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## Clean, Green Skokie a Success!

During April, more than 20 groups, comprised of 325 individuals, collected over 100 bags of litter from Skokie neighborhoods and parks as part of the *Clean, Green Skokie!* initiative.

Participants were entered for a chance to have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. This year's winner were the TJM Players.

The Village encourages residents to pick up litter throughout the year. If every resident picked up just one piece of litter a day for a year, nearly 24 millions pieces of litter would be collected.

See page five for a list of all participants. ■

## Celebrate Fourth of July in Skokie

Celebrate America's Birthday at the 32nd annual Skokie Fourth of July Parade beginning at noon on Monday, July 4. The route starts at Oakton Community College on Lincoln Avenue, proceeds to Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie and concludes at Oakton Park. The parade takes place rain or shine.

NBC 5 News Reporter Christian Farr and ABC 7 Weekend News Anchor Karen Jordan will serve as parade Grand Marshals. Roger Badesch from WGN Radio is back for 2016 as the Skokie Fourth of July Parade Reviewing Stand announcer.

The parade is followed by an evening of family festivities at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, beginning at 5 p.m. Musical entertainment starts at 6 p.m. End the evening with a spectacular 3-D fireworks celebration scheduled for dusk. The fireworks are sponsored by the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Park District.



See page six for a map of the Skokie Fourth of July Parade map. For information, visit [www.skokie4th.org](http://www.skokie4th.org) or call 847/933-8210. ■

## Vehicle Stickers, Zone Permits and Pet Licenses Available, Wednesday, June 1

Skokie 2016 vehicle stickers are available beginning on Wednesday, June 1 and must be displayed on windshields by August 31. The stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All vehicles registered with the Illinois Secretary of State to an address within the corporate limits of the Village of Skokie must display a valid Village sticker. A vehicle sticker is required even if the vehicle is not physically located in Skokie. The address appearing in the Secretary of State's records for the vehicle is the criterion and the owner of record is responsible for obtaining the sticker.

Passenger vehicle stickers purchased through August 31 cost \$35. After that date, the cost includes a late penalty and increases to \$42.50. Motorcycles, trucks and other types of vehicles have different licensing fees. Vehicle stickers can be renewed online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) through August 31. Payment is accepted from Visa, MasterCard, Discover and debit cards. The Village does not charge an added fee for paying with a credit card.

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## Skokie Village Employees Are Looking Out for You!

Fleet Watch is a community-wide effort involving the Skokie Police Department and the employees of other Village of Skokie departments who travel in the community each day as part of their professional duties. Fleet Watch participants from the Community Development, Fire, Health and other Village departments communicate their observations, and those of the public, to the Skokie Police Department. Village employees report anything thought to be suspicious, dangerous or criminal in nature so that Skokie Police Officers or other personnel can be dispatched to the scene as necessary. The Fleet Watch is, in many ways, a Neighborhood Watch initiative that travels throughout the community. The Village of Skokie is alert and prepared to take enforcement action. The best crime-prevention strategies involve a collaborative effort between the Skokie Police Department and community members.

Fleet Watch provides an added degree of safety for Skokie residents and serves as an additional crime deterrent measure in the community. Residents walking, biking or driving through the Village can approach Village employees in vehicles with a Fleet Watch sticker and report suspicious activity or crimes in progress. Village employees in Fleet Watch vehicles have access to two-way radios and cell phones, and will communicate concerns and observations to the Skokie Police Department. ■

## How to Protect Your Home from Storm Water Damage

Keeping your home dry during severe rain events is difficult; however, three steps can be taken to lessen the chance of water infiltration and flooding.

**First**, the roof and wall systems of your house need to be secure from the weather. Rain entering from the roof and walls can cause damage to insulation and wood, promote mold growth and allow water to seep down to lower floors and the basement. Check to see that the roof and walls are in good condition with no gaps around chimneys, windows, vents, etc. Tuckpoint brick walls, and caulk and plug all openings as even small gaps can allow water infiltration.

**Second**, the basement walls and foundation must be protected from water infiltration to prevent seepage. Water must be kept away from the house to lessen the possibility of water infiltration. Gutters and downspouts should be in good condition and extended as far as possible from the house. This ensures that water is effectively collected and moved away from the house to the street to reduce ground water saturation by the foundation. The areas around the foundation should also be graded so that water flows away from the house. Window well covers should be installed where possible to keep these areas from filling with water, causing seepage or excess water in the drain tile area around the house. Wall and foundation cracks should be sealed inside the house. Even small gaps can allow a large amount of water to seep into a basement if the ground is saturated with water. Finally, it may be necessary to install a sump pump to remove ground water under the basement floor and around the foundation before it forces its way into your basement.

**Third**, your house should be protected from sewage backup that can cause costly damage and unsanitary conditions. The Village has made improvements to the sewer system to handle most normal rain storms; however, in severe rain storm

sewers can fill up causing water to backflow into basements. Although there are several ways of preventing this, the two best methods are to install overhead sewers or a backwater valve flood control system. In an overhead system, waste water from the first or second floor is removed from the house through a pipe connected to the Village sewer that is at a higher level than the Village sewer. The higher elevation of the pipe helps prevent water from backing up into the house. An electric pump in the basement ejects any water from basement bathrooms, laundries or drains into the pipe that is connected to the sewer. Backwater valve flood control systems, on the other hand, stop sewage backup before it can enter the house with a check valve on the sewer line. This system generally requires the construction of an underground structure in the yard where a check valve is located. This valve lets waste water flow out of the house while keeping sewage from coming back in. It is important to maintain this valve annually to prevent failure during a storm event. These systems often contain an electric pump to force water out of the house system if the sewers are full. Both systems require electricity and should have a backup battery or generator system to assure their continued operation if the electricity goes out. The pumps in these systems require regular maintenance and may need replacement because of heavy usage.

Homeowners can perform some of these home improvements themselves, while other improvements require a contractor or licensed plumber. Financial assistance is available to income-qualified households to make repairs as part of the Village's Home Improvements Program. Please contact the Building and Zoning Division at 847/933-8223 to discuss your home repair issues, determine if a permit is required, get a list of contractors who have done work in the Village and to see if you are income-qualified for a grant or loan. ■



## Village Selects New Recycling Contractor

Beginning June 1, 2016, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will become the Village's new recycling program contractor. No changes to the program will be made. Collection days remain the same, but collection times may vary. There will not be a recycling cart change out.

After a competitive bidding process, Lakeshore was selected because their price will provide a significant annual savings, and because of the firm's strong commitment to recycling.

Lakeshore recently opened a state-of-the-art, 40,000-square-foot, single-stream recycling facility to sort, separate and allocate over 110,000 tons of residential and commercial recyclables per year.

Lakeshore does not own a landfill, and keeps 800,000 tons of material out of landfills by recycling or diverting the material. Lakeshore has committed to helping the Village increase the current diversion rate in Skokie through various outreach programs. Stay tuned for more information!

**For more information on the Village's recycling program, please contact the Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427. To review the materials included in Skokie's recycling program, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ■**



Photo by Fred Erickson



## You know that photo you took in Skokie today?

Take a second and submit it to the *Skokie Through the Lens 2016* Community Photo Exhibit on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by using **#SkokieThroughTheLens2016** in the caption.

Not into the social media thing? That's ok! Submit your photo by email to [info@skokie.org](mailto:info@skokie.org).

Find out more at: [www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm](http://www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm)



## 2016 Skokie Farmers' Market Summer Schedule

- **June 12** - Grand Opening! Ribbon cutting with Mayor Van Dusen, the Consumer Affairs Commission and Cub Scout Pack #85 performing the color guard at 9 a.m.! Meet local farmers and the Skokie Health Department to learn about the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign. Then, check out RC Juggle for an amazing balloon animal creation and

enjoy acoustic soul music with Rachel Katzman and the Perreault Duo.

**June 19** - Check out the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Truck and learn about what the Animal Control team does daily. Stay and enjoy music by Eugene Lim and the Perreault Duo string musicians.

- **June 26** - Chef Demo Day with Skokie's own Sweetie Pies Bakery! Learn a recipe with locally-sourced ingredients and savor free samples. Stay for live music with the Steve Martin Blues Band.
- **July 3** - Bring your mat and sunscreen for Yoga on the Green! Stay and enjoy music by the talented Whitey O'Day.
- **July 10** - Chef Demo Day with Skokie's own El Fuego Mexican restaurant! Learn a recipe with locally-sourced ingredients and savor free samples. Meet the amazing RC Juggle balloon artist and enjoy music with the Steve Martin Blues Band.
- **July 17** - Check out the COPS Vehicle and meet our friendly Skokie Police Officers. Stay and enjoy music by the talented Whitey O'Day and the Perreault string musicians.
- **July 24** - Meet the Skokie Fire Department and test your skills with a water demo! Stay and enjoy music by the Boston Mountain Boys.
- **July 31** - Meet your farmers! Stay and enjoy acoustic soul music by Rachel Katzman, and the talented Eugene Lim.
- **August 7** - Bring your mat and sunscreen for Yoga on the Green. Stay and enjoy folksy blues trio Medicine Bear and the Herbal Remedies.
- **August 14** - Meet the amazing RC Juggle balloon artist and enjoy music by the talented Whitey O'Day and Eugene Lim.
- **August 21** - Meet the Skokie Fire Department and test your skills with a water demo! Stay and enjoy music by The Boston Mountain Boys.
- **August 28** - It's Backlot Bash weekend! Bike to the market and stay for acoustic soul music with Rachel Katzman and Stu Frank.

**Find the freshest fruits, vegetables and baked goods! Located at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Sundays from June 12 through November 6, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information please contact Janelle Silva, Market Manager, at 847/933-8257 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).**





## Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses *Continued from front page*

A Zone 6 Residential Parking permit is required for residents who live in the residential area adjacent to the new CTA Yellow Line Oakton Station in Downtown Skokie in an effort to preserve parking for residents whose neighborhood could be impacted by

commuters. The Zone 6 residential parking program permits are available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Proof of Zone 6 residency and purchase of current Skokie vehicle sticker are required to obtain a permit. The annual fee is \$2 per permit.

Pet licenses also are available at Village Hall. With a veterinarian's statement of spay/neutering, the 2016 pet license fee is \$10. Without the statement the fee is \$25. For any animal declared dangerous, the cost is \$150; for any animal declared vicious, the cost is \$250. For a citizen to receive an Individual Breeder License, the cost is \$250.

A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase, whether purchasing in-person or by mail. Pet licenses cannot be renewed online at this time.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses can be purchased at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423. ■

## Nominations Needed! *Beautification and Improvement Commission's Annual Property Owners Awards*

Each year in the late summer, the Skokie Beautification and Improvement Commission evaluates nominated properties throughout the Village. Winners receive notice in December or January and receive an award certificate during the annual ceremony held in April. Please return this completed form with photographs of the front of the property by August 1, 2016.

**Name of Property Owners:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Property:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return all nominations to:**

Attn: B & IC Public Works  
9050 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077

## Lawn Mowers and Leaf Blowers

Occasionally, the Village of Skokie receives complaints about loud lawn care equipment. Residents are reminded that the Village Code addresses these concerns, limiting use of this type of equipment as follows:

- Lawn equipment may only be operated between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays and between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Sundays and holidays

- Throwing grass clippings in a sewer, ditch or open pit area, or upon vacant lots or public rights-of-way is prohibited

Homeowners are responsible for making certain that the use of lawn equipment occurs within permitted hours of operation. Residents who use the services of a landscaping contractor should advise them of the hours of operation for lawn care equipment.



Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for more information about leaf blower and lawn mower usage information. ■

## Thanks to all Clean Green Skokie! Participants

Brownie Troop 41204  
Degen Consulting Group  
Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue  
Devonshire Elementary School

Dick Witry  
Double Tree by Hilton Chicago - North Shore Conference Center  
East Prairie School 4th and 5th Grade Leadership and Student Counsel  
Eduardo B. dela Vega  
Girl Scout Troop 40881  
John Ewan

Micah 6:8 from St. Peter's UCC  
Niles North Special Education Department  
Niles North Transition Group  
Parent Leaders Uniting Schools (PLUS) Group  
Skokie AYSO U8 boys soccer team, The Green Strikers

Skokie Caucus Party  
Skokie Cub Scouts Pack 85  
Skokie Cub Scouts Pack 173  
The Pedestrians, Village of Skokie Walking Group  
TJM Players  
Village of Skokie Management Team ■



## Spotlight on the Skokie Finance Department

The Finance Department is tasked with the stewardship of all Village funds. Duties include collecting revenues from individuals, businesses and other government agencies, processing all payments (including the biweekly payroll for all Village staff), ensuring compliance with the Board-approved budget, issuing and managing the water billing process, preparing the annual financial report, managing the Village's debt and overseeing three public employee pensions.

Skokie Finance Department staff takes pride in their role of overseeing Village finances. When it is possible to achieve savings, all efforts are made to reduce the burden on the taxpayers. As an example, the Department recently led an effort to save the Village over \$1.2 million in interest payments by refinancing bonds issued in 2007 and prepaying bonds issued in 2002.

Finance Department staff strives to provide the best customer service experience to all who visit or call Village Hall. During the coming months, the Finance Department will be one of the first Village departments to upgrade its computer software. The upgrade will improve the way residents and businesses are served. As an example, a web portal will be created where customers can view and pay their water bills. Web resources for other Village services also will be improved.

As a reminder, please note that vehicle sticker sales begin on June 1. Please purchase your stickers early to avoid the last day rush on August 31.

**For questions, comments or concerns, contact the Department directly at 847/933-8247. ■**

## Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe

**Check out the weekly COPS Vehicle Schedule at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or on the Police Department Facebook page!**

*Many Cultures, One Community – Keeping Skokie Safe*, the Public Safety Commission's broad-based public safety awareness campaign, is underway this summer in the neighborhoods between Church Street, Main Street, Skokie Boulevard/Niles Center Road and the CTA tracks. Public Works crews are active in these neighborhoods painting sign posts

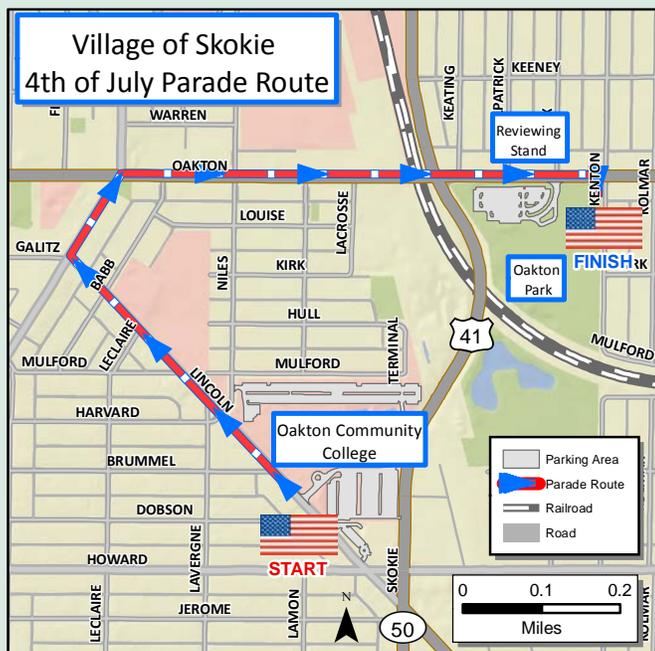
and curbs, installing additional street lighting as part of a pilot initiative, trimming trees to enhance existing street lighting and more.

The Community Outreach Police Substation (COPS) is out and about in these neighborhoods several days each week, and also makes occasional visits to the neighborhoods from the 2015 *Many Cultures* Campaign south of Downtown Skokie and north of Oakton Community College, and the neighborhood between Oakton Street, Main Street, Skokie Boulevard and Kenton Avenue. The COPS vehicle neighborhood schedule is published at [skokie.org](http://skokie.org) and on the Police Department Facebook page each Monday, and neighbors are encouraged to check the schedule online and visit with police officers.

From time to time, staff members from the Skokie Park District, the Skokie Public Library and the Village's Health Department and Human Services Division join the COPS vehicle during the neighborhood visits. During the three-hour COPS vehicle neighborhood visits, at least three police officers are in and around the vehicle meeting residents, providing vehicle tours, encouraging residents to form a Neighborhood Watch, handing out sweet treats and prizes (while supplies last!) and walking or biking through the neighborhoods.

**Save the date of August 2, 2016 for Skokie's National Night Out at Gross Point Park! Details will be posted at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), on the Skokie Police Department Facebook page and included in the August edition of *NewSkokie*. ■**

## Fourth of July Parade Map



# Village of Skokie

## 2015 Water Quality Report



The Skokie Water Distribution System sends an average of 8.5 million gallons a day of pure drinking water to residential and commercial customers. This is enough to cover the entire Village with several feet of water in a year's time. Skokie residents can be confident that every gallon, every glass of their drinking water exceeds the federal standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

For years, Skokie citizens have enjoyed a safe, economical water supply (purchased from the City of Evanston) with no reported water-borne illnesses. Evanston has a long history of drinking water safety. In 1914, when typhoid fever, cholera and dysentery gripped the nation, Evanston was the first community on Lake Michigan to treat its water. In 1947, Evanston became the first city in Illinois to provide **fluoridated\*** water. In 1973, Evanston's water treatment plant eliminated all water discharge into Lake Michigan. Today, in addition to over 50 chemical and bacteriological

tests conducted by Evanston water personnel daily, the Village of Skokie's water professionals monitor drinking water for chlorine levels, contaminant levels and **lead**, copper and total **trihalomethanes**. To protect citizens' health, over 70 Village-wide samples are collected each month from the taps of Skokie homes and businesses. The result is that Skokie's drinking water is among the safest in the United States.

Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Skokie cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have

your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

With the publication of this Water Quality Report, Skokie continues the water quality tradition. Not only were there no treatment, monitoring or reporting violations in the reporting period, but every substance detected in Skokie's water was well below federal standards. Over 65 contaminants tested for were totally absent in the drinking water. This includes such major contaminants as **synthetic organic substances** and **radon**. This USEPA-mandated Water Quality Report is an outgrowth of the consumer movement which has successfully championed the public's right to know the impact of water quality on health. ■

*\* Words in bold are defined in the About the Data section on page four*

## Why does Skokie Test the Water Supply?

As water travels over the land surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material. Water also picks up substances resulting from the presence of animals and human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: 1) microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; 2) inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming; 3) pesticides and herbicides which come from agricultural, storm water runoff and residential uses; 4) organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm runoff and septic tanks; and 5) radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. The primary sources of pollution threatening Lake Michigan include air deposition (pollution from the air, rain and snow), runoff and industrial discharge. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800/426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Water Drinking Hotline at 800/426-4791. ■



## Skokie's Drinking Water

Skokie's vast water system includes two 4.9-million-gallon storage facilities and over 2,300 hydrants. A full-time staff of laboratory professionals, public works staff and public health professionals devote themselves to Skokie's water safety.

Skokie's drinking water has received several awards for purity. A State-Certified Water Plant Operator is on duty 24 hours a day at the Evanston plant, and over 50 chemical and bacteriological tests are conducted daily. Skokie water professionals continue the quality vigilance with frequent tests for **chlorine** levels, microbial contamination, **trihalomethanes\*** and **copper** and **lead** levels.

The Evanston Treatment Plant, which supplies Skokie's water, is capable of pumping 108 million gallons a day to communities like Skokie. Its raw water pumps bring Lake Michigan water in, while its finished water pumps send water to users. Natural gas engines fuel these pumps so the community never goes without safe drinking water, even during power outages.

Here's how the water is treated:

1. Six centrifugal pumps lift the water from suction wells to begin

its journey through the treatment plant.

2. Chlorine to disinfect, fluoride for dental health and aluminum sulphate and polymers to coagulate suspended solids are added to the water. Carbon is added as necessary to enhance taste and odor.
3. The resulting **floc** sinks to the bottom of settlement basins in four to eight hours.
4. Water inches through filters that contain a layer of anthracite and filter sand, removing the tiniest of particles and bacteria.
5. After postchlorination, water goes to reservoirs where a blended polyphosphate is added to prevent **copper** and **lead** contamination. Water is sampled one more time for quality assurance before being pumped into the distribution system.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in tap or bottled water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or

other immune system disorders, some elderly persons and infants can be at particular risk for infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. The EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/ow](http://www.epa.gov/ow).

For specific information about Skokie's Water Division, the community's water quality, a complete water quality report of all tested contaminants, water conservation information, on-source pollutant information or any other water or sewer-related questions, please call 847/933-8277 or visit the Village webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). The Skokie Water and Sewer Division is located at 9050 Gross Point Road in the Public Works building. The public is welcome to attend Village Board Meetings at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, at 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Many decisions regarding Village matters, such as water, are made at these meetings. ■

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### Source Water Assessment Summary

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intakes with no protection, only dilution, which is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. All three of Evanston's intakes are located far enough offshore that shoreline impacts are not considered a factor on water quality. However, at certain times of the year the potential for contamination exist due to the proximity of the North Shore Channel and wet-weather flows. In addition, the proximity to a major shipping lane adds to the susceptibility of these three intakes. ■

### How Much Water Do You Use?

Lake Michigan affords a plentiful supply of water which may cause people not to consider conservation a primary concern. Water conservation means using water intelligently, not just reducing the amount of water consumed.

Before you can conserve water, you need to know how to measure the amount of water you use. Your water bill and water meter are the tools that can help to determine your water consumption and start your own water conservation program. ■

## 2015 Water Quality Data

Substance	EPA Goal (MCGL)	EPA Highest (MCL)	Results	Min.	Max	Contamination Source
*Turbidity	N/A	TT=monitored by%<0.3 NTU and max allowed is 1NTU	100% of samples <.03 NTU	0.06 NTU	0.19 NTU	Soil Runoff
**Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.4	0.4	0.4	Water additive used to control microbes
**Coliform Bacteria (% positive/mo)	0	5% of monthly samples are positive	1.3	0	1	Naturally present in environment
**Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	27	11.86	37	By-product of drinking water chlorination
**Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	10	7.83	10.97	By-product of drinking water chlorination
*Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.02	0.02	0.02	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
*Flouride (ppm)	4	4	1.1	1	1.2	Added to promote dental health
*Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.3	0.3	0.3	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; Sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
*Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	8	7.5	7.5	Erosion of natural deposits
*Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	0.99 (sampled 1/16/14)	0.99	0.99	Erosion of natural deposits
*Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	0.16 (sampled 1/16/14)	0.16	0.16	Erosion of natural deposits

UCMR Contaminant	Average	Range	Unit	MCL	Likely Contamination Source
**Total Chromium	0.4	0.2 - 0.5	ppb	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
**Hexavalent Chromium (chromium-6)	0.19	0.18 - 0.21	ppb	^	Naturally occurring element; used in making steel or other alloys. Chromium-3 or -6 forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation.
**Molybdenum	1	1.0 - 1.1	ppb	^	Naturally occurring element found in ores and present in plants, animals and bacteria; commonly used form molybdenum trioxide used as a chemical reagent.
**Strontium	122	118.5 - 125.8	ppb	^	Naturally occurring element; historically, commercial use of strontium has been in the faceplate glass of cathode-ray tube televisions to block x-ray emissions.
**Vanadium	0.26	0.2 - 0.3	ppb	^	Naturally occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pentoxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst.

## 2015 Water Source Data - Abbreviations Key

\* Evanston results.

\*\* Skokie results

^: Denotes a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, not has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

**% pos/mo:** Percent positive samples per month.

**#pos/mo:** Number of positive samples per month.

**MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow a margin of safety.

**MCL:** Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of a substance allowed in drinking water MCL's are set as closely as feasible to the MCLG using the best available treatment

technology.

**AL:** Action Level.

Concentration of a substance which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**N/A:** Not Applicable

**mg/l:** Milligrams per liter, also called parts per million (ppm).

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit. Used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.

**%<0.3 NTU:** Percent samples less than 0.3 NTU.

**ppb:** Parts per billion, also called micrograms per liter.

**ppm:** Parts per million, also called milligrams per liter.

**pCi/l:** Picocuries per liter. Used to measure radioactivity and infection practices.

**TT:** Treatment Technique. A required process that reduces a contaminant level.

**UCMR:** Abbreviation for Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

**mrem/year:** Abbreviation for millirem. A unit used to measure radioactivity effects. ■



## About the 2015 Water Source Data

**Chlorine:** A byproduct formed when chlorine dioxide is used to disinfect water.

**Coliform:** Bacteria that are commonly found in the intestines of humans and other vertebrates.

**Copper:** Copper is a metal found in natural deposits as ores containing other elements. It is widely used in household plumbing materials.

**Floc:** A mass formed in a fluid through the aggregation of suspended particles.

**Fluoridated:** Adding a fluorine compound to water helps reduce tooth decay.

**Lead:** Lead poses a significant danger, especially to infants and young children. It is possible that lead levels in some homes may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in household plumbing. If you are concerned about lead levels in your water, you may wish to have your water privately tested.

**Nitrate (as Nitrogen):** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural

activity.

**Radon:** Largely inert gaseous element formed by the radioactive decay of radium.

**Sodium:** USEPA or IEPA does not regulate sodium, but monitoring is required to provide information about sodium intake due to dietary precautions.

Consult a physician if the level is greater than 20 mg/l and you are on a sodium-restricted diet.

**Synthetic Organic**

**Compounds:** A group of compounds not included among the trihalomethanes that may have carcinogenic (cancer causing) potential to humans.

**Trihalomethanes:** A group of compounds formed from decayed vegetable or animal matter present in most surface and some groundwaters. The EPA regulates the level found in drinking water because of the toxic nature that may produce disease in humans and animals.

**Turbidity:** A measure of the cloudiness of water. It is monitored by the Village because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of the filtration and disinfection systems. ■

## What are Non-Point Source Storm Water Pollutants?

Non-point source (NPS) pollution occurs when rain or melting snow carry pollutants such as contaminated soil, fertilizers, salt or animal waste into the sewer system. These pollutants are called non-point source because it is not always possible to identify their origins. While we sometimes want to point the finger of blame at industry, the fact is that we all contribute to non-point source pollution when we dispose of household hazardous wastes through the sewer system, over fertilize our lawns and gardens, leave pet waste unattended or allow our cars to leak automotive fluids onto Skokie streets and parking lots.

### What are some more examples?

Pollutants can come from a variety of places both in and around our homes and businesses:

**Pollutant:** Sand, clay particles, other debris

**Source:** Construction sites, bare spots in lawns and gardens, wastewater from washing cars and trucks on driveways or parking lots

**Pollutant:** Nutrients

**Source:** Overused or spilled fertilizers; pet waste, grass clippings that enter the street sewers and leaves burned in ditches

**Pollutant:** Diseased organisms

**Source:** Pet waste and garbage

**Pollutant:** Hydrocarbons

**Source:** Vehicle exhaust; leaks/spills of oil and gas; burning leaves and garbage

**Pollutant:** Pesticides

**Source:** Spills and leaks or pesticides applied before a rainstorm

**Pollutant:** Metals

**Source:** Cars and trucks (tire wear, brakes, exhaust); galvanized metal gutters and downspouts.

### Where do these pollutants go?

Skokie has a combination sewer system. The contents of the storm sewers are mixed with the contents of household sewers.

All of the waste is sent to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) water treatment plant. There, these wastes are treated to lower pollution levels and returned to the river system. Treated wastewater eventually flows into the Illinois River and then into the

Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

So, what happens in Skokie and other Chicago area communities affects both the quality of river water and the quality of life for other residents of Illinois and the United States.

During severe rainfalls, when the water system backflows, untreated sewage and pollutants can be discharged directly into Lake Michigan, Skokie's source of drinking water. While these backflows are rare, they can occasionally occur.

### What happens to pollutants at the water treatment plant?

When pollutants enter the plant, the normal treatment process is slowed down. Particles that would normally disappear after one hour may still remain in the system six to eight hours after arrival. As we all know, time is money. The cost to treat pollutants is high, and this cost is passed on to residents through taxes paid to MWRDGC. ■

## MWRDGC 24-Hour Hotline

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) receives and treats the sewage from the Village of Skokie. The District has established a 24-hour hotline to report the dumping of hazardous material into the sewer system. This number was established in an effort to reduce the possibility of contamination of waterways, poisoned fish and wildlife, and damage to the biological process of the waste water treatment plant. The hotline number is 800/332-DUMP. ■



## Home Security Basics

Knowing about a burglar's three worst enemies – light, time and noise – can help you protect your home from crime. A burglar won't find your home an easy target if he's forced to work in the light, if he has to take a lot of time breaking in and if he can't work quietly.

Take the time to "case" your house or apartment, just as a burglar would, and answer the following questions.

**Where is the easiest entry? How can you make your home more burglar resistant?** Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows. Think carefully before installing a high privacy fence around your back yard because that is a burglar's asset. Additionally, force any would-be burglar to confront a real deterrent – light. Exterior lights, mounted out of easy reach, can reduce the darkness a burglar finds comforting.

**How can you slow burglars down?** Time also is a burglar's enemy. A burglar delayed for five minutes is apt to give up and try for another, less difficult location. Simple security devices, including such ordinary equipment as nails, screws, padlocks, door and window locks, grates, bars and bolts can discourage intruders and keep them from entering.

**How about noise?** Try to make the prospect of robbing your home a noisy job. Many types of alarm systems are available with detectors to be mounted on doors and windows.

### Remember Special Vacation Home Security Tips

When going on vacation, leave blinds open in their usual position. Have mail and packages picked up, forwarded or held by the post office. Lower the sound of your telephone bell so it can't be heard outside. Arrange to have your lawn mowed. Stop newspaper deliveries. Ask a friend to pick up mail, advertisements, newspapers and circulars. Use automatic timers to turn lights on and off in your living room and bedrooms at appropriate times. Consider connecting a radio to a timer.

Inform the Skokie Police Department and dependable neighbors when you plan to be away and start a Neighborhood Watch Block with your neighbors to keep a close watch on what's happening in your area. Working closely with your neighbors is a great way to prevent crime.

The Skokie Police Department's Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit is available to answer questions about any of your home security needs. Contact the Unit at 847/982-5919 for additional information on Home Security Surveys, presentations for groups, pamphlets or handouts relating to security issues, Neighborhood Watch Block meetings, solicitor information, personal safety information and the Away From Home Program. ■

## Protecting Your Children from Extreme Summer Heat

Make sure to protect your child from the heat as much as possible, watch for symptoms and call your doctor if you see any develop.

### There are several steps you can take to protect your child from heat related illness:

- Plan to have a cool, air-conditioned space for your child. If your home does not have air-conditioning, find a nearby building that does. The Skokie Public Library is a great place for a cool retreat.
- Make sure your child stays hydrated. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even before asked or feeling thirsty.
- Plan more time to rest as heat can often make children feel tired.
- When your child is feeling hot, give him a cool bath or water mist.
- Don't forget about the effects of sun exposure.
- Never leave children in a car or other closed motor vehicle. The temperature inside the car can become much higher than the outside

temperature, and can rise to temperatures that cause death.

Extreme heat can make children sick in many ways, including dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke. Call your child's doctor immediately if he or she develops any of the following symptoms. Your child's doctor can advise you on the next best course of action and whether an immediate evaluation is needed.

- Feeling faint
- Extreme tiredness
- Headache
- Fever

- Intense thirst
- Not urinating for many hours
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Breathing faster or deeper than normal
- Skin numbness or tingling
- Muscle aches
- Muscle spasms

**For further information on protecting your children from extreme summer heat; 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  
June 6, 20  
July 5, 18

Plan Commission  
June 16  
July 7, 21

Appearance Commission  
June 8  
July 13

Zoning Board of Appeals  
June 1, 15  
July 6, 20

## Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved an agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory for evidence processing. Historically, the Village processed evidence through the Illinois State Police Forensic Crime Lab, which has a significant backlog of cases. Delays associated with the backlog cost the Skokie Police Department valuable time in solving crimes.

The Village Board recently approved a street light pilot program for the addition of east-west residential street lighting in two multi-family areas in the Village: Oakton Street, Skokie Boulevard, Main Street and Kenton Street; and Dempster Street, Gross Point Road, Church Street and Niles Center Road. ■

## Ordinance Change to Improve Water Conservation

On a regular basis, Skokie staff reviews the Village Code to determine if amendments are needed to improve operations and best practices. As a result, the Village is updating the sprinkler and plumbing codes. These provisions include the requirement for new and replacement plumbing fixtures be a labeled WaterSense product or equivalent, as specified by USEPA. This is in an effort to prevent excessive and wasteful water use.

Additionally, to comply with State of Illinois regulations, the use of automatic

or oscillating sprinklers for lawn sprinkling or irrigation is prohibited from the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Property owners with odd-numbered street addresses may use sprinklers on odd-numbered days of the month. Property owners with even-numbered street addresses may use sprinklers on even-numbered days of the month. These restrictions are in place 365 days a year.

**For more information please contact the Skokie Community Development Department at 847/933-8246. ■**

## Wednesdays on the Green Rocks Downtown Skokie for the Sixth Year!

*Wednesdays on the Green (WOTG)* will be back in summer 2016 for a spectacular sixth season! Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. from June 1 through August 17 there will be free family entertainment on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street (south side of Oakton Street between Skokie Village Hall and the Skokie Public Library).

The season starts out on June 1 with music by Skydeck, followed on June 8 by Skokie's own Maxwell Street Klezmer Band that is back by popular demand! Another season highlight occurs on July 6, when the 2016 Skokie Idol winners perform after months of intense competition at the Skokie Theatre.

There will be many other new, fun performances during June, July and

August, with return engagements by The Empty Pockets and Michael Lerich and His Orchestra. Get your dancing shoes polished for June 15 and 29, and August 10, when the musical entertainment will be accompanied by dancing on the Green!

WOTG is brought to the community through a partnership between the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Park District and the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie.

**For a full WOTG 2016 line up and information on the Wednesday night dining discounts at Downtown Skokie restaurants, visit [www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com](http://www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com). ■**

## Dog Bites Can Be Prevented

Last year Skokie Animal Control Officers responded to 30 reports of people bitten by dogs in the Village. Most of these bites could have been prevented. In order to minimize your risk of being bitten by a dog, the National

Humane Society of America recommends:

- Spay/neuter your dog. Dogs that have not been spayed/neutered are three times more likely to bite.
- Train your dog. Dogs need training and socialization to be comfortable around people.
- Never approach a dog you don't know.
- Don't disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or

caring for puppies.

- Don't pet a dog without letting it see and sniff you first.

**For more information or to report a dog bite, please call Animal Control at 847/933-8484. ■**

## Child Safety Seat Loan Program

Did you know that in Illinois children less than eight years old must be strapped into a child safety seat whenever they travel in a vehicle? Child safety seats protect infants and young children from serious injuries that can occur from even minor accidents.

The Health Department has infant seats, toddler seats and booster seats available for short-term loan to Skokie residents for a \$10 fee. This program has been popular with residents who temporarily need seats when their grandchildren come to visit.

**For more information or to reserve a seat, please call the Health Department at 847/933-8252. ■**



## What You Need to Know About the Zika Virus

Zika virus, which is transmitted primarily through mosquito bites, is expected to appear in the southern United States this summer. Fortunately, the types of mosquitoes that carry Zika virus have not been found in the Chicago area. Because the virus has been linked to birth defects, women who are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant, and their partners, should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites. There is no treatment or vaccine for Zika virus.

**For the most up-to-date information on Zika virus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html). ■**



## Mosquitoes and West Niles Virus

Mosquitos in northern Illinois carry West Nile Virus and can transmit the virus to humans through their bites. Although West Nile Virus infection usually causes mild symptoms, the virus can cause severe illness. The best way to protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus infection is to avoid mosquito bites this summer: stay indoors at dawn and dusk, wear long-sleeved shirts and long

pants when outdoors and apply insect repellents containing DEET.

It is also important to eliminate mosquito breeding sites:

- Remove standing water, including on flat roofs.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week.

- Empty plastic pools at the end of the day.
- Keep grass and shrubbery cut short.

For more information on West Nile Virus, or to report potential mosquito breeding sites, please call the Health Department at 847/933-8484 or the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District at 847/446-9434. ■



## 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.

## Skokie Health Department 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, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic - Wednesdays, June 8, 22 and July 13, 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

### Child Vaccinations\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk in - Wednesdays, June 8, 22 and July 13, 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 fee.

### Well Child Clinic\*

Mondays, June 6 and July 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Diabetes Screening\*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 fee.

### Hearing Screening\*

Friday, June 17 and July 15 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, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 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, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 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.

## Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

### Holiday Refuse Collection

#### Week of July 4 (Independence Day)

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

### Recycling Collection

#### Week of July 4 (Independence Day)

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

### Yard Waste Collection

#### Week of July 4 (Independence Day)

Homes north of Greenleaf will be collected Thursday. Homes south of Greenleaf will be collected Friday.

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

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. June 6 and July 11 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

### German is Fun!

All German language speakers, from beginners to natives, are welcome. June 2, 16 and July 7, 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

### Conversational Yiddish

No fee/registration required. Everyone is welcome. June 21, 28 and July 19, 26 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### Low Vision Support Group

June 14 and July 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### Hearing Loss Support Group

June 20 and July 18 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Skokie Public Library.

### Skokie Senior Men's Group

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

### Stamp Club

Wednesdays, June 1, 15 and July 6, 20 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

### FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Low vision support group targeting Baby Boomers but all interested are welcome to attend. Wednesdays, June 8 and July 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Juanita at 847/933-8208.

### Silver Sing-a-long

Mondays, June 27 and July 25 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](mailto:lhart@nssc.org) to attend. This group meets June 22 and July 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## Skokie Public Library

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

### Camp Curiosity! Summer Reading 2016 for all ages

June 1 through August 14

### Young Steinway Concert: Tyeese Braslavsky, Piano, and Julian Rhee, Violin

Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

### Parody and Improve - The Birth of a New Comedy

Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

### Gardening with Herbs in Small or Large Spaces

Saturday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m.

### Sing Joyfully! The Music of William Byrd

Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

### All That Jazz! Petra van Nuis/Andy Brown Duo

Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m.

### Wikis 101: Learn How Wikipedia and SkokieWiki Work

Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

### The Piano in Latin America: A Musical Tour

Sunday, June 26 at 3 p.m.

### The Story of Shakespeare's First Folio

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

### See the NEW Bookmobile in the Fourth of July Parade (Library Closed)

Monday, July 4 at noon \*see  
front page for details

### Retirement Reception for Library Director Carolyn Anthony

Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m.

### Family History Resources at the Library

Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

### Of a Feather: Summertime Birding

Monday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

### From Street Tunes to Sufi Art: Celebrating Egyptian Composers

Sunday, July 24 at 3 p.m.

### Magic by Randy

Thursday, July 28 at 7 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).

### Summer Movies in the Park

Take the kids or a date and head to the park for an evening of free family fun in front of the outdoor big screen! June 9 - *Aladdin*; June 23 Date Night - *Singin' in the Rain*; July 14 - *Norm of the North*; August 11 - *Frozen*. Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Avenue.

### Tuesday Family Festivals in the Park

These free family-oriented performances featuring singers, storytellers, magicians and more. July 5 through 26 at 7 p.m. Various Skokie parks, call for more information.

### July Fourth Parade & 3-D Fireworks Festival

Featuring a parade, picnic, live bands and an incredible 3-D fireworks show with free 3-D glasses for the first 10,000. Featuring The Empty Pockets & Semple. July 4 from noon to dusk. Downtown Skokie and Niles West High School.

### 37th Annual World Wiffle®Ball Championship

The deadline to register to play in Skokie's world championship tournament is June 3. Ages 10 to adult. Visit [www.WorldWiffleball.org](http://www.WorldWiffleball.org) to register. July 9 and 10. Channelside Park, 3200 Main Street.

### Pancake Breakfast in the Woods

Enjoy a sunrise breakfast in the woods! Sunday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. \$5.50 to \$7.50. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street.

### Sunday Sundown Concerts in the Park

Free world-class popular musical sure to please the entire crowd! Sundays, July 17 through August 14 at 7 p.m. Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood Street.

### Save the Date! Skokie's Backlot Bash

Bring the whole family to Skokie's summer downtown street fest! Featuring Living Colour, Blue Oyster Cult and Tributosaurus as 'The Police,' and 15 more bands. Also featuring a carnival, classic movies, auto show, business expo, entertainment on the library stage, 5K Run & Walk (sign up now), Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Community Bicycle Safety Fair and bingo. See [www.BacklotBash.com](http://www.BacklotBash.com) for more information. Friday through Sunday, August 26, 27 and 28, 5100 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.

### Bike Safety Rodeo - Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to noon

Bring the kids to the Niles Township Government Offices, 5255 Main Street, Skokie for a fun filled morning that includes a bicycle obstacle course, games and treats!

### Niles Township Health and Wellness Fair - Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendees will receive essential health screenings, free information from healthcare experts, physical therapy professionals, pharmacists and more. Niles Township Government Offices, 5255 Main Street.

## 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.

### Discord

*In the Northlight Theatre*  
Through June 12, 2016

### Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater Flamenco Passion

*In the Center Theatre*  
Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June  
18 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 19  
at 3 p.m.

### My Son the Waiter

*In the Northlight Theatre*  
July 7 through August 7, 2016

### Chris Isaak

*In the Center Theatre*  
Saturday, July 16 at 8 p.m.

### Lisa Lampinelli

*In the Center Theatre*  
Friday, July 22 at 8 p.m.

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847/982-5300  
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847/982-5900  
Citizens Assistance  
847/933-8480

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Enter your email address into the CodeRED database today! Visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and click on the CodeRED link on the home page. When on the CodeRED page, be sure to:

- Add your email address so that you can receive neighborhood-specific emergency email alerts
- Verify that your home phone number is accurate
- Add your mobile phone number and any alternate phone numbers at which you wish to receive emergency alerts

The Village has developed an emergency notification system to contact residents and businesses quickly in the case of an emergency. Through the CodeRED system, the Village can send out automated telephone messages quickly and efficiently in the event of an emergency. CodeRED delivers messages to both

answered phone lines, including mobile phones, and answering devices. CodeRED also delivers text and email messages.

The Village respects residents' privacy and only activates the CodeRED phone system in true emergency situations, such as:

- Hazardous chemical spill or release
- Missing persons
- Evacuations
- Water system concerns
- Hazardous weather
- Security alerts

If you have difficulty entering your information through the website, please contact Communications Coordinator John Barkhoo at 847/982-5904 for assistance. There is no fee for the service or for adding additional phone numbers. ■

## Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

At the June 6, 2016 Village Board meeting, the Skokie Fine Arts Commission, the Village Board and Mayor Van Dusen will honor McCracken Middle School Band Director Chip De Stefano and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band as recipients of the 2016 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence.

Andrea Siegel, Fine Arts Commission Chairman stated, "Skokie is so fortunate to have such a positive demonstration of creativity and contribution through the arts by both Chip De Stefano and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. Both have brought the spirit of musical arts to many people in our community."

For more information about the Skokie Fine Arts Commission please call 847/933-8257 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). ■

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