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The 26th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures

The 26th annual Skokie Festival of Cultures takes place on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 West Oakton Street, (southeast corner of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard). Admission is free.

This exciting outdoor event includes two days of ethnic folk music and dance, a wide range of international cuisine, unique arts and crafts, international children's games, a merchandise bazaar and more than 30 cultural booths and displays. International beer tasting will also be featured at the Skokie Festival of Cultures.

Stop by the Village of Skokie booth in the community tent and spin the "Wheel of Skokie" to win fun prizes and learn about Village programs and services.

For more information on the Skokie Festival of Cultures, visit www.skokieculturefest.org. ■

Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe 2016 Public Safety Awareness Campaign

In summer 2015, after significant research and a recommendation by the Public Safety Commission, the Village launched the *Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe* public safety campaign. Based on the community's positive reception of the 2015 campaign, the initiative will resume in summer 2016. Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe encompasses a variety of components involving multiple Village departments and community partners. The overall goal of the campaign is to keep the community safe by engaging and educating residents, strengthening community partnerships and employing myriad resources that contribute to a secure, aesthetically

pleasing environment that is essential to community safety and pride.

2016 Geographic Focus Area

In 2016, the *Many Cultures* campaign will concentrate on the neighborhoods that are north of Main Street, south of Church Street, west of Skokie Boulevard/Niles Center Road and east of the CTA tracks/Gross Point Road north of Dempster Street. In addition, some campaign activities will continue in the 2015 focus areas south of Main Street and north of Lincoln Avenue.

Public Safety Awareness Campaign Components

COPS Vehicle - Increased police outreach

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Police Department Launches Text-A-Tip

See It? Hear It? Report It!

The Skokie Police Department's new Text-A-Tip initiative offers three easy ways to send anonymous tips about criminal activity: via text messages, through a mobile app and on the

web. Key features include anonymous two-way interaction between the tipster and the Skokie Police Department and the ability to attach images to tips. If a crime is in progress or if there is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Here is how to submit information using Text-A-Tip:

Through Text Messages

To text a tip to the Skokie Police Department, you must have text messaging enabled on your cellular phone and subscribe to a participating carrier. To begin a tip message, enter the number "847411" in the phone number line. Then start the message with "Skokie" to ensure the tip is routed to the Skokie Police Department and enter as much detail as possible. All tips remain anonymous.

Through the Web

To submit a tip through the web, visit <http://www.skokie.org/text-a-tip.cfm>.

Through the Mobile App

Users also may download an app to submit anonymous tips. To download the app search "Skokie Tips" in the iTunes or Google Play store.

Other Ways to Submit Tips

Individuals also may provide a tip to the Skokie Police Department by calling the Skokie Crime Tip Hotline at 847/933-TIPS (8477).

Within days of launching Text-A-Tip in early April, the Police Department reported receiving numerous tips, some of which provided helpful information to ensure a safe community. Individuals are encouraged to contact the Skokie Police Department any time they observe suspicious behavior or something out of the ordinary in their neighborhood or the community. In emergencies or to report a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. The Police Department non-emergency number also is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 847/982-5900. ■

2016 Skokie Business of the Year

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Business of the Year. Which Village store, service or business provides the most outstanding service to the consumer? Please fill out the nomination below, including the comment section. The Commission will review and evaluate all nomination, and then select the 2016 winner.

The winner will be honored at a Board meeting this summer. Ballots also may be submitted at the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page and www.skokie.org.

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

This business should be the 2016 Skokie Business of the Year because: (Submit on an extra page if necessary)

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Phone: _____

RULES: All entries must be signed. Only one vote per person will be accepted. Any Village business providing goods or services is eligible. Business of the Year winners from past three years are not eligible.

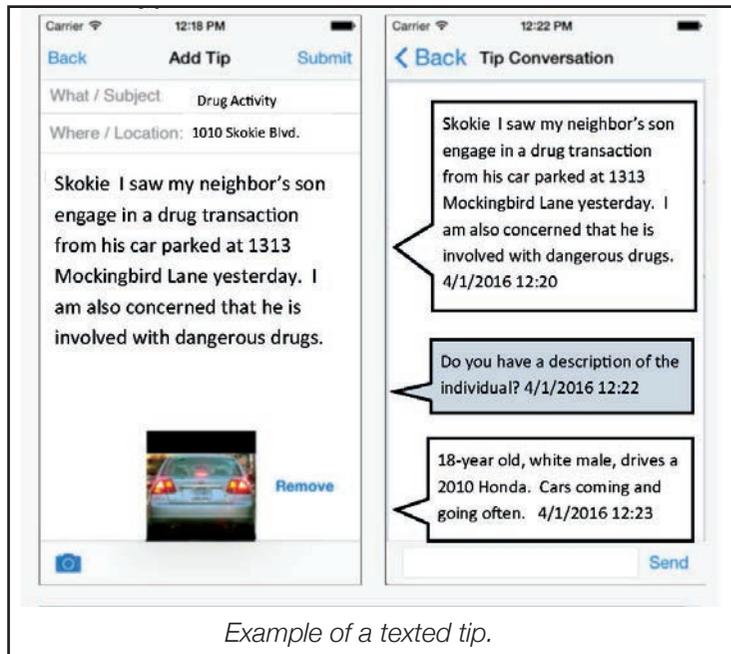
2013 Aw Yeah Comics

2014 Randy Ramos Salon

2015 Illinois Nut and Candy

Return mail entries to
Skokie Village Hall, Attention: Consumer Affairs Commission
5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077

Entries must be received by July 1, 2016



Example of a texted tip.



Skokie School District 68/69 PLUS Group Receives Block Party of the Year Award

In August 2015, the Parent Leaders Uniting Schools (PLUS) group organized a highly successful block party in the 4900 block of Hull Street in Skokie and is being honored by the Village's Human Relations Commission for its efforts. The block party was one of the first held in an area of the community with a concentration of multi-family buildings. The food, activities and special guests drew neighbors together for a fun-filled afternoon with the opportunity to get to know one another and build a strong sense of community.

"We are honored to receive this recognition," said PLUS

member and volunteer Fernanda Perez. "Our group worked with a number of partners to organize the event, including Youth & Opportunity United, School District 69, the Village of Skokie and others. The neighbors participated with enthusiasm, and both the Skokie Fire and Police Departments came out with vehicles that were fun for everyone to see. The group is now busy planning another block party for summer 2016."

Each year, the Village's Human Relations Commission provides one or more awards to block parties in the



The photo above shows the PLUS group, Y.O.U. staff, District 69 Superintendent Margaret Clauson and members of the Skokie Human Relations Commission celebrating their award.

Skokie Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 30, 2016 at 11 a.m., Veterans Park

The Village of Skokie 2016 Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016. The ceremony takes place at Veterans Park at the intersection of Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues. Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony and *Taps* will be performed. Village Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016.

For more information, please contact the Village of Skokie Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org. ■

community that apply for the recognition. "Several years ago, the Human Relations Commission established a goal to increase the number of block parties held in neighborhoods with a concentration of multi-family housing," said Human Relations Commission Chairman Will Evans. "The PLUS group's efforts last year were outstanding and worthy of recognition, and the award was unanimously approved by the commission." The award was given to PLUS group volunteers at the April 18,

2016 Village Board meeting.

The PLUS group is comprised of parents of students attending schools in District 69 and Old Orchard Junior High, which is a District 68 school, and is a function of Youth & Opportunity United, an Evanston-based social service agency that provides after-school and summer programming at these schools.

For more information on how to plan a block party, please visit www.skokie.org. ■

Understanding the Village Permit Process

On Thursday, May 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Village of Skokie Building Division Supervisor Nathan Kriska and Property Standards Supervisor Terry Oline will present an information session on municipal zoning and permitting processes and how to ensure that they proceed smoothly with a remodeling or building project.

The session will be held at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, and is sponsored by the Skokie Chamber of Commerce. Capacity is limited for this free session and advance registration is required at www.skokielibrary.info. For questions, please contact the Skokie Chamber of Commerce via email at newsletter@skokiechamber.org or at 847/673-0240. ■



Many Cultures, One Community - Keeping Skokie Safe *Continued from page one*

is central to the campaign, including regular visits by the Community Outreach Police Substation (COPS) vehicle so that focus-area residents can meet police officers and volunteers and learn about Neighborhood Watch, crime prevention and other community initiatives. The COPS vehicle will be out and about several times a week with treats, prizes, information about crime prevention, multi-lingual fliers about important Village programs and services and more. The Skokie Police staff will often be joined by staff from the Fire and Health Departments, Human Services Division and Village Manager's Office, as well as Village officials and members of the Public Safety Commission. On some dates, representatives from the Skokie Park District and Skokie Public Library will be on site to offer programs, games and other fun surprises. While the COPS vehicle will most often be in the 2016 focus area, from time to time, it also will visit the 2015 focus area. The COPS vehicle weekly schedule will be published at www.skokie.org and on the Skokie Police Department Facebook page each Monday from May 30 through August 15.

Public Works Activities - Environmental improvements will occur through the Public Works Department, including review and maintenance of the focus area's infrastructure such as curbs, potholes, signage and pavement markings, etc. In addition, a pilot program to increase lighting on east-west streets begins this summer in the focus area, and discussions are underway about increasing alley lighting. There also will be several street resurfacing and alley refurbishment projects in the 2016 focus area as part of previously planned maintenance.

Property Standards Enforcement - Village inspectors will increase monitoring of any property maintenance, litter removal and joint inspections with the

Police Department of problem properties and areas as outlined in the Residential Rental Unit and Neighborhood Integrity Ordinance that became effective in May 2014.

Community Engagement - Village staff will seek additional volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch initiative, and the Human Relations Commission, in partnership with several community organizations, will host a block party in the 2016 focus area. In addition, the August 2, 2016 National Night Out initiative will take place at Gross Point Park, 9100 Gross Point Road (further details in an upcoming edition of *NewSkokie*). The 2016 *Many Cultures* campaign will include several special events and opportunities for focus-area residents to provide input on the campaign, community issues and to volunteer for further community involvement.

Campaign Evaluation

When developing the Many Cultures campaign concept, the Public Safety Commission defined the following measurable outcomes for the campaign:

- Reduction in specific crimes including battery, aggravated battery, assault, robbery and burglary
- Reduced calls for service from Police, Property Standards and Human Services
- More young people involved in the community
- More Neighborhood Watch blocks established

Preliminary comparative data suggests that the 2015 campaign achieved many of these defined outcomes. A more longitudinal program evaluation will be conducted at the conclusion of the 2016 campaign evaluating both baseline and follow-up data as available from the Human Services Division and the Community Development, Fire, Health, Police and Public Works Departments.



How can you help keep Skokie safe?

The possibilities for individual contributions to a safe community are infinite. Here are just a few examples:

- Establish a Neighborhood Watch on your block
 - Visit www.skokie.org, Police Department, Crime Prevention page for information
- If you see something, it or hear it, report it!
 - Call 9-1-1 for emergencies
 - For non-emergencies, call 847-982-5900 or email info@skokie.org
 - Utilize the new Text-A-Tip service (see article on page two)
 - Call the 24 hour Skokie Police Department Crime Tip Hotline to leave a recorded message, 847/933-TIPS (8477)
- Lock your car doors when parked on the street or in your driveway
- Get to know your neighbors
- Organize a block party
- Install outdoor lighting at your home
- Pick up litter on your block

These are just a few things that individuals can do to contribute to a safe, clean community. For more crime prevention tips, visit www.skokie.org, Police Department, Crime Prevention page or call 847/982-5919. ■

2016 Village Construction Projects

Thank you in advance for your patience with these important improvement projects.

Residential Street Resurfacing

Timetable: May-August, August-October

The Village will resurface over seven miles of residential streets. This will be completed in two projects.

Street Lighting Improvements

Timetable: June-July

The Village will install east-west street lighting in two areas of the Village as a pilot program.

Water Main Improvements

Timetable: May-November

The water main along Crawford Avenue from Dempster to Oakton Streets will be replaced and upsized. There will be detours installed for traffic along Crawford Avenue during this work.

Old Orchard Road Multi-Use Path

Timetable: May-July

A new path will be installed along the south side of Old Orchard Road between Skokie Boulevard and Gross Point Road. This path will eventually continue west and connect with the Forest Preserve.

East Howard Street Multi-Use Path

Timetable: September-October

A new path will be installed along the north side of Howard Street between Hamlin Street and McCormick Boulevard. New striping west of Hamlin will match the existing striping on Howard. This will connect to the Sculpture Park to the east.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Timetable: June-August

Sewer lining repairs throughout the Village. The Village also has an annual

sewer cleaning program which improves sewer flow and identifies future needs.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

Timetable: June-August

This maintenance program replaces broken sections of sidewalk. Concrete street patching and the replacement of broken curb also are included.

This year, work will focus on the area between Oakton and Howard Streets.

High-Priority Patching Program

Timetable: June

This project repairs large bituminous patches and berms throughout the Village.

NICOR

Timetable: April-November

Installation of new residential gas mains and services in the area bounded by Gross Point Road to Skokie Boulevard and Dempster to Church Streets. ■

2015 Completed Construction Projects

Residential Street Resurfacing

Resurfacing of over four miles of residential streets within the Village was completed.

Green Alley Program

Four alleys were reconstructed with permeable pavers. This project has both improved the driving surface and reduced storm water runoff into the sewer system.

Skokie Multi-Use Path: Oakton Street to Lincoln Avenue

A new bituminous path was completed, connecting the existing path at Oakton Street to a soon-to-be-constructed path in the Village of Lincolnwood at Lincoln Avenue.

East Oakton Streetscape

The Village constructed streetscape improvements on Oakton Street between Lowell Avenue and Hamlin Avenue. Improvements include sidewalk, street lights, brick pavers and landscaping.

Main Street Bike Lanes

New striping was placed on Main Street between Lincoln Avenue and McCormick Boulevard for cyclist.

Water Main Improvements

Water main was replaced at three locations in the Village. Several water valves located throughout the Village also were replaced with this project.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Sewer lining repairs and sewer point repairs were completed throughout the Village. The Village also has an annual sewer cleaning program which improves sewer flow and identifies future needs.

Crawford Avenue Improvements

A reconstruction project was completed on Crawford Avenue between Oakton Street and Devon Avenue. Work included new storm sewer, pavement reconstruction, traffic signal upgrades, sidewalk and median improvements.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

This maintenance program replaces broken sections of sidewalk. Concrete street patching and the replacement of broken curb are included with this project. Work focused on the area south of Howard Street.

High-Priority Patching Program

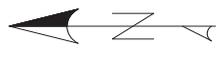
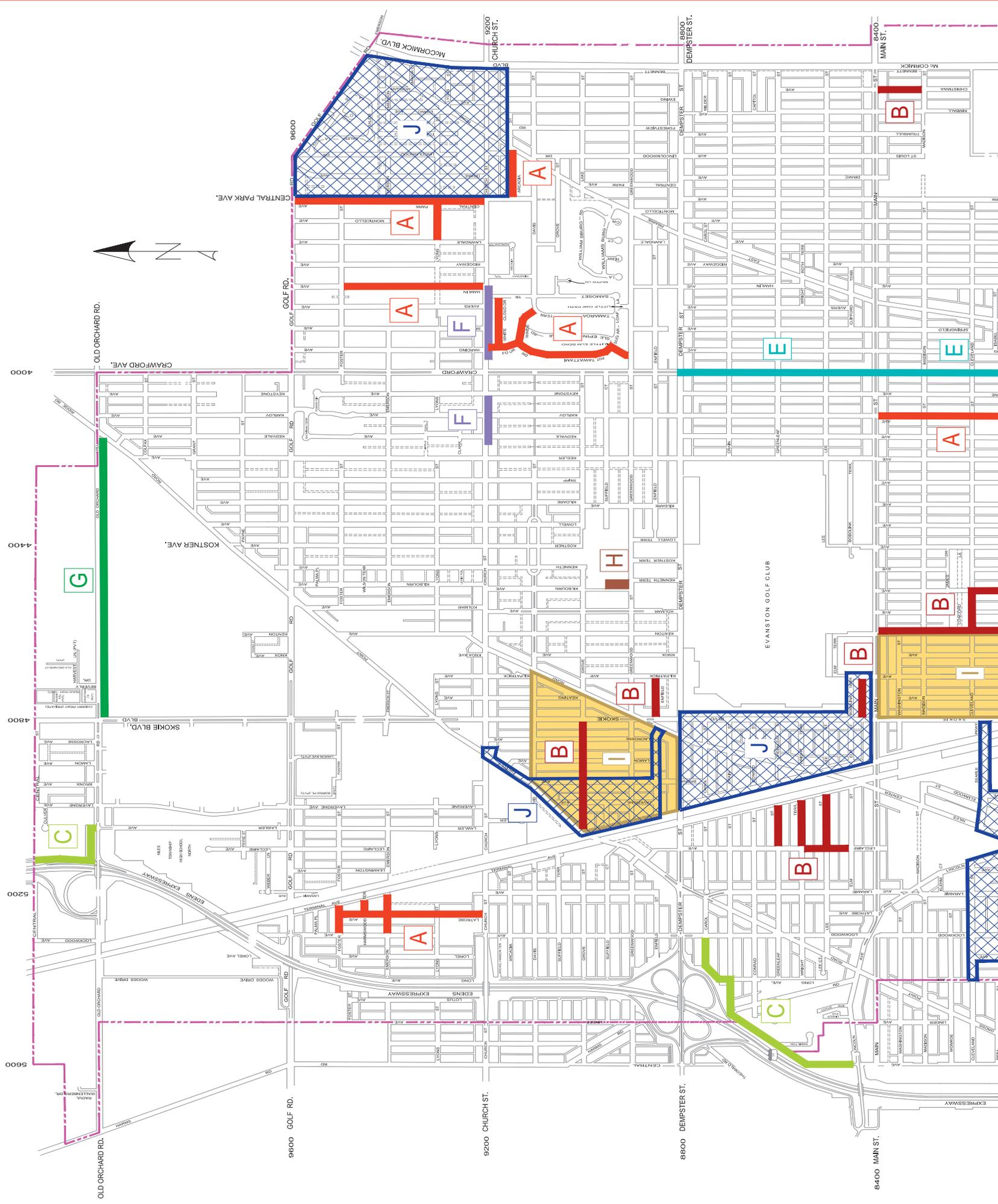
Large patches and berms in the Village were repaired.

Illinois Department of Transportation

Upgrades to 26 signals throughout the Village.

NICOR

Installation of new residential gas mains and services in the area from East Prairie Road to McCormick Boulevard and from Dempster Street to Golf Road. ■



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GOLF RD.
KOSTNER AVE.
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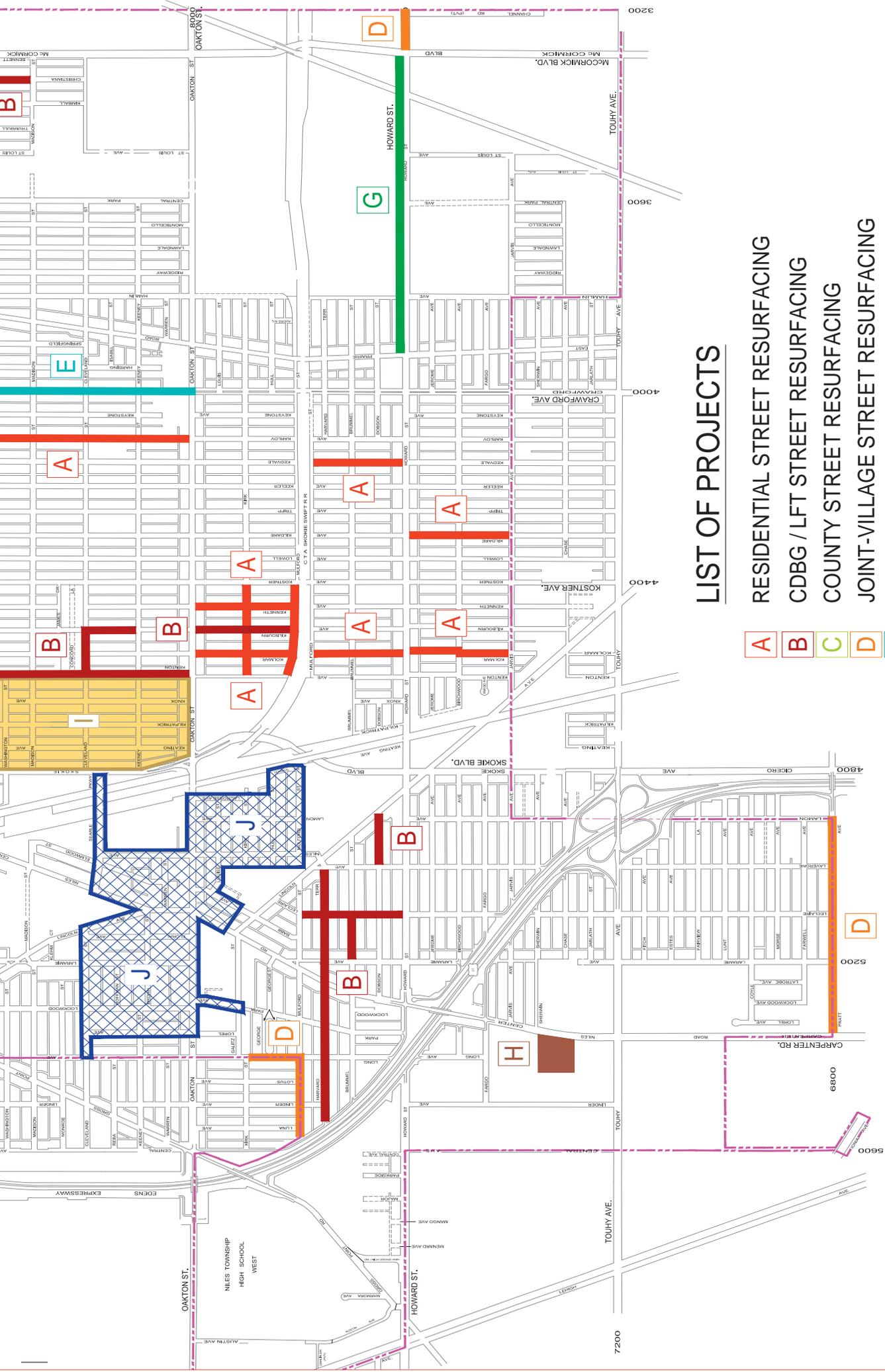
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LIST OF PROJECTS

- A** RESIDENTIAL STREET RESURFACING
- B** CDBG / LFT STREET RESURFACING
- C** COUNTY STREET RESURFACING
- D** JOINT-VILLAGE STREET RESURFACING
- E** WATER MAIN REHABILITATION
- F** SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT
- G** BIKE PATH
- H** RAIN GARDEN
- I** STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT
- J** NICOR IMPROVEMENTS





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, Channel 17 on Comcast, Channel 99 on AT&T) or streamed live or on demand at www.skokie.org. 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
May 2, 16

Plan Commission
May 5, 19

Appearance Commission
May 11

Zoning Board of Appeals
May 4, 18

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved paying off the Series 2002 bonds and refinancing the Series 2007 bonds. The Series 2002 bonds were utilized to finance the construction and remodeling of Skokie fire stations. By paying off the balance of \$1,090,000 the Village saved \$200,000. The Series 2007 bonds were used to provide development funds for the Illinois Science + Technology Park. Refinancing the current principal balance of \$8,420,000 results in a savings of \$900,000.

The Village Board recently adopted a contract with the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Village Board recently approved the first of two resurfacing projects for 2016. The first project provides for resurfacing 4.7 miles of residential streets. The contract was awarded to Arrow Road Construction, the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$2,961,675. The second project will be conducted in early fall 2016 and will likely resurface 2.3 miles of residential streets.

The Village Board recently approved a water main improvement project for Crawford Avenue between Dempster and Oakton Streets. The project includes the installation of 5,400 feet of new 12-inch diameter iron water main and 384 feet of water main that is six inches in diameter.

The Village Board recently approved the sale of one police vehicle, seven public works vehicles and small, obsolete landscaping equipment through the Northwest Municipal Conference Auction. ■

Hoarding: A Safety Issue for Residents and First Responders

Many fire departments are experiencing serious fires, injuries and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior. The excessive accumulation of materials in homes poses a significant threat to both residents and firefighters responding to home emergencies.

Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching houses far more difficult. First responders can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects and excessive fire loading. Additionally, blocked exits can prevent residents from escaping their home when the fire first starts. People who are hoarding can become injured when they trip over things, or when materials fall on them. Those living adjacent to a hoarder also can be affected when a fire occurs due to excessive smoke and spreading fire conditions.

Knowing how to talk to a person who is hoarding is important. Keep in mind that people with compulsive hoarding behavior are intelligent, and care deeply about their possessions. When talking to someone who is hoarding, be respectful and show concern for the person's safety. Avoid using derogatory terms, such as "junk" or "trash." Focus on safety issues, such as fires, fall hazards and avalanche conditions. Note possible ways in which a fire could start, and address these issues instead of insisting on an immediate and overwhelming cleanup.

If you suspect that someone you know might be a hoarder and are concerned for their safety, contact the Village of Skokie Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. Together, we can reduce the dangers posed by hoarding. ■



UIC School of Public Health Receives 6th Annual Public Health Partners in Excellence Award

Each year the Health Department and Board of Health award the “Public Health Partners of Excellence Awards” to individuals or entities that have provided exceptional assistance to the Health Department and Skokie community. This year there is one award recipient: the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

The UIC School of Public Health is “dedicated to excellence in protecting and improving the health and well-being of the people of the metropolitan Chicago area, the State of Illinois and the nation, and of others throughout the world.” The School achieves this mission in large part through educating public health students and, to quote Dean Dr. Paul Brandt-Rauf, “We prioritize real world application—translating our knowledge into action and our compassion into results.”

Since 2009, seventeen graduate students from the school have worked on a wide variety of projects in the Village, from rodent control and increasing access to health care to strengthening the Village’s tuberculosis testing program and completing the state re-certification process. Dean Brandt-Rauf’s wife, Professor Sherry I. Brandt-Rauf, assigned her environmental policy students the task of researching municipal environmental sustainability best practices for the Village. The Brandt-Raufs are long-time Skokie residents.

The award will be presented at the May 2 Board of Trustees meeting. The Health Department is grateful to the UIC School of Public Health, and looks forward to continuing this valuable partnership. ■

Do You Know What Services the Health Department Offers

We often hear residents say, “I didn’t know the Health Department offered that service.” If this sounds familiar, take a moment to check out the Health Department’s Directory of Services.

You can pick up a copy of the directory the next time that you are in Village Hall. The directory also is available online by visiting www.skokie.org. Go to the Health Department page for an alphabetical service listing.

For more information about Health Department services you can also call 847/933-8252. ■

Skokie Animal Control Services/ After Hours Animal Emergencies

The Skokie Animal Control division is available to address questions or problems that residents may have concerning animals in the community.

Skokie Animal Control Officers assist the public by picking up stray dogs and cats, reuniting lost pets with their owners and responding to reports of animal neglect or abuse.

Officers enforce all Skokie animal ordinances through daily patrols and investigation of complaints. Officers also are available to assist orphaned, injured or trapped wildlife and to conduct educational programs for community groups and schools.

Emergency assistance is available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year for wildlife inside a home, trapped or injured wildlife, stray domestic animals and animal bite investigations within the Village.

During regular business hours, please call 847/933-8484 for help. For emergency Animal Control assistance after regular business hours, please call the Skokie Police non-emergency number at 847/982-5900. ■

**The photo at right shows Skokie Animal Control Officer Ryan Reconnu gathering ducklings.*



community Calendar



CPR Schedule

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

Health Happenings

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

Adult Vaccinations*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4, and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic: Wednesdays, May 11 and 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

Child Vaccinations*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk in clinic - Wednesdays, May 11 and 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 per child fee.

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesdays, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. \$5 fee.

Hearing Screening*

Friday, May 20 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, May 4 and 18 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, May 4 and 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lead Screening*

By appointment only. \$25 fee.

TB Skin Testing*

Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. \$10 fee.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of May 30 (Memorial Day)

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

Recycling Collection

Week of May 30 (Memorial Day)

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

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.

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, May 2 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

German is Fun!

All German language speakers, from beginners to natives, are welcome. Thursdays, May 5 and 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

Conversational Yiddish

No fee/registration required. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays, May 17 and 24 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, May 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Hearing Loss Support Group

Monday, May 16 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, May 4 and 18 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

A low vision support group targeting Baby Boomers but all interested are welcome to attend. Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Juanita at 847/933-8208.

Silver Sing-a-long

Monday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

Simple & Living Will/ Durable Power of Attorney

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

Caregiver Support Group

Please contact Laretta Hart at 847/424-5661 or lhart@nssc.org if you would like to attend. This group meets May 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Summer Events in Skokie

Festival of Cultures

- May 21 and 22 from 11 a.m.
- to 7 p.m. at Oakton Park,
- 4701 West Oakton Street.
- See page one for more
- information.

Wednesdays on the Green

- Wednesdays on the Green
- begins June 1 and continues
- through August 17. Visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com
- for more information.

Skokie Farmers' Market

- Held every Sunday from June 12 through
- November 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the
- parking lot adjacent to Skokie Village Hall, 5127
- Oakton Street.



Skokie Public Library

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

Young Steinway Concert: Eriko Darcy, Piano, and Ezra Escobar, Cello
Sunday, May 1 at 11 a.m.

Top Gardening Websites and Apps
Monday, May 2 at 11 a.m.

Open Sew
Friday, May 6 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Music from Brazil: Choro de La pra Ca
Sunday, May 8 at 3 p.m.

Scholarship Winners Concert
Monday, May 9 at 1 p.m.

Managing Your Digital Legacy
Tuesday, May 10 at 3 p.m.

Understanding Dementia
Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Science Cafe: Nature Surrounds Us
Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Declutter Today for a Carefree Tomorrow
Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

Travel with the Library in Your Pocket
Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

Using Microsoft Word 2016 for Resumes and Cover Letters
Tuesday, May 17 at 1 p.m.

BOOMbox Architecture: Skokie Walking Tour
Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert: Isabel Chen, Violin, and Alexandra Woo, Piano
Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.

Skokie Park District

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



Photo Taken by Renee Rendler-Kaplan

Pool Passes Now on Sale!

Skokie Park District pool passes are on sale through June 5, allowing admission to either of the Skokie Park District's two award-winning facilities! Skokie Water Playground, 4701 Oakton Street and the Devonshire Aquatic Center, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Spring Flea Market

Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oakton Community Center Parking Lot, 4701 Oakton Street.

Summer Program Registration

Skokie residents sign up for summer programs beginning May 15. Non-residents sign up beginning Sunday, May 22. Register online at www.skokieparks.org, or register at any one of the Skokie Park District's many facilities.

Play in the World Wiffle® Ball Championship

Gather five players today and enter the 37th Annual World Wiffle® Ball Championship, Skokie's giant mini bat and ball tournament! Men, women and kids 10+ welcome. Enter at worldwiffleball.org by May 31. Tournament is July 9 and 10, 2016 at Channelside Park, 3100 Main Street.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie

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

Discord
In the Northlight Theatre
May 6 through June 12

North Shore Center's Feature Series 2015-16 Season Lightning Thief
In the Center Theatre
Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Music of the Baroque presents Intimate Purcell Anthems A Musical Feast
In the Center Theatre
Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Skokie Fourth of July Festivities

The parade kicks off at noon, rain or shine in Downtown Skokie! At 5 p.m., continue the fun at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, with entertainment in the hours leading up to the fireworks extravaganza at dusk.

National Night Out

Join friends and neighbors at the annual Skokie Police Department National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gross Point Park, 9100 Gross Point Road. The event will feature games, BBQ, events and more! This event is also supported by the Skokie Park District.

Backlot Bash

August 26 through 28 in Downtown Skokie is the annual summer party on Oakton Street featuring live bands, food, beverages, a carnival, a classic auto show, bingo and more!

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Mark Your Calendars - Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the Skokie Farmers' Market for its annual Grand Opening on Sunday, June 12, 2016. The Market will be open every Sunday through November 6, 2016. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is located in the west half of the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.



A wide selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Also available are fresh baked goods, farm fresh eggs, a variety of mushrooms and cheeses, fresh cut flowers, plants and much more. Fun family activities, including several visits with Rc Juggle the amazing balloon artist, Yoga on the Green, chef demos, Fire Department demos and a Touch-a-Truck event to name a few are scheduled throughout the season!

For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market contact Janelle Silva, Market Manager, at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org. ■

SkokieBiz! - Skokie's Economic Development Newsletter

SkokieBiz, the Village's new semi-annual economic development report, contains the latest information on jobs growth, economic snapshots of Skokie's various commercial corridors, sales tax receipts and more. SkokieBiz is only produced and distributed electronically.

The first two editions of SkokieBiz are available on the Economic Development page at www.skokie.org.

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