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Skokie Police Department Reaccredited by Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

The Skokie Police Department was recently awarded reaccreditation status by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). The voluntary accreditation process evaluates mission-critical policies and procedures against professionally-established criteria. When first awarded ILEAP accreditation in January 2012, Skokie became only the sixth Illinois law enforcement agency to earn this prestigious status.

“This significant professional reaccreditation validates what the Skokie community has known for years: that the Skokie Police Department is the finest law enforcement agency in the United States,” said Mayor George Van Dusen. “My colleagues on the Village Board join me in extending congratulations to Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli, Deputy Chief Brian Baker, Deputy Chief Michael Pechter and the men and women of the Skokie Police Department who dedicate their lives to the safety of our community.”

The ILEAP accreditation process includes offsite evaluation of accreditation files, which, according to assessment team leader Holly Nearing, Deputy Police Chief (retired), Champaign, Illinois, were, “...by far the most comprehensive this assessor has seen.” On October 20 and 21, 2015, Nearing and Louis Jogmen, Deputy Police Chief, Park Ridge, Illinois, conducted an onsite assessment that included interviews with sworn and civilian Police Department staff at all levels of the organization, attending a roll-call at the beginning of a shift and participating in four ride-alongs with randomly selected police officers. The process also included a one-hour public call-in session on October 21 that was advertised in the local media.

The ILEAP Council unanimously recognized the Skokie Police



The photo above was chosen by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services as the winner of the Second Annual Community Policing in Action photo contest.

Department for full accreditation through 2020, stating in a letter that, “The accreditation is evidence and recognition of the highest level of professional police provision to the community by the leadership and personnel of the Skokie Police Department.” The letter further commented that the reaccreditation reflected the commitment of the Village’s leadership to support policing services to increase quality of life in the community.

“I am proud of the Skokie Police Department personnel, both sworn and civilian, for conducting themselves with the utmost integrity and professionalism and for their collective dedication to best practices in law enforcement,” said Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli. “This reaccreditation reflects these values, and is evidence of the culture of excellence we all strive to maintain. I am privileged to lead this fine group of dedicated professionals.” ■

Yard Waste Collection Program Resumes April 6

The Village of Skokie seasonal, weekly yard waste collection program resumes on Wednesdays from April 6, 2016 through November 9, 2016. Grass clippings, stumps, sod or dirt will not be collected.

To schedule a collection of brush or other yard debris, residents must schedule their pick-up

online at www.skokie.org or call 847/933-3333, the automated yard waste phone line. A scheduled pick-up must be made by noon on Monday to request collection for the coming Wednesday. Both online and phone systems can be utilized during daytime, weekend and evening hours. *Continued on page six*

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Thank You 2015 Community Giving Program Donors!

The Human Services Division was inspired by the generosity of the donors to the 2015 Community Giving Program. On behalf of all of the nearly 200 families, representing approximately 550 individuals who benefited from this generosity, thank you for making their holiday season brighter!

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Spotlight on the Skokie Community Development Department

The Community Development Department includes the Planning, Economic Development, Building and Zoning and Property Standards Divisions and provides “one-stop-shopping” for the Village’s development needs.

The Community Development Department can best be seen through the “development cycle.” The Planning Division provides insight on what future uses are desired in specific areas of the Village. The Economic Development Division brings those uses to the Village. The Building Division oversees the development of those sites and the Property Standards Division ensures that these sites are maintained in a safe and code-compliant manner.

Staff members work to assure buildings are safe by reviewing plans, preparing permits for new construction and renovations and enforcing maintenance standards. The Community Development Department also oversees zoning,

promotes long-range planning and economic development, administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and provides staff support to the Appearance Commission, Consumer Affairs Commission, Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Division promotes a diverse and progressive economic development approach to make Skokie the best place of its size to live and work. The Village is actively pursuing policies to attract businesses that bring high quality jobs, maintain and enhance its position as a major retail center in Chicagoland, create a more vibrant downtown, promote transit-oriented development and retain its manufacturing base. Primary functions of the Economic Development Division include:

- Coordinating special redevelopment programs;



Skokie Building inspector Steve Klocko works with a builder during an inspection.

- Marketing available properties and development opportunities;
- Managing tax increment financing (TIF) districts and other development projects; and
- Disseminating economic and community data to developers, businesses, citizens and other interested parties.

Property Standards

Through enforcement of the Village Code, Property Standards Division

employees seek to preserve the quality of the Village neighborhoods and protect each property owner’s investment and the well-being of the building’s occupants. The Division conducts exterior inspections on all buildings in the Village and periodic interior inspections of all multi-unit buildings. The Division also enforces the removal of graffiti.

For more information on the Community Development Department, please contact 847/933-8223. ■

Community Giving Program Donors Continued

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Affordable Healthcare in Skokie

Skokie is now served by two new area clinics that provide medical care for individuals and families who do not have healthcare insurance, or who have Medicare, Medicaid, or most other insurances. Both clinics are easy to access by public transportation or by car:

- Erie/Evanston Skokie Health Center is located at 1285 Hartrey Avenue (corner of Dempster and Hartrey, just across McCormick and the canal). Appointments can be made by calling 847/666-3494.
- Asian Human Services Family Health Center is located at 8800 Lockwood Avenue (at the intersection of Dempster

Street and Lockwood Avenue, right before the Edens Expressway entrance). Appointments can be made by calling 847/983-1400. Note: anyone can receive care at this clinic; you do not have to be Asian!

Both clinics offer primary care and dental services for adults and children, and both have staff to assist people with signing up for insurance through the Affordable Care Act. For those who do not have healthcare insurance, a sliding scale fee is available at both sites. ■

2015 Property Owner Awards

The Beautification and Improvement Commission's Annual Property Owner Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 4 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Skokie Village Hall. The following residents and businesses will receive Certificates of Appreciation from the commission for maintaining their property in an exceptional manner during 2015:

Elmo and Raquel Abonce

7727 Kolmar Avenue

Zvonimir and Ankica Basan

4656 Howard Street

Joel and Myra Bauer

4624 Elm Terrace

Alan and Joann Borlack

3909 Emerson

Abe & Florivel Bulaclac

3800 Howard Street

Dino and Glynnis

Feliciano

8248 Kenton Avenue

Emmanuel and Elizabeth

Fernando

4045 Howard Street

Alfonso Figueroa

9400 Leclair Avenue

Conrad and Yvonne Fong

8124 Crawford Avenue

Richard and Mary

Gausselin

7 Williamsburg Road

Kurian George

4629 Howard Street

Paul and Juliet Gewargis

8301 Harding Avenue

Samuel and Sheila Gross

9006 Sleeping Bear

Alen and Rasema Hodzic

8730 Avers

Judith Holman

28 Williamsburg Road

Chacko and Aleyamma

Jacob

8541 Monticello Street

Samson and Angela

Jalloh

8343 Monticello Street

Zivka and Milorad

Jovanovic

3352 Wilder Street

Robert and Victoria

Kaprelian

4200 Keeney Street

Hoa and Jeannie Le

8018 Kedvale Avenue



Salvador and Letitia Mancera

8327 Kedvale Avenue

Helen and Michael McDermott

9353 Hamlin Avenue

Sheila Medansky

8900 Karlov Avenue

Steven and Adrienne Naumann

8210 Tripp Avenue

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9141 Karlov Avenue

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8237 Kilbourn Avenue

Larry and Mieng Riordan

8349 Trumbull Avenue

Raul Rodriguez

8701 Lockwood Avenue

Martha Ruschman

4255 Madison Street

Iram and Shahid Pervaz Shahzadi

3624 Dempster Street

Ken Dermer and Shelley Sutker-Dermer

8833 Kenton Avenue

Gruja Tapai

8720 Avers Avenue

Premkumar Thalla

8526 Monticello Street

Tony Thanoukos

3727 Dempster Street

Bob and Jackie Tropp

8547 St. Louis Avenue

Robert and Carol Wooldridge

9426 Avers Avenue ■



“How do we talk about race in Skokie?”

Conversations Hosted by the Skokie Human Relations Commission

The Skokie Human Relations Commission is hosting a 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, Director of Racial Justice Programs, Evanston/North Shore YWCA.

Each conversation is open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Conversations are scheduled for Monday, March 14 at the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place and Monday, June 13 at Devonshire Park, 4422 Greenwood Street.

For additional information, please contact the Village of Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 or email info@skokie.org. ■

Village Honors Student Artists

The Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission presents SOAR (Students' Outstanding Artistic Recognition), the annual student art show that features artwork from Skokie students. The art work will be on public display at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie,

9501 Skokie Boulevard, from March 3 through April 3. The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The Fine Arts Commission promotes interest in cultural and arts activities in the Village by promoting the

work of private organizations and individual volunteers within the Village who are active in the fine arts and encourage cultural enrichment within the Village.

For more information call 847/933-8257. ■

Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

Nominations Needed for Talented Individuals and Groups

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission invites nominations for the Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence. Each year, this award is given to one individual and one group who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie, including visual, musical, performing or literary arts.

The 2016 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the Village Board meeting in early summer to one resident and one Skokie arts group who have been nominated for the award and who the Commission believes has made significant contributions to furthering the arts in the community. Award judging criteria include:

- Visibility in the community

- Scope of artistic talents
- Recognition and awards the artist or group have previously received
- Breadth of impact - number of people reached in Skokie and the entire region

In 2015, Skokie singer Eddie “The Chief” Clearwater received the individual award and the Skokie Concert Choir received the group award. Individual and group nomination forms can be obtained at www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm or by calling 847/933-8257. The deadline for submittal is April 1, 2016.

For additional information, email info@skokie.org or call Nick Wyatt at 847/933-8257. ■

Frustrated by Potholes?

IDOT and Cook County Responsible for Plowing and Repairing Potholes on Many Major Skokie Roadways

While the Village of Skokie is responsible for maintaining the majority of Skokie's 179 miles of roadways, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (800/452-4368 or www.dot.state.il.us) and the Cook County Highway Department (708/485-7130) are responsible for plowing, maintaining and repairing potholes on approximately 35 miles of Skokie streets.

These include more heavily used roads such as Crawford Avenue, McCormick Boulevard, Old Orchard Road, Skokie Boulevard, Touhy Avenue and more.

Residents are always encouraged to report pothole problems to the Village. If the pothole is on a street that the Village maintains, a Public Works crew will be dispatched as soon as possible, often even the same day, to repair the problem.

If the pothole is on an IDOT or Cook County Highway Department road, the information is passed along with the proper jurisdictional agency.

For more information on Skokie roadway jurisdictions, please visit www.skokie.org, Public Works/Snow section. ■



Welcome New Businesses!

The businesses listed below have opened in Skokie since October 2015. Please consider shopping locally and contributing to the Skokie economy. Shopping in Skokie is an investment in your neighborhood and community, positively affecting Skokie schools, businesses and jobs.

Bank of America
3328 Touhy Avenue

Cell Guru
4920 Dempster Street

Destination XL
9522 Skokie Boulevard

Dental Works
9312 Skokie Boulevard

**Dunkin Donuts/Baskin
Robbins**
4445 Golf Road

EJ Pretty
9241 Skokie Boulevard

Gartner HVAC
4543 Oakton Street

Global Tax & Consulting
8010 Lowell Avenue

Just Tires
3540 Touhy Avenue

**Lead & Follow Dance
Center**
4022 Main Street

Na Na Queen Spa
3714 Dempster Street

RE/Max Optima
8814 Niles Center Road



Courtyard at Westfield Old Orchard

Signature Smile
3919 Howard Street

**Stein Center of Advance
Denistry**
4711 Golf Road, #912

Supercuts
3610 Touhy Avenue

Tax Wizard
4438 Oakton

T-Mobile
5021 Oakton Street

Yummy Kabob
4047 Oakton Street

Westfield Old Orchard
4999 Old Orchard Center:
**Blackhawks Store, Build-
A-Bear, Crabtree & Evelyn,
Eddie Bauer, Free People,
Sorel and Teavana.** ■

Skokie's Mobile Action Line

Did you know that residents who want to report graffiti, tall weeds, a pothole, malfunctioning streetlights or any other problem can use their smartphones or tablets to snap a picture of the issue with a GPS-specific location and send it directly to the Village?

To report issues on a smartphone or tablet, visit www.skokie.org and use the "Report an Issue" function under the Action Line tab. Once an issue is submitted, residents can keep track of pending requests.

Those reporting emergency situations should always dial 9-1-1. ■

Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 6

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Yard waste that will be collected includes brush trimmings, thatch from raking and older flower or vegetable plants. These materials must be placed in a 30-gallon bio-degradable paper yard waste bag. The Village will not collect any materials prepared in plastic bags.

Branches need to be bundled with string, rope or twine and should not exceed five feet in length and three inches in diameter. Bundles and bags should not exceed 50 lbs. Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for the collection of materials exceeding three inches in diameter and five feet in length.

The Village also does not collect grass clippings. Residents are asked to let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing.

A normal weekly grass cutting creates no aesthetic odor or nuisance problems. Since grass clippings are 75 percent water, the grass will quickly decompose and nourish the lawn with nitrogen, thereby less artificial or chemical fertilizer is needed. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.

The Village has strong anti-dumping ordinances and violators will be ticketed. Also, garbage and recycling containers that contain grass clippings, branches or other yard debris will not be collected as state law prohibits land filling these materials.

For more information regarding yard waste collection please contact the Village of Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 or visit www.skokie.org. ■



Pull to the Right for Sirens and Lights

One of the most important “rules of the road” is yielding the right of way to emergency vehicles.

Each day, emergency vehicles respond to urgent requests from the public.

The call may be for a person who has stopped breathing, a fire alarm or a car accident. Precious minutes lost while en-route to an emergency could be the difference between life and death.

With the advent of new sound-proof cars, high-decibel stereo systems, cell phones, and unfortunately, unaware drivers, arriving at an emergency scene in an expedient and safe manner can be very difficult. Many times emergency responders are faced with drivers who can't see or hear them, creating an incredibly frustrating situation for the emergency vehicle driver as they weave their way through traffic.

All drivers must know their responsibilities when approached by an emergency vehicle with its emergency lights flashing and siren sounding:

What Drivers Should Do:

- Remain calm;
- Pull to the right and come to a stop;
- When on a high-speed road or

when there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible;

- When in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as the traffic in the lane to your right moves over;
- If you cannot move to the right because of an obstacle such as a car to your right, simply slow down and safely stop if there is room on the left for the emergency vehicle to get past you. Your prompt action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing; it will allow the driver to anticipate where to drive; and
- When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stationary at an intersection stop sign or red light, do not move unless you can pull to the right.

What Drivers Should NOT Do:

- Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.

- Don't turn quickly to the left into a driveway or street.
- Don't race ahead to get through a green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

Heavy Rush Hour Traffic

In heavy traffic, motorists in the right hand lane must pull as close to the curb as possible with motorists in the left hand lane pulling as close as possible to them. The law states that traffic in both directions must pull to the right and stop. When they do, there is room for the emergency vehicle to pass safely.

Turning Left In Front Of Emergency Vehicles

Motorists are obligated by law to check what is happening behind them before making a left turn. Left turns should always be aborted if an emergency vehicle is approaching from behind. The motorist must abort the left turn by pulling to the right and stopping, or remain stationary while the emergency vehicle proceeds. ■

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 30

Saturday, April 30 marks the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Village of Skokie offers a Drug Collection/ Disposal program all year long to prevent prescription drug abuse and help the environment. There is a white drop-off box in the lobby of the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, for residents to dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medication at any time. This drop-off location can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street, accepts medications and used syringes/needles in puncture-

proof containers. The Skokie Health Department drop-off convenience is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Skokie Health Department is unable to accept controlled substances and non-prescription liquids.

For more information on the Skokie Drug Collection and Disposal Program, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 or the Skokie Police Department Headquarters at 847/982-5900. ■



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
March 7, 21

Plan Commission
March 17

Appearance Commission
March 9

Zoning Board of Appeals
No Meetings Scheduled

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved the new Nicor Natural Gas Franchise Agreement. The Village joined the Northern Illinois Natural Gas Franchise Consortium in 2009 to regionally negotiate a standard franchise agreement with Nicor Gas. The consortium's 38 member municipalities recently voted to accept a new, 25 year agreement. The new agreement includes enhanced provisions to protect the Village's right-of-way, imposes emergency notice standards and an increase in the Village's annual natural gas allotment. The agreement further requires Nicor to establish and grant the Village access to information regarding Nicor's capital improvement planning and maintenance work.

The Village Board recently approved a five-year single family home recycling contract to Lakeshore Recycling Systems. The Village is currently in the last year of a contract with Groot, which expires May 31, 2016. A significant savings will be realized with the new contract.

The Village Board recently a presentation on the recommendations of the Complete Streets Policy, which was developed by a local steering committee. The Complete Streets Policy recommends a review of all means of transportation to make the community more accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders. ■

Confused About Utility Choices?

The Consumer Affairs Commission and the Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission, in conjunction with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), continue to host free consultation events on how to reduce your electric, natural gas and phone bills.

The next events will be held on Tuesday, March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, and Wednesday, March 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Participants must reserve their time slot by calling CUB at 877/782-7005 or via email to events@citizensutilityboard.org. Appointments will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants should bring all of their utility bills for a free, one-on-one consultation with a CUB expert who will help identify opportunities to lower their utility costs.

At CUB's clinic, consumers will get information on:

- CUB Energy Saver, www.CUBenergysaver.com, a free online service that has helped consumers cut energy bills by an average of more than \$100 a year.
- Questions about third party electricity and natural gas suppliers.
- How to spot unnecessary charges on electric, natural gas and phone bills.
- Line-Backer, a costly—and optional—AT&T service that most people don't need.
- CUB's Cellphone Savings Center, www.CUBCellPhoneSaver.com, which gives the latest tips and information to cut wireless costs.

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

Your Input is Needed for the 2017 Community Health Plan

Every five years the Health Department consults with residents, schools, businesses and other organizations to 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 through Sunday, March 13.

Your opinion is important! Please take a moment to complete the survey and provide your 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>. ■



March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women in the United States. It is one of the most treatable forms of cancer if detected early. The most common risk factor is age. More than 90 percent of colorectal cancers are diagnosed in people older than age 50. Early screening is very important.

Cancerous and pre-cancerous polyps can cause very small amounts of bleeding. At-home screening kits check for blood in the stool. The Skokie Health Department now offers an easy to use at-home screening test kit. No

special diets are necessary, and patients can take their usual medications. The test is simple and all instructions and materials are provided in the kit. Patients collect the stool sample and then mail it or drop it off at the Health Department for processing. If blood is detected, you will need to see your doctor for further testing.

The In-Sure Fit test kit is available at the Skokie Health Department for \$10. Call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 for more information or stop in to pick up your kit today! ■

Skokie Medical Reserve Corps Recruiting New Members! Informational Meeting - 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. The group is 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 p.m. at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

The Skokie MRC requires initial training for all volunteers 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 p.m. and continues 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 the 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 for the program, call 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>. ■



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, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic - Wednesdays, March 9 and 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

Child Vaccinations*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk in - Wednesdays, March 9 and 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 fee.

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, March 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 fee.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, March 18 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, March 2 and 16 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, March 2 and 16 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

Refuse Collection

If you live on the north side of Greenleaf Street or north of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Monday and Thursday. If you live on the south side of Greenleaf Street or south of Greenleaf Street, refuse is collected on Tuesday and Friday.

Recycling Collection

To find out which day your recycling is collected and what items are recyclable, please visit www.skokie.org.

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. Monday, March 7 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

German is Fun!

All German language speakers, from beginners to natives, are welcome. Thursdays, March 3, 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee/registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, March 15, 22 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, March 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Skokie Senior Men's Group

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

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, March 2, 16 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Does not meet in March. Will resume in April.

Silver Sing-a-long

Monday, March 28 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 Laretta Hart at 847/424-5661 or lhart@nssc.org if you would like to attend. This group meets March 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Monday, March 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Skokie Public Library.

Federal Income Tax Program

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



Skokie Public Library

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

**Young Steinway
Concert: Joseph Shin,
Piano, and Linda Wang,
Violin**

Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m.

World Film: Tango
Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

**Passwords: Best
Practices**
Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

**Science Cafe: Carbon,
the Final Frontier**
Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

**Music Institute of
Chicago's Academy
Chamber Orchestra**
Saturday, March 12 at 4 p.m.

**Count Basie: In Full
Swing Jazz Orchestra**
Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

**Low Strung Yale Cello
Ensemble**

Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

**Young Steinway
Concert: Beatrice Chen,
Viola, and Yerin Yang,
Piano**

Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m.

**Unlocking Secrets of
the Mission to Saturn**
Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

Library Closed
Sunday, March 27

**A Night in Venice:
Music and Mystery
Author Donna Leon**
Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

**Superheroes and
Patriots: Comic Book
Propaganda Unveiled**
Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Skokie Park District

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

Devonshire Teen Performers present: The Wizard of Oz

See all your favorites from Dorothy, to the Scarecrow, Lion and Tin Man. Tickets: \$10-12 at www.SkokieParks.org/devtickets.html. Call 847/674-1500, ext. 2400 for times. March 12 through 20. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

**Breakfast or Lunch with the Bunny and
Spring EGG-stravaganza**

Our furry friend will be on hand to enjoy breakfast at 9:30 a.m. or lunch at 1 p.m., and pose for pictures with you and your family. Following the meal there will be crafts and a free raffle. This event is for all ages. Children under two are free. The spring egg hunt at 11 a.m. also is free. All adults and children must pre-register for either the breakfast or lunch. March 19. Oakton Community Center and Park, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.

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.

Al Jarreau

In the Center Theatre

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

**Sandra Bernhard is
#blessed**

In the Center Theatre

Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Butler

In the Northlight Theatre

March 11 to April 17

**Dar He: The Story of
Emmett Till**

In the Center Theatre

Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

**Justin Roberts and the
Not Ready for Naptime
Players The Mysterious
Hat**

In the Center Theatre

Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. and
1 p.m.

Paula Poundstone

In the Center Theatre

Saturday, March 19

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.

**Niles Township Free
Paper-Shredding Event**

Niles Township hosts the semi-annual free paper-shredding event on Saturday, May 21 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Township's parking lot located at 5255 Main Street, Skokie. Township residents may shred two small "banker boxes" or shopping bags full of documents.

Bernie's Book Bank

You may now donate new and gently used children's books year round at the Niles Township office. The Township's partner, Bernie's Book Bank, distributes these books to at-risk children throughout Illinois. Please help a child acquire a love for reading with a donation.

Free Rain Barrels Available

Skokie residents can receive up to four free rain barrels. Color choices are blue, gray, terra cotta or black. To sign up, residents should contact the Skokie Engineering Division at 847/933-8232 and provide their name,

address, phone number, e-mail and desired quantity. Delivery can take up to eight weeks.

Harvesting rainwater helps the environment and saves money. A rain barrel collects and stores rooftop rainwater

for later use. Rainwater is naturally soft and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals and it is the perfect source for watering your garden or maintaining your landscaping. Additionally, rain barrels help slow rain runoff so it can drain into the

ground naturally, which helps keep excess rainwater out of the sewer systems and from collecting pollutants. Rain barrels also provide water during dry weather when set to slowly release water after rains have subsided, allowing it to seep into the soil for use by plants. ■

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Clean, Green Skokie!

Join the second annual Clean, Green Skokie! Program, an event that focuses on pride in the community and collaborating efforts for a good old fashioned neighborhood litter clean up from April 10 through April 24, 2016. One lucky group or individual who helps clean up Skokie will have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park!

Beginning in early April, litter clean up kits can be picked up at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or picked up at the Public Works table at the Skokie Spring Greening event on April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Niles North High School.

Clean, Green Skokie! participants are automatically entered for a chance to have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. Want to increase your chances? Take a photo of your group cleaning, or posed by the filled bags of litter



and recyclables, and tweet to #cleangreenskokie or post to your Facebook page with a tag to Shop Local Skokie. Any registered group that does this will receive five extra prize drawing entries!

Call the Village at 847/933-8257 or email info@skokie.org to register for Clean, Green Skokie! by telling us who will clean, what area will be cleaned and when the litter cleanup will occur. ■

My Skokie: Good2Know Video Series

In February 2016, the Village launched the first in a series of short, educational video programs about Village programs and services. The first program in the My Skokie: Good2Know video series focuses on special refuse pick up and details what items are eligible, how to arrange for a special refuse collection and other important details. The video program can be viewed from a link on the home page at www.skokie.org and on YouTube. A new feature in the My Skokie: Good2 Know video series will be posted every few months. Do you have a question about Village programs or services? Email your question to info@skokie.org; we will answer right away and you just might see a video program on the topic in the future! ■