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## Winter Weather Is Here, Be Prepared!

See below and pages two and three for everything you need to know to be prepared for snow this winter.

### Snow Removal Operations in Skokie

The Skokie Public Works Department is responsible for plowing 144 miles of streets throughout the community, clearing all alleys and plowing sidewalks in residential areas. The snow removal fleet includes approximately 35 plowing units (including refuse trucks fitted with plow blades when necessary), eight sidewalk plows, four tractors and other equipment necessary to safely and efficiently remove snow from the community.



The Village applies road salt to streets in the community in tandem with plowing, paying particular attention to salting intersections. The Public Works Department estimates that around 250 tons of salt are required to adequately cover streets maintained by the Village during a typical snow event. The Village purchases salt each year through a purchasing cooperative to ensure that the Village receives the best possible pricing for adequate salt supply. **See page three for important alternate-side parking information.**

#### Garbage and Recycling Collection during Plowing

Depending on the amount of snow accumulation and the time of week when the snow falls, garbage collection is sometimes suspended so that the garbage collection trucks can be used for snow removal. It is rare for recycling collection to be suspended due to snow. Residents are reminded to make sure their refuse and recycling carts are accessible to collection crews. When refuse and recycling collection schedules are deferred because of snow or dangerous temperatures, residents with curbside set out should leave toter carts in place until the materials

have been collected. Changes to garbage and recycling collection because of winter storms or dangerous temperatures will be posted at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

#### Alley Plowing

The Village's Public Works crews plow alleys after a snowfall of six inches or more. Alley plowing operations

often are completed during overnight hours.

#### Sidewalk Snow Plowing

Skokie is one of only a very few communities that plows sidewalks in residential areas. Sidewalk snow plowing occurs after a snowfall of four inches or more. ■

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## Frequently Asked Questions about Alternate-Side Parking

**Why does the Village use alternate-side parking after it snows?** The purpose of alternate-side parking is to clear Skokie streets from curb to curb to ensure that emergency vehicles have unrestricted access to all areas of the community. Safety is the number one goal of the alternate-side parking program. Visit the Village of Skokie YouTube channel for a stop motion animation video explaining the alternate-side parking program.

**How can I know for sure if alternate-side parking is in effect?** There are numerous ways to learn if alternate-side parking is in effect:

- **Sign up for CodeRED text alerts at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org)**
- Call the Village's 24-hour Snow Hotline at 847/675-SNOW (7669)
- Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and look for a notice on the home page
- Listen to 1660 AM Skokie Radio
- Sign up for *SkokieNews* at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to receive an email alert on the first morning that alternate-side parking is in effect
- Tune to SkokieVision cable and look for the crawl message (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems)
- Listen for the emergency siren that sounds at 7 a.m. to signal that the program is in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day

**What are the penalties for parking on the wrong side of the street during alternate-side parking?** Vehicles that are not in compliance with alternate-side parking are subject to a \$50 citation. In emergency situations, the Village will tow vehicles that are not in compliance. If your vehicle has been towed, call the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5900 to find out the location of your vehicle.

**There is limited space on the street for vehicles during alternate-side parking.**

**Is there anywhere else that I can park my car so that I don't receive a citation?** When alternate-side parking is in effect, the Village allows temporary parking in three Village-owned parking lots in the community:

- North Skokie Swift parking lot that is accessed off of Gross Point Road north of Dempster Street. Parking is allowed in the section of the lot closest to Gross Point Road.
- The municipal parking lot near Crafty Beaver on the north side of Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie.
- Skokie Swift parking lot on the northwest corner of Skokie Boulevard and Searle Parkway.



Parking restrictions in these parking lots are relaxed while alternate-side parking is in effect. Parking restrictions go back into effect at 6:01 p.m. on the last day of alternate-side parking.

**What if I'm out of town or sick and can't move my car to the correct side of the street?** Residents who will be out of town, are ill or otherwise unable to move their vehicle are encouraged to enlist the assistance of a friend or neighbor to move their car, or secure off-street parking until they are able to once again move their car to comply with alternate-side parking. All vehicles are required to comply with alternate-side parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. when the program is in effect.

**My friend/relative from out of town received a ticket for not complying with alternate-side parking. Since they didn't know about the parking restrictions, why did they receive a ticket?** All vehicles are expected to

comply with alternate-side parking. There are signs posted at the major entrances to the community alerting those entering the community that an alternate-side parking program goes into effect after a snowfall of two inches or greater.

**Why doesn't the Village have a sign on every block or at least in every neighborhood to alert the community to alternate-side parking restrictions?**

A total of 16 signs are posted at the major entrances to the community to alert passersby to the Village's alternate-side parking program, and the Village does not want to clutter the community with additional signs. Skokie has used alternate-side parking for many years, and program information is always included in *NewSkokie*, through *SkokieNews* and in a notice given with every vehicle sticker purchase. These ongoing notices and the multiple methods of communications outreach when alternate-side parking goes into effect provide ample means of learning about the program.

**I just shoveled and the plow came by and piled all of the snow in front of my driveway again. How can this be avoided?** Efficient snow plowing operations sometimes unintentionally result in snow being moved in front of driveways. One way to avoid this is to move snow to the left side when facing the driveway.

**Why did I receive a ticket for parking on the wrong side of the street at 5:55 p.m. when the street was already plowed?** Alternate-side parking is in full effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day it has been declared, and vehicles not in compliance between those hours are subject to penalties.

**My neighbor doesn't move their car and the street isn't adequately plowed. Can the police come and ticket their cars?** Concerns about non-compliance with alternate-side parking should be reported to the Police Department non-emergency number at 847/982-5900. ■

## Need Help Snow Shoveling?

The Skokie *TeenLink* program is a database list of teens who are available to shovel snow and do other outside yard work. The list is provided to Skokie residents upon request and provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and address of the teen, days available, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email. This program becomes very popular and sought during the snow season. The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

**Please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 for more information. ■**



## Prepare for Alternate Side Parking in Skokie

**Always in Effect for at Least Two Days after Snowfall of Two Inches or Greater**

The Village of Skokie would like to remind the community about alternate side parking that goes into effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, when two inches or more of snow falls. The snow removal program is a minimum two-day operation. Here is how alternate-side parking works in Skokie:

- On even-numbered days of the month, after a snowfall of two

inches or more, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with even-numbered addresses between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- On odd-numbered days of the month, after snowfall of two inches or more, all vehicles must be moved to the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Business owners, employees and customers are all subject to alternate-side parking restrictions.

**By Village ordinance, business owners are responsible for clearing the snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. It is important to shovel a path for patrons to easily move from the street to the sidewalk without having to walk far in ice and snow. ■**

## Keep Fire Hydrants Visible During Winter

Help keep you and your neighbors safe as winter snow starts to accumulate by taking responsibility for shoveling snow away from the fire hydrant near your home. It's best to clear at least a two-foot area of snow from around the hydrant. The Skokie Fire Department appreciates the community's help with this important safety measure as every second counts when responding to a fire emergency. ■

## Major Thoroughfares Under State and County Jurisdiction

Most major thoroughfares in Skokie are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation or Cook County. These entities are responsible for snow removal and pothole repairs. These streets include Church Street, Crawford Avenue, Golf Road, McCormick Boulevard, Old Orchard Road, Skokie Boulevard, Touhy Avenue, sections of Oakton Street and more. For a complete list, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ■





## Local Government Scholarship Awarded

In 2007, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Council-Manager form of Government in Skokie, the Skokie Village Board established the *Excellence in Professional Government Management Scholarship* at Oakton Community College.

This year's scholarship was recently awarded to Skokie resident Delia Martalogu, pictured at right with Mayor George Van Dusen. In her scholarship essay, Delia mentioned that her parents came from a communist country and never completed their high school educations because of the need to work to support their families. Delia is a first generation American and the first member of her family to attend college.

After receiving an Associate of Arts degree from Oakton, she plans to study forensic science at Loyola University. Delia called forensic scientists 'heroes' who help bring closure to families when tragic events occur, stating, "With the financial aid of a scholarship, it will give me the opportunity to explore my interests in forensic science, flourish as a member of society, and ultimately use my acquired skills to bring justice in regions all over the United States."

**Applications for the 2017 scholarship will be accepted beginning January 1, 2017. For more information on the Village of Skokie's scholarship at Oakton Community College, please contact**



**Lauren Hackett, scholarship coordinator at 847/635-2624 or lhackett@oakton.edu. ■**

## Alley Light Program

The Village provides a comprehensive and effective street lighting program for all Village-owned residential, arterial, and collector streets within the Village boundaries. Often, though residents and business owners are interested in additional lighting in the alley areas behind their property. To provide an option for alley lighting, the Village manages a cooperative Alley Lighting Program through which lights can be placed in alleys at a low cost to the property owner. For an annual charge of \$95 paid directly to the Village, the Village will arrange to install, maintain and provide electricity for a street lamp in the alley behind a resident's home or business establishment. Groups of property owners can get together to request a light, and the Village is able to divide the cost on the water bills of all property owners involved.

Once the Village is contacted requesting the placement of an alley light, Commonwealth Edison will survey the site to determine if a light can be placed

on the existing power pole, and the Village's Engineering Division will then inform the applicant whether a light can be installed. All lights must be placed on existing poles or structures. After payment in advance of the first year's bill, the light will be installed and maintained indefinitely by the utility.

To request the placement of an alley light near your residence or business

establishment, please fill out the application below and mail to the **Village of Skokie Traffic Engineer, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077**. Please indicate if you are requesting the light on behalf of a group of property owners. If so, once the light placement is approved, you will receive more information about billing options. ■

### Alley Lighting Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting on behalf of a group of property owners?  **Yes** or  **No**

Description of location for the alley light: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Holiday Refuse and Recycling Schedule

The Village offers a comprehensive refuse and recycling program for Skokie residents and businesses. It is estimated that Skokie PW crews will collect close to 18,000 tons of garbage in 2017. In addition, more than 5,000 tons of solid waste are expected to be diverted from landfills as a result of the Village's weekly recycling collection program.

A 95-gallon refuse container is provided to each single-family household for storage of up to 200 pounds of household refuse, with the exception of hazardous materials and construction debris. These items require special disposal. For more information on hazardous waste and construction debris disposal, please visit [www.skokie.org/RefuseRecycling.cfm](http://www.skokie.org/RefuseRecycling.cfm).

### Refuse Collection

#### Week of January 2 (New Year's Day)

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

#### Week of January 16 (MLK Day)

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

#### Week of February 20 (Presidents' Day)

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

#### Week of May 29 (Memorial Day)

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

#### Week of July 3 (Independence Day)

Monday collection remains unchanged, Tuesday collection on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections are unchanged

#### Week of September 4 (Labor Day)

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

#### Week of November 20 (Thanksgiving)

Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged. Attempt to complete Thursday and Friday on Wednesday

#### Week of December 25 (Christmas)

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

### Recycling Collection

#### Week of January 2 (New Year's Day)

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

#### Week of January 16 (MLK Day)

Normal schedule. No changes on collection days.

#### Week of February 20 (Presidents' Day)

Normal schedule. No changes on collection days.

#### Week of May 29 (Memorial Day)

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

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## Skokie Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Elgin Recycling and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, Monday through Friday from December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Elgin Recycling is processing the material, [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com). Remember to remove holiday decorations and lighting early in the New Year. In accordance with the Village of Skokie adopted 2008 National Electric Code section 590.3 (B), temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted

for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. Exterior holiday decorative lighting is a festive way to enjoy the holiday season.

For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224. For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. ■



## Top 10 Reasons to Shop in Skokie This Holiday Season

**1. Nearly everything you need is right here!** Skokie is a very diverse community, and in turn, has a diverse retail base. From the abundance of shopping available at Westfield Old Orchard and Village Crossing, to the small independent retailers on Dempster Street, Church Street, Main Street, Oakton Street and throughout the community, nearly everything you need or want is available in our community.



*Aw Yeah Comics, 4933 Oakton Street, in Downtown Skokie.*

**2. Get Better Service** – Local businesses tend to appreciate their customers, knowing that we all have a choice of where to shop. Often, the staff is knowledgeable about the products they sell and provide better customer service.

**3. Reduce Environmental Impact** – When you purchase locally, you save on fuel costs. In good weather, you can save even more and get some exercise by walking to the local store. Online shopping most often results in an abundance of packaging material. Most local purchases don't require as much protective wrapping, and you can further reduce the environmental impact by bringing your own bag.

**4. Invest in the Community** – Often, local business owners live in Skokie, and their residence here increases their commitment to and investment in the community.

**5. Jobs!** – Local businesses provide jobs for residents and are one of the largest employers nationwide. Shopping locally keeps thousands of people right in our own community in jobs.

**6. Build Community Pride** – Local businesses contribute to the positive character of the community, making Skokie a great place to live, work, learn and play. When you shop at a local business you like, share the information with your friends from other areas and let them know how much you

enjoyed the service, meal or product you purchased. Your friends just might visit the business in the future, and your community pride will have fostered more contributions to the local economy.

**7. Put Your Taxes to Good Use** – Purchases almost always include a measure of local taxes, and shopping locally keeps your tax dollars in Skokie and working for you, your family and your neighbors.

**8. Looking for something special?** – Local businesses often specialize in unique products that they have determined their customers need and want, which provides shoppers with a more interesting variety of product choices.

**9. Support Community Groups** – Local businesses, on average, support non-profits and community causes more vigorously than big businesses. They are more likely to give back to the community.

**10. Buy Local – Support yourself** – Many local merchants buy the supplies and services they need to keep their business running from other local businesses, creating a purchasing cycle that further benefits the community.

Shop in Skokie this holiday season, and reap benefits beyond just the gifts and goods you're purchasing.

For a listing of local entertainment venues, dining and retail outlets, visit the Downtown Skokie website at [www.downtownskokie.com](http://www.downtownskokie.com), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce website at [www.skokiechamber.org](http://www.skokiechamber.org) or the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitor's Bureau at [www.cnsccb.com](http://www.cnsccb.com). Be sure to 'like' the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page that features information about a wide variety of businesses in the community. Keep it local! ■



*Westfield Old Orchard Mall has dozens of stores and restaurants for all your shopping needs!*

## Skokie's CodeRED Emergency Notification System

The Village has an emergency telephone notification system to contact residents and businesses quickly in the case of an emergency. Through the CodeRED® system, the Village can send automated telephone messages quickly in the event of an emergency. The brief message will provide information on the emergency situation and any important instructions.

Most home and business phone numbers of Skokie properties have already been added to the system.

**Residents and businesses can visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to register their cell phone numbers and email addresses to the CodeRED system. Residents without a computer should ask a friend or relative to visit the web site and add their numbers.** There is no fee for the service or for adding additional phone numbers.

The Village respects residents' privacy and only activates the system in true emergency situations, such as hazardous chemical spill or release, missing persons, evacuations, water system concerns, hazardous weather, security alerts, etc.

CodeRED® delivers messages to both answered phone lines and answering devices. The system allows the Village to phone the entire community in two to three hours and the system also can target smaller geographic areas within the community for alerts that don't apply to everyone, such as a water boil order in a specific neighborhood.

Anytime CodeRED® is used, the number displayed on the receiving phone caller ID will be 866/419-5000. This number also functions as a message repeat

feature. A resident can call this number back at anytime, and the last message delivered to the specific phone will play, along with the date and time of the message. Residents can save this phone number and name it CodeRED®, so that when an emergency message from the Village is received, CodeRED® will appear on the caller ID of the receiving phone.

**For more information on the CodeRED® system, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Communications Coordinator John Barkhoo at 847/982-5904 for assistance. ■**

## Fire Safety for the Holidays!

During the winter holidays the risk of residential fires is higher and people are inadvertently exposed to greater risk of becoming the victim of a fire or electrical accident, such as shock and electrocution. Most of these accidents could be prevented by following these important safety tips:

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Follow the use and care instructions that accompany your electrical decorations.
- Stapling or nailing through electrical wires or extension cords may damage the wire or insulation, which could cause electrical shock or fire.
- Turn off electrical light strings, candles and other decorations before leaving home or going to bed. Automatic timers are available for both indoor and outdoor applications.
- Waterproof all electrical connections and keep them elevated so that water won't drain into the connection and cause a shock or a short circuit.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets.

- Use lights that are approved for safe use by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Whenever possible, choose holiday decorations made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant materials.
- Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- Make sure candleholders are placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Be sure chimney and fireplaces have been inspected and cleaned.
- Do not leave a stove unattended. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States.
- If a grease fire happens while cooking, turn off the burner and put a lid over the pan. Do not use water on the fire!
- Know the location, type and purpose of your fire extinguisher.
- Create and practice your escape plan in the event of an emergency. Make sure children know exactly what to do; you may not be able to reach them at the time of a fire.

**For more information on holiday safety tips, contact the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340. ■**



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  
December 5, 19

Plan Commission  
December 1

Appearance Commission  
December 14

Zoning Board of Appeals  
December 21

## Village Board Action

The Skokie Village Board recently approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lincolnwood to combine their emergency dispatch services for police, fire and emergency medical response from Skokie's Communication Center. An identical agreement was recently approved by the Lincolnwood Village Board. Providing dispatch services to Lincolnwood provides the Village, its residents and businesses with both operational and financial benefits. The initial term of the Intergovernmental Agreement is five years, with a first-year subscription fee of \$736,791 that escalates by five percent annually. Lincolnwood will share proportional costs in the future operating and capital expenses of the Skokie Communication Center. In addition to 24-hour emergency dispatch services, Lincolnwood also will receive non-emergency call handling during non-business hours. It is expected that the combined emergency dispatch operations will begin during first quarter 2017.

The Village Board recently approved the purchase of several fire hydrants and related parts for the Skokie Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program.

The Village Board recently approved the purchase of a replacement Health Department vehicle. The current Health Department pick-up truck is badly worn from daily use and will be replaced with a mid-sized cargo van. ■

## 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Each year under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides block grants to qualified local communities. Skokie anticipates receiving \$500,000 in funding for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017. These funds will be used for physical improvement projects, housing programs, limited social services and other activities that are consistent with local planning goals and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations.

Eligible projects must meet national objectives by principally benefiting low- to moderate-income people in the community or aiding in the prevention and elimination of blighted conditions. All projects and activities must be approved by HUD before funds are released.

The Village has scheduled three public hearings to solicit public input on the 2017-2018 CDBG Program. Information gathered at the hearings assists in formulating the Village's funding request to HUD. At the December 19, 2016, Village Board meeting, the current year's program progress will be reviewed and the 2017-2018 community development needs and objectives will be discussed. Project suggestions, comments, and program recommendations that are solicited from Village staff, citizens, and representatives of various social service agencies will be presented at the January 3, 2017, Village Board meeting. The Board will select the projects to be funded at the February 6, 2017 hearing. Village Board meetings begin at 8 p.m. and CDBG hearings are held at the close of regular Village business.

**For information on the Community Development Block Grant Program, contact Planner/CDBG Administrator Carrie Haberstich at 847/933-8447. ■**

## December is National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

The Skokie Health Department reminds parents that young children should be supervised during play to prevent toy-related injuries. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ensures that all toys sold in the United States meet strict safety standards. Some toys are more likely to cause injury than others, though, and need to be handled carefully:

### Balloons

Balloons can cause choking in small children. Keep deflated balloons away from children younger than eight years and discard broken balloons immediately.

### Small balls and other toys with small parts

For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.

### Scooters and other riding toys

Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast, and falls can cause serious injury. Helmets and safety gear

should be worn at all times and they should be sized for proper fit.

### Magnets

Magnet sets are dangerous and should be kept away from children less than 14 years of age. Swallowed magnets can bind together and cause serious internal injury.

### Other toy safety tips for parents of young children:

- Immediately discard plastic wrapping or other toy packaging before the wrapping and packaging become dangerous play things.
- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.
- Battery charging should be supervised by adults. Chargers and adapters can cause burn injuries to young children. Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any mechanism to prevent



overcharging.

### Toy Safety Guides

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission provides free safety alerts, guides, posters, brochures, handbooks and other materials.

**For more information visit: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Toys/> ■**

## Skokie Medical Reserve Corps is Seeking New Members!

The Skokie Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a volunteer group of health professionals dedicated to enhancing emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the community. The MRC is seeking new members. Any individual with an Illinois license or certification in a medical profession, and who would like to volunteer, is invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday January 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall. Personal and Family Preparedness and requirements for the Skokie MRC will be discussed.

Skokie MRC new member classes will be held at 6:30 p.m. (approximately two hours each) on five Tuesdays in January as follows (all are required for membership):

- Tuesday January 3: Personal and Family Preparedness

- Tuesday January 10: Infectious Disease and Exposure Prevention
- Tuesday January 17: Incident Command System - Who's in Charge?
- Tuesday January 24: Medical Countermeasures
- Tuesday January 31, 2017: Mass

Care, Shelter and Disaster Welfare

**Continuing Nursing Education credit will be available for all participants. Please call Claudia Braden, RN, in the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 for more information about the Skokie MRC. ■**

## Improve Your Health Stop Smoking for Good!

The Skokie Health Department is offering "Courage to Quit", a six-week program designed to help you quit smoking. The classes will be held Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, on the following dates:

**January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 15.**

**There is a \$15 fee for the entire session. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 847/933-8252. ■**



## CPR Schedule

Please call the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340 for program information and schedule. 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, December 7, 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic - Wednesday, December 14, 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

### Child Vaccinations\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, December 7, 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk in - Wednesday, December 14, 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 fee.

### Well Child Clinic\*

Monday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, December 7, 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 fee.

### Lipid Profile Screening\*

(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, December 7, 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$15 fee

### Blood Pressure Screening

Walk-in clinics: Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, December 7, 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

### 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. \$10 fee.

### Lead Screening\*

By appointment only. \$25 fee.

### Adult Hearing Screening\*

Friday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Courage to Quit\*

Six day session: Wednesday, January 11, 18 and 25 and February 1, 8 and 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$15 fee.

## Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

### Holiday Refuse Collection

*Week of December 26 (Christmas) and  
Week of January 2 (New Year's Day)*

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

### Recycling Collection

*Week of December 26 (Christmas) and  
Week of January 2 (New Year's Day)*

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

*For more information please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or call the Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.*

## Human Services Activities

Unless otherwise noted, all events are located at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Call 847/933-8208 for more information or to register. Please note that the Skokie Human Services Division is now located in Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

### Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Medicare/Part D/Claims/Apeals

Consultations available for new and existing Medicare beneficiaries to learn about their health care benefits. Selected dates and times. Open Enrollment ends December 7.

### Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, December 5 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

### Family Caregiver Support Group

Hosted by North Shore Senior Center. Please contact Laretta Hart at 847/424-5661 or [lhart@nssc.org](mailto:lhart@nssc.org) if you would like to attend. This group meets Wednesday, December 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

### German is Fun!

All German language speakers, from beginners to natives, are welcome. Thursdays, December 1, 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

### Conversational Yiddish

No fee/registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, December 20, 27 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, December 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### Hearing Loss Support Group

Monday, December 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street.

### Skokie Senior Men's Group

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

### Stamp Club

Wednesdays, December 7, 21 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

December 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### Silver Sing-a-long

Monday, December 26 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### Simple & Living Will/ Durable Power of Attorney

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

## Skokie Public Library

For more details on library events, visit [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info).

**Young Steinway Concert: Nicholas Juang, Piano, and Sofiya Kyrlyuk, Viola**  
Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m.

**Entrepreneurship for Artists and Creative Professionals**  
Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

**Stollen for the Holidays**  
Wednesday, December 7 at 7 p.m.

**Restore Your Spirit with Reiki**  
Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

**Friday Night with TED**  
Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

**Library Closed**  
December 24 and 25

## North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie Boulevard. For performance dates and information visit [NorthShoreCenter.org](http://NorthShoreCenter.org) or call 847/673-6300.

**Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley**  
*In the Northlight Theatre*  
Through December 18



**Kathleen Madigan - The Mermaid Lady Tour**  
*In the Center Theatre*  
Friday, December 2 at 8 p.m.



**Chicago Gay Men's Chorus presents Home for the Holidays**  
Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m.

**Salt Creek Ballet's The Nutcracker**  
*In the Center Theatre*  
Saturday, December 10 at 1 and 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m.



**Melissa Etheridge Holiday Trio**  
*in the Center Theatre*  
Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.



**Chicago Tab Theatre Tidings of Tap!**  
*in the Center Theatre*  
Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m.

## Skokie Park District

For more information on Park District programs, call 847/674-1500 or visit [www.SkokieParks.org](http://www.SkokieParks.org).

### Santa's Hotline & Letters from Santa

Surprise your kids with a phone call or letter from Santa! Calls limited to 847, 224, 630, 312 and 773 area codes. Register by December 9. Forms at [www.SkokieParks.org/SantaForm.pdf](http://www.SkokieParks.org/SantaForm.pdf).

### Breakfast with Santa

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast, entertainment and a raffle. Santa will be on hand to take pictures with you and your family. \$13-&16. December 17 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

### Winter Program Registration Begins

Online and walk-in registration begins for hundreds of Skokie Park District winter programs. December 15 for residents, December 22 for non-residents.

### Ice Skating - Holiday Public Sessions

Lace up your skates and hit the ice with the whole family! The Skatium Ice Arena offers public skating sessions once or twice daily over the holidays. Fees: \$4.50 to \$5.50; Skate rentals \$3. December 24 through January 6. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2900 for times. Skatium Ice Arena, 9300 Weber Park Place.

### Itty Bitty New Year

The Exploritorium's family New Year bash with entertainment, art projects, games, a noon balloon drop and much more! December 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

## Niles Township Government

Niles Township Government provides many services including the ones below. Please visit <http://my.nilestownship.org> or call 847/673-9300 for more information.

### Holiday Food & Toy Collection Drive

Niles Township is seeking donations of non-perishable food, and new, unwrapped toys for children of Food Pantry clients from infant through age 17. Donation barrels are located at 5255 Main Street in Skokie. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted via check made payable to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that uses donations to stock the Niles Township Food Pantry shelves. Your donations promote hope, dignity and joy at the holidays.



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# Holiday Fest

## Friday, December 9, 5-8P



**Skokie Heritage  
Museum  
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**Live Reindeer!  
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**Photos with Santa!  
Carolers & more!**

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