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200th Neighborhood Watch Block Captain



From left to right: Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Tom Dornback and Deputy Police Chief Michael Pechter.

The Skokie Police Department celebrated an important milestone recently with the addition of the 200th block to its Neighborhood Watch program. The 5300 block of Galitz is officially the 200th block to join the Neighborhood Watch program

in Skokie. The growth in program participation is significant, as it represents a strengthened partnership between the citizens of Skokie and the Police Department in proactively preventing crime in the community.

“The entire Village Board joins me in expressing appreciation to the residents who have established Neighborhood Watch on their blocks,” said Mayor George Van Dusen. “We appreciate everyone’s participation in the program, and we are especially grateful to the Neighborhood Watch block captains for taking a leadership role. The cooperation between residents and the Police Department is essential to prevent crime in the community and to apprehending perpetrators. Statistics indicate that crime in Skokie has declined over the past several years, which is a testament, in part, to resident involvement in Neighborhood Watch”.

The newest Neighborhood Watch block captain is Tom Dornback, who initiated establishing the 5300 block of Galitz

as the 200th block to join the program. Additional congratulations and thanks are in order to all of the Neighborhood Watch block captains throughout Skokie.

The Neighborhood Watch program creates a partnership with citizens and the Police Department aimed at continuing to reduce crime in the community by providing citizens with training, up-to-date information and the additional tools necessary to keep their block safe and less attractive to criminals. For further information on establishing a Neighborhood Watch program in a block or neighborhood, contact Officer Joe Marzigliano, Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit, at 847/982-5919. ↻

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 1 through June 30, 2012. The program will kick-off at the April 29, 2012 Community Potluck held at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, from 5 to 7 p.m. (see box on page four).

All KYN hosts will receive a host ‘kit’ that includes invitations, 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 2008, 2010 and 2011, during which nearly 150 resident hosts opened their homes to thousands of their Skokie neighbors and friends.

Again 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 Saturday or Sunday afternoons. When hosts register with the Village, they can decide if they would like the Village officials 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 during summer 2012.

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

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Spotlight on the Public Arts Advisory Committee

The Public Arts Advisory Committee was created in 2008 with a mission to integrate a wide range of public art into the community that reflects the diversity of the Village, various artistic disciplines and points of view.

Other Committee goals include to promote vitality and economic development throughout the community; develop a public collection of artwork which has strong aesthetic quality and a wide range of artistic styles and disciplines; encourage collaboration among artists, architects, engineers and property owners for the public display of art so that buildings, store facades, parks and open spaces are in aesthetic harmony with public art; provide opportunities for professional artists to sell or lease their art to the Village of Skokie and disperse public art throughout the community within an initial focus in Downtown Skokie.

Since the Committee was created in 2008, it has placed four sculptures throughout the community, including two pieces on the Village Green between the Skokie Public Library and Village Hall, one piece at a small park at the northeast corner of Lamon and Louise Avenues and one at “Carwash Park” located on Gross Point Road north of Dempster Street. Recently, the Committee commissioned Chicago sculptor Evan Lewis to design and create a 34-foot-high kinetic sculpture which will be placed at the new Oakton Station in Downtown Skokie by mid-summer.

Pictured at right are members of the Public Arts Advisory Committee by “Gourd Man” by Shencheng Xu. “Gourd Man” was the second sculpture purchased by the Public Arts Advisory Committee and installed at the Village Green in April 2009. ∞



From left to right: Michael Dorf, Honorable Barbara Meyer and Joe Folise. Not pictured: Sonya Baysinger

Who’s Who: Honorable Barbara Meyer, Public Arts Advisory Committee Chair

How many years have you been on the Public Arts Advisory Committee?

I have been the chair of the Committee since its inception in 2008.

Why did you seek a position on the Public Arts Advisory Committee?

Prior to becoming a judge, I was the Village’s Corporation Counsel. As a judge the activities I can be involved in are limited. Being appointed to the Public Arts Advisory Committee has given me an opportunity to be involved in a community activity that is permissible. I enjoy going to art exhibits and art shows. When I heard about the creation of the Committee, I contacted Mayor Van Dusen and told him I would be interested in serving on the Committee.



Honorable Barbara Meyer
Public Arts Advisory Committee Chair

What Public Arts Advisory Committee activity are you most proud of?

I enjoy the meetings and discussions regarding creating a plan for placement of public art in the community. It is exciting when the Committee chooses a sculpture for placement at a specific location. Public art is an investment in the community which will provide enjoyment for years to come.

How long have you lived in Skokie?

I have lived in Skokie my entire life.

What is your favorite shop or restaurant in Skokie?

My favorite restaurant in Skokie is the Skokie Club.

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.info.


Niles Township Youth Coalition Town Hall Meeting

Join local school administrators, community service agencies, law enforcement officials and others who will answer your questions at the next *Raising Teens* Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7 p.m., at Niles North High School Auditorium, 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie. The meeting is free and open to the public. Topics and presentations covered include:

- Results of the 2010 - 2011 Social Norms Survey: Dr. Nanciann Gatta, District 219 Superintendent
- Depression/Suicide Prevention/School Refusal: Niles North Student Assistance Program (SAP) Coordinator Anna Hamilton
- Technology Internet Usage: Sarah Migas, Illinois State's Attorney's Office
- Drugs/Alcohol/Curfew: Niles West SAP Coordinator Karin Wick
- Crimes/Crimes of Opportunity: Christine Carlyon, Illinois State's Attorney's Office
- Dating/Sex/Supervision: Lydia Tracy, Turning Point
- Police-Related Matters: Commander Brian Baker and Detective John Long, Skokie Police Department

Stay for an Information Fair and refreshments after the meeting.

For more information, please contact Rosamin Bhanpuri of District 219 at 847/626-3959 or rosbha@d219.org.

The Niles Township Youth Coalition (NTYC) is comprised of local community agencies that serve Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie. Its purpose is to bring together key social service agencies that support children and families in Niles Township to help provide a safe and secure community. www.nilestownshipyouth.org 

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 also are 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 was the first municipality in the State of Illinois to adopt a Fair Housing Ordinance. The Human Relations Commission initiated pursuing fair housing issues in the Village of Skokie.

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

Merchant of the Year

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission is accepting entries for the Merchant of the Year. Which Skokie store, service or business provides the most outstanding service to the consumer? Please fill out the ballot below including the comment section. Awards will be presented at a Village Board meeting this summer. Entries also may be submitted at www.skokie.org and the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ShopLocalSkokie.

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

This business deserves to be the Skokie Merchant of the Year because: _____

(submit extra page if needed)

Your Name: _____

Your Signature: _____

Your Address: _____

Rules

All entries must be signed. One vote per person please. Any Skokie business providing goods or services is eligible. Merchant of the Year recipients from the previous three years are not eligible. For a list, see www.skokie.org. **Ballots must be received by May 15, 2012.**

Return ballots to:
Consumer Affairs Commission
5127 Oakton Street
Skokie, Illinois 60077

You Are Invited! Community Potluck - April 29, 2012

The Skokie Human Relations Commission invites all Skokie residents to the April 29, 2012 Community Potluck. The event will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 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

wide plates, napkins, utensils and beverages. Please plan to attend, and bring your family, neighbors and friends. For additional information, please email info@skokie.org or contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

The Skokie Health Department reminds those preparing food for the community potluck dinner of these essential food safety guidelines:

- Wash your hands often, as this is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of food-borne illnesses. During food preparation, wash your hands often to remove soil and contamination and to prevent cross contamination when changing tasks.
- Make sure cooked foods are heated completely. Always maintain hot foods at 135°F or above. Any reheated foods must reach 165°F or above.
- Make sure cold prepared foods are rapidly cooled down. Always maintain cold foods at 41°F or below.

For more information please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ↻

Community Development Block Grants

The Village of Skokie recently conducted three public hearings to determine its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects for Program Year 2012-13. 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 each year to determine the most worthy funding requests. Administration expenses are also paid from the grant, but are capped at 20% of the annual entitlement. General support to social services also 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 grant for Program Year 2012-13 will be \$448,900. The Village will also re-program \$8,090 of grant funds that have not been spent from previously completed projects, and \$5,700 in program income from homes sold in the past year that were previously improved through the Village's Home Improvement Program, for a total budget of \$462,690. Service activities will receive the maximum funding allowed by CDBG program regulations, while construction projects will receive most of the program funding. The remaining budget will be applied to the Village's CDBG administration costs.

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

Program Administration and Planning - \$85,000

Funding to administer and plan for the Village's CDBG Program.

Home Improvement Program - \$110,000

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 - \$150,000

Funding to resurface Keating Avenue between Keeney Avenue and Washington Street in the low/moderate-income multi-family residential area northeast of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard.

Sidewalk Grant Program - \$2,000

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

CJE SeniorLife - \$10,000

Funding to assist with the replacement of up to two commercial-grade, 40-gallon capacity kitchen kettles at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road, to prepare meals for Lieberman residents and elderly Skokie residents participating in the home-delivered meals program.

Turning Point - \$5,000

Funding to assist with the construction of one new primary care nurse practitioner office and two new substance abuse counseling offices at its headquarters at 8324 Skokie Boulevard.

SHORE Community Services, Inc. - \$4,500

Funding to assist with the replacement of four windows and three doors on the 8900 block of Central Park Avenue, a group home for females with developmental disabilities. Funding will

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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 live on SkokieVision Cable Television (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems). The Board Meetings also are re-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 2, 16

Plan Commission:
April 5, 19

Appearance Commission:
April 11


Zoning Board of Appeals:
April 4, 18



Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved two resolutions approving an application to apply for a grant through the Illinois "IKE" Disaster Recovery Program. This grant will potentially assist Skokie homeowners who have damage remaining from the September 13 and 14, 2008 severe rain storms and flooding.

The Village Board recently approved the purchase of 21 complete sets of fire safety gear. This gear, sometimes called turnout or bunker gear, is an integral and necessary component of personal protective equipment worn by all sworn members of the Skokie Fire Department.

The Village Board approved a \$478,635 contract with Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the construction of the Oakton Station Kiss-n-Ride Lot. Approximately 80% of the funding for this project comes from a federal grant. The parking lot is for taxi cabs and commuter drop-off only. 

Village Commissioners Honored

On March 12, 2012 a number of the Village's more than 250 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:

Beautification and Improvement Commission

Mitchell Sandler, 25 years
Edward Potash, 20 years
Charlene Abraham, 5 years
Janette Enwia, 5 years

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

David Jones, 45 years
Gabriel Hostalet, 25 years

Board of Health

Lloyd Gordon, 25 years
Dr. Herbert Lipschultz, 15 years
Dr. William Plotkin, 15, years
Dr. Michael Drachler, 10 years
Dr. Edward Kaplan, 10 years
Ruth Varma, 10 years
Dr. Bruce Gaynes, 5 years
Stanley Lapidos, 5 years
Dr. Nancy Topuzian, 5 years

Cable Television Advisory Commission

Ken Grossman, 10 years
Roger Safian, 5 years

Commission on Family Services

Dr. Edward McCarron, 30 years
Leona Davis, 25 years
Yvonne Davis, 25 years
Marla Chorney, 5 years
Ruhul Chowdhury, 5 years
Howard Meyer, 5 years

Consumer Affairs Commission

Pratap Sampat, 10 years
Judy Wolf, 10 years

Fine Arts Commission

Sylvia Callistein, 25 years
Pamela Garbarini, 25 years
Ellen Waxberg, 15 years
Mira Chander, 10 years
Sharon Vicker, 5 years

Human Relations Commission

Rabbi Amy Memis-Foler, 5 years
Maria Monastero, 5 years
Marion Rosenberg, 5 years

Plan Commission

Dakshes Laxpati, 10 years


Public Safety Commission

Marcie Claus, 20 years
Carol Arkin, 5 years

Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission

Rachel Rosenberg, 5 years

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ilonka Ulrich, 5 years 

Skokie's Spring Greening

Join the Skokie Park District, Library, Chamber of Commerce, District 219 and the Village for the Skokie Spring Greening event, a fun community event featuring bands, reuse and recycling dropoff, green products expo, informational workshops and more. The event will be held on Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Avenue.

For more information see SkokieSpringGreening.org. 

2011 Property Owner Awards

The Beautification and Improvement Commission Annual Property Owner Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 2, 2012 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 2011:

Joel & Myra Bauer
4624 Elm Terrace

Maria Cartagena
8552 Drake Avenue

Raul & Pam Castaneda
5201 Greenleaf Street

The Clarks
5253 Enfield Avenue

Pons & Dorothy Derequito
4151 Emerson Street

Christopher Egan
8323 Lockwood Avenue

Dazy Eshoo
5350 Washington Street

Jose Fernandez
8449 Latrobe Avenue

David & Vicki Freer
4657 Elm Terrace

Sam & Sheila Gross
9006 Sleeping Bear Road

Jim & Michelle Harris
5247 Greenwood Street

Iosif & Cornelia Isfan
4917 Dobson Street

Jim & Mary Jaskolski
8641 Karlov Avenue

Sam & Carmen Jazairli
8301 Lockwood Avenue

Zivka & Milorad Jovanovic
3352 Wilder Street

Dr. Aziz Karim
5225 Greenleaf Street

Donald & Cher McCrimon
8442 Keystone Avenue

Andrew & Jenny Madoo
3639 Crain Street

George & Lorene Michaelides
5106 Pratt Avenue

Edward & Helen Mikos
3949 Keeney Street

Mr. & Mrs. Ayman Nofal
9622 Karlov Avenue

George & Ana Oros
9228 Kolmar Avenue

Michael & Brenda Perry
3303 Emerson Street

Helene Pizzolato
5223 Madison Street

Scott & Susan Richter
4211 Lee Street

Mieng Riordan
8349 Trumbull Avenue



Jim & Pat Siannas
8133 Hamlin Avenue

Gruja & Nada Tapai
8720 Avers Avenue

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

Bob & Jackie Tropp
8547 St. Louis Avenue

Ivo & Chrissy Vasilj
8221 Lockwood Avenue

Gilbert & Lourdes Villaluna
7632 Niles Center Road

Westfield Old Orchard
4905 Old Orchard Center

Mr. & Mrs. Yacoub
9528 Keystone Avenue

Theodore & Kanou Yuhana
3828 Keeney Street

**Milton & Michelle
Zimmerman**
4036 Emerson Street

Five Year Awards

Krystyna Grabczynska
8445 Lockwood Avenue

**Estrella Nigos & Estrella &
Monet Aberin**
8027 East Prairie Road ∞

Human Relations D.A.Y. Program

Diversity Awareness - Action - Achievement by Youth

Through the Skokie D.A.Y. (Diversity Action by Youth) Program, the Education Committee of the Village of Skokie Human Relations Commission wishes to recognize young people for their efforts to foster better understanding and mutual respect among all Skokie residents.

Recognition and honors will be given at the Skokie Festival of Cultures on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Entries are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012.

For more information or to obtain applications, please visit the D.A.Y. Program web page at www.skokie.org/dayprogram.cfm or contact the Human Services Division 847/933-8208. ∞

Wednesdays on the Green *It's Going to be a Fun Summer!*

Mark your calendar now for the summer 2012 Wednesdays on the Green (WOTG) program in Downtown Skokie. Beginning on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, there will be a free, fun, family friendly event on the Village Green every Wednesday evening through Wednesday, August 29. The only exception is the music program held on Tuesday, July 3 so that everyone can enjoy the festivities at Niles West on Wednesday, July 4. The Village Green is the landscaped lawn area between Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, and the Skokie Public Library. All programs begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. except for the Classic Cars and Movies on the Green that continue past dusk.

Wednesdays on the Green is 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, information on the generous program sponsors and further information.

A brief line-up of the 2012 WOTG programs includes:

Music on the Green

Bring a blanket or chair and your picnic basket to enjoy the sounds of summer! On June 6, get ready for a rollicking night of fiddle playing. The summer's one and only Tuesday on the Green is on July 3 when Gorilla Tango/Skokie Theatre entertains the community on Gorilla on the Green night! Rounding out the line up is Skokie's own Charlene Brooks on August 1. The Music on the Green is provided, in part, through a grant from the Skokie Fine Arts Commission.

Dancing on the Green

Get out your dancing shoes! A DJ will spin the tunes while everyone dances the night away. June 13 – cut some moves on Motown night; July 11 – catch 'Wednesday Night Fever' on 70s night and on August 8 dance to 80s tunes on "I want my MTV" night!



Family Fun on the Green

The summer fun continues as the Skokie Public Library sponsors three action-packed nights! June 20, groove to the tunes of Brit Beat; July 18, enjoy the percussion sensations of the Kaotic Drumline and on August 15, enjoy a performance by Matt Wilhelm's BMX Bikes.

Classic Cars and Movies on the Green

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a classic car show, featuring some 75 classic and custom cars, while a DJ spins tunes. The fun continues after dusk with a movie on the Village Green. This year, the movies are all made by legendary filmmaker John Hughes: June 27 – *Uncle Buck*; July 25 – *Sixteen Candles*; August 22 – *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

Bonus Night - August 29

On this extra Wednesday night, come to the Village Green to enjoy *Music of America* performed by the 16-piece Michael Lerich Orchestra.

Consider dining at – or carrying out from – one of Downtown Skokie's 17 restaurants. Have a picnic on the Green! Skokie residents will receive more information on special dining offers for Downtown Skokie restaurants on Wednesday nights in conjunction with the WOTG programs. For more information, visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com. ∞

Sign Up For a CPR Class - It Can Save a Life

Learning CPR can save lives. Sudden cardiac arrest is more common than you think, and it can happen to anyone at anytime. Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually, and 80 percent of those occur at home. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors. If you learn CPR, the life you save is likely to be someone at home: a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival, but currently only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander.

The Skokie Fire Department currently offers CPR classes on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Fire Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road. Residents pay a \$15 refundable fee. Non-residents pay a \$20, non-refundable fee. This class is not certified for health-care professionals. This course teaches adult, child and infant CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve an obstruction when someone is choking. In addition, Hands-Only CPR for the untrained layperson also is discussed. This is a two-step technique that involves calling 9-1-1 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest until help arrives.

For additional information or to enroll, contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340. ∞

Gorilla Tango Theatre Purchases the Skokie Theatre

On Monday, March 12, 2012, Gorilla Tango Theatre (GTT) completed its purchase of the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Avenue. The theatre has been closed since late 2011, and was purchased by GTT for \$420,000. Programming will resume in early April, 2012. Over the last year GTT began pursuing expanding its successful for-profit business model locally, regionally and nationally. The theatre company began in Albuquerque, New Mexico nearly 10 years ago and currently has an extremely accomplished for-profit theatre in the Bucktown area of Chicago.

New owners Dan Abbate and Kelly Williams indicate they will focus on their successful “By Kids For Kids” shows (where young artists work with directors to produce original performances which they co-write and stage) and a new original film series that GTT is producing. Interested organizations or individuals wanting to produce at GTT’s Skokie Theatre should please contact Kelly Williams, kelly@gorillatango.com or visit www.gorillatango.com. ∞

Community Development Block Grant

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be contingent upon SHORE paying for a structural engineer (or similar expert) to inspect the foundation and prepare a report with recommendations.

Orchard Village - \$13,000

Funding to assist with repair/replacement of two bathrooms, kitchen appliances, mortar and gutters on the 3800 block of Brummel Street, a group home for males with developmental disabilities. Funding will be contingent upon Orchard Village addressing additional necessary rehabilitation work, performing general maintenance and providing before and after photos of such activities.

Search - \$15,000

Funding to assist with remodeling two bathrooms to increase accessibility and safety for the residents of a group home on the 7800 block of Keeler Avenue, a group home for females with developmental disabilities.

Social Worker - \$31,190

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

Metropolitan Family Services - \$5,000

Funding to assist with general counseling services for low/moderate-income Skokie residents at its office is located at 5210 Main Street.

Center for Enriched Living - \$2,000

Funding to provide life enrichment and skills-for-independence program scholarships to Skokie residents with developmental disabilities. The organization is located at 280 Saunders Road, Riverwoods.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation - \$2,000

Funding to provide therapeutic recreation program scholarships to Skokie residents with developmental disabilities. The organization is located at 6820 Dempster Street, Morton Grove.

Access to Care - \$5,000

Funding to assist with primary health care services for low-income Skokie residents without health insurance. The regional organization is headquartered in Westchester.

PEER Services, Inc. - \$6,500

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

Children’s Advocacy Center - \$2,500

Funding to offset the costs associated with a child and family advocate/counselor position that supports Skokie child abuse victims and their non-offending family members. The organization services Skokie through its office located in Northbrook.

The Harbour, Inc. - \$6,000

Funding to offset the costs associated with staff functions for serving the needs of runaway, neglected, and homeless Skokie youth. The organization’s headquarters is located in Park Ridge.

North Shore Senior Center \$8,000

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 in Evanston.

For further information about the program and services listed here, please contact Planner/CDBG Administrator Carrie Haberstich at 847/933-8447. ∞

Driver’s License Renewal

On Monday, April 16, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Secretary of State will be at the Village of Skokie Human Service Office, 5120 Galitz Street (directly behind Skokie Village Hall), to issue ID cards, and renew driver’s licenses for those under the age of 75 with a clean driving record. ID cards free to individuals over age 65. Please note that license renewal fees are \$30 for non-seniors. Numbers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information please call the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ∞

Public Health Partners in Excellence Awards

The Skokie Health Department could not serve the residents of Skokie without the cooperation and help of many other individuals and organizations. Recognizing the critical contribution of these entities, the Health Department and Board of Health award the “Public Health Partners in Excellence Awards” each year.

This year, the Department would like to recognize the Skokie Park District for providing outstanding support for the Health Department's annual community flu shot program and the massive 2009 H1N1 vaccination campaign. Every year 3,000 people receive flu shots at Oakton Park Center. During 2009, nearly 13,000 people were given H1N1 vaccinations at this site. Without the Skokie Park District, the Health Department would not have been able to conduct these clinics.

The Health Department would also like to recognize Adopt-A-Pet for their compassion and hard work caring for and relocating stray pets not claimed in Skokie. Without their assistance it would be impossible for the Department to maintain its “no kill” policy for strays. Since 2005, Adopt-A-Pet received more than 240 dogs and cats from the Health Department, and has been invaluable in helping Skokie place animals up for adoption.

The awards will be presented to these organizations at the April 16, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. The Health Department is grateful to both and looks forward to continuing these valuable partnerships.

Stop Smoking Session

The Health Department is offering a stop smoking session for anyone who lives, works or attends school in Skokie. A \$15.00 fee covers the cost of course materials. The fee will be refunded to those who complete the program.

The six-session program begins on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. It also meets on Monday, April 23, 30 and May 7, 14, and 21. Sessions will be held at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Susan Reisberg, RN, with the Health Department will conduct the clinic. Ms. Reisberg has received extensive training in smoking cessation and prevention programs. She has a unique style that is very popular with participants.

Registration is required for the stop smoking program. For more information or to register for the program, contact the Health Department at 846/933-8252.

National Public Health Week

The country is celebrating National Public Health Week April 2 through the 8, 2012. In 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 \$3, lipid profile test is \$7.50, and body composition analysis is \$3. Diabetes Screening is \$2.50 when done in conjunction with Cholesterol or Lipid Profile Screening on April 17. The Diabetes Screening requires an eight-hour fast.

Clinics include:

Cholesterol Screening (walk-in)

- Tuesday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Lipid Profile (by appointment only)

Note - you must fast for 12 hours prior to the test

- Tuesday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Wednesday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Body Composition (by appointment only)

- Tuesday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Wednesday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Diabetes Screening (by appointment only)

- Tuesday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.



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

April 2012 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 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 and 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesdays, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Simple Cholesterol Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lead Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, April 4 and 18 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 4 and 18 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 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, April 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 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.

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

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

Hearing Loss Support Group

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

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

Conversational German

Thursdays, April 5 and 19 at 1 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, April 7 and 24 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, April 11 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 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Medicare Supplement Claims Assistance/ Senior Health Insurance Program

Selected dates, by appointment only.

Skokie Senior Men's Group

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

Needlework

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

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, April 2 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, April 4 and 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Silver Singers

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

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 noon at the Smith Activities Center. Please call 847/933-8208 to register for the class.

Federal Income Tax Program

Federal Income Tax help is provided free-of-charge through April 15, 2012 for low-to-moderate income senior residents and individuals with a disability. To make an appointment, please call 847/933-8208.

CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for April 17 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 2012 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org

Ten Chimneys

In the Northlight Theatre Tuesday through Sunday through April 15.

World Touring Productions presents Red Star Red Army Choir and Dance Ensemble

In the Centre East Theatre Thursday, April 5 at 8 p.m.

Natya Dance Theatre and Mordine & Company Dance Theater

In the Centre East Theatre Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

In the Centre East Theatre Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.

Tony Award-nominated duo Liz & Ann Hampton Callaway in Boom!


In the Centre East Theatre Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m.

From "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood

In the Centre East Theatre Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m.

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Village Considering Program for Multi-Unit Rental Buildings

The Village is beginning discussions on requiring licensing of multi-unit rental buildings. Under the proposal, owners of all rental buildings with two or more dwelling units would be required to obtain a license in order to ensure that property standards are upheld, buildings are secure and are managed and maintained in compliance with municipal codes. Similar programs are common in many suburban communities. A presentation and public hearing on the proposed strategy will occur at the April 18, 2012, 7:30 p.m. Public Safety Commission meeting. The meeting takes place at the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, and is open to the public. 

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Skokie Park District

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

Breakfast with the Bunny & EGG-stravaganza

Enjoy breakfast with the Park District's furry friend followed by the annual egg hunt! Saturday, April 7. Breakfast from 9:30 to 11 a.m., free egg hunt at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.

Golf Season is Here

April 1 marks the official opening of the 2012 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 and Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place.

Pool Passes on Sale April 1

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 Skokie Park District's two award-winning facilities. Skokie Water Playground, 4700 Oakton Street and Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

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.skokieparks.org. June 30 all day. Channel-side Park, 3100 Main Street.

Devonshire Teen Playhouse Presents: 13

April 20 through 22. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2400 for times and tickets. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Devonshire Playhouse's Young Performers Present: Phantom Tollbooth, Jr.

April 27 through 29. Call 847/674-1500 ext. 2400 for times and tickets. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Skokie Spring Greening

April 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See page five.

Earth Day Celebration

Visit the Emily Oaks Nature Center for earth-friendly food, entertainment, music and a native plant sale! Sunday, April 22 from noon to 4 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel.

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 1 at 3 p.m.

How to Choose a Home Health Care Agency

Tuesday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Search the Web

Wednesday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

Library MD

Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Google Earth 101

Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

North Shore Musicians Club Scholarship Winners' Concert

Tuesday, April 10 at 1 p.m.

Titanic Stewardess, Violet Jessup

Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Comiskey Park's Last World Series: The Go-Go White Sox and the Pennant of 1959

Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m.

Spring Fling: A Book Club Social!

Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m.

Looking Up: A Memoir of Sisters, Survivors and Skokie

Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Ancient Greek/Modern Lives

Mask Workshop, 5:30 p.m. Staged Reading, 7 p.m. - Tuesday, April 17.

How to Raise a Money Smart Child

Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

Concert: The Wayward Sisters

Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

Borrowing Basics

Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Socially Responsible Investing

Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m.


Circuit Breaker Program and Saving on Prescriptions

Friday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

Haikufest

Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. 

Fourth of July Parade

The 2012 Fourth of July Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at noon and will run along Lincoln Avenue and Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie. A map of the parade route will be included in an upcoming edition of *NewSkokie*. An application for Fourth of July Parade participants will be included in the May edition of *NewSkokie* and will be due by May 18, 2012. 

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Downtown Skokie 5 Winners

The Downtown Skokie 5 promotion provides rewards for shopping locally in Downtown Skokie and runs through May 31, 2012. To learn how to play, please visit www.skokiedowntown.org.

In early March, two Skokie residents who redeemed cards won \$50 gift certificates to a Downtown Skokie business. Winners included Ronald Kunde who received a \$50 certificate to Al's Cycle Shop (pictured top right) and Barbara Nitzschke who received a \$50 certificate to D-Jred Fine Jamaican Cuisine (pictured bottom right). ♻️



Yard Waste Collection Quick Facts

- Yard Waste will be collected on Wednesday of each week **by request only** from April 4 through November 14, 2012.
- To schedule yard waste collection, call 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday to request collection for the coming Wednesday. Residents also can request collection at www.skokie.org.
- Grass clippings are not collected.
- 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 2011 also will be collected in spring only. Other yard debris must be placed in a 30-gallon kraft paper bag for collection. Brush should be bundled with string, with branches not exceeding 5 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter.
- Those who do not request collection will not receive service.
- The fall leaf collection program begins in mid-October and continues through early December, weather permitting. ♻️

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