **Let's do it!**

## Emergency Communications CodeRED

In August 2010, the Village put the CodeRED emergency telephone notification system in place to contact residents and businesses rapidly during an emergency with pertinent directions and information. As a high-speed telephone system, CodeRED is capable of making tens of thousand of calls per hour to landline, cellular and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) phones. Included with this service is a custom web page that enables residents to add their phone and TDD/TTY numbers to the system. Access to the custom webpage is available on the Village of Skokie website home page by opening the CodeRED icon.

CodeRED is used solely at the direction of Village of Skokie officials for emergencies and important information. Potential uses include hazardous chemical situations, missing persons, evacuations, water system concerns and hazardous weather and security alerts. CodeRED calls were issued several times in the aftermath of the summer 2011 storms.

If you do not have internet access or have difficulty entering your information through the website, please contact Communications Coordinator Roger Wilson at 847/982-5904 for assistance. CodeRED delivers messages to both answered phones and answering devices.

### 1660 AM Skokie

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Skokie, the Village also has an advisory radio station, found at 1660 on the AM dial.

The primary use of 1660 AM Skokie is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather to hazardous material spills, alternate-side parking when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Skokie area.

*For further information about 1660 AM Skokie, the Village's municipal advisory radio station, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).* ∞

## Fire Department Open House

The Skokie Fire Department will host a public open house on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Fire Station #17, 8157 Central Park Avenue.

Take part in the fun and educational activities that include a tour of the fire station. Meet firefighters, view apparatus/equipment, see high-angle rope rescue and vehicle extrication demonstrations and participate in fire safety activities. Rides will be given on an antique fire engine. *For event details visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call the Fire Department at 847/982-5340.* ∞

## The Village Wants to Hear From You!

The Village welcomes comments and questions from residents. A number of options are available for residents to share questions, thoughts and concerns with the Village:

- E-mail the Village at [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org);
- Submit a questions, comment or concern on the Village website at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org);
- Call on of the Village departments (see back page); and attend a Village Board meeting (see page five for August and September 2011 meeting dates and times). ∞

## Village Receives Outside Dollars for Local Projects

Each year, Village officials leverage a considerable amount of grant funding for operational and capital improvements. In 2010 the Village received over \$37 million in funds from other government and non-government entities including the federal, state and county governments. Of that amount, some \$1.2 million went to fund specific operations, including energy efficiency improvements for Village Hall and public parking lot lighting, DUI and other traffic violation enforcement, bio-terrorism preparedness and health screening for children.

The bulk of the outside funding goes to road and transportation improvements, most notably of which was the CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station in Downtown Skokie. The Village's new Police Headquarters also received over \$1.9 million in grants. During the current fiscal year the Village anticipates receiving approximately \$11.7 million in funding from outside agencies, with the great majority funding infrastructure improvements throughout the community. ∞



## Drive Now. Text Later.

*Drive Now. Text Later* is a new campaign sponsored by the Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State and others. The Village of Skokie would like to remind residents that it is illegal to text while driving. The State law prohibits sending or reading text messages while driving in Illinois.

Nationally, nearly 5,500 people died in 2009 in distracted driving-related crashes and another nearly half-million people were injured. Distraction-related fatalities represented 16 percent of overall traffic fatalities in 2009 – the same percentage as in 2008.

Tips to avoid distracted driving:

- Put your cell phone out of sight and out of reach when you get in the car.
- Display a “Drive Now. Text Later.” window decal and remind yourself and others to stop texting while driving. Decals can be ordered from the Illinois Tollway website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).
- Pull over to a safe location to use a cell phone.
- If you must answer the phone, use a hands-free device.
- Do not send or read text messages while driving.
- Blackberry users: When in the car, set up a "driving" profile on your smart phone, to silence alerts and the phone. To listen to the radio, use the volume and station buttons on the steering wheel instead of reaching for the center console.

For more information about this campaign and how to avoid distracted driving, please visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). ∞

## Block Party 2010 Winners

The winning block parties for 2010 were honored by the Human Relations Commission at the May 2, 2011 Village Board Meeting. Winning blocks will have a plaque installed on their block to indicate that they won the 2010 contest.

The winners of the 2010 block parties are:

- 8100 Kostner (Organizers included Blanca Bugler and Brian Novak)
- 9051 Lincolnwood—College Hill Townhomes (Organizer Chuck Koenigs)
- 7900 Kildare—between Oakton and Kirk Streets (Organizers included Ronnie Berk, Mira Mathee and Barbara Reeder)
- 5100 Morse Avenue (Organizer Greg Natonson) ∞

## Health Department Accepts Recyclables

The Village of Skokie Health Department recycles various household items as a way to support a green community. Accepted items include:

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs sealed in a zip lock plastic bag (fluorescent tubes are not accepted);
- Medications, except for narcotics and non-prescription liquids (the name of the medication must be left on the bottle);
- Used syringes/needles in puncture-proof containers; and
- Household batteries (rechargeable batteries must have their contact points taped over prior to bringing in for recycling)

For further information, please contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252. ∞

## Skokie Serves Volunteer Resource Guide Get Involved in Your Community!

Are you interested in meeting new people and giving back to the community? A new *Skokie Serves* resource guide is available that lists volunteer opportunities available in and around Skokie. The *Skokie Serves* directory is designed to link interested volunteers with existing community needs. There are a variety of ways to volunteer within the community and the new *Skokie Serves* directory provides a single resource to learn about them. Examples of local volunteer opportunities include Home Delivered Meals drivers and assisting at the Niles Township Food Pantry.

The new *Skokie Serves* initiative will debut at the Backlot Bash from August 26 to 28, 2011. Please visit the volunteer booth to learn about these and other volunteer opportunities. Volunteers enrich and strengthen our community. Take the first step and increase your volunteerism! ∞

## Farmers' Market Blood Drive

The Skokie Board of Health is sponsoring a series of blood drives with LifeSource at the Skokie Farmers' Market. The drives will be held on the third Sunday of each month during August, September and October. The next drive will be on Sunday, August 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lot next to the Village Hall adjacent to the Farmers' Market.

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

Blood drives also will be held on September 18 and October 16 during the Farmers' Market.

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

## Skokie Health Department Wants Your Input!

The Skokie Health Department will be conducting a comprehensive community assessment this fall to determine the health needs of Village residents. The results of this assessment will help the department modify existing programs, if necessary, and plan for the next five years.

This is part of the IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs) process. IPLAN is one of numerous requirements the Health Department must meet to maintain its certification by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Skokie Health Department is currently one of only a few certified municipal health departments in the State.

The Health Department will use information generated from statistical data, surveys of individuals, surveys of community groups and input from a com-

munity assessment committee to help establish the needs of Skokie residents. The Health Department is currently looking for additional representatives from community groups to serve on the assessment committee.

The opinions of community groups and individuals are very important to this process and will be used to help develop the comprehensive plan. Surveys will be mailed to community groups and surveys for individuals will be available at Health Department clinics or by calling the department to request one by mail.

If you would like an individual survey mailed to you or your group would like to be represented on the assessment committee, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

## Appointment-Only Flu Shot Clinics Scheduled for Skokie Residents

During September and October, the Skokie Health Department will be offering free flu shots to any interested Skokie resident over the age of six months on a first-come, first-served basis by appointment only.

Appointments can be set up beginning on Thursday, September 1 by clicking the Flu Shot link on the Village website at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). If you do not have internet access, call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.

***Influenza vaccination clinics will be held at the Oakton Community Center located at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street on:***

- **Tuesday September 27, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.**
- **Monday October 3, 3 until 7 p.m.**
- **Tuesday October 11, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

Proof of Skokie residency is required. If a resident has Medicare Part B, they are asked to bring their Medicare card so the Health Department can bill for reimbursement of the shot.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by different influenza viruses. Older people, young children, and people with certain chronic health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications.

The best way to prevent flu is by getting vaccinated each fall and following these sensible precautions:

- Clean your hands frequently.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick.

*Appointments can be set up on-line through the Skokie web site at <http://www.skokie.org/health/healthnews.html>. If you do not have internet access, you can call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.*

# August/September 2011

## Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



### Labor Day Holiday Schedules:

#### Refuse Collection

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

#### Recycling Collection

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

#### Yard Waste Collection

Thursday, September 8, for pre-scheduled requests residing north of Greenleaf Street. Friday, September 9, for pre-scheduled requests residing south of Greenleaf Street. Residents may schedule a collection for Thursday, September 8 or Friday, September 9 by using the Village web-request system or calling the yard waste hotline at 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, September 6.

### Health Happenings

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

#### Hearing Screening\*

Friday, August 19 and September 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

#### Lead Screening\*

Thursday, August 4 and September 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7, September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

#### Well Child Clinic\*

Monday, August 8 and September 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

#### Body Composition Analysis\*

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

#### Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

#### 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, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, August 10, August 24, September 14 and September 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesday, August 16 and September 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

#### TB Skin Testing\*

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

#### Blood Drive

Sunday, August 21 and September 18 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Skokie Farmers' Market, 5127 Oakton Street.

#### Simple Cholesterol Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

#### Lipid Profile Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

#### Flu Clinic

Tuesday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

### 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.

#### Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, August 16, August 23, August 30, September 20 and September 27 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Conversational German

Thursdays, August 4, August 18, September 1 and September 15 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, August 11 and September 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

#### Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares RX

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

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

Wednesdays, August 10 and September 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

### Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, August 9 and September 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### Stamp Club

Wednesdays, August 3, August 17, September 7 and September 21 at 1:30 p.m.

### Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, August 1 and September 12 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

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

Appointments are necessary. Tuesday, August 9 and September 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

### Needlework

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

### New Visions Workshop/Adults With Vision Loss

The Guild for the Blind will be coming to the Smith Activities Center, 5120 Galitz, to present a "New Visions" program designed to help individuals adjust to vision loss with an emphasis on safety and independence. Topics will include "Where Did I Put It?", "Magnifier Madness" and "Maintaining Your Lifestyle". Tuesdays, August 9 and September 13. For more information please call 847/933-8208.

### Womens' Discussion Group

Wednesdays, August 10, August 24, September 14 and September 28 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

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

**Chess**  
Wednesdays and Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m.

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

**Silver Singers**  
Monday, August 29 and September 26 at 1:30 p.m. For more details, please call 847/933-8208.

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

**CPR Schedule**  
Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for August 16 and September 20 program information. **Residents:** \$15 refundable fee. **Non-residents:** \$20 non-refundable fee.

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

**Sun-dae Picnic**  
August 7 from noon to 3 p.m. Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4334 Greenwood Street.

**Sunday Sundown Concert**  
The Associates (R&B, Jazz and Motown). August 7 at 7 p.m. Devonshire Park, 4422 Greenwood Street.

**Two-Person Best Ball Tourney**  
August 14 from 7:15 to 10 a.m. Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place.

**Sunday Sundown Concert**  
Assembly Required (Modern Jazz). August 14 at 7 p.m. Devonshire Park, 4422 Greenwood Street.

**Skokie Park District Program Registration**  
Begins August 15 for residents and August 22 for non-residents.

**Backlot Dash 5K Run/Walk & Kid's Run**  
August 27 at 9 a.m. Village Green, 5215 Oakton Street.

**Skokie's Backlot Bash**  
August 26 from 6 to 10 p.m., August 27 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and August 28 from noon to 8 p.m. See page two for more details.

**Nature Photo Contest Deadline**  
September 11 at 4 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

**Weber Park Golf Open**  
September 11 from 7:15 to 10 a.m. Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place.

**Skokie Public Library**  
For more details on library activities and events, please visit [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info) or call 847/673-7774.

**Touching Up Old Photos**  
Tuesday, August 2 at 6 p.m.

**YIVO Movie: In Search of Yiddish**  
Thursday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m.

**iMovie for Beginners**  
Thursday, August 4 at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, August 9 at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, August 16 at 6 p.m.

**Introduction to Google Sites**  
Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

**Trail to Fitness: Coping with Lower Back Injury**  
Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

**Get Your Interview Off to the Right Start**  
Friday, August 5 at 10 a.m.

**Don't Pay the College Sticker Price**  
Monday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

**How to Market Yourself Beyond Your Resume**  
Tuesday, August 9 at 7 p.m.

**Garage Band for Beginners**  
Wednesday, August 10 at 1 p.m.; Thursday, August 18 at 6 p.m.

**YIVO: Rabbi Barry Schechter**  
Thursday, August 11 at 12:15 p.m.

**Photoshop for Beginners**  
Thursday, August 11 at 6 p.m.

**The Chicago L - A Ride through Time**  
Saturday, August 13 at 2 p.m.

**Latin Jazz with Suenos**  
Sunday, August 14 at 3 p.m.

**Facebook Pages**  
Monday, August 15 at 7 p.m.

**Technology Petting Zoo**  
Tuesday, August 16 at 7 p.m.

**How to Make a Healthy, Allergy-Free Lunch**  
Tuesday, August 23 at 7 p.m.

**Growing Your Business in Tough Economic Times**  
Thursday, August 25 at 10 a.m.

**Young Steinway Concert**  
Sunday, September 4 at 3 p.m.

**Library Closed**  
Monday, September 5

**YIVO Movie: The World Was Ours: The Jewish Community of Vilna before its Destruction in WWII**  
Thursday, September 8 at 12:15 p.m.

**Estate Planning**  
Saturday, September 10 at 2 p.m.

**Starting a Small Business in Illinois**  
Monday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

**Cafe Society**  
Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

**Google Mapmaker**  
Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

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

**Body Mind Spirit Expo**  
August 20 and 21, 2011

**Irving M. and Sylvia Footlik Foundation Showcase**  
August 31, 2011

**Snapshots**  
Northlight Theatre  
September 16 through October 23, 2011

**Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra Gala Opening Concert featuring World Premiere of Hershey Felder "City Of Lights"**  
In the Centre East Theatre  
September 25 and 26, 2011



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## Wednesdays on the Green

Every Wednesday until August 24 there will be a free, fun, family friendly event on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street.



Each Wednesday night, one restaurant will be the Featured Restaurant and offer 20% off that evening when the *Wednesday on the Green* postcard is presented. Those who dine-in or carry out from the Featured Restaurant receive a raffle ticket for a drawing at the Village Green at 7 p.m. each Wednesday for a gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie restaurant.

All other participating Downtown Skokie restaurants will extend a 10% discount on Wednesday evenings through August 24 when the postcard is presented.

### August Wednesdays on the Green Schedule

**August 3 - Michael Lerich Orchestra**

Program runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Village Inn Pizzeria is the 20% off featured restaurant.

**August 10 - '80s Music Night**

Come dance the night away from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Yolo Mexican Eatery is the 20% off featured restaurant.

**August 17 - Classic Cars on the Green, 6 to 9 p.m.**

Libertad is the 20% off featured restaurant.

**August 24 - Grease**

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. All participating Downtown Skokie Restaurants will offer a 20% off discount.

For more information visit [www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com](http://www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com).

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### Village Departments

**Village Hall**  
847/673-0500

**Citizens Assistance**  
847/933-8480

**Civil Engineering**  
847/933-8231

**Clerk's Office**  
847/933-8203

**Community Development**  
*Building/Property Standards/  
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847/933-8223

*Economic Development*  
847/933-8446

*Planning*  
847/933-8447

**Health Department**  
*Administration*  
847/933-8252

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847/933-8484

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847/933-8232

**Village Manager's Office**  
847/933-8210

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847/933-8418