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2010 Crime Statistics Show Decrease in Total Offenses

In its recently released 2010 Annual Report, the Skokie Police Department reported that overall offenses declined by one percent during the year, marking the third consecutive year showing a decrease in offenses.

Of particular note were declines in the number of homicides, with none in 2010; burglary and theft, both with 4% decreases; burglary

and theft to motor vehicles, with a 20% decline and a 9% reduction in criminal damage. During 2010, the total number of burglaries reported in the community declined by 16 incidents. This marks the fourth consecutive year with a decline in burglaries.

“While overall offenses, including burglaries, were reduced in

2010, the Police Department service calls rose by one percent, maintaining demand levels 12% higher than the 10-year average,” explained Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni. “The Village consistently encourages residents to call the Police Department whenever even the slightest thing looks or sounds unusual, and residents are, increasingly, being proactive in reporting suspicious activity to the Police. This cooperation and vigilance helps the Police Department maintain a safe community.”

In January, 2010, residential burglaries spiked, which is uncharacteristic for winter months. In response, Skokie Police Department investigators and members of its Tactical Mission Team worked to identify patterns, trends and suspects. This led to the arrests of

23 suspects believed to be responsible for 30 burglaries, and recovery of proceeds from numerous burglaries in Skokie and other area towns.

Drug-related offenses rose by 24 incidents, to a total 295 offenses for 2010, continuing the upward trend in these types of offenses that began in 2000. The increase coincides directly with establishment of the Department’s Tactical Mission Team to focus on crime trends (such as the January 2010 residential burglary spike detailed above), gang activity and narcotics/drug-related offenses. The Tactical Mission Team investigates suspected drug-related crimes and the individuals and groups involved, and the upward trend in arrests correlates directly to the Team’s interdiction with


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Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community

Help build a strong, caring community by opening your home for a neighborhood coffee gathering during the Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community (KYN) program being held from May 2 through June 30, 2011. The program will kick-off at the May 1, 2011 Community Potluck hosted by the Human Relations Commission at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, from 5 to 7 p.m. (see article on page five for more information).

This year, Mayor Van Dusen, Village Clerk Marlene Williams and Trustees Michele Bromberg, Michael Lorge, Donald Perille, Randall Roberts, Pramod Shah and Edie Sue Sutker, along with one of the Village’s senior management team members, will attend coffees scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Sunday afternoons. When hosts register with the Village, they can decide if they would like a Village official and a management representative to attend their coffee event for an hour or so to meet residents and answer questions about the Village. A wrap-up thank you coffee for all hosts will be held at the new Skokie Police Headquarters during July 2011.

All KYN hosts will receive a host ‘kit’ that includes invitations, maps of Skokie and the world, name tags, conversation starters and a coupon redeemable for a free coffee cake (Kosher or traditional) to serve at their coffee. The Village held KYN programs in October 2008 and May 2010, and over 100 resident hosts opened their homes to thousands of their Skokie neighbors and friends.

To register as a host, please email info@skokie.org or call the Village Manager’s Office at 847/933-8257 by April 22, 2011. 

What is the Village Doing to Attract Businesses?

Economic Development Update

The Village of Skokie is actively engaged in recruiting new businesses for both Downtown Skokie and West Dempster Street. Staff in the Economic Development Division, Community Development Department, Village Manager’s Office and other departments and divisions continue to work with existing property owners and businesses regarding the appearance and functionality of both unoccupied and occupied commercial sites.

Since the beginning of 2010, the Village has supplied Downtown property owners and real estate brokers with updated marketing and demographic materials for use in attracting new tenants or buyers for their properties. Fifteen storefronts

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along Oakton Street and Lincoln Avenue experiencing lengthy vacancies have been transformed into Downtown marketing opportunities via bright, new window coverings with leasing information and the new Downtown Skokie logo. Village staff is working with vacant property owners regarding their leasing and marketing efforts and, in many instances, has advised property owners of additional marketing opportunities.

In summer and fall 2010, Village staff contacted over 500 local, regional and national retailers and brokers promoting the Downtown Skokie and West Dempster Street areas. This outreach resulted in meetings or additional contact with over 45 potential new restaurant/retail users, many of who are considering a Skokie location.

Downtown Skokie

New businesses that have opened in Downtown Skokie include Sanford Brown College, Kabul House, Eclissi Italian Restaurant, Skokie Club, Drive Cleaning, Bob's Magazine Museum, NY Nails & Spa, New Nails & Hair Obsession and CuraLink. A new restaurant, Libertad, featuring 'global dining with a Latin twist', is scheduled to open soon on Lincoln Avenue. Several new tenants moved into the Illinois Science + Tech Park in 2010, including AAP Pharmaceuticals, LLC. The tech park now contains 18 companies employing approximately 1,200 people.

Ongoing communications with Downtown Skokie property owners and businesses regarding available financial incentives for Downtown re-

tail and restaurant uses have recently produced the following rehabilitation projects: Ace Hardware, Skokie Paint and Wallpaper, Kabul House, Sweetie Pies and 4837-4845 Oakton (Drive Cleaning building). Significant improvements also are planned for the former Desiree Restaurant building on the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Lincoln Avenue. Village staff has also launched a "visual merchandising" program to assist existing Downtown Skokie businesses with updating their window displays. As a result, a number of retail and restaurant establishments will soon feature fresh, updated window treatments and displays.

In fall 2010, the Village launched a Downtown Skokie website, www.skokiedowntown.org, that contains resources for residents, businesses and prospective new companies interested in visiting, expanding or locating in Downtown Skokie.

West Dempster Street

The Village received numerous inquiries from developers and retailer/restaurant representatives regarding West Dempster Street following the major outreach effort during the second half of 2010. A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District was established in late 2010 for the area bounded by Gross Point Road on the west and Kilpatrick Avenue on the east, encompassing the majority of commercial properties along West Dempster Street. Three

primary site acquisitions have been completed by the Village at 4811, 4904 and 4945 Dempster Street, and structures on those parcels have been cleared to prepare the area for new development.

In addition to extensive direct mail marketing, the Village sent email contacts to executives at over 200 companies attending the October 2010 International Council of Shopping Centers Dealmaking event at which the Village had a booth. A number of developers have contacted the Village with preliminary proposals for all three Village-owned sites along West Dempster Street, and inquiries continue regarding several other potential West Dempster Street redevelopment sites. Certain elements of the Downtown Skokie TIF-funded facade renovation program are being considered to assist existing property owners and businesses on West Dempster Street. The Village also is in the process of retaining a consultant team to address circulation, parking, land use and zoning, site development and design issues along West Dempster with recommendations anticipated for summer 2011.

The Village welcomes comments, questions and suggestions from Skokie residents and business owners on development activities in Downtown Skokie and on West Dempster Street. Please contact the Economic Development Division at 847/933-8447 or email info@skokie.org.

Medical Reserve Corps

The Health Department is developing a Skokie Medical Reserve Corps of volunteer health professionals to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities. This unit will have periodic training sessions, and be able to assist the Village during a local disaster by volunteering in mass community clinics to dispense medications or vaccinations, providing support for emergency shelters or other major public health needs.

The Skokie Medical Reserve Corps activities would include participation in annual seasonal flu vaccination clinics as well as in local and regional drills and exercises. The Unit is recruiting licensed health and medical personnel at this time. The first training program is scheduled to begin in May.

For additional information or to sign up to attend an informational orientation, please call Claudia Braden, RN, at the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

Wednesdays on the Green

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

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

A brief line-up of the Wednesdays on the Green programs includes:

Music on the Green

June 1, July 6 with performances by the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra and August 3 featuring the USO Band performing swing music and other patriotic favorites. On June 29 a Dixieland band will perform, courtesy of the Skokie Public Library. Programs run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair and your picnic basket to gather with neighbors and enjoy the sounds of summer. The Music on the Green is provided, in part, through a grant from the Skokie Fine Arts Commission.

Dancing on the Green

Get your dancing shoes ready! A DJ will spin the tunes while everyone dances the night away from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 8 -

Village Commissioners Honored

On March 28, 2011 commissioners were honored for their many years of volunteer service and dedication to the Village of Skokie. The following list highlights commissioners who were recognized and their years of service:

Appearance Commission

Ann Clark, 5 years

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Beryl Rabinowitz, 25 years

Cable Television Advisory Commission

Douglas Gordan, 20 years
Ashok Easwaran, 10 years

Commission on Family Services

Gary R. Gustin, 5 years
Harold Primack, 5 years
Richard Reagan, 5 years

Consumer Affairs Commission

Anil Kumar Pillai, 10 years
Gary H. Merrill, 5 years
Fran Young, 5 years

Rock around the Clock on 50's night; July 13 - catch 'Wednesday Night Fever' on 70's night and on August 10 groove to 80's new wave and techno tunes. Dancing on the Green is a Trail to Fitness activity through the Skokie Park District.

Classic and Custom Cars on the Green

The summer fun continues as the parking lot next to the Village Green features some 75 classic and custom cars, while a DJ spins tunes. Car shows are set for May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.



Movies on the Green

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. At press time, the movie line-up includes *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on May 25; *Ghostbusters 2* on June 22, *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* on July 26 and *Grease*, the sing-along version, on August 24. Movies subject to change. Visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for updates.

In coming weeks, Skokie residents will receive more information on special dining offers for Downtown Skokie restaurants on Wednesday nights in conjunction with the Wednesdays on the Green programs.

For more information visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com. ∞

Traffic Safety Commission

Paul Pitalis, 30 years
Earl F. Nicholas, 20 years
Frank Ippolito, 5 years
David Putrus, 5 years

Zoning Board of Appeals

Subhash (Sam) Bhatt, 10 years
Richard Perlin, 5 years ∞

Plan Commission

David Marek, 20 years
Lawrence Stasica, 15 years

Spotlight on the Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission was created to encourage understanding and respect among all Skokie residents. A total of 21 community volunteers representing various racial, ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds serve on the Commission. These volunteers are involved in work related to many initiatives including the enforcement of Skokie's Fair Housing Ordinance.

The Commission has hosted workshops on cultural diversity and provides volunteer support to the Festival of Cultures. Skokie's Know Your Neighbor coffees and the Community Pot Luck also are sponsored by the Human Relations Commission. Other annual initiatives include the Black History Month celebration at the Skokie Public Library, participation in the Fourth of July Parade and the recruitment and recognition of Block Parties that strengthen Skokie's neighborhoods and sense of community.

A current Human Relations initiative is the Skokie D.A.Y. (Diversity Action-Awareness-Achievement by Youth) Program. The D.A.Y. Program recognizes young people for their activities to foster a better understanding and mutual respect among all Skokie people. Students and schools nominated for recognition in helping to promote cultural awareness throughout the Village will be honored at the Skokie Festival of cultures on May 22, 2011. ∞



From left to right, back row to front row: Michael Halliburton, Victor Dye, Eileen Janowski, Maureen DiFrancesca, Ina Silvergleid, Maria Monastero, Cesar Borja, James Coney, Pearl Rubenzik, Karen Sherman, Jennifer Darling and Michelle Reitman. (Not pictured: Marcia Arenson, Krishna Goyal, Kirit Madhiwala, Amy Memis-Foler, Alfred Nathan, Trustee Don Perille, Ralph Ruebner, Zeeshan Adil Salehjee, Linda Sargon-Swenson and Victoria Yan)

Who's Who: James Coney, Human Relations Commission Chair

How long have you lived in Skokie?

Almost 30 years. I moved to Skokie in 1982.

How many years have you been on the Human Relations Commission?

Almost 11 years. I joined the Human Relations Commission in September, 1999.

How many years have you been Chair of the Human Relations Commission?

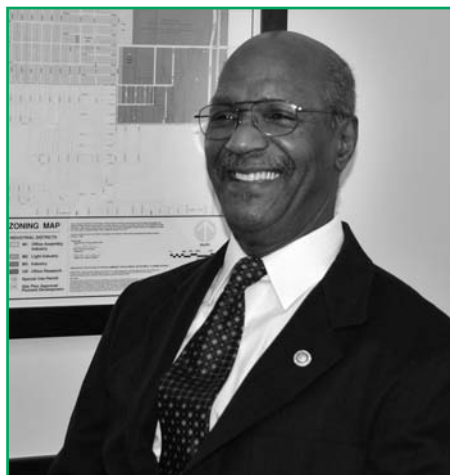
I became Chair of the Human Relations Commission in 2006.

What is your profession?

I am a photographer/videographer.

Why did you move to Skokie?

It was actually a random choice at the time.



James O. Coney
Human Relations Commission Chair

Why did you seek a volunteer position on the Human Relations Commission?

I had recently retired and wanted to give back to the community.

What is your favorite Human Relations Commission activity or program?

Being the Chair, I enjoy all of the Commission's activities and programs, but if I had to choose it would be a tie between the Fourth of July Parade and the Festival of Cultures.

What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

Kostner Korner, 4356 W. Howard Street.

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If you would like further information on how to volunteer for a Village Board or Commission, or on other volunteer opportunities, please contact the Mayor's office at 847/933-8269 or visit www.skokie.org to download a Board and Commissions application.



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 4, 20

Plan Commission:
April 7, 21

Appearance Commission:
April 13

Zoning Board of Appeals:
April 6, 27




Village Board Action


The Village Board voted to reconsider Plan Commission Case 2010-31P regarding Walgreens relocation to Dempster Street and Crawford Avenue. The case will go back to the Plan Commission for review and approval.

The Village Board invited comments from the public on potential uses for the former Skokie Police Station at 8350 Laramie Avenue.

The Village Board approved Plan Commission case 2010-36P and 2010-37P regarding a subdivision and a Zoning Map Amendment at 9300 through 9350 Weber Park Place. The Park District plans on expanding the parking lot at the Weber Leisure Center to incorporate an extra 32 spots.

The Village Board approved the adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (most current). The new code deals strictly with the maintenance of existing buildings, structures and properties. 

2011 Yard Waste Collection Quick Facts

- Brush and other yard debris will be collected on Wednesday of each week **by request only** from April 6 through November 2, 2011.
- To schedule a collection of brush or other yard debris, residents must call 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday to request collection for the coming Wednesday. This is an automated system and messages can be left during daytime, weekend and evening hours. Residents also can request collection at www.skokie.org.
- Grass clippings are no longer collected. Skokie residents are asked to mulch their grass clippings by letting them lay on the lawn after weekly mowing. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.
- Other yard debris eligible for collection includes bush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and old flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2010 also will be collected in spring only. Other yard debris must be placed in a 30-gallon kraft paper bag for collection.
- Residents who do not request collection will not receive service.
- Brush should be bundled with string, rope or twine, with branches not exceeding 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.
- The fall leaf collection program begins in mid-October and continues through early December, weather permitting. 

You are Invited! Community Potluck, May 1, 2011

The Skokie Human Relations Commission invites all Skokie residents to the May 1, 2011 Community Potluck. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie. The event is free, but residents are asked to bring their favorite dish to share with their neighbors and friends. Ethnic specialties are encouraged! The Human Relations Commission will provide plates, napkins, utensils and beverages. Please plan to attend and bring your family, neighbors and friends.

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 or email info@skokie.org. 

2010 Police Annual Report

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drug-related crimes. The trend also reflects the Department's continued emphasis on youth activities in and around parks and an increasing community awareness of the dangers of drugs and drug-related activities.

The number of robberies reported in 2010 increased by five incidents from 2009. This increase is attributable to an increase in both strong-armed and aggravated robberies in which no weapon is used. By contrast, armed robberies fell by 19 incidents in 2010, which is a 50% decrease from 2009. This statistic places 2010 armed robbery incidences at 21% lower than the ten-year average.

The Skokie Police Department received reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2010, and was recognized as a Flagship Agency. This distinction recognizes not only the quality of the CALEA on-site assessments, but the high level of professionalism exhibited by the Skokie Police Department and its staff.

The Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program continued positive growth in 2010 with the enrollment of 18 new active blocks. Now in its 28th year, the program updates citizens on crime trends, provides crime prevention tips and encourages neighbors to look out for the safety of each other's homes and their neighborhood. A total of 181 blocks, representing approximately 4,100 households, participate in the Neighborhood Watch program.

In summer 2010, the Police Department launched the Nixle web-based community messaging system. The Department now sends important community updates and messages via email and/or text to those registered for the service. Nixle supplements the Community Messaging system featured on the Police Department page of the Village web site, www.skokie.org, on which crime alerts are posted for specific areas of the community.

For further information on the Skokie Police Department 2010 Annual Report visit www.skokie.org, and see future editions of NewSkokie for additional report data and analysis. ∞

The 4th of July Parade Committee of Skokie, Illinois

2011 Parade Application

Monday, July 4, 2011 at 12 p.m. Assembles at Oakton Community College parking lot, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue. **No entries will be accepted after May 20, 2011; 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
Business

Organization

Neighborhood
Group

Antique
Auto

Commercial
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

2010 Property Owner Awards

The Beautification and Improvement Commission Annual Property Owner Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 4, 2011 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. The following residents will receive Certificates of Appreciation from the Commission for maintaining their property in an exceptional manner during 2010:

Sheldon & Michele Abrams
9131 Dr. Korczak Terrace

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gausselein
7 Williamsburg

Monica Badulescu
3804 Brummel

Greystone Associates
8100 Monticello

Morton & Irene Blieberg
9002 Tamaroa

Kenneth & Kay Hamel
99 Salem Lane

Brian & Judy Brenner
4331 Enfield

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ipjian
9442 Hamlin

Bernard & Janet Chaitman
9406 Lorel

Aley Joseph
3809 Birchwood

Pons & Dorothy Derequito
4151 Emerson

Zivka Jovanovic
3352 Wilder

Eduardo & Rosa Diaz
7823 East Prairie

Fredrick & Jacklyn Khamou
9322 Tripp

**Drake Manor Condo Assoc.
Teresa Evans & Libby Dolgin**
9201-9221 Drake

Beverly Kehr
9226 Kedvale

Frank & Eadie Feder
4141 Church

Sam & Rita Lipshitz
3942 Enfield

Louis & Tamar Fogel
24 Salem Lane

Glenn & Lina Lopez
7643 North East Prairie

**Dzevahira Gargovic &
Robbie Redzic**
4616-18 Washington

Andrew & Jenny Madoo
3639 Crain

Bruce & Blanca Novak
3700 Enfield



Oakton Terrace Condo
5200 Oakton

Gruja & Nada Tapai
8720 Avers

Leo & Lenie Passage
34 Salem Lane

Premkumar Thalla
8526 Monticello

Robert & Chaya Phillips
9040 Kildare

**Tony Thanoukos
Hub's Restaurant**
3727 Dempster

Sorin & Monica Racean
9125 Kedvale

Ted & Cati Tiriteu
4200 Enfield

Ralph & Marla Richardson
8850 Karlov

Bob & Jackie Tropp
8547 St. Louis

Otis & Lavinia Spaulding
3506 Arcadia

Hormis & Elishwa Yacoub
9528 Keystone

**Noam Stadlan &
Marianne Novak**
9135 Dr. Korczak Terrace

Westfield Old Orchard
4905 Old Orchard Center

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 2011-2012 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 also are paid from the grant, but are capped at 20% of the annual entitlement. General support to social services is limited to 15% of the new grant plus any program income that has been generated throughout the year. The CDBG program is designed to primarily fund capital improvements and rehabilitation activities.

The estimated grant for 2011-2012 is \$550,000. The Village will also re-program \$29,430 of grant funds that have not been spent from previously completed projects, and \$14,707 in program income from homes sold in the past year that were improved through the Village's Home Improvement Program, for a total 2011-2012 budget of \$594,137. The total CDBG public service proposals exceeded 15% of the new grant and program income amount, necessitating a \$23,894 reduction during the public hearing process.

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

Program Administration and Planning - \$110,000

Funding to administer the Village's CDBG Program and coordinate all planning activities relative to the Village's community development efforts.

Home Improvements Program - \$135,000

Funding to continue the Village's program of repairing single-family homes. This program began in 1983. Low/moderate-income households are eligible to receive grants and loans up to \$8,000 to pay for building materials or contractors' services.

Street and Alley Resurfacing - \$175,000

Funding to resurface three street sections and one or two alley sections in the low/moderate-income multi-family residential area immediately south of Downtown.

Sidewalk Grant Program - \$4,000

Funding to provide grants to homeowners who are required to participate in the Village's mandatory 50/50 sidewalk replacement program, and meet the low/moderate income eligibility requirements.

CJE SeniorLife - \$13,087

Funding to assist with the refurbishment of the walk-in produce cooler at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 9700 Gross Point Road.

SHORE Community Services, Inc. - \$12,000

Funding to assist with the replacement of unsafe kitchen and dining room floors, windows and exterior doors; and bathroom upgrades at a group home for six women with developmental disabilities at 8900 Central Park Avenue.

Search, Inc. - \$24,750

Funding to assist with the replacement of windows and doors at a group home for eight men with developmental disabilities at 8556 Central Park Avenue.

Niles Township Food Pantry - \$5,300

Funding to assist with the purchase and installation of a back-up generator for the Food Pantry refrigeration units in the Township Annex building at 5255 Main Street.

Orchard Village - \$23,000

Funding to assist with kitchen and first floor bathroom remodeling, window and door replacements, garage door installation and masonry tuck pointing at 8222 Springfield Avenue.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago - \$8,000

Funding to assist with the replacement of inefficient metal halide lighting fixtures that frequently malfunction in the main parking lot at the Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building at 5150 Golf Road.

Social Worker - \$40,000

Funding to offset the costs of a Village social worker position in the Human Services Division at 5120 Galitz Street.

Access to Care - \$10,000

Funding to assist with medical services for low-income individuals, including 211 Skokie residents last year.

Children's Advocacy Center - \$3,000

Funding to offset the costs associated with a child and family advocate/counselor position for victims of sexual and physical child abuse, including 29 Skokie clients last year. The organization's Northbrook office, located at 255 Revere Drive, serves Skokie.

Center for Enriched Living - \$5,000

Funding to assist with scholarships for residents with developmental disabilities for a variety of life enrichment programs and skills-for-independence programs, including 52 Skokie residents last year. The organization is located at 280 Saunders Road in Riverwoods.

PEER Services, Inc. - \$10,000

Funding to offset the costs associated with employing a part-time outreach counselor providing substance abuse treatment. The organization's headquarters is located at 906 Davis Street in Evanston.

North Shore Senior Center - \$10,000

Funding to offset the costs associated with staff functions for long-term case management and counseling services for Skokie's homebound elderly and their families. The organization's Evanston/Skokie Valley Senior Services satellite office is located at 840 Dodge Avenue in Evanston.

The Harbour, Inc. - \$6,000

Funding to offset the costs associated with staff functions for serving the needs of runaway, neglected and homeless girls and young women. The organization's headquarters is located at 1440 Renaissance Drive in Park Ridge.

For further information about the program and services listed here, as well as a complete description of each grant, please contact Planner/CDBG Administrator Carrie Haberstich at 847/933-8447. ∞

First Annual Public Health Partners in Excellence Awards

The Skokie Health Department could not protect the health of Skokie residents without the cooperation and help of many other individuals and organizations in the community. To recognize the critical contribution of these entities, the Health Department and Board of Health has initiated an annual *Public Health Partners in Excellence Award* to be given each year during National Public Health Week.

This year, the Department would like to recognize the Oakton Community College Nursing School administration, faculty and students for their cooperation, diligence and hard work assisting at the annual community flu clinics. This partnership directly benefits Skokie residents, the Health Department and the OCC students.

The Health Department also would like to recognize the Animal Medical Center veterinarians, technicians, administration and staff

for 25 years of cooperation, compassion, care and hard work boarding and caring for animals found in Skokie. Without their assistance it would be impossible for the Health Department to hold animals for boarding before they can be returned to owners or placed with other animal adoption agencies. This cooperation benefits Skokie residents, the Health Department and all of the stray animals found in Skokie.

Awards will be presented at the April 4, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting to recognize the efforts by the OCC School of Nursing and Animal Medical Center. The Health Department is grateful for the collaborative relationships that have developed with these organizations and looks forward to continuing these valuable partnerships into the future.

National Public Health Week

National Public Health Week is April 4 through the 10. In conjunction with this observance, the Skokie Health Department is offering routine screenings for cholesterol, lipid profile, diabetes 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. Diabetes screening is being offered for \$2.50 when done in conjunction with cholesterol or lipid profile screening and on April 12. It requires an eight-hour fast.

Clinic Dates are:

Lipid Profile (by appointment only)

- Tuesday, April 5 - 9 a.m. to noon.
- Wednesday, April 6 - 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7 - 9 a.m. to noon.

Body Composition (by appointment only)

- Tuesday, April 5 - 9 a.m. to noon.
- Wednesday, April 6 - 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7 - 2 to 4 p.m.

Cholesterol Screening (walk-in)

- Tuesday, April 5 - 2 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6 - 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7 - 2 to 4 p.m.

Diabetes Screening (by appointment only)

- Tuesday, April 12 - 9 a.m. to noon.

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

Battery Recycling Available

The Skokie Health Department is providing a drop off site for the recycling of used batteries for area residents. This program is being done in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and Interstate Batteries of Skokie.

The following batteries are eligible for recycling:

Household Alkaline Batteries – AA, AAA, C, D and 9V. No special preparation is needed for these batteries prior to bringing them for recycling.

Rechargeable Batteries – NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion and lithium polymer. All rechargeable batteries must have their contact points covered with masking tape or be placed in an individual self-locking plastic bag prior to bringing them for recycling to prevent contact with other batteries which can cause a fire hazard.

Batteries can be brought to the Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street for recycling any time Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

If you would like more information or have a question regarding this program, contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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

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

Health Happenings

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

Immunization Clinics*

Immunizations are available for only a \$5 per person clinic visit fee. *Appointments are required.* Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, April 13 and 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesday, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

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

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, April 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Smith Center Activities

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

Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

Woodcarving Club

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

Chess

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

News and Views

Fridays at 10 a.m.

Conversational Yiddish

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

Conversational German

Thursdays, April 7 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursday, April 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

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

Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares RX

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

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, April 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

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

Needlework

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

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, April 4 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Silver Singers

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

Skokie Senior Mens' Group Discussion

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

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

Fridays at 1:30 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.

U.S. Citizenship Class

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

Womens' Discussion Group


Wednesdays, April 13 and 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

Secretary of State

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

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Skokie's Spring Greening

Join the Skokie Park District, Library, Chamber of Commerce, District 219 and the Village for this community green expo, featuring bands, reuse and recycling dropoff (see SkokieSpringGreening.org for acceptable items), green products trade show and lifestyle workshops, trashy fashion show and more. Sunday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie. 

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CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for April 19 program information. **Residents:** \$15 refundable fee. **Non-residents:** \$20 non-refundable fee.

Skokie Park District

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

Pool Passes on sale April 1, 2011

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 Splash Pass good for five visits to either one of our two award-winning facilities! *Skokie Water Playground, 4715 Oakton Street, Skokie. Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4334 Greenwood Street, Skokie*

Once on this Island, Jr.

Check out the Devonshire Children's Playhouse version of the Little Mermaid! April 29 to May 1. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for times and tickets. *Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood 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 32nd Annual World Whiffleball Championship in Indiana in July. (Men, women and kids 10+ welcome.) Call 847/929-7171 to enter or download forms at www.SkokieParkDistrict.org. June 25, all day. *Channelside Park, 3100 Main Street, Skokie*

Breakfast with the Bunny & EGG-stravaganza

Preregistration required. Enjoy breakfast with our furry friend followed by our annual egg hunt! Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. *Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.*

Golf Season is Here

April 1 marks the official opening of the 2011 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.*

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. For 2011 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org

Sense & Sensibility Northlight Theatre

Through April 17
Schoolhouse Rock Live!
In the Centre East Theatre
Sunday, April 3 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Skokie Art Guild

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

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

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

Skokie Public Library

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

Young Steinway Concert

Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m.

Investing on the Web

Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Preventing Identity Theft

Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

Investing 101

Friday, April 8 at 11 a.m.

First-time Homebuyers Workshop

Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

Mozart's Magic Flute

Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m.

Scholarship Winner's Concert: North Shore Musicians Club

Tuesday, April 12 at 1 p.m.

Preserving Your Past

Wednesday, April 13 at 4 p.m.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Saturday, April 16 at 4 p.m.

Family Album: Stories of the Characters of Our Lives

Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m.

Be an Informed Patient

Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

Library Closed

Sunday, April 24

Canzonetta Youth String Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, April 30 at 3 p.m. 

Fair Housing Month

Everyone has the Right to Fair Housing

April is National Fair Housing Month. Fair housing means that no one can take race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or presence of children into account in renting or selling housing.

In Illinois, buyers and renters are also protected from discrimination on the basis of age, marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry or military discharge status. If you are seeking housing in Cook County, you are additionally protected on the basis of source of income or housing status.

Skokie Fair Housing questions or complaints should be directed to the Village's Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. 

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Skokie's 'Going Green' Skokie Celebrates Arbor Day 2011

Remember April 29 is Arbor Day! Designated as a Tree City for over 24 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 29 at 10 a.m. at Walker School in the parkway along Davis 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.

SkokieNews & Downtown Skokie Specials

Stay up-to-date with important Village of Skokie information and events with Skokie's electronic newsletter, SkokieNews. To register for SkokieNews, visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8257 and ask to be added to the list.

The Village of Skokie has also created an email distribution list for subscribers to receive information on Downtown Skokie specials, promotions and events. To register, please visit www.skokiedowntown.org or call 847/933-8257.

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