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Skokie Police Department Strives for Green

The new Skokie Police Department Headquarters was designed and built to be a truly special facility, both for its employees and the community they are dedicated to protect and serve. Through its spacious and generously landscaped front plaza, brightly sunlit lobby and approachable information desk, the facility more than meets its goal to remain warm and welcoming to the public. With a state-of-the-art Communications Center, modern firing range and well-equipped work areas, the building similarly exceeded the objective of being operationally efficient and functional for employees. But the Village and the Police Department wanted more from the building than that: they wanted to shoot for “green.”



Water cistern located in one of two internal courtyards at the Skokie Police Headquarters. The cistern harvests rainwater from the roof to irrigate landscaping on the property.

Consistent with the Village’s commitment to energy efficiency and the preservation of the earth’s natural resources, the Police Headquarters was designed to achieve LEED certification as a “green” building, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. Every key construction and design question was judged against this lofty benchmark, from the decision to preserve and re-use the structural elements of the pre-existing building to the integration of a cistern-based rainwater reclamation and irrigation system. The environmentally friendly building was constructed with recycled-content and regionally sourced materials, landscaped with water-efficient plantings and designed to integrate natural daylight with energy-efficient light fixtures and occupancy sensors throughout the 80,000-square-foot building. From the reflective roof to the under-floor air distribution system and the insulated, low-E glass in between, the Skokie Police headquarters was built from top to bottom to be “green.”

As a direct result of the remarkable energy savings and resource preservation realized through the building’s design and construction, the Department also was able to secure another type of “green” in the form of grant funding. The Police Department aggressively pursued and received a number of grants from local, State and federal sources, including the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation which generously provided the Village with a substantial grant award. The Police Department also applied for and received Electric Efficiency and Thermal Energy Efficiency grant funds through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The result of these collective efforts resulted in a total of almost \$230,000 in energy-related grant funding alone.

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Oakton Street “Road Diet” Summary

At the October 17, 2011, the Village Board meeting, the Village board voted unanimously not to implement a “Road Diet” on Oakton Street. A test of the “Road Diet” took place during May and June, 2011 to gauge traffic patterns both on Oakton Street and surrounding roadways. While the test was successful, both in terms of diverting both truck and car traffic from Oakton Street, and slowing traffic that remained, the Village Board determined that the community, as a whole, did not favor the project and questioned the economic development benefits that might result from implementation.

The public comments received during the project clearly demonstrated a community wide goal and desire of a revitalized, vibrant Downtown area. Although the road narrowing project will not move forward, the Village Board requested that staff present plans for significant roadway improvements,
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Spotlight on the Consumer Affairs Commission

The Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) is responsible for representing the consumer rights of Village residents. The Commission recommends ordinances, sponsors educational consumer forums on important topics and works to improve economic development in the Village.

The Commission sponsors the popular Skokie Farmers' Market and the annual Merchant of the Year award program. The Commission also works with the Skokie Chamber of Commerce to host events that benefit consumers.

There are thirteen members of the Consumer Affairs Commission appointed to two-year terms. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

For more information on the Consumer Affairs Commission please contact the Property Standards Division at 947/933-8224. ∞



*From left to right, back row to front: Commissioners Brian Novak, Pratap Sampat, George Mathew, Fran Young (Chair), Gregory Smith, Elana Jacobs, Staff Liaison Terry Oline, Ruhul Chowdhury, Anil Pillai, Irv Abramson and Nancy Steinfink.
Not pictured: Commissioners Gary Merrill, Howard Meyer, Babu Varma and Judy Wolf.*

Who's Who: Fran Young, Consumer Affairs Commission Chair

How many years have you been on the Consumer Affairs Commission?

I've been on the Consumer Affairs Commission for five years.

How many years have you been Chair of the Consumer Affairs Commission?

I have been Chair for the last six months.

Why did you seek a volunteer position on the Consumer Affairs Commission?

Since I have been so satisfied with everything Skokie has to offer, I wanted to give something back to the community.

What is your profession?

I've been the Executive Assistant in the Medical Services Department at Presbyterian Homes in Evanston for 28 years.



Fran Young
Consumer Affairs Commission Chair

What is your favorite Consumer Affairs Commission activity?

I love the Skokie Farmers' Market.

How long have you lived in Skokie?

Except for a brief amount of time I have lived in Skokie for most of my life. My family moved here in 1951.

Why did you move to Skokie?

Skokie has always been my "home". The schools, the services, the neighborhoods, the diversity...Skokie is a great place to raise children.

What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

I do not have any favorites. There are so many good and unique choices in Skokie!

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

Alternate-Side Parking Program

The Village of Skokie would like to remind residents, business owners and visitors about the Village's Alternate-Side Parking Program. When there is snow accumulation of two inches or more on the pavement, the Village's Alternate-Side Parking Program goes into effect



from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. The snow removal program is a minimum two-day operation. On even-numbered days of the month, after a snowfall of two inches or more, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with even-numbered addresses. On odd-numbered days of the month, after a two inch or more snowfall, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses.

There are numerous ways to learn if Alternate-Side Parking is in effect:

- Call the Village's 24-hour Snow Hotline at 847/675-7669;
- Listen to 1660 AM Skokie Radio;
- Visit www.skokie.org and look for a notice near the top of the home page;
- Tune to SkokieVision cable and look for the crawl message at the bottom of the screen (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems); or
- Listen for the emergency siren that sounds at 7 a.m. to signal that the program is in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day.
- Sign up for SkokieNews to receive email notification on the first day Alternate-Side Parking is in effect.

In addition to the emergency siren sounding at 7 a.m. to signal that Alternate-Side Parking is in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day, the siren sounds again at 6 p.m. to signal that the program has ended for the day. Please note that the Village no longer activates the emergency cable interruption to announce the start of Alternate-Side Parking (see article below).

The Village does have certain streets that are exempt from the Alternate-Side Parking Program but only on Saturday, Sunday and some holidays. There also are streets in Skokie that are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation or Cook County.

The Village plows its entire network of sidewalks when snow accumulations exceed four inches. After streets are cleared of snow, special, smaller plows are dispatched to clear sidewalks. Alleys are plowed after a 6" or greater snowfall. This operation is predicated upon that all other operational aspects of snow removal have been completed and personnel and equipment are available.

For more information on the Alternate-Side Parking Program, please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

TeenLink Program

The Village of Skokie offers the *TeenLink* program to unite Skokie residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work, including snow shoveling, raking and lawn care, with Skokie teens who are available for hire to do the work.

The *TeenLink* program list provides contact information for Skokie teens available to do seasonal yard work. The list includes the name and address of the teen, days available, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

If you would like the *TeenLink* contact list please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the *TeenLink* program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting www.skokie.org to download an application. ∞

Village Stops Cable Programming Interruptions to Announce Alternate-Side Parking

Beginning with the 2011/2012 winter season, the Village will no longer activate emergency cable programming interruptions to announce the start of Alternate-Side Parking.

In prior years, this approximately 30-second interruption was instituted several times each morning, and again in the evening to announce an 'all clear'. Last year, a cable system modification made it impossible to confine the interruption to just Skokie cable viewers, and cable service was interrupted in

homes throughout the region by Skokie's announcements. As there are so many other methods available to Skokie residents and businesses to learn if alternate-side parking is in effect (see article above) the Village will no longer activate the emergency cable programming interruption to announce the program start or conclusion. Please note that a crawl announcement on alternate-side parking will appear at the bottom of the screen on Channel 25 on RCN systems and Channel 17 on Comcast systems. ∞

Police Department Strives for Green

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Not content to stop there, Police Department staff spearheaded lengthy and complex efforts to secure additional grant funding with which to construct and equip what has become among the finest law enforcement facilities in the State. These dedicated efforts met with truly remarkable results. For example, with only \$12 million competitively allocated nationwide, the Police Department was able to secure a \$1,000,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland security for the construction of a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center. Similarly, the dispatch capabilities of the Communications Center are being modernized through a \$465,000 Department of Justice COPS Technology grant, and the acquisition of a virtual firearms training system was achieved with other federal grant funds. Together with the energy-related grants received, the Police Department's pursuit of "green" was right on the mark, resulting in over \$1.9 million dollars awarded toward the creation of Skokie's operationally effective and energy-efficient law enforcement facility.

For more information the Skokie Police Department "green" initiatives visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8257. ∞

Welcome New Businesses

Every November and March, *NewSkokie* features the names and addresses of retail and service businesses that have recently opened in Skokie. Please consider shopping locally and contributing to the Skokie economy. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community, positively effecting Skokie schools, businesses and jobs. The following businesses have opened in Skokie since March 2011:

1st Choice DME Supplies, Inc. 4556 Oakton Street, 209	Community Health Pharmacy 4043 Main Street	Proficient Home Health Care 8142 Lawndale Avenue	Wellness Relax Center 9257 Skokie Boulevard
All 4 Vision 3455 Dempster Street	Covenant Nursery School 3637 Golf Road	Rainbow Interior Restoration 8208 McCormick	Westfield Old Orchard New Businesses
Alpha Auto Works 8015 Ridgeway, 101	Edward Jones 8707 Skokie Boulevard, 212	ROSS Dress For Less 9454 Skokie Boulevard	All About Hair
Barasch Insurance Service 5200 Golf Road	Glamour Beauty Salon 3707 Dempster, 102	Skokie Cash, Jewelry & Loan 4859 Dempster Street	Beauty By Nature
Block Center for Cancer Care 5230 Old Orchard Road	Jane's Hallmark 9316 Skokie Boulevard	Sinbad Oriental Rug 4915 Dempster Street	Chico's
Brothers Food Market 4527 Oakton Street	Libertad Restaurant 7931 Lincoln Avenue	Skin Care-Spa Institute, Inc. 10024 Skokie Boulevard, 301	Energy Excel
Bughouse Studio 4845 Oakton Street	Mike Dileo Insurance Agency 3348 Main Street	Skokie Shell 5132 Dempster Street	Epic Burger
Cameleon Software USA, Inc. 5215 Old Orchard Road, 505	Mitzvah Memorial Funerals 8850 Skokie Boulevard, 101	SOS Estate Sales 9255 Skokie Boulevard	Galt Toys & Galt Baby
Caputo's Pizzeria, Inc. 4010 Main Street	Northside Auto & Brake Parts, Inc. 8204 McCormick Boulevard	Sport Clips 9404 Skokie Boulevard	Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics
Chicago Jewish Funerals 8851 Skokie Boulevard	Papa Johns 4911 W. Dempster Street	Swift Bankruptcy 4959 Dempster Street, 101	Skechers Fitness Group Shape
Chicago Nails and Spa 8257 Skokie Boulevard		The Nutrient Shoppe 4142 Dempster Street	Swim 'N Sport Retail, Inc.
		TMC Windows 8041 Ridgeway	Timberland
			The Art of Shaving
			The Body Shop
			Tumi, Inc.
			Wilde & Greene ∞



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:
November 7, 21

Plan Commission:
November 17

Appearance Commission:
November 9

Zoning Board of Appeals:
November 16



Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved a contract with sculptor Evan Lewis to create a kinetic sculpture for the CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street Station in Downtown Skokie. Evan Lewis is an accomplished artist who has created outdoor kinetic sculptures throughout the United States since 1984.

The Village Board approved a contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors for the construction of a one-mile, multi-use path along the former Union Pacific Right-of-Away from Oakton Street to Dempster Street. A \$200,000 federal grant has been secured to help pay for a portion of this project. The remaining funding will be provided from the TIF fund.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with North American Salt Co. for the purchase of 4,400 tons of bulk rock salt at \$63.05/ton for total price of \$277,420. The price of bulk rock salt was \$68.54/ton in 2009 and \$62.31/ton in 2010.

The Village Board approved a contract with Baxter Woodman, Inc. for the design and construction engineering services of a streetscape improvement project along Oakton Street from Skokie Boulevard to Lowell Avenue. The improvements include decorative roadway and pedestrian lights, new sidewalk and brick pavers, landscaping and benches. The Village received \$992,280 in federal transportation enhancement funds toward the project. The remaining costs will be paid through the TIF fund. 

Did You Know?

The Skokie Police Department wants to remind residents of common traffic laws that are sometimes forgotten. These lesser-known laws often have a huge effect on whether or not crashes occur.

- You must drive with your head lights on at all times when rain, snow, fog or other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield wipers in addition to the period from sunset to sunrise.
- No person may turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal. A signal of intention to turn right or left must be given continuously at least last 100 feet before turning within a business or residential district.
- When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection from different roadways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.
- Under a new Illinois law drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk that is marked, unmarked, signaled and un signaled.
- It is also unlawful to use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school zone or on a highway in a construction zone.



If you have questions on these or other laws, please contact the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5900. 

Oakton Street “Road Diet” Overview

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streetscape plans and other means of improving and beautifying Downtown Skokie. It is expected that these plans will be brought to the Village Board before the end of 2011, with construction beginning during 2012. A little more than two years remain on the

What Do You Love About Skokie?

The Village continues to receive messages from residents with details on what they love about Skokie. Here are a few that have been received in the recent weeks:

“I love our diversity, our commitment to education, our prize-winning schools and library and parks, our tolerance for differences. We’re what America should be.”

Carolyn B., 15-year resident

“What don’t we love? Diverse neighborhood, clean community, fantastic library, friendly Village staff, variety of restaurants and stores, feeling safe to walk the streets, yard waste service in the summer, it’s quiet and pretty...we’re lucky to be here!”

Berlanti and Tomas M., 16-year residents

“I love how helpful and responsive our Fire and Police Departments are. Not only do they come when you need them, but they are pleasant and professional and always seem to offer additional ideas for proactive safety measures. I also love the community garden!”

Betsy L., eight-year resident

“Close to Chicago, yet a suburban atmosphere; great Fire and Police Departments; nice people at Village Hall; the STAR bus convenience (I don’t drive anymore); good neighbors; good services; the Village atmosphere; really, everything, including the quiet beauty of Memorial Park where my wife is buried.”

Robert M., 61-year resident

“Everything except the rabbits. I love living here!”

Gillian W., 31-year resident

What do you love about Skokie? Send an email to info@skokie.org or write to Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, 60077, Attention: Public Information. Please include your name, address, phone and email address and the number of years you have lived in Skokie. As space permits, the Village will feature these comments in NewSkokie, on the Village web site and in other Village outreach. ∞

Downtown Tax Increment Financing District (TIF), and funding for all Downtown Skokie improvements will be financed with TIF funds.

What’s next for Downtown Skokie? The upcoming construction will result in infrastructure improvements and a more beautiful appearance. It’s up to the community to support the Downtown restaurants and retail stores. The Village will continue its award-winning Downtown Reinvented campaign to attract customers to the Downtown Skokie area.

For more information about all that Downtown Skokie has to offer, such as 16 great restaurants that include some of the finest ethnic cuisine in the area, visit www.skokiedowntown.org. ∞

Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission Grants

The Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission offers grants to Skokie schools that promote arts and cultural diversity in the community.

The Cultural Arts Grants are available to Skokie schools for in-school performing arts programming, and Project Grants are available to Skokie arts organizations.

Skokie public and private schools that host professional visiting artists are eligible to apply for a Cultural Arts Grant. Programs should have an emphasis on fine arts, music and dance while also promoting cultural diversity. The maximum grant amount is \$500. In 2011, over \$3,500 was awarded to Skokie schools for various projects, author visits and educational performances.

Project Grants are available to organizations for visual, audio and creative projects. These competitive grants provide larger funding amounts and Skokie not-for-profit arts organizations and institutions are encouraged to apply.

The Commission is transitioning to a calendar year and as such, projects taking place between May 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012 are eligible to apply. The Fine Arts Commission offers a grants workshop on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

The deadline for both grants is Monday, April 2, 2012.

Applications for this year’s Arts Grants are available online at www.skokie.org or by contacting the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257. ∞

Winter Time in Skokie

There has rarely been a winter in our area without two or more severe storms. The Village of Skokie would like to help you become more prepared with the following information.

Prepare Your House for Cold Weather

Use the following suggestions to prevent pipes from freezing or ice dams from occurring in severely cold weather.

Frozen Pipes

Frozen pipes usually occur for one of three reasons: when cold outside air leaks into the house and freezes the water in pipes, when a homeowner lowers the thermostat in their house to 55 degrees or less when they are out of the house or when the pipes in crawl spaces or attics are not properly insulated.

When a pipe is frozen only a trickle of water comes out when the faucet is turned on. If you choose to thaw the pipe yourself do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater or any open flame device. It is advised that you have a licensed plumber assist if you cannot immediately locate the frozen pipe or cannot make the necessary repair.



Ice Dams

Ice dams are the result of melting water and ice entering attics via the roof shingles. Dams primarily occur after a cycle of melting-freezing days. Water from ice dams may damage ceilings, walls, floors and household items. To reduce the chances that an ice dam will form be sure to clean out all gutters and downspouts, replacing or repairing those which are damaged, and do not allow ice or icicles to accumulate in or around gutters.

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

Is Your Car Ready for Winter?

Reliable transportation is especially important during the winter. If you have a vehicle, make sure it is ready for whatever winter weather may bring.

Not only should your vehicle be kept in top operating condition all year round for safety and fuel economy, it is especially important to get it winterized to avoid any unpleasant or dangerous situations while traveling in inclement weather.

Items to check include the ignition system, fuel system, brakes, exhaust system, wiper blades, snow tires, tire tread, defroster, proper grade oil, cooling system, battery, lights and antifreeze. ∞



Winter Emergency Kit

Be prepared for weather-related emergencies by having an emergency kit in both your auto and home. At a minimum the kit should include the following:

- Non-perishable food and bottles of water
- Flashlight with spare batteries
- Portable battery-operated radio with spare batteries
- Warm clothing and a blanket
- First aid kit
- Spare cell phone battery

- Small tool kit, flares for an auto
- Phone numbers of relatives, physicians, etc.
- Copy of prescriptions and an emergency supply of medication taken on a daily basis
- Extra credit cards or travelers checks
- Writing materials
- Extra car keys

For further information about emergency preparedness please visit www.skokie.org. ∞

Skokie Community Giving Program

For the past 16 years the Skokie Human Services Division has coordinated a Community Giving Program designed to assist families that might not otherwise be able to celebrate winter holidays with their children. Skokie families who meet a designated income threshold, have experienced a catastrophic life event and have children under the age of 18 will receive gift cards for use at area businesses for their holiday celebrations and often basic needs.

For further information or to make a donation please contact the Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Due to increased demand from area residents in need and federal government cutbacks, the Niles Township Food Pantry has much less food to distribute to the over 3,000 individuals who use the pantry each month.

To assist the Niles Township Food Pantry the Village of Skokie has an ongoing non-perishable food drive.

A large food collection box is located at the main entrance of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Please consider donating non-perishable goods while purchasing a vehicle sticker, dropping of a permit application or doing other business at Village Hall.

Acceptable items include:

- Boxed cereals
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned stews, soups, pork and beans
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Boxed juices and milk
- Pasta, rice, etc.
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars only)
- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups, fruit bars, raisins, etc.
- Crackers

Glass jars and perishables items are not accepted.

For more information on this program please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞



License Plate Covers

License plate covers, whether tinted, colored, painted, marked, clear or illuminated are illegal in the State of Illinois. Drivers using license plates covers may be ticketed. This type of ticket is considered a non-moving violation. ∞

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency offers a household hazardous chemicals disposal facility at Goose Island, 1150 North Branch Street in Chicago. For more information or for drop-off times, please call 312/744-7606.

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

Items accepted by the Health Department 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)

These services are for households only, business and clinic recycling is not a part of this program. For further information, please contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252.

For other household hazardous waste disposal options and electronics recycling, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County website at www.swancc.org. ∞

Medical Reserve Corps Medical Volunteers Needed!

The Skokie Health Department recognizes that citizen volunteers and volunteer organizations are an extremely valuable in assisting Skokie's response personnel educate, assist and support the community.

The Skokie Health Department has implemented a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC provides year-round opportunities to support local preparedness efforts and will ensure an integrated effort in response should the need arise in the community.

The intent of this volunteer program is three-fold: to support Health Department staff in managing volunteer projects, to ensure volunteers have a safe working environment and a quality experience and to ensure that the volunteer program provides consistency across the medical community for overall preparedness and education. Additional information is available at the village website, www.skokie.org/hdmain.cfm.

Medical professionals considering volunteering should attend



The first Skokie Medical Reserve Corps class which finished training in August 2011.

a Skokie Health Department Volunteer Orientation and training series. Volunteer opportunities will be summarized at the orientation.

The next orientation is scheduled for January 10, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall. To sign up, please call Claudia Braden at 847/933-8252.

Cold Weather Safety Tips for Your Pets

Unless your pet has adequate shelter and is under your supervision, living outdoors can be hazardous for your pet. Compare the amount of exercise your dog receives during the colder months to that received during the warmer months. If your dog is indoors more during the cold months, he is probably getting less exercise and may need less food. However, if your pet is outside often in the winter months, he may need more food to provide the calories necessary to produce more body heat.

If your dog must be outdoors, then you will need to provide them with a dry, elevated doghouse. The house should be small enough to keep your dog warm by trapping the dog's body heat, but large enough for the dog to stand up in and turn around. The doghouse should have insulation, straw for bedding, a door flap and it should be faced away from the wind so that your dog will be protected against the cold. You need to make sure that snow does not pile up high next to your fence because it can provide a boost for your dog to jump over and escape.

When the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, it is best to keep all dogs indoors, even if a doghouse is provided. Short-haired dogs and puppies should always be kept indoors when the weather is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Regularly check your pet's water to make sure it is not frozen. When your pet is outside, make sure there is plenty of fresh drinking water available. Ice

and snow do not provide enough liquid for an animal. Your pets can't burn calories without a fresh supply of water, and if they can't burn calories they will get cold.

If you let your cat outdoors - BEWARE - in their search to keep warm they may crawl into a warm car engine or lie next to a tire. To alert an animal that may be in your vehicle, slap the hood before starting your car. This is another good reason why cats are best kept indoors. You should always keep your pet's coat well groomed, but especially during the winter months. If your pet's fur becomes matted it will not properly protect them from the cold.

For more information or to report a pet in distress, contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8252.

Thanksgiving Holiday Clinic Closures

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Skokie Health Department will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. All clinics normally held on those dates will be cancelled. The Health Department will resume its regular clinic schedule on Monday, November 28.

November 2011

Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



Holiday Refuse Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2011), Monday and Tuesday collections are unchanged, with an attempt to complete both Thursday and Friday collections on Wednesday. To find out which days your refuse is collected please visit www.skokie.org.

Holiday Recycling Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2011), Monday, Tuesday and Friday collections are unchanged, Thursday collections will take place on Wednesday. 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.*

Hearing Screening*
Friday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lead Screening*
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon except November 24. Wednesday, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon except November 24. Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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 except November 24. Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, November 9 and 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Diabetes Screening*
Tuesday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. except November 24. Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. except November 24. Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon except November 24. Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon except November 25. Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. except November 22. \$5 fee.

Well Child Clinic*
Monday, November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Smith Center Activities

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

Bright Ideas ESL Class

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

Woodcarving Club

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

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

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

Conversational German

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

Hearing Loss Support Group

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

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, November 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares RX

Please call 847/933-8208 for an appointment.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, November 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

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

Needlework

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

Stamp Club

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

Rules of the Road

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

Silver Singers

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

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Tune to 1660 AM

Village of Skokie Municipal Advisory Radio Station

For emergency preparedness information, up-to-the-minute reports, alerts and relevant instructions for what to do in an emergency and national weather service announcements.

Turn Back Time

It is time to reset your clocks! This year, Daylight Savings Time officially ends on Sunday, November 6, 2011 when clocks are set back one hour at 2 a.m.

The Skokie Fire Department also reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits when they reset their clocks. 



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

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

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

Womens' Discussion Group
Wednesdays, November 9 and 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. At Oakton Park.

CPR Schedule

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

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

Handicap This!

In the Centre East Theatre
Friday, November 4 at 8 p.m.

Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble

In the Centre East Theatre
Saturday, November 5 at 8 p.m. Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m.

Season's Greetings

Northlight Theatre
November 11 through December 18.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra - Four Great Romantic Nationalists

In the Centre East Theatre
Sunday, November 13.

Joan Rivers

In the Centre East Theatre
Tuesday, November 15 at 8 p.m.

Skokie Public Library

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

So You Want to Write?
Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m.

How to Avoid the Biggest Mistakes Job-Hunters Make

Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert

Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m.

Holiday Gift-Buying Guide for Readers in Your Life - Part 1

Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m.

Cooking for Health: Healing Foods and Cooking Techniques

Wednesdays, November 9 at 7 p.m.

The Ins and Outs of Online Shopping

Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

Sisai: Music of the Andes

Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m.

Holiday Gift-Buying Guide for Readers in Your Life - Part 2

Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m.

Frog Prince Puppet Show

Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m.

Muppet Mania

Saturday, November 19 at 3 p.m.

In Full Swing Jazz Orchestra

Sunday, November 20 at 3 p.m.

Library Closed

Thursday, November 24

Skokie Park District

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

Devonshire Playhouse Presents: "A Night with the Tonys 2011"

Musical and dramatic scenes from your favorite shows will be featured, making you

feel like you have your own ticket to the Tony Awards. Featured scenes from Chicago, Hairspray, Our Town, The Diary of Anne Frank, Cabaret, The Odd Couple, Annie and more! November 5 through 20. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2400 for dates and ticket information. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Princess Ball

This parent-child dance is sure to please all princesses. Attendees should wear their finest royal attire and every child will receive their own special invitation in the mail. Join us for a night of dancing, food, fun and of course, a visit from Cinderella, Belle and Snow White! Pre-registration required. There will be no at-the-door registration. Ages 3+. Fee: \$30 to \$36. November 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street.

Unique Birthday Parties

Celebrate family and children's birthdays with a variety of unusual themes, from nature, to history, to skating, to dance, and more! Call 847/674-1500 for more party information. 

Village Hall Closed

The Village of Skokie offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2011.

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Sign Up to Receive Alternate-Side Parking Alerts by Email

Beginning with the 2011/12 winter season, the Village of Skokie will issue email notices on the first day of Alternate-Side Parking to all SkokieNews subscribers. The message will be sent before 7 a.m. on the first day parking restrictions are in place after a snowfall of two inches or more. To subscribe to SkokieNews, visit www.skokie.org and follow the link from the home page, or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

Please see page three for other ways to learn if Alternate-Side Parking is in effect. 

Downtown Skokie Facebook Page

Want to know more about what's going on in Downtown Skokie, including specials, activities and more? Check out the new Downtown Skokie Facebook page recently launched by the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS). Be sure to 'like' the page and to 'like' your favorite stores and restaurants when they post information. In coming months, the Village plans to launch a Facebook page for community wide economic development promotion. Watch for announcements in an upcoming edition of *NewSkokie*. 

Skokie's 'Going Green' Village Hall Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Thanks to an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy, a complete replacement of all existing lighting took place during the summer at Village Hall.

The new fixtures selected as replacements provide over 60% efficiency when compared to the previous lighting. Light and motion sensors were installed throughout the building to improve light usage. In addition, new window installations that provide light harvesting are planned. The new windows will also significantly reduce natural gas consumption by the Village's HVAC system.

The Village of Skokie's commitment to the environment has been an important part in long term planning. Skokie continues to pursue conscious environmental solutions, while responsibly handling limited public resources. 

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