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Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township Celebrating the Hispanic and Latino Cultures

¡Viva!, this year's Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township, highlights the Hispanic and Latino cultures. Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township is a cultural and literary series that in 2016 will explore the Hispanic and Latino cultures and experience in our community. The Village remains deeply committed to this important and unique collaboration between many different groups in Skokie and neighboring Niles Township communities, as the program presents the opportunity for collaboration, dialogue and a valuable learning experience. The more we know about other cultures, countries and people, the greater our compassion and the stronger our community.

The opening ceremony takes place on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Niles West High School, 5071 Oakton Street, with Lourdes Duarte from WGN Morning News serving as the Master of Ceremonies. AfriCaríbe will perform. Admission is free. Refreshments and an art exhibit featuring the work of Alfonso "Piloto" Nieves Ruiz begin at 1 p.m. prior to the opening ceremony. Participate in the Open Books Book Exchange by bringing a book to trade.

For 2016, Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township leaders have selected *The Book of Unknown Americans*:

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Is Alternate-Side Parking in Effect?

The Village of Skokie provides many avenues to learn when Alternate-Side Parking is in effect after it snows:

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

For more information, please visit www.skokie.org. ■



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Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township *Continued from front page*

A Novel by Cristina Henríquez and *Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant* by José Ángel N. as the recommended literary selections for adult readers. The committee also has once again selected several entertaining and inspiring books that will provide children and adolescents with a view of the Hispanic and Latino cultures.

Since Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township began in 2010, it has served as a catalyst for celebration, conversation and education as we collectively examined “The Voices of Race”

last year and focused on the Indian, Filipino, Assyrian, Greek, and Korean cultures in years past. In addition to the Village of Skokie, project partners include the Skokie Public Library, Niles Township High School District 219, Skokie Park District, Niles Township ELL Parent Center, Holiday Inn Chicago North

Shore/Skokie, Oakton Community College and numerous other organizations and institutions in both Skokie and throughout Niles Township for participating in the program.

For more information, please visit www.comingtogether.in. ■

Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township Program Presents U.S. Latino/as: Languages, Hybrid Identities and Poetry

Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m., Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street

This presentation will examine the social realities of Spanish and Spanglish in the United States and also will introduce the ways in which poets combine Spanish and English as a poetic tool in reaffirming the hybrid identities of U.S. Latinos. Invited presenters include Professor Lourdes Torres, Chair, Department of Latin American and Latino Studies, De Paul University and Professor Frances R. Aparicio, Director, Latina and Latino Studies Program, Northwestern University. For program updates, visit www.comingtogether.in. ■

Village Continues to Advocate for Gun Safety

At the December 21, 2015 Village Board meeting, the Village Board approved a resolution urging the Illinois General Assembly to adopt licensing procedures for firearms dealers. The Board determined the licensing of firearms dealers to be an attainable, responsible tool available to foster gun safety for the community without creating unnecessary restrictions on gun ownership.

While the State of Illinois licenses and regulates a wide range of businesses and services to insure resident health and safety, firearms dealers remain unlicensed. The Village’s resolution encourages the state legislature to consider firearms dealer licensing that includes employee background checks, mandatory video surveillance,

police inspections and other measures to reduce illegal sales, stolen guns, and ‘straw’ purchases made by one individual with the intent of providing the firearm to another individual. The Board urged state legislators to protect residents of Skokie and the entire state by initiating comprehensive, state-wide licensing for all firearms dealers and sellers to stem the flow of firearms into the hands of criminals and other restricted individuals.

This resolution is the latest action in Skokie’s long history of advocacy regarding the issue of gun safety, and follows another recent victory in this area, the upholding of an assault weapons ban by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in *Arie Friedman v. City of*

Highland Park. In July 2013, Skokie was one of only a few municipalities to enact an assault weapons ban within a narrow 10-day window given by the State of Illinois. Skokie’s ordinance also included requirements that semi-automatic weapons in the home be secured with either a trigger lock or gun safe. Highland Park also passed a ban modeled on the Skokie ban that was immediately challenged by Arie Friedman and the Illinois Rifle Association. On December 7, 2015, the United States Supreme Court declined to hear the Friedman case, thus implicitly upholding Highland Park’s ordinance regulating assault weapons and settling the issue of validity of assault weapons regulation. ■



Spotlight on the Skokie Engineering Division

The Skokie Engineering Division is made up of two units, Civil Engineering and Traffic Engineering.

Civil Engineering

Civil Engineering is responsible for designing, supervising and monitoring the construction of municipal infrastructure projects such as street paving, street resurfacing, alley grading, water main replacement, bike path construction, landscaping and parking lot construction. Civil Engineering investigates and implements the elements of the Storm Water Runoff Control Program, including coordination, plan review, project management and construction supervision.

Traffic Engineering

Traffic Engineering staff ensures the safe, efficient

and economical operation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the Village. Traffic Engineering strives to preserve and improve the safety and general quality of the respective residential, business and industrial areas of the Village for issues involving transportation matters. Traffic Engineering also is responsible for maintaining street lights, operation of traffic signals, traffic control signage and pavement markings. Traffic engineering staff is responsible for reviewing and inspecting private development projects for conformance with Village code and ordinances.

Did you know?

From time to time the Village is asked to help with rear yard drainage issues. The Engineering Division offers a



Skokie Engineering Division staff review plans.

complimentary program to help residents address these problems. Engineering staff will survey the subject area and identify solutions to help reduce ponding in the rear yard. Solutions may include installation of a catch basin in the rear yard, re-grading the yard or shifting downspouts. The Village identifies the

solution at no cost, but does not contribute financially to the implementation.

For more information, please call 847/933-8231. Visit www.skokie.org to access the Residential Yard Drainage Assistance Program form. ■

Skokie TeenLink Program

The Skokie *TeenLink* program is a database collection of Skokie teens that are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request.

Many residents who request the TeenLink list are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only need assistance during one season.

The *TeenLink* list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and address of the teen, days of availability, 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 after during the snow season. It's always best to receive the *TeenLink* list early in the year and contact the teen before needing assistance.

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

Do you know someone who may benefit from the *TeenLink* list? Please contact the Skokie Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 for more information.



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



Christmas Tree Pickup and Holiday Light Recycling

Weather permitting, Skokie Public Works crews will pick up Christmas trees during the first two weeks in January. After these initial collections, Village refuse crews will pickup trees during normal garbage collections. Trees are chipped into mulch which is available to Village residents after the New Year's holiday. The mulch pickup area is located on the south side of Church Street in the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way property that is just east of Terminal Avenue.

To have your tree recycled, place it in the alley or at the curb where refuse is collected. Do not put the tree in a bag or container, and please remove all decorations. Wreaths are not collected with the trees and should be disposed with the regular household garbage. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other

non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.

Additionally, 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, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through January 29.

Exterior holiday decorative lighting is a festive way to enjoy the holiday season, but please 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



Do not put the tree in a bag or container.

shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224.

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

2015 Tax Levy Marks 25th Year of Property Tax Freeze

The Village Board recently approved a 2015 property tax levy identical to the 1990 levy, marking the 25th consecutive year of the Board's self-imposed property tax freeze. The 2015 tax levy approved by the Village Board in December 2015 amounts to \$15,456,695, which is identical to the 1990 levy.

"The Village Board approved a five-year property tax freeze in 1991. Due to prudent budgeting and pro-active economic

development, the Village has been able to sustain the property tax freeze ever since, with 2015 marking the 25th year of the Village Board's commitment to hold the line on the Village's share of property taxes," commented Mayor George Van Dusen. "The property tax freeze has been sustained through austere financial times. I commend my colleagues on the Village Board and all Village staff for their hard work to continue Skokie's property tax freeze and provide excellent services even during challenging economic times."

Cost Share Parkway Tree Planting

Did you know that parkway trees can reduce air conditioning costs? Start preparing now for spring by contacting the Public Works Department about the Cost Share Parkway Tree Planting Program. Residents with an open planting space on the parkway in front of their home are invited to participate in the program. The Village will pay 50 percent toward the cost and planting of the new tree. Currently, the homeowner's portion is \$150 per tree.

Interested residents should contact the Village Forester at 847/933-8427. The Forester will inspect the parkway for underground utilities, evaluate site conditions and mark a suitable location for the tree. Residents may then select from a list of trees that will perform well on their parkway.

Call the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 for more information. ■

Without a property tax freeze, annual increases could have mirrored changes in the consumer price index. Had the Village of Skokie adjusted its levy annually for inflation since 1990, the 2015 levy would have been \$26,251,118, which is \$10,794,423 higher than the actual 2015 levy of \$15,456,695. This would have resulted in a nearly 70% increase over the actual 2015 levy. Tax bills contain a number of different components, with different government agencies responsible for the various components. For example, the Cook County Assessor determines property value, assessment level, assessed value, equalized assessed value and exemption for homeowners, senior citizens, etc. The only level of control the Village has over property tax bills is relative to its annual tax levy.

For more information on Skokie's portion of property taxes visit www.skokie.org. ■



Things to do in Skokie this Winter

Fit in Fitness!

Have a new year's resolution to improve your fitness level? Check out one of Skokie's various fitness centers. Many offer promotional new member specials. Fitness First offers free group fitness classes from January 3 through 9 and is open to both Fitness First members and non-members. Visit www.skokieparks.org for the full schedule.



Grab your Blue Suede Shoes

Grab your blue suede shoes on January 7 and toast the King of rock-n-roll's 81st birthday. Turn up the tunes and grill a peanut butter and banana sandwich to get all shook-up. The North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie hosts a concert celebrating the era by era musical career of Elvis Presley at the Elvis Birthday Tribute Artist Spectacular on January 7. Call 847/673-6300 for ticket availability.

Make love, not war....unless it's Pizza Wars!

Vote for who makes the best pizza in the universe on Thursday, January 20 when the District 219 Education Foundation for Excellence, with assistance from Dance Marathon, present the 4th Annual Pizza Wars at Niles West High School. Tickets can be purchased through www.219foundation.org.

Pie in the Sky

January 23 is National Pie day. Visit the Skokie Public Library and check out a recipe book on baking pies or the

history of pies, then visit a local Skokie bakery to have instant-pie-ification. Make a pie, eat a pie, exchange pie recipes in celebration of this tasty day!

Got cabin fever? Get inspired!

Find your inner artist by visiting a Skokie art gallery, exhibit or a Skokie art studio for lessons.

Winter Wonder Drop Off

On Monday, January 18, children get to discover the sights and sounds of Skokie's Winter Wonderland. Activities may include snow painting, ice sliding, snow treasure hunting, ice cracking and wildlife tracking! End the day with a delicious cup of hot cocoa. The event takes place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Emily Oaks Nature Center. Advance registration and a \$5 fee is required. Visit www.skokieparks.org.

Growth is just part of it

Consider renting a garden plot through the Skokie Park District! Yield your own fruit and vegetables and consider sharing produce with the Niles Township Food Pantry. Not only does a garden plot sharpen your gardening skills it also gets you and the family outside to enjoy the many seasons of Skokie. Please contact 847/674-1500 ext. 2715.



Chinese New Year

February 8 is Chinese New Year and this year is the Year of the Monkey. Learn how to make moon cakes or

visit your favorite Chinese restaurant in Skokie.

Valentine's Day is February 14

Treat your significant other to dinner at one of Skokie's romantic restaurants. Don't forget to get your sweetie a treat from one of Skokie's fine bakeries or a fine wine to toast your evening.



There's snow on the ground, but you can still melt your neighbor's heart

Do your part for the community by shoveling snow for an elderly or sick neighbor.

Skokie Eats!

February is National Restaurant Month. Have fun visiting some Skokie restaurants you've never been to before, or go back to some old favorites. Many Skokie restaurants will offer specials in February. Check out visitchicagonorthshore.com for a complete list of Restaurant Month specials.

You live in history!

Visit the Historical Museum and explore Skokie's Heritage, the Historic Engine House and the original 1847 Log Cabin.

It's Presidential

Celebrate Presidents' Day on February 15. Most Skokie schools are closed on this day. Take advantage and visit one of Skokie's Parks. They're not just for the summer....snow angel anyone? ■



Call for Entries - Skokie Through the Lens Skokie Community Photography Exhibit 2016

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is excited to announce Skokie Through the Lens 2016. The theme for this year's exhibit is Skokie Inspirations. Images should reflect what inspires you in Skokie during 2016... let your creative energy flow!

Visit www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm for submission guidelines. The deadline to submit photos is Friday, September 9, 2016 however, submissions are welcome anytime until then. The exhibit will be displayed at various community locations in fall 2016.

For more information, please contact Nick Wyatt, Assistant to the Village Manager, at 847/933-8283.

**The photo at right was featured in the Skokie Through the Lens 2015 Photo Exhibit and was taken by Skokie resident Stanley Cohn. ■*



Are You a New Resident?

Welcome! We are glad that you have chosen the Village of Skokie as your new home. As a resident you will enjoy the very best in municipal services and programs. Please contact the Village whenever we may be of service to you, and be sure to subscribe to SkokieNews for regular

email updates on important Village news and CodeRed for text message alerts.

To subscribe for SkokieNews email alerts, visit www.skokie.org and click on the "Subscribe to SkokieNews" link in the top right-hand corner for email alerts. To receive text message alerts, click on the

CodeRED icon that also is near the top of the home page.

New Resident Checklist:

- Register to vote at the Village Clerk's Office
- Purchase vehicle stickers and pet tag licenses, 847/933-8423
- Confirm that your water

bill has been updated to reflect your new address, 847/933-8418

Village Hall is located at 5127 Oakton Street and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Have more questions? Visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8257. ■

1660 AM Skokie Radio Municipal Emergency Advisory Radio Station

To improve communication and enhance safety of those living, working and visiting in Skokie, the Village has an advisory AM radio station. The frequency of the station is 1660 on the AM dial.

The primary use of 1660 AM Skokie Radio is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather to hazardous material spills, alternate-side parking when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground or any other condition that could affect the well-being of the public in the Village of Skokie.

This non-commercial radio station is monitored by the Village, and in non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts emergency preparedness and Village of Skokie information 24-hours a day, seven days a week. New AM radios in vehicles and other radios will be able to receive frequency.

For further information about 1660 AM Skokie Radio, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 or visit www.skokie.org. ■



Fire Department Promotions

At the December 7, 2015 Village Board meeting, several Fire Department staff members were promoted to new positions. The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners approved promotions to the rank of Lieutenant to James Cortilet, Nicholas Eschner, Robert Everson and Adam Pease. Also that evening, Lieutenant Kathy Furgala was promoted to the position of Captain. Lieutenant Furgala succeeds newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Robert Reichert. ■



Pictured is Deputy Fire Chief Robert Reichert during his swearing-in ceremony on November 2, 2015.

Pictured is Skokie Fire Captain Kathy Furgala being sworn in by Village Clerk Pramod Shah.

Burn Awareness Week - February 1 through 7

Scalds - A Burning Issue

Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment. They may result in lifelong scarring and even death. Prevention of scalds is always preferable to treatment and can be accomplished through simple changes in behavior and the home environment.

Anyone can sustain a scald burn, certain people are more likely to be scalded, including infants, young children, older adults and people with disabilities. These high-risk groups are also more likely to require hospitalization, suffer complications and experience a difficult recovery. Most burn injuries occur in the person's own home and the vast majority of these injuries could have easily been prevented.

Tap water scalds are often more severe than cooking-related scalds. The American Burn Association recommends the following simple safety tips to decrease the risk to yourself and those you love from tap water scalds.

- Set home water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Provide constant adult supervision of young children or anyone who may experience difficulty removing themselves from hot water on their own. Gather all necessary supplies before placing a child in the tub, and keep them within easy reach.
- Install grab bars, shower seats or non-slip flooring in tubs or showers if the person is unsteady or weak.
- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish or clothes washer while anyone is showering.

Cooking-related scalds are also easy to prevent. Some things you can do to make your home safer from cooking-related burns include:

- Establish a "kid zone" out of the traffic path between the stove and

sink where children can safely play and still be supervised. Keep young children in high chairs or play yards, a safe distance from counter- or stovetops, hot liquids, hot surfaces or other cooking hazards.

- Cook on back burners when young children are present. Keep all pot handles turned back, away from the stove edge. All appliance cords should be coiled and away from the counter edge. During mealtime, place hot items in the center of the table, at least 10 inches from the table edge. Use non-slip placemats instead of tablecloths if toddlers are present.

For more information about preventing scald burns, contact the American Burn Association at 312/642-9260 or www.ameriburn.org or contact the Skokie Fire Department 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
January 4, 19
February 1, 16

Plan Commission
January 7, 21
February 4, 18

Appearance Commission
January 13
February 10

Zoning Board of Appeals
January 6, 20
February 3, 17

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved the 2015 Property Tax Ordinance that represented the 25th consecutive year that the property tax has been frozen at \$15.4 million. For more information, see page four.

The Village Board recently approved the replacement of a Skokie Public Works dump truck through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program in the amount of \$138,256.

The Village Board recently approved the 2016 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution which is required for the Village to expend MFT funds. The resolution reflects an anticipated expenditure of \$1,039,400, a decrease of \$34,200 or 3.2% from the previous year due to a decrease in salt expenditures.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with H&H Electric for \$36,736 for the maintenance of 15 traffic signals and 1,591 street lights throughout the Village.

The Village Board recently approved a resolution urging the Illinois General Assembly to adopt licensing procedures for firearms dealers. For more information please see the article on page two. ■

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling

The Skokie Health Department encourages residents to bring burned out compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to the Department for recycling. The Skokie Health Department is located in the lower level of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

CFL bulbs use about 75% less electricity than traditional incandescent bulbs, and are recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to decrease energy use in homes and businesses.

However, CFLs contain a very small amount of non-visible mercury sealed in the glass tubing. No mercury is released when the bulbs are in good condition or in use. When broken, they have the potential to release a small amount of mercury vapor. To prevent this from happening, CFLs should be disposed of properly.

Recycling CFLs prevents the release of mercury into the environment by keeping mercury out of landfills and incinerators. The CFLs should be placed in a zip-lock plastic bag prior to bringing to the Health Department. ■



Your Input is Needed for the 2017 Community Health Plan

Every five years the Health Department seeks input from residents, schools, businesses and other organizations to help establish the most pressing health issues in the Village. As part of this process, a short community health survey will be available online at www.skokie.org beginning Monday, February 1. Your opinion is important! Please take a moment to complete the survey, and give the Health Department feedback.

If you prefer, a paper copy of the survey can be obtained at the Health Department in the lower level of Village Hall, or you can call to have a survey mailed to you.

For more information please call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. To view the Skokie Community 2012 Health Plan please visit <http://www.skokie.org/HDMain.cfm>. ■



Skokie Medical Reserve Corps Recruiting New Members! Informational Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The Skokie Medical Reserve Corps, or Skokie MRC, is a group of volunteer health professionals who are dedicated to enhancing Village of Skokie emergency preparedness and response capabilities. We are currently seeking new members. Any individual who has an Illinois license or certification in a medical profession, and would like to volunteer, is invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Skokie Village Hall.

The Skokie MRC requires initial training for all volunteers in order to assist the Village during a disaster. This training includes set-up and support for emergency shelters, volunteering in mass community clinics to dispense medications or vaccinations, incident command information and addressing other major public health needs as they arise. Initial training will begin on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM and continue weekly on Tuesday evenings through March 29, 2016. The Skokie MRC holds quarterly meetings.

The initial training activities for the Skokie MRC have been submitted to the Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) Continuing Education Approval Program for 17 contact hours of continuing nursing education credit.

Skokie MRC activities include participation in our annual seasonal flu vaccination clinics as well as local and regional emergency preparedness education workshops, drills and exercises. Members have volunteered at the Chicago Marathon, the “Boomers and Beyond” health fair, Skokie Fire Department Open House and several Skokie school health fairs.

For additional information or to sign up to attend the program, please call Claudia Braden, RN at the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. Additional program information and an application are available on the Village of Skokie website at <http://www.skokie.org/hdmain.cfm>. ■

Improve Your Health - Stop Smoking For Good!

Did you know that tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death for Skokie residents, beginning at age 35? The Skokie Health Department is offering “Courage to Quit”, a six-week program to help you and your loved ones quit smoking. The classes will be held Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on the following dates: February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and March 7.

There is a \$15 fee for the entire session. Registration is required. You do not have to be a Skokie resident to participate. For more information or to register for the class, 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, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic - Wednesdays, January 6, 20 and February 10, 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

Child Vaccinations*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk in - Wednesdays, January 6, 20 and February 10, 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 fee.

Well Child Clinic*

Mondays, January 11 and February 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 fee.

Hearing Screening*

Fridays, January 15 and February 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lipid Profile Screening*

(Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Cholesterol/HDL Ratio) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 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, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 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.

Courage to Quit*

Six day session: February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and March 7. 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$15 fee.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of January 18 (Martin Luther King Day) and

Week of February 15 (President's Day)

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

Recycling Collection

Week of January 18 (Martin Luther King Day) and

Week of February 15 (President's Day)

Normal collection schedules remain in effect.

For more information please visit 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

Consultations available for new and existing Medicare beneficiaries to learn about their health care benefits. Selected dates, by appointment only.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Mondays, January 4 and February 1 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

German is Fun!

All German language speakers, from beginners to natives, are welcome. Thursdays, January 7, 21 and February 4, 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee/registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, January 19, 26 and February 16, 23 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, January 12 and February 9 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, January 6, 20 and February 3, 17 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Does not meet in January, February or March. Will resume in April.

Silver Sing-a-long

Monday, January 25 and February 29 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

Simple & Living Will/ Durable Power of Attorney

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

Family Caregiver Support Group

Please contact Lauretta Hart at 847/424-5661 or lhart@nssc.org if you would like to attend. This group meets January 27 and February 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Mondays, January 18 and February 15 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Skokie Public Library.

Federal Income Tax Program

Free income tax help from February through April. Call for more info.

Skokie Public Library

For more details on library events, visit www.skokielibrary.info.

Young Steinway Concert: Brendan Tarm, Cello, and Jeremiah Yang, Guitar
Sunday, January 3 at 3 p.m.

Red Kite, Brown Box: A Special Needs Theater Adventure
Saturday, January 19 at 1:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Let's Eat: The Recipe Club
Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m.

Science Cafe: Combatting Chemical Warfare with Nanotechnology
Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m.

Understanding Dementia
Monday, January 18 at 7 p.m.

From Backbeat to Beatlemania
Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m.

Family Science Expo
January 24 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Evaluating Doctors and Hospitals
Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.

Ede2 Presents 'Reasons for Moving'
Saturday, February 2 at 3 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert: Angela Lee, Cello, and Jisu Yang, Piano
Sunday, February 7 at 3 p.m.

Raising Children in Bilingual Households
February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Great Migration Recipes
Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m.

Roots Rock Society: Reggae and More
Sunday, February 14 at 3 p.m.

Tone Deaf: Sandra Bland and the Silencing of a Generation
Monday, February 15 at 7 p.m.

Coming Together Book Discussion: Illegal by Jose Angel N.
Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

Evanston Dance Ensemble Previews 'Alice in Wonderland'
Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m.

Uncharted Territory: Narratives on Latino Migration
Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

Kaia String Quartet
Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m.

Skokie Park District

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

Thin Ice Ensemble Presents: The Servant of Two Masters
Full of mistaken identities, broken engagements and reunited lovers, this classic comedy will have you laughing out loud! January 8 through 10. \$10-12. Tickets at skokieparks.org/devtickets.html. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Summer Camp 2016 Open House
Meet camp directors and compare programs and fees. Includes art, theatre, nature, dance, swimming, sports, music, golf, circus, day trips, camping and canoeing. January 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Summer Camp Registration for Skokie Residents
Begins January 24 at noon. Walk-in and at SkokieParks.org.

Spring Hockey Registration
Begins February 7. Walk-in and at SkokieParks.org.

Spring Figure Skating Registration for Skokie Residents
Begins February 9. Walk-in and at SkokieParks.org.

Winter Chilly Fest
Enjoy an evening of outdoor ice skating under the stars (weather permitting) and a cozy chili dinner overlooking the pond at the Emily Oaks Nature Center. Also glittering lights, snow and ice games, snowshoeing, food, dessert, a campfire and more! Admission \$6, with chili: \$8-12. February 13 and 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

Devonshire Playhouse Presents: Treasure Island
A 14-year-old boy navigates his way through piracy on the high seas and meets the infamous Long John Silver. February 13 through 21. \$10-12 Tickets at skokieparks.org/devtickets.html. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Spring Programs - Resident Registration Begins
February 15 at 8:30 a.m. Walk-in, mail-in and at SkokieParks.org.

Snowshoe Rentals at Emily Oaks Nature Center
Looking for outdoor fun this winter? Durable snowshoes are available to rent at scenic Emily Oaks Nature Center. First come, first serve when four or more inches of snow are on the ground. \$4-5 hour. Staff available for walking tips. Call for hours. 847/674-1500, ext. 2500. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

Located at 9501 Skokie Boulevard. For performance dates and information visit NorthShoreCenter.org or call 847/673-6300.

Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular
In the Center Theatre
Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The Capitol Steps - Mock the Vote
In the Center Theatre
January 21 at 7:30 p.m., January 22 at 8 p.m., January 23 at 5 and 8 p.m., and January 24 at 2 p.m.

Mothers & Sons
In the Northlight Theatre
January 22 through February 28

Music of the Baroque
In the Center Theatre
Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Lewis Black
in the Center Theatre
Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Linda Eder
In the Center Theatre
Friday, February 12 at 8 p.m.

Three Little Birds
In the Center Theatre
Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra
In the Center Theatre
Sunday, February 14 at 3 p.m.

Thodos Dance Chicago
In the Center Theatre
Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Celtic Tenors
In the Center Theatre
Friday, February 26 at 8 p.m.

Music of the Baroque
In the Center Theatre
Sunday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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Like Us on Facebook - Shop Local Skokie

Several years ago, the Village of Skokie launched the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page to promote Skokie businesses and generate increased interest in shopping locally.

At press time, Shop Local Skokie has just over 2,400 fans checking out the page for information on restaurants and stores throughout the community. Often, merchant specials and promotions are featured on the page.

During February, which is Restaurant Month, the Shop Local Skokie team will review a different Skokie restaurant each Friday – with fans sometimes invited to serve as guest reviewers. In 2015, the team reviewed four fabulous breakfast restaurants with Shop Local Skokie fans joining the review team each time.



Visit Shop Local Skokie during January when a call for Restaurant Month restaurant/food theme recommendations will be announced and guest reviewers sought. In February 2013, the Shop Local Skokie team reviewed pizza restaurants. The team regretted choosing frozen yogurt to review during February 2014! ■

How Do We Talk About Race in Skokie?

The Skokie Human Relations Commission is hosting a new series of conversations on the topic of race. All Skokie residents are invited to participate in these important community conversations that will be facilitated by Eileen Hogan Heineman, Co-Director of Racial Justice Programs, Evanston/ North Shore YWCA. The first 2016 conversation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

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

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