

Save the Dates!
 Skokie Backlot Bash
 Friday, August 24, 2012, 6 to 10 p.m.
 Saturday, August 25, 2012, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Sunday, August 26, 2012, noon to 8 p.m.
 Learn more about this fun event on page two

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Drug Collection and Disposal Program Expanded



Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions, as each day more young people die from prescription drug overdoses than from heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines and inhalants combined. Most abused prescription drugs come from family and friends. Drugs should not be flushed down the drain or disposed in the garbage, as medications find their way into waterways, contaminate surface waters and harm the environment.

To prevent prescription drug abuse and help the environment, the Village of Skokie has expanded its Drug Collection and Disposal Program. There is now a white drop-off box in the lobby of the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, for residents to dispose unwanted, unused and expired medication at anytime. This location offers 24-hour secure monitoring, collection and subsequent disposal in accordance with federal regulations. This site also accepts nar-

cotics and other controlled substances.

Accepted drugs include prescription medications, controlled substances, all over-the-counter medications (i.e. pain relievers, cold medication, etc.), medication samples, pet medications, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils, liquid medication in leak-proof containers and homeopathic remedies.

This program does not accept needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers and hydrogen peroxide.

Since May 2007, the Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street, has accepted medications and used syringes/needles in puncture-proof containers. In 2011 alone, the Skokie Health Department collected 8,270 bottles of expired/unwanted medication. This site did not offer 24-hour drop-off convenience and was unable to accept narcotics and non-prescription liquids as does the new Police Departments drop-off.

For more information on the Drug Collection and Disposal Program, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

National Night Out in Skokie

The Skokie Police Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit will participate in the National Night Out campaign this August. The three-day event will feature Skokie police officers meeting residents in several parks, answering questions on crime prevention and personal safety and distributing informational pamphlets and other give aways. This program complements the Police Department's "Know Your Officer" program by providing Skokie residents with a unique opportunity to meet police officers and to have questions and concerns personally addressed in their own neighborhood.

The National Night Out initiative includes Police Department visits at the following parks:

Monday, August 6

- 5 to 5:55 p.m., Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street
- 6 to 6:55 p.m., Winnebago Park, 8315 Knox Avenue
- 7 to 7:55 p.m., Central Park, 9350 Central Park Avenue

Tuesday, August 7

- 5 to 5:55 p.m., Gross Point Park, 9100 Gross Point Road
- 6 to 6:55 p.m., Devonshire Park, 4400 W. Greenwood
- 7 to 7:55 p.m., Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue

Wednesday, August 8

- 7 p.m., Skokie Police Department's "Volunteer of the Year" award presented to a Skokie resident during the Wednesdays on the Green (WOTG) event on the Skokie Village Green, between the Skokie Public Library and Village Hall at 5127 Oakton Street. Representatives from the Police Department will have a table at the WOTG event to chat with residents, answer

questions, hand out literature and fun give aways. See the back page of this edition of *NewSkokie* for more details on WOTG programs and Downtown Skokie dining specials.

Please join the Skokie Police at one of the neighborhood parks listed above or at the August 8 WOTG event in celebration of National Night Out.

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Sixth Annual Downtown Skokie Backlot Bash



The Village of Skokie, together with the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and the Skokie Park District will co-present the Backlot Bash on Friday, August 24 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, August 25 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, August 26, from noon to 8 p.m. The event will be held in a closed-off, two-block portion of Oakton Street, between Lincoln and Laramie Avenues adjacent to Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Most parking lots within two or three blocks of the Backlot Bash will be closed in order to host event attractions. Oakton Street will be closed from Friday, August 24 at 10 a.m. through Monday, August 27 at 2 a.m.

The Backlot Bash features activities for all ages to enjoy, including live music, carnival rides, classic auto show, business

expo, 5k run on Saturday, bingo, pancake breakfast on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. and an outdoor sidewalk sale. Food and beverage vendors will be available throughout the event, including a separate beer tent. Family friendly events and games will be held at the Skokie Public Library and silent films will be shown at the historic, Gorilla Tango Skokie Theatre throughout the weekend.

The Backlot Bash musical main stage schedule is as follows:

Friday

6:30 p.m. – We Killed the Lion

8:30 p.m. – Tributosaurus as Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers

Saturday

11:15 a.m. – Skokie Battle of the Bands Winner

Noon – Bluegrass & Old-Time Fiddle Contest



2:15 p.m. – Matt Hendricks Duo

4:30 p.m. – Certain Stars

6:30 p.m. – The Handcuffs

8:30 p.m. – The Fixx

Sunday

Noon – Tristen

2 p.m. – Rivals of the Peacemaker

4 p.m. – The Steepwater Band

6 p.m. – Local H

Outdoor Sales: August 24-26, 2012

Downtown Skokie businesses will host outdoor sales August 24 through 26, 2012 and will display and sell their products on the sidewalk in front of their storefronts as part of the Backlot Bash. The event is Village-wide and many Skokie businesses will participate. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community.

For more information, please visit the Village of Skokie at www.skokie.org and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce at www.skokiechamber.org.

Available Parking

Handicapped Parking

5200 Oakton Street
Enter through the alley from either Lockwood or Laramie Avenues, north of Oakton Street. Handicapped parking is also located in all general parking lots.

Oakton Community College

7701 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie
Mulford Avenue Parking Lot

Illinois Science + Technology Park

Parking Garage - 4835 Searle Parkway

Chase Bank

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Academy

5201 Galitz Street

Lincoln Jr. High School

Parking Lots located at 7839 Lincoln Avenue and Mulford Street.

Bicycle Parking

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

Village Hall office hours remain the same on Friday, August 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information contact the Backlot Bash hotline at 847/674-1500 extension 2274 or visit www.backlotbash.com.

Board Reviews Multi-Unit Licensing Program

In early fall, the Village Board will consider a multi-unit licensing ordinance to strengthen communication and the partnership between landlords, tenants and the Village. The ordinance will ensure that multi-unit buildings are maintained in a safe and secure manner that minimizes code violations, and also in a manner that promotes public safety and crime prevention.

The proposal first came under consideration by the Public Safety Commission in April 2012. The commission approved the concept in May 2012, after a meeting to which all Skokie landlords were invited, was held. In mid-July, the Village Board authorized staff to draft the ordinance after yet a fourth public hearing on the matter.

The proposed multi-unit licensing program will require landlords to obtain licenses for each rental unit at a cost of \$25 per unit, per year. The fees will cover the cost of hiring a new police officer who will be assigned to work with landlords throughout the community on safety and tenant issues. Of 17 area communities with similar licensing programs, Skokie's proposed \$25

per-unit annual fee is below the average of those assessed in other communities. Landlords also will be required to attend a one-time training session that will be subject to a \$10 fee to cover training costs. The training will include information on safety, crime-free lease principles and other issues. Staff from the Community Development Department, Property Standards Division, also will

continue existing efforts to inspect multi-unit buildings on an 18-month cycle and issue citations for code violations.

There are a total 1,201 multi-unit buildings with 4,851 units in Skokie. The majority of multi-unit buildings contain four units or less. Statistics from the 2010 Census show that 53% of renter heads of household are white, 20.9 percent are

Asian, 13.5 percent are black, 9.5 percent are Hispanic, 2.6 percent are two or more races and 0.4 percent are other races.

For more information please visit www.skokie.org.

Tech Park Employees Give Back

In late May, 2012, employees from the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP) in Downtown Skokie volunteered their time to benefit the community. On May 22, more than 30 employees from the nearly 20 nano-technology, bio-technology, pharmaceutical and health care firms in IS+TP attended an informational workshop about the Village's new Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) program. In cooperation with the Skokie Park District and School District 69, the Village has partnered with BBBS to establish a program that currently provides 13 young people from Lincoln Middle School with a bi-weekly mentoring session. The Village's Human Services Division administers the program, and reports that a number of IS+TP employees have expressed interest in serving as mentors when program recruitment resumes this fall.



Also in late May, five employees of Forest City Enterprises, Inc., owner of the IS+TP, volunteered at the Niles Township Food Pantry. The Forest City employees spent the day stocking shelves and preparing bags of food from the "Food Rescue Truck" program.

For information on volunteering in the community, visit www.skokieserves.info or call the Village's Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

New CUB Energy Saver Tool

The Village is teaming up with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) to bring consumers CUBEnergySaver.com, a new online tool that rewards consumers for saving energy.

The service is the first of its kind in the nation, providing ComEd customers with money-saving recommendations tailored to their homes. People who sign up via Skokie's special link below will be able to connect their ComEd account to the tool and begin saving energy and money. Visit www.cubenergysaver.com/teams/skokie to sign up. The tool will track your progress and give you reward points for any savings. You can redeem these points for great discounts at local Skokie and national retailers.

Curious to how the CUB Energy Saver tool works? Here's how:

- The tool connects to your ComEd account to track your electric use. All you need to do is provide your account number and the name on the bill.
- The tool then recommends specific actions that will help you reduce energy use at home.
- The tool can also send you email messages to track your progress and reward you for any savings.

For more information contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

You're Invited! Skokie Public Safety Open House

The Village of Skokie Fire Department and Police Headquarters will host an Open House on Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Fire Station #16, 7424 Niles Center Road and the Police Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road.

The free event includes:

- Meeting Village Officials, Skokie Firefighters and Police Officers and staff
- Firefighting and police equipment displays
- Fire station and police headquarters tours

- High-angle rope rescue and a vehicle extrication demonstrations
- Display of Public Works vehicles
- Fire and Police safety activities for children
- Rides on an antique fire truck
- Information on other Village programs and services

For more information contact the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org ∞

9/11 Remembrance

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, the Skokie Fire Department will dedicate a moment of silence with a bell ceremony beginning at 8:58 a.m. at the flagpole of each of its Fire Stations in remembrance of the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. At 8:59 a.m., a "last alarm" bell ceremony will take place followed by a minute of silence at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Station locations include:

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



Ceremony schedule:

- 8:58 a.m. - Fire Department personnel assemble
- 8:59 a.m. - "Last Alarm" Bell Ceremony
- 9:00 a.m. - One minute of silence

For more information, call the Fire Department at 847/982-5320. ∞

Police Utilize New License Plate Recognition Software

On any given day in Skokie, there are drivers on the road with suspended licenses, and even more operating with expired license plates. These individuals might have managed to avoid law enforcement for months or even years by rigidly adhering to traffic laws.

Currently, officers manually enter license plate numbers through in-car laptop computers and then await a response. An officer is typically able to manually process 10 to 15 license plates per

hour. The Skokie Police Department recently installed new automated license plate recognition software (ALPR) that allows officers to automatically run approximately 3,000 license plates per hour during a routine patrol, whether the police vehicles are moving or stationary. ALPR is an image-processing technology that enables police officers to cite or apprehend individuals who may be a threat to public safety, with officers notified of problem plates by both audio and visual alerts. License plates are captured and run through both state and federal databases. The results can mean increased recovery of stolen vehicles, arrests and better detection of stolen license plates.

Additional benefits of the ALPR system include the apprehension of wanted persons, arrest of persons driving on suspended or revoked drivers licenses, recovery of stolen vehicles and potential persons in possession thereof, identification of persons on terrorist watch lists and recovery of missing persons and children as well as identification of registered sex offenders and domestic violence/order of protection respondents in prohibited areas. At crime scenes, police vehicles equipped with this system are able to quickly identify all nearby vehicles for potential follow-up investigations. The ALPR system was purchased with Justice Assistance Stimulus Grant Funds. ∞

Online Payment Options

The Village has a convenient online payment program for:

- Water bills
- Parking tickets and other non-moving violations
- Miscellaneous invoices

Payment may be made online using Discover, Visa credit and debit cards. The Village does not charge a fee for this service. To make a payment or learn more about online payments and Automatic Bank Payment, please visit www.skokie.org. ∞





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 Meeting.

Upcoming Public Meetings

All meetings are held at Village Hall (5127 Oakton Street).

Board of Trustees:

August 6, 20
September 4, 19

Plan Commission:

August 2, 16
September 6, 20

Appearance Commission:

August 8
September 12

Zoning Board of Appeals:

August 1, 15
September 5, 19



Village Board Action

The Village Board approved a water rate adjustment of 4.9% which is necessary to cover the 2% annual rate increase for water purchased from the City of Evanston along with the costs associated with maintaining an aging water system infrastructure. Skokie's water rate will remain the lowest water rate available among area municipalities for a second straight year.

The Village Board heard a description of a proposed job training program which includes the collaboration of the Village of Skokie, Oakton Community College, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (Forest City) and the Chicago Community Trust. The Village received a \$250,000 grant from The Chicago Community Trust to implement this program. A \$250,000 match from the Downtown Science + Technology TIF was requested and approved.

The Village Board approved, in concept, funding from the Downtown TIF for School District 69 and the Skokie Park District to develop and build a skate park at Lincoln Junior High School.

The Village Board approved a contract with Welch ATM for an ATM Machine at the parking lot at the northwest corner of Searle Parkway and Skokie Boulevard near the new Oakton-Skokie CTA Station. The Village will receive \$305 a month from this lease.

The Board approved a facade rebate assistance matching grant for Kaufman's Bakery and Deli on West Dempster Street.

The Village Board approved an upgrade in broadcasting equipment for the Council Chambers.

With funds received through federal funding, the Village Board approved the construction of a bike path and walking path on the south side of Old Orchard Road between Gross Point Road and Skokie Boulevard. Construction of the project will occur in 2014.

And the Winner is...

Merchant of the Year Results

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission honored the winners of the 2012 Merchant of the Year award at the June 18, 2012 Village Board meeting. The Consumer Affairs Commission received 457 ballots nominating 42 different Skokie businesses. Ballot entries were available in *NewSkokie*, at www.skokie.org and at the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page.

The winners for the 2012 Merchant of the Year:

- Merchant of the Year 1st Place - Golan's Moving and Storage, 3600 Jarvis Street
- 2nd Runner Up - Bughouse Studio, 4845 Oakton Street
- 3rd Runner Up - Skokie Ace Hardware, 5035 Oakton Street

Golan's Moving and Storage received a certificate plaque and a perpetual Merchant of the Year trophy that has their business name engraved. The trophy will be on display at Golan's Moving and Storage for one year.

The Consumer Affairs Commission sponsors the Skokie Farmers' Market and makes recommendations on ordinances and regulations related to consumer affairs. All recommendations are presented to the Mayor and the Village Board.

For further information please contact Terry Oline at 847/933-8400.

Remember to Purchase Your Vehicle Sticker

Vehicle stickers went on sale on June 1 and must be purchased and displayed by August 31. Passenger vehicle stickers purchased through August 31 cost \$20. After this date, the cost increases to \$30. Other vehicles have different licensing fees. Vehicle stickers are available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicle sticker renewals may be made online at www.skokie.org through August 31.

Having trouble removing last year's vehicle sticker? Peeling the sticker seems like the obvious solution, but if this doesn't work, a small razor or window scraper may do the trick. Stubborn stickers may require pre-

soaking before removing. If a large portion of the sticker was removable, soapy water, an alcohol solution or even WD-40 may be able to remove any excess adhesive. With a spray bottle of soapy water in hand, generously spray the sticker. Allow the water to soak for about ten minutes.

Remove as much of the sticker as possible. If necessary, re-spray the area. Continue the steps until all traces of the sticker are gone. These are inexpensive approaches to removing sticky items from automobiles. Unfortunately,

these methods can be tedious and time consuming. Many auto parts stores also have chemical solutions intended to remove stickers from windshields.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423. ∞

Citizens Police Academy

The 31st Skokie Citizens Police Academy begins Tuesday, September 4 and concludes with a graduation on Tuesday, November 20. The academy is free and open to adults who live or work in Skokie. Registration is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The academy is held on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road. The program will run for twelve consecutive weeks and includes a graduation ceremony. The academy covers a wide variety of topics, including the canine unit, criminal and civil law, crime prevention, patrol procedures, Tactical Intervention Unit, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, 9-1-1 telecommunications, and use of force and investigations. During the session participants have the opportunity to participate in a "ride-along" in a police vehicle.

To enroll please call the Police Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919. ∞

Skokie Police Department Committed to Excellence Police Sergeant Graduates from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety

Skokie Police Sergeant Daniel O'Brien recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Sergeant O'Brien has successfully completed the 10-week Staff and Command program held in Evanston, Illinois from March 19 to May 25, 2012. This program, which was implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated over 9,000 students both nationally and internationally.

The SPSC provides upper-level college instruction in a total of 22 core or mandatory blocks of instruction and utilizes nine additional optional blocks of instruction during each session. The major topics of study include: Management and Management Theory, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources for Law Enforcement, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation and Personnel Deployment. Each student is challenged through a total of 18 written examinations, projects and quizzes in addition to two research papers that are a required part of the curriculum. Upon successful completion, students may be awarded a total of eight units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the Law Enforcement Community.

Since its inception, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of Police Training, Management Training, and Executive Development. The Skokie Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Sergeant O'Brien's attendance at this program. Many program graduates achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies. Currently, over 750 graduates hold the title of Chief of Police and 39 of the 50 Directors of State Police Agencies also are graduates of this program.

Sergeant O'Brien joins the majority of Skokie Police Department supervisory personnel who have previously graduated from the SPSC. This training prepares supervisory personnel to be at the forefront in police decision-making matters. The Skokie Police Department requires that all supervisory staff attend this training with their attendance at the time of their promotional date.

The Skokie Police Department prides itself on providing personnel with the most contemporary, Federal and State approved training courses by recognized organizations such as North East Multi-Regional Training (NMRT), Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA), Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA), and Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety (NUCPS). ∞

Fine Arts Commission Grants

The Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission offers Cultural Arts Grants to Skokie schools that promote arts and cultural diversity in the community. Cultural Arts Grants are available to Skokie schools for in-school performing arts programming and Project Grants are available to Skokie arts organizations.

The Fine Arts Commission offers a grants workshop on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. The deadline to submit both grants for consideration is Friday, September 28, 2012.

Cultural Arts Grants

Skokie public and private schools that host professional visiting artists are eligible to apply for the Cultural Arts Grant. Programs should have an emphasis on fine arts, music and dance while promoting cultural diversity. The maximum grant level is \$500.

In 2011, over \$3,500 was awarded to local Skokie schools for various projects, author visits and educational performances. All proposed programs/projects must take place between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013.

Project Grants

The Project Grant program offers grants to organizations and sponsors of 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. All proposed programs or projects must take place between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013.

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. ∞

Skokie Celebrates Car Free Day

Skokie Car-Free Day will celebrate the idea of a less car-dependent future on Friday, September 21, 2012. Skokie has invested in this type of future by opening the new Oakton-Skokie Station in Downtown Skokie and planning for and constructing new segments of the Skokie Valley Trail (www.skokie.org/CDBicyclePlan.cfm).

Consider leaving your car at home for the day and walk, run, bike, bus or train. For more information on Chicagoland Car-Free Day, please visit the Active Transportation Alliance's website (www.activetrans.org) in September. ∞



Fourth of July Parade Committee Spotlight

The Village of Skokie is very fortunate to have such dedicated members of the Fourth of July Parade Committee. The members of this committee volunteer countless hours throughout the year to ensure that the Village has a first class, fun and entertaining parade.

The Village would like to acknowledge these members and let them know how much their work is appreciated throughout the community.

The members of the Fourth of July Parade Committee include:

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| - Fern Katz, Chair | - Susan Bailey |
| - Mickey Bode | - Stoney and Donna Burt |
| - Alan Gerstner | - Victor Goch |
| - Bernard Katz | - Gary and Reuben Lewy |
| - Fred Mocking | - Bill Novello |
| - Faye and Arnie Oskin | - Tom Parkinson |
| - Ed Potash | - Marlene and Brian Russell |
| - Annie Shear | |

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

Skokie Farmers' Market

Skokie's "Best on the North Shore" Farmers' Market, celebrating over 30 years of operation, presents farmers and vendors from



five Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Skokie Farmers' Market is open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning the last Sunday in June through the last Sunday in October. For the best selection, arrive when the market opens. The market is located near Village Green between the Skokie Public Library and Skokie Village Hall.

For questions about the Farmers' Market, contact Market Manager Terry Oline at 847/933-8223 or visit www.skokie.org. ∞



Let's Talk Turf!

Fall is a great time for seeding because soil temperatures are warm enough for germination, but weed competition is low. Did you know that different types of grass perform better depending on site conditions? Kentucky bluegrass performs well in sunny locations, whereas seed mixes that include fine fescues are more shade tolerant. Perennial ryegrass germinates quickly, but it should not make up more than 15% of the mix as it is not as vigorous in the long term.

If you are seeding bare spots, it is important to rake the seed into the soil. Apply a thin layer of peat moss over the seed which helps retain moisture and protects the seed from birds. Be sure to water every one to two days, keeping the area moist, but not soaked. Mistlers and other low-pressure sprinklers work well. Remember, if the seed dries out, it dies out.

Fall is a great time for aeration too. Aeration reduces soil compaction, improves water infiltration, and promotes root growth. Lawns with healthy root systems are able to better fight weeds, diseases, and pests.

Have questions? The University of Illinois Extension website is an excellent resource: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu>. Click on the Horticulture tab for more advice on gardening and lawn maintenance. ∞

The Skokie Fire Department Citizens Fire Academy Scheduled for 2013

The Skokie Fire Department will hold the next Citizens Fire Academy spring 2013. The Citizens Fire Academy begins on Tuesday, April 2, through Tuesday, June 11, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Skokie Fire Station 17, 8157 Central Park Avenue.

This free Citizens Academy is an 11-week program for residents and employees of businesses in the Village of Skokie and is designed to provide participants with a working and hands-on knowledge of the fire department. Through education, demonstration and participation, Academy students will gain knowledge about fire service and what the Skokie Fire Department

does every day. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Applications for the academy are available online at www.skokie.org or at the Fire Department Headquarters, 7424 Niles Center Road and are due by March 16, 2013. Space is limited. For more information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5344.

For more information, please contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340. ∞

Help Keep Skokie Beautiful

The thoughtless, but all too common act of failing to dispose trash in the proper receptacle has a major impact on the health, appearance and pride of the community. Litter can cause the community to look rundown, contribute to declining property values and provides a breeding ground for disease carrying rats and insects.

A whopping 48% of Americans admit to having purposefully littered at one time or another. Research and experience shows that litter attracts the eye and, at times, litter attracts more litter. A clean community discourages littering and illegal dumping. Proper handling of litter and waste raises the standards and expectations of everyone. No matter where litter starts, it moves. Wind and weather move litter around a community, into the gutters, planted gardens, alleyways and parking areas; from streets and highways, to parks and waterways.

Do the right thing and discourage littering by making a choice not to litter, join together with family and friends in making a behavioral change, remind others why they should not litter and volunteer to help cleanup litter in your neighborhood. ∞



Appointment-Only Flu Shot Clinics

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

Appointments can be set up beginning on Tuesday, September 4, by clicking the Flu Shot link on the Village website at www.skokie.org. If you do not have internet access, call the Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.

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

- Tuesday October 2, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Monday October 8, 3 until 7 p.m.
- Tuesday October 16, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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

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

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

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

Living with Urban Wildlife

Skokie is home to a variety of wild animals, including deer, coyote, fox, raccoon, squirrel, opossum, beaver, muskrat, rabbits and others.

Although Skokie wildlife typically stays away from people, there are steps you can take to prevent animals from becoming a nuisance.

Do's

- Tightly screen all possible access holes in buildings to prevent wildlife from getting into the attic or under the home.
- Secure trash in your garbage cart.

- Eliminate any food source that may attract wildlife such as fallen fruit or unattended pet food.
- Clear brush, dense ground cover, wood piles, and garden debris where rodents may be living.

Don'ts

- Don't feed wildlife.
- Don't set out poison bait. Often the wrong animal will eat it and be poisoned.
- To prevent animals from getting into a chimney, install a wire mesh cap over the top.
- Don't corner or try to catch a wild animal.



- Don't seal an entrance hole in a building or opening to a den unless you are certain the animals are not present.

Please call Skokie Animal Control for additional information or if you need assistance at 847/933-8484. 🐾

Death Certificate Fee Increase

Due to an increase in the State of Illinois death certificate surcharge, the Health Department fees for certified copies increased by \$2. The new fees are \$12 for the first certified copy of the death certificate and \$7 for each additional copy ordered at same time. The fees for birth certificates have not changed.

Contact the Health Department at 847/933-8252 for more information. 🐾

August/September 2012

Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule



Labor Day Holiday Schedules:

Refuse Collection

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

Recycling Collection

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

Yard Waste Collection

Thursday, September 6, for residents north of Greenleaf Street. Friday, September 7, for residents south of Greenleaf Street. Residents may schedule a collection for Thursday, September 6 or Friday, September 7 by using the Village web-request system or calling the yard waste hotline at 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, September 4.

Health Happenings

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

Immunization Clinics*

Immunizations are available for only a \$5 per child. Limited immunizations are available for adults. Call for fees. Appointments are required. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, August 8, 22 and September 12, 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Well Child Clinic*

Mondays, August 13 and September 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesdays, August 14 and September 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

Simple Cholesterol Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lead Screening*

Thursdays, August 2 and September 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. \$25 fee.

Hearing Screening*
Friday, August 17 and September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening*

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lipid Profile Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 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, August 9 and September 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, August 21, 28 and September 18, 25 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, August 8 and September 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please call Juanita at 847/933-8208 for more information.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, August 14 and September 11 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, August 6 and September 10 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, August 1, 15 and September 5, 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Silver Singers

Mondays, August 27 and September 24 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.

CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for August 21 and September 18 program information. **Residents:** \$15 refundable fee (check or cash only). **Non-residents:** \$20 non-refundable fee.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. For 2009 performance dates and information please call the box office at 847/673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org

Ethan Bortnick with special guests Kidz Bop Kids!

In the Centre East Theatre Wednesday, August 1 at 7 p.m.

Body, Mind, Spirit Center

At the North Shore Center August 18 and 19.

North Shore Center's SHOWCASE Performers for Young Audiences

At the North Shore Center. Wednesday, August 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Keb' Mo'

In the Centre East Theatre Friday, September 14 at 8 p.m.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra

In the Centre East Theatre Sunday, September 23 at 3 p.m.

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Woody Sez

In the *Northlight Theatre*
Tuesday through Sunday, September 14 through October 21.

Skokie Public Library

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

Introduction to Computers

Friday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Consumer Rights for Seniors

Monday, August 6 at 10 a.m.

Writing and Publishing for Today's eBook World

Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m.

Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

iMovie for Beginners

Saturday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Bach, Brazil, and Beyond: The Avanti Guitar Trio

Sunday, August 12 at 3 p.m.

Bollywood Groove Cardio

Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.

Getting into Your First-Choice School

Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.

Medley of Assyrian Love Ballads

Sunday, September 16 at 3 p.m.

Science of Smell

Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m.

Skokie Park District

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

Movies in the Park: The Muppet Movie

Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue. August 9 at sunset.

Sun-dae Picnic at the Pool

Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4400 Greenwood Street. August 12 from noon to 3 p.m.

Sunday Sundown Concert

Dueling Pianos (music and comedy). Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood Street. August 5 at 7 p.m.

Two-person Best Ball Tourney

Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place. August 12 from 7:15 to 10 a.m.

Sunday Sundown Concert

Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood Street. August 12 at 7 p.m.

Weber Park Golf Open

Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Weber Park Place. September 9 from 7:15 to 10 a.m.

Skokie Park District Resident Registration

Register for classes or programs at any district facility, online at www.skokieparkdistrict.org or by calling 847/674-1500. August 15.

Skokie Park District Non-Resident Registration

Register for classes or programs at any district facility, online at www.skokieparkdistrict.org or by calling 847/674-1500. August 22.

Backlot Dash 5k Run/Walk & Kid's Run

Register now. After the Saturday run, check out Skokie's Backlot Bash for music, food, beer and fun! Village Green, 5215 Oakton Street. August 25 at 9 a.m.

Nature Photo Contest Deadline

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel. September 9 at 4 p.m.

Movies in the Park: The Flintstones

Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue. September 13 at sunset.

Touch-a-Truck

See the big rigs up close, featuring various trucks from around the community. September 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 4701 Oakton Street. 🚚

Community Celebration

On June 24, over 250 people gathered at the new Oakton-Skokie CTA station to celebrate its opening, the opening of the Skokie Valley Trail from Oakton Street to Dempster Street and to dedicate the new Sculpture *Everreel*. The day's activities included a kiddie bike parade where the top three best designed bikes received prizes, free ice cream provided by the Illinois Science + Technology Park and family entertainment. United States Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen also spoke at the event. Below are photos from the event.



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Wednesdays on the Green

Free, Family Fun!



Enjoy Wednesdays on the Green in Downtown Skokie before summer ends! Free, fun, family oriented events are held every Wednesday night through August 29 at 7 p.m., on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street.

On their featured Wednesday night, participating Downtown Skokie restaurants offer a 20% discount (dine-in/carry out) from 4 p.m. to closing when patrons present a Wednesdays on the Green postcard. Cards are available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street and available for download at www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Refer to the schedule below for event dates and featured restaurants.

20% off Wednesdays at these Featured Restaurants	Date	Village Green Event
Kabul House 4949 Oakton Street	August 1	Music: Charlene Brooks
Eclissi 8018 Lincoln Avenue	August 8	Dancing: All decades
De-Jred Jamaican Cuisine 4901 Oakton Street	August 15	Family Fun: Matt Wilhelm
The Curragh Irish Pub 8266 Lincoln Avenue	August 22 August 22	Classic Cars and a Movie: <i>Ferris Bueller</i>
Beijing Wok 8335 Skokie Boulevard	August 29	Music: Michael Lerich Orchestra

Visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for more details. 

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