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Emergency Preparedness in Skokie

Residents are asked to be prepared!

September is National Preparedness Month and Skokie residents are encouraged to take important preparedness steps that will greatly improve their ability to survive and recover from all types of emergencies, whether natural or man-made. These steps include getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, becoming informed about the different emergencies that may affect them, and getting involved in community preparedness and response efforts. **See how you and your family can prepare for emergencies on pages two and three.**

Village of Skokie public safety personnel spend hundreds of hours each year training and preparing for emergencies, to ensure that the community will be safe in any situation. While there is no way to predict what will happen, or what your personal circumstances will be, there are simple things you can do now to prepare yourself and your loved ones.

Causes and Effects of Emergencies

It is important to remember there are significant differences among the types of emergency situations that may take place. By learning about the causes and effects of specific situations, you are preparing yourself to react in an emergency.



Skokie Emergency Personnel training at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) located in Glenview.

1. Natural disasters: Natural disasters that may occur in the Midwest include tornadoes, blizzards and flooding.

2. Biological threats: A biological attack may involve the release of germs or other biological substances that can make you sick.

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Leaf Collection Begins

On Monday, October 14, the Village's annual leaf collection program begins and continues through early December, weather permitting. Residents may rake leaves into the street next to the curb in front of their home. Residents are reminded not to place their leaves in the street prior to the beginning of leaf collection season. As weather permits, Village crews make rounds throughout Skokie collecting the leaves every five to seven days.

Please follow these tips to ensure collection:

- Do not rake leaves onto sewer drains.

- Rake leaves away from parked cars, do not park on leaf piles and keep fire hydrants visible.
- Wetting leaves while piled prevents them from blowing away.
- Please do not add grass piles, twigs and branches or other garden debris to leaf piles as these items can damage equipment.

For more information on leaf collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. ■

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2012 Village of Skokie emergency preparedness exercise at Skokie Police Headquarters in partnership with Commonwealth Edison.

3. Chemical threats: A chemical attack or accidental leak is the release of a toxic gas, liquid or solid that can poison people and the environment.

4. Nuclear blast: A nuclear blast is an explosion with intense light and heat, a damaging pressure wave and widespread radioactive material that can contaminate the air, water and ground surfaces for miles around.

5. Radiation threat or “dirty bomb”: A radiation threat or “dirty bomb”, unlike a nuclear blast, is the use of common explosives to spread radioactive materials over a targeted area.

Paths of Communication

During emergencies, the importance of communications systems becomes clear. The Village has an extensive communications network to employ during an emergency. Depending on the emergency some of the communication systems may temporarily be unavailable. To address this concern the Village has developed multiple communication avenues, including the following tools:

1660 AM Skokie Radio: The Village of Skokie’s emergency advisory radio station will assist in communicating up-to-date information to the community during an emergency. During non-emergency times, the radio station plays emergency preparedness information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

www.skokie.org: During a municipal emergency the site is frequently updated and serves as a valuable guide.

SkokieNews: Subscribers to this electronic newsletter will receive email updates during an emergency. Visit www.skokie.org to subscribe.

SkokieVision Cable Television: The municipal cable station provides both video and text information relating to an emergency and, when necessary, instructions on where to obtain further information. Tune to Channel 25 on RCN systems and Channel 17 on Comcast systems.

Emergency Override: During a municipal emergency the Skokie Police Department can override programming on Comcast cable channels and place a written crawl on all RCN channels. The override is used to distribute a brief message during an emergency.

CodeRED Telephone Messaging: The Village’s high-speed telephone dialing system is designed to deliver a recorded emergency telephone message to Skokie residences and businesses. To add a mobile phone or other contact number, please visit www.skokie.org.

Outdoor Warning System: Warning sirens are strategically placed throughout the community. The warning sirens are used most commonly to signal the start and end of the alternate side parking program for snow emergencies but can be used to alert the residents of a tornado or other emergency situation. After a warning siren sounds please visit www.skokie.org, or tune to 1660 AM Skokie or SkokieVision cable for details on the emergency.

Creating An Emergency Preparedness Plan

Just like having a working smoke detector in your home, having emergency supply kits will put the tools you may need at your fingertips. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to survive on your own for at least three days. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air. Remember to include, and periodically rotate, medications you take every day such as insulin or heart medicine. Plan to store items in an easy-to-carry bag, such as a shopping bag, backpack or duffle bag. If you have a vehicle, or the type of emergency situation requires you to leave your home, consider preparing two kits - one for your home and one for your vehicle.

1. Basic Supplies:

Store a flashlight, battery powered radio tuned to 1660 AM Skokie, a first aid kit, utility knife, local map, first aid kits, solar phone charger, whistle,





toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, garbage bags and other sanitation supplies, plastic sheeting, duct tape as well as extra cash and identification.

2. Warmth: Think about warmth as winters in Skokie can be very cold. Be sure to have warm clothing for each family member in your supply kit, including a jacket or coat, long pants, a long sleeve shirt, sturdy shoes, a hat and gloves. Have a sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.

3. Water: Store one gallon of water per person in your family per day for drinking and sanitation in clean plastic containers.

4. Food: Store food that won't go bad and does not have to be cooked. Choose foods that your family will eat, including protein or fruit bars, dry cereal or granola, canned foods and juices, peanut butter, dried fruit, nuts, crackers and baby foods. Pack a manual can opener, cups and eating utensils.

5. Special items: Think about your family's unique needs. Pack diapers, formula, bottles, prescription medications, pet food, comfort items, books, paper, pens or a deck of cards.

6. Clean air: Like we learned with the different types of emergency situations, many potential events could contaminate the air. For example, an explosion may release very fine debris that can cause lung damage. Be prepared to improvise with what you have on hand to protect your nose, mouth, eyes and skin. Anything that fits snugly over your nose, including dense-weave cotton material, can help filter contaminants in an emergency. Other supplies you can keep in your emergency kit should include heavyweight garbage bags or plastic sheeting, duct tape and scissors. You can use these things to tape up windows, doors and air vents if you need to seal off a room from outside contamination. Consider pre-cutting and labeling these materials because anything you can do in advance will save time when it counts.

Practices and Drills

You should plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Ask about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency.

1. Develop a family communications plan: Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in

On September 3 the Village will test the CodeRED emergency notification system to validate its database.

different situations. Keep a list of important phone numbers and emails on hand so that everyone knows who to call or email in an emergency.

2. Deciding to stay or go: Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the event, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. In any emergency, the Village and other local authorities will communicate what is happening and what you should do. You should watch TV, listen to the radio and check the internet often for information or official instructions as they become available. If you're specifically told to evacuate or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

3. Staying put or shelter-in-place: Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. In fact, there are some circumstances where staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as sheltering-in-place and sealing the room, is a matter of survival. Plan in advance where you will take shelter in this kind of an emergency. Choose an interior room or one with as few windows and doors as possible. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated. If appropriate, seal all windows, doors and vents with plastic sheeting and duct tape or anything else you have on hand. Listen to the TV, radio or check the internet for instructions.

The Village of Skokie cares about the community and urges everyone to create their own emergency preparedness plan. To learn more on what you can do for your home or business, please visit www.skokie.org or call the Village of Skokie at 847/982-5320. ■



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Year-End Deadline Approaches for Downtown TIF District Incentive Funds

The Village of Skokie continues to offer significant financial incentives to encourage new retail or restaurant development in the Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Applications for interior rehabilitation, exterior facade, architectural design assistance and broker commission programs are to be submitted by November 30, 2013 to be considered for grant funding. Please contact the Economic Development Division at 847/933-8447 for further information.

For a list of available properties for sale or lease in Downtown Skokie and within the entire Village, please visit <http://www.skokie.org/EDMain.cfm> and click on Available Properties under Economic Development Quick Links. ■

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours in Skokie

The Village of Skokie has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. Please respect the privacy of homeowners and do not ring doorbells before or after this period. If the outside house light is not on, do not disturb the homeowner by ringing the doorbell.

Help make this Halloween season fun and enjoyable for your kids and neighbors by following these safety tips:

- Choose a costume for your child that will be safe.
- If your child is carrying a prop, make sure it is soft and flexible.
- Treat your kids to a spooky dinner. This will make them less likely to eat their candy until it can be checked.
- Make sure your child is extra cautious when crossing the street.
- Provide a light for your child as it gets dark earlier during the fall season.

For more Halloween safety tips, visit www.skokie.org or contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210. ■

Interactive Mapping Tools

Available Now at www.skokie.org

Would you like to make custom maps of your neighborhood or easily obtain useful information on your property? Through MapOffice™, available at www.skokie.org/maps.cfm, residents have access to interactive mapping tools that allow users to create, markup and print custom maps.

Additionally, "My Skokie Property Search" powered by MapOffice™ gives residents and businesses access to an easy-to-use address search function and parcel summary tool. Users can simply type in their address and retrieve a range of information related to their property, including:

- Parcel/zoning information;
- Link to county Property Index Number (PIN) and assessor data;
- School district information; and
- Recycling/garbage collection days.

To access MapOffice™, please visit www.skokie.org, click on Skokie Maps in the left-hand column and type an address in the "My Skokie Property Search" tool.

In 2005, the Village of Skokie became a member of the GIS Consortium, a cooperative of local governments that work to lower the cost of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technologies. As part of this membership, the Village has created, collected and maintained a wealth of geographic information such as parcels, aerial photography and roadways. This information also is available to all Skokie residents on Skokie's website, www.skokie.org, through MapOffice™, an interactive mapping application. ■

Celebrate Car-Free Day

Skokie Car-Free Day will celebrate the idea of a less car-dependent future on Sunday, September 22. Skokie has invested in this future by planning for and constructing new segments of the Skokie Valley Trail (www.skokie.org/CDBicyclePlan.cfm), opening the new CTA Yellow Line Station in Downtown Skokie and constructing wider sidewalks in Downtown Skokie.

Consider leaving your car at home for the day and walk, run, bike or take the bus or train. Please visit www.drivelesslivemore.com for more information on year-round, car-free efforts in Chicagoland, including a car-free challenge in September. ■

Call for Entries - Skokie through the Lens Skokie Community Photography Exhibit



A lot happens in Skokie throughout the course of the year: seasons change, school begins and ends, neighbors gather for block parties, snowmen are built and ultimately melt, kids trick-or-treat, people walk their dogs, eat ice cream, shop in local stores and much more. The Skokie Fine Arts Commission and Skokie Photographic Society wishes to capture all these happenings through a new community photo exhibit entitled *Skokie through the Lens*. If you live, work or play in Skokie, this exhibit is a chance to celebrate the uniqueness of the community by capturing photos that reflect the colorful character of everyday life in the Village. Images can reflect anything seen throughout a year in Skokie from kids playing in the many beautiful parks, fall leaves at the sculpture park, spring flowers in a neighbor's garden...

let your creative energy flow. The exhibit will be displayed at various locations in Skokie in fall 2014.

Submission Guidelines

This exhibition is for amateur photographers of all ages who live, work or play in Skokie. Photography/Instagram images are welcomed. Each individual may submit up to three images of approximately one to eight megabytes each. Label digital files as such: firstname_lastname_01, 02 or 03 and email them to info@skokie.org with the subject line "Skokie through the Lens Entry." Please include the application form which can be found at www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm. As the Fine Arts Commission wishes to capture images of Skokie throughout all four seasons, the deadline to submit photos is July 31, 2014, however, submissions are welcomed anytime until then. A slideshow of approved submitted images will be on display on the Village's website at www.skokie.org throughout the year.

A panel will select the top three photos in two categories (student and adult) for special recognition. The panel will also select approximately 30 to 50 images to be exhibited in print format.

For more information please contact Nick Wyatt, Fine Arts Commission Staff Liaison, at 847/933-8283 or at nicholas.wyatt@skokie.org. ■

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013, the Village of 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, contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5320. ■





Community Conversation on Storm Water Management

The next Community Conversation with Village Officials is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 on the covered patio at The Curragh, 8266 Lincoln Avenue. Mayor Van Dusen, Trustee Karen Gray-Keeler and staff from the Village's Public Works Department will review the Village's storm water management system as well as the regional flood control system and how it impacts Skokie. The Community Conversation is free and the public is invited to attend. Other members of the Village Board also are expected to attend. For more information, contact 847/933-8257 or email info@skokie.org. A late November, 2013 Community Conversation will center on Economic Development - details will be announced in the November, 2013 *NewSkokie* and at www.skokie.org. ■

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 provide 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. ■



Boomers and Beyond Senior Resource Fair November 8 from 9 a.m. to Noon, Oakton Community Center

The November 8, 2013 *Boomers and Beyond Community Resource Fair* will showcase the latest products and services that promote healthy aging and an active, fulfilling lifestyle, with a focus on maintaining independence, safety and peace of mind in later years. The free event takes place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.

The event will feature helpful information and expert advice about local health care services, community-based support programs, state and federal benefits, volunteer opportunities, fitness and nutrition programs, legal assistance, financial products, social and cultural activities, lifelong education, senior housing and the latest in assistive devices and technology. An exhibit area will feature numerous vendors. The event also will feature free wellness screenings, education seminars, raffle prizes, refreshments and giveaways. In addition, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) advisors will be on hand to answer questions about Medicare Part D and provide guidance about what is the best choice for your particular prescription medication needs.

For further information on this event, please call the Skokie Human Services Division Office at 847/933-8208. ■

Skokie Community Fresh Produce Initiative

During summer 2013, the Village of Skokie Human Services Division and the Commission on Family Services continued their project to provide fresh produce to clients of the Niles Township Food Pantry. Together, the Human Services Division and the commission are committed to providing fresh produce to families in need. Over 1,000 pounds of produce has been donated to date through the generosity farmers at the Skokie Farmers' Market.

The Niles Township Food Pantry serves thousands of Township residents each month, and a large percentage are Skokie residents. The community fresh produce initiative has helped to boost the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables available to food pantry patrons.

Residents who wish to contribute produce from their personal gardens or who would like more information should contact the Village of Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. ■



Skokie Fire Prevention Week - October 6 through 12, 2013

Prevent Kitchen Fires

From October 6 through 12 the Skokie Fire Department is honoring the 2013 Fire Prevention Week by reminding residents to "Prevent Kitchen Fires". According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen. Cooking fires also are the leading cause of home fire related injuries.

"Often when the Skokie Fire Department is called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes," said Linda Brady, Fire Prevention Specialist. "Sadly, that's all it takes for

a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help teach residents how to prevent a kitchen fire before they've suffered a damaging lesson".

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing:

1. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
2. If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
3. When you are using the oven, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you.

4. If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.

5. When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.

6. Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels and anything else that can burn away from the stovetop.

7. Clean up spilled food and grease from burners and stovetops.

For additional information please contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5320. ■

Sheds and Garages - Lock 'Em Up

The Skokie Police Department reminds residents to lock their sheds and garages. The best deterrent to keep thieves from stealing property is a lock. Don't assume you are safe from thieves just because you are at home.

Burglars watch and wait to see where you are and what you are doing. Sheds and garages are often left open and unattended as we do yard work or other outdoor activities. The thief is waiting for homeowners to become lax in their security.

To avoid losing valuables, remember to close and lock the doors to your garage, shed and home. This is especially true if you are in the front yard and the storage area is in the back. It takes almost no time for a thief to steal your property.

Get reacquainted with your long-time neighbors and meet the new ones. Start a Neighborhood Watch to protect and look out for one another's property. Let your neighbors know when a suspicious person has been spotted in your area. Neighbors working together for each other's well-being are the foundation for a strong community.

Make life difficult for a burglar by using locks and keys to protect your property. If you see a suspicious person or notice an unusual situation in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1. ■

Home and Family Safety Fair

Skokie's Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Commission (STAT) and the Public Safety Commission are planning a free Home and Family Safety Fair on Sunday, October 13, 2013 from noon to 4 p.m. at Oakton Community College, 7701 Lincoln Avenue. The event will bring together experts on a variety of safety topics, including online identity theft, cyber bullying, home security and crime prevention to inform residents on programs and services available to secure their neighborhoods, property and family members.

A schedule of speakers is being finalized, but is expected to include representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Cook County Sheriff's Office and Skokie Fire and Police Departments. Local businesses and service providers will be invited to share information on their products and services.

For more information, please visit www.skokie.org or contact Peter Vadopalas, staff liaison to the STAT Commission, at 847/933-8258 with questions about this event. ■

See something? Concerned about it? Report it.

Citizens with information about a crime, suspicious persons or activities, or the whereabouts of a wanted suspect can call the Crime Tip Hot Line at 847/933-TIPS (8477).



The 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
September 3, 16
October 7, 21

Plan Commission
September 5, 19
October 3, 17

Appearance Commission
September 11
October 9

Zoning Board of Appeals
September 11, 18
October 2, 16

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved a resolution authorizing an application for State of Illinois funding for a bike trail plaza in partnership with the Village of Lincolnwood. If granted by the state, funds would be used to create a plaza at the Lincolnwood/Skokie bike trail interface at Lincoln Avenue. The Village is currently in phase two of planning a bike trail that continues the trail at Oakton Street, just west of Skokie Boulevard, to this merge point. The projected costs of this new project is \$174,420. The Villages of Skokie and Lincolnwood would each be required to contribute \$7,442 toward the project.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. for the removal and replacement of sections of seriously deteriorate sidewalk in the amount of \$218,160. This contract is in accordance with the Village's established 50/50 replacement criteria and is funded by Motor Fuel Tax revenue. Approximately 10,000 square feet of existing sidewalk will be replaced between Dempster and Church Street. Additionally, there is approximately 3,000 lineal feet of defective curb and gutter, and 700 square yards of pavement patching scheduled throughout the Village. ■

Enjoy the Skokie Farmers' Market this Fall

See what autumn brings to the Skokie Farmers' Market. You will not be able to resist delicious apples including the coveted honey crisp variety. The season also offers squash, brussel sprouts, various lettuces, mushrooms, eggplant, potatoes and much more. Many activities also are planned at the Farmers' Market, including:

- September 8 – Document Destruction event, held in the parking lot across from the Market on Oakton Street and Floral Avenue from 9 a.m. to noon.
- September 15 – Listen to music by the Steve Martin Blue Grass band
- September 22 – Be entertained by RC Juggle a children's entertainer and hear jazz music by guitarist, Doug Blake

During the last market day of the season on Sunday, October 27, members of the Consumer Affairs Commission will



hand out a free trick-or-treat bag with a treat inside to children who attend in costume. Children are invited to trick-or-treat from 8 a.m. to noon at each vendor

stand, and participate in a "Guess the Pumpkin's Weight" contest and raffle. The Commission also is accepting donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry and they will be collected at the Consumer Affairs Commission table in the Market on this day. Glass jars and perishable items are not accepted.

The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot, 5127 Oakton Street. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, a volunteer commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Manager at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org. ■

Coyotes in Skokie

Over the past several years, coyote sightings have become more prevalent within the Village of Skokie and surrounding communities. Coyotes are generally timid and shy animals that tend to steer clear of any potential danger and, thus, pose little threat to humans. Statistics from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources cite attacks on humans as extremely rare.

Residents with small pets (less than 20 pounds) should supervise them while outdoors. ALWAYS use a leash when walking your dog. Retractable leashes are not recommended as they tend to jam and can make it difficult for you to protect your pet from a predator.

The most effective way to prevent coyote attacks in your neighborhood is to eliminate wildlife feeding. It is extremely important that neighborhoods do not feed coyotes, either intentionally or accidentally. If you see a coyote during the daytime or are approached by a coyote, you should yell, wave your arms, and/or throw something at the coyote. Do not run away! Parents should educate their children on how to identify and stay away from coyotes and other wildlife.



Domestic cats left outdoors can also serve to attract coyotes, so it is important that domestic cats be kept indoors. Dogs that are left outside, especially small dogs, should also be watched with caution.

For more information or to report a coyote sighting, please contact the Skokie Animal Control at 847/933-8484. ■

Medical Volunteers Needed!

Skokie Medical Reserve Corps

Are you a medical professional interested in assisting during an emergency? If so the Skokie Health Department Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) may be for you! The Skokie MRC is a group of dedicated individuals who have been trained to assist in the event of a public health emergency. The group meets periodically during the year for training opportunities and to support local preparedness efforts.



If you would like to learn more, please attend the quarterly Skokie MRC meeting on October 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Skokie Police Department, located at 7300 Niles Center Road. New member orientation and training will be discussed. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact Claudia Braden, Emergency Response Coordinator, at 847/933-8252.

Additional information is available at www.skokie.org/hdmain.cfm. ■

Appointment-Only Flu Shots

During October, the Health Department will offer 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 3, 2013, 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 located at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street on:

- Tuesday, October 1 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 9 from 3 until 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 15 from 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. ■



CPR schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for September 17 and October 15 program information. Residents: \$20 refundable fee. Non-residents: \$20 non-refundable fee.

Health Happenings

Unless otherwise noted, all clinics are held at the Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street. Clinics marked with an (*) require advance registration. Proof of Skokie residency required for all clinics. For more information call 847/933-8252.

Adult Vaccinations

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.*
Walk-in Clinic - Wednesdays, September 11, 25 and October 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for pricing.

Immunization Clinics

Immunizations are \$5 per person, per clinic visit fee.
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.*
Walk-in Clinic - Wednesdays, September 11, 25 and October 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Well Child Clinic*

Mondays, September 9 and October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesday, September 17 and Thursday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 fee.

Adult Hearing Screening*

Fridays, September 20 and October 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Simple Cholesterol Screening

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Lipid Profile Screening*

(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee.

Body Composition Analysis*

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$6 fee.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Blood Lead Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, September 4, 16 and October 2, 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$25 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.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

Holiday Refuse Collection - Labor Day Week of September 2, 2013

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

Holiday Recycling Collection - Labor Day Week of September 2, 2013

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

Holiday Yard Waste Collection - Labor Day Week of September 2, 2013

All yard waste collection must be pre-scheduled by visiting www.skokie.org or calling 847/933-3333 by noon on Tuesday, September 3. Yard waste collections for residences north of Greenleaf take place on Thursday, September 5. Yard Waste collections for residences south of Greenleaf takes place on Friday, September 6.

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

Smith Center Activities

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

Woodcarving Club

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

Hearing Loss Support Group

Thursdays, September 12 and October 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

Senior Health Insurance Program

Medicare Open Enrollment starts on October 15 and ends December 7. Schedule an appointment to review your prescription drug coverage. Selected dates, by appointment only.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Mondays, September 9 and October 7 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

German is Fun!

A group for all German language speakers, from beginners to natives. Thursdays, September 5, 19 and October 3, 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee or registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, September 17, 24 and October 15, 22, 29 at 1:30 p.m.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesdays, September 11 and October 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Annex Room at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, September 10 and October 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Skokie Senior Men's Group

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

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Silver Singers

Mondays, September 30 and October 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Simple & Living Will/ Durable Power of Attorney

Program for low-income seniors. Fee charged by attorney.



Skokie Park District

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

Nature Photo Contest Deadline

Emily Oaks' annual Nature Photography Contest is coming up in September! Photos must be taken at Emily Oaks and can be entered in any of the following three categories: wildlife, scenery, and people in nature. Photographers are invited to submit a maximum of nine photos. Photo sizes must be at least 5x7 but not exceed 8x10. Photos are accepted until 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, and will be displayed to the public and open for People's Choice voting from September 21 through October 6. Entry fees are \$6 for the first photo and \$4 for each additional entry. For contest applications and rules, call Emily Oaks at 847/674-1500, ext. 2500.

Teen Dance: '80s Night

Teen Program I.D. needed (available for purchase before the dance). Pizza for sale! Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place. 7 to 9:30 p.m. September 13.

Touch-a-Truck

See the big rigs up close featuring various trucks from around the community. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street. 10 to 11:30 a.m. September 21.

'Still Acting Up' Presents: Still Misbehavin' at the Moulin Bleu

The fabulous Club Moulin Bleu is closing, and its stars are back for one last night to relive their glory days of song and dance. October 9 through 20. Call 847/674-1500, ext 2400 for dates and times. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Devonshire County Fair

Enjoy all of the flavor of a county fair, as well as a sample of all of the cultural offerings at the Devonshire Center. Featuring inflatables, games, crafts, performances, hayrides, pumpkin decorating and pie eating contests. 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6. Devonshire Park and Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Park District Halloween Events

- Teen Dance: Halloween Costume Contest - October 11 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place.
- Scream Scene 2013 - The scariest haunted house in town. \$9 per person, 7 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, October 4 through 31. Also open on October 26 and 31. Skokie Water Playground, 4701 Oakton Street.
- Ex-Scare-Itorium - Halloween's Ex-Scare-Itorium lives on for the little ones at the Oakton Center. Come join the fun, with art projects, treats, entertainment and more! Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. Oakton Center Exploritorium, 4701 Oakton Street.
- Things That Go Bump in the Night - Non-scary Halloween fun at Emily Oaks Nature Center. Meet the Center's friendly creatures and end with a campfire, snacks and songs. October 18 and 19. Evening times vary from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.
- The Skatium's Public Skate & Costume Contest - The Skatium Ice Arena's main rink will be open for public skating, featuring a costume contest! October 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. 9340 Weber Park Place.

Skokie Public Library

For more details on library events, please visit www.skokieliibrary.info.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Sisai—Music of the Andes

Sunday, September 8 at 3 p.m.

Introduction to Crowdfunding with the Kangaroo Cup

Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert – Amber Ginmi Scherer, piano and Richard Li, cello

Sunday, September 22 at 3 p.m.

Second Generation Stories: Growing Up Latino in Chicago

Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

America's Music Presents: The Blues and Gospel Music

Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m.

The Rockin' Johnny Band

Sunday, September 29 at 3 p.m.

Think Like a Computer Programmer

Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

Robots and Aliens Party with Skokie author Kevin Luthardt

Friday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

Power Employment Workshop: Job Search Techniques

Friday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Meet Mary Poppins

Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m.

America's Music Presents: Broadway and Tin Pan Alley

Saturday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

VOX 3 Collective Presents: Broadway, Ballads, & Barbershop: The Sounds of Tin Pan Alley

Sunday, October 13 at 3 p.m.

Understanding the Financial Aid Process

Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

The Affordable Care Act: What You Need to Know

Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Watch, Then Learn: East Coast Swing Dance

Sunday, October 20 at 3 p.m.

Design Your Own eBook

Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

Spooky Stories at Gross Point Park

Friday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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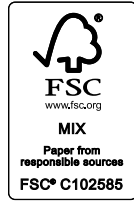
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Halloween Fun in Downtown Skokie

Bring the kids to trick-or-treat in Downtown Skokie on Saturday, October 26 from noon to 4 p.m. For children age 12 and under wearing a costume or mask. Your canned food item or \$1 for the Niles Township Food Pantry gets it going! Make your donation at Crafty Beaver Lumber, 4810 Oakton Street, and get a trick-or-treat bag and spook-tivity guide before visiting participating Downtown Skokie businesses for a Halloween treat.



When you collect 10 stamps on your Spook-tivity guide, turn it in at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8030 Floral Avenue, by 4 p.m. for a chance to win a kid's tablet. There will be a spooky Funhouse, vendors, pumpkin decorating and other activities at the museum. Free parking in the Illinois Science + Technology Park garage at Searle Parkway just west of Skokie Boulevard at the CTA tracks. A free hay ride, courtesy of the Skokie Park District, will take trick-or-treaters and their families from the Skokie Heritage Museum back to the parking garage.

For more info, please visit www.skokiedowntown.org. ■

Downtown Skokie Infrastructure and Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction in Downtown Skokie continues through the late summer and fall months. At press time, work in Phase Two, the Lincoln Avenue corridor, was winding down with installation of both the high-visibility colored crosswalks and the final layer of pavement. In early fall, work will proceed east on Oakton Street from Lincoln Avenue to Niles Avenue and is expected to conclude around October 15. The final phase of construction, Oakton Street from Niles Avenue to Skokie Boulevard, is expected to start in October and conclude in November. While some landscaping installation will occur in 2013, the final landscaping will take place in spring 2014 along with installation of street furniture, wayfinding signage and other amenities. The project is being funded by the Downtown Skokie Tax Increment Financing District.

To subscribe to receive weekly email Downtown Skokie construction project updates, visit www.skokie.org and click on the SkokieNews button on the home page. Updates also will be posted on the home page of www.skokie.org. Questions can be directed to info@skokie.org or to the Engineering Division at 847/933-8232. Please continue to shop and dine in Downtown Skokie during the construction! There is plenty of free parking and the merchants will appreciate the support. ■

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