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Skokie Implements Environmental Sustainability Plan

The Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission and the Board of Health recently collaborated on development of an environmental sustainability plan for the community that includes sections on Water Management, Air Quality, Energy Conservation, Transportation and Waste Management. These five sections are described below.

Water Management - The usage of water is often taken for granted in the Chicago area as we are located next to Lake Michigan. The Chicago metropolitan area uses about one billion gallons of water every day, and Skokie alone uses 7.6 million gallons daily.

Small Business Saturday - November 26, 2016

Shopping locally at independent retailers has become a national theme on Small Business Saturday over Thanksgiving weekend. This year, Small Business Saturday is on November 26, and Skokie residents are encouraged to patronize small, independent retailers in the community that day and throughout the year. Local merchants support the community in many ways, and supporting them is important to the local economy.

In Downtown Skokie, a number of merchants have joined together to present a Small Business Saturday program on Saturday, November 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. The merchants include:

- Aw Yeah Comics, 4933 Oakton Street, featuring a mini comic book convention
- Mini Man Monkey Brains, 7927 Lincoln Avenue, featuring visits with Santa Claus
- Nixie Gallery, 7925

The commercial, industrial and residential use of water will continue to be reduced through a number of educational and programmatic outreach initiatives including working with the largest water users in Skokie on conservation measures, encouraging the use of rain barrels and continuing investigation and correct water loss issues in the Village water supply system.

Air Quality - Air quality has a significant influence on human health and well being. Exposure to air pollutants, such as particles, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and ozone, increases the risk of illnesses such as asthma and heart disease, which leads to lost work days and significant healthcare costs.

The Village already has many policies and programs in place to protect air quality and minimize the release of air pollution. To continue to improve air quality in the community, by 2021, the Village will hire a contractor to conduct a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory; increase the number of electric, biodiesel and Flex Fuel vehicles in the Village fleet; continue to improve Village infrastructure to increase energy efficiency and consistently apply complete streets policies to reduce dependence on motor vehicles. The Village also will develop educational programs for businesses and residents.

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Lincoln Avenue, featuring original artwork and unique gift/craft vendors

- North Branch Yoga, 8056 Lincoln Avenue, featuring unique gift/craft vendors

Carolers from Lincoln Junior High are scheduled to sing and other merchants are likely to offer specials and promotions to mark Small Business Saturday.

For more information, visit www.downtownskokie.com or the [Shop Local Skokie Facebook page](#). ■

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Support the Assist-A-Family Program

Please consider participating in the 2016 Skokie Assist-A-Family Program that helps Skokie families struggling with limited financial resources celebrate the winter holidays.

Families receive gift cards for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and other items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Last year nearly 200 families received gift cards through the program.

Those interested in making a donation are asked to do so by Friday, December 2. Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Skokie Assist-A-Family Program on the memo line. Send donations to Human Services Division, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077.



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

Skokie Through the Lens 2016 Photo Exhibit

On Display November 1 through December 27

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission, along with the Skokie Photographic Society, presents the third annual *Skokie Through The Lens* photo exhibit. The purpose of the exhibit is to show everything that makes Skokie a great place to live, work and play.

Participating photographers will be recognized for their achievements at the November 7, Village Board meeting at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.

The exhibit will be featured at the following four locations:

Village Hall - November 1 through 15

Weber Leisure Center - November 15 through 29

North Shore Center for The Performing Arts in Skokie - November 29 through December 13

Skokie Public Library - December 13 through 27

Participating artists include:

**Andrea Adap
Deborah Arnold**

**Mary Ehlers Ashton
Megan Bulmash
Kathy Carey
Stanley Cohn
Ark Diment
Fred Erickson
Elita Fine
Wendy Beth Gahm
Gwen Hand
Keith Hand
Lucjan Janczak
Audrey Levin
John Lockerby
Jan McReynolds
Neil Mermelstein
Harold Morrison
Leslie Murphy**

**Phyllis Nutkis
Steve Pavkovic
Ryan Reconnu
Mary Ellen Ryan
Pratap Sampat
Nancy Schmidt
Skokie Farmers' Market
Maria Stepantsova
Janice Sunahara
Keith Sunahara
Ann Tennes
Michelle Thomas
Harlean Vision**

An announcement for *Skokie Through the Lens 2017* will be included in a future edition of *NewSkokie*. ■

Crosswalk Safety at Howard Street and the Skokie Valley Trail

To enhance driver awareness and improve the visibility of the multi-use path crossing at Howard Street, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) were recently installed by the Village. The RRFB's are user-activated amber LED lights that supplement warning signs and are mounted on poles on both sides of the roadway. The high-intensity rapid flash pattern alerts vehicles approaching a crosswalk and warns motorists that pedestrians/bicyclists are present at the crossing.

Tips for Pedestrians

- Push the button to activate.

- Don't leave the curb or go into the path of a vehicle which is so close that the driver can't yield.
- Never assume that you are seen or that a motorist will yield.
- While crossing, stay within the crosswalk and continue to check for traffic.
- Refer to state laws for pedestrian/bicycle legal responsibilities.
- Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, even when the RRFB is not activated.
- Yield, slow down or stop if necessary if a pedestrian is crossing within a crosswalk.
- Do not pass another vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk.
- Refer to state laws for driver legal responsibilities.

Tips for Drivers

- Be alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.

Successful operation of the RRFB requires cooperation and understanding by both pedestrian and drivers of motorized vehicles. ■



Village of Skokie Fall 2016 Economic Development Update

New and exciting developments are underway on Dempster Street, Westfield Old Orchard and the expanding Touhy Corridor.

The Village of Skokie enjoyed another high profile year, particularly in terms of total retail sales growth, **ranking #1 among the Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs from 2014-2015**, according to the highly regarded 2016 Melaniphy Report. Skokie placed **11th overall among the Midwest's Top 20 Wealthiest Communities** (65,000+ population) by NerdWallet.com, ahead of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Madison, Wisconsin. The Village also celebrated the one-year anniversary of **SkokieBiz**, a semi-annual electronic newsletter which chronicles the Village's record year of construction permits issued and number of business openings in all sectors.

Dempster Street

- Continuing its growing reputation as a "First to Market" community, Skokie will soon welcome a new 33,000-square-foot 'flexible format' **Target** store at the southwest corner of Dempster Street and Bronx Avenue, just east of the Dempster Street Yellow Line CTA Station. This new store, scheduled to open in fall 2017, is Target's first flexible-format suburban Chicago location. The former Village-owned parcel was sold recently to *BlitzLake Partners* who will develop the property on behalf of Target. A new **Dunkin' Donuts** opened in the CTA Station, several new stores including **Allstate**, **State Farm**, and **Al Sham Sweet** (a Turkish bakery) have opened in the recently-upgraded 4950 Dempster Street center, and an **O'Reilly's Auto Parts** store is scheduled to open at 4800 Dempster Street later this year.

Westfield Old Orchard/Skokie Golf Retail District

- Minnesota-based **Hammer Made** recently opened its first suburban Chicago store at Old Orchard. Additional high-profile retailers such as **West Elm**, **Soma Intimates** and **Free People** opened in 2016 while **Fabletics**, **Vineyard Vines** and **Nando's Peri Peri** are scheduled to open in time for the holiday season. Westfield also announced that a subsidiary of Cinemex, the seventh-largest cinema chain worldwide, will pilot two premium movie theater concepts at the shopping center in 2017. At *The Shops at Orchard Place*, a new **HomeGoods** store will generate over 80 new jobs.
- The **North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie** is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The two-theatre complex attracts over 165,000 people annually to more than 400 performances and events, contributing an estimated \$3.2 million annually to the local economy. The **Doubletree Hilton Hotel** recently completed substantial ballroom renovations and is currently upgrading the majority of its corridors and guestrooms. The Doubletree also installed a new digital key system providing frequent guests the option to make a room reservation, bypass the hotel check-in counter and access their rooms on their smartphone.
- Proximate to the mall, **Bob's Discount Furniture**, **Mattress Firm** and **Casual Male XL** opened in spring 2016, while **Culver's**, **Chick-fil-A**, **Bank of America** and **AAA Travel** are scheduled to open on the east side of Skokie Boulevard in late 2016 or early 2017. Further east and proximate to the renowned Skokie Hospital, the Village welcomed a **Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins** drive-thru at 8800 Gross Point Road and a new national chain childcare center, **The Goddard School**, at 9651 Gross Point Road.





Touhy Commercial Corridor

- In August, hundreds of daily patrons waited in long lines to dine at the first **Jollibee** restaurant in Chicagoland. Other new exciting store openings in *Touhy Marketplace* included **The Halal Guys**, **WingZone**, **T-Mobile** and **Just Tires**, while **Mariano's** continues its success at *Skokie Commons*.
- Three new and/or upgraded retail centers are underway up and down Touhy Avenue: At *Touhy Town Center* (5500 block of Touhy), a new drive-thru **Panera Bread** and **Mod Pizza** will open soon. Further east at Touhy and Laramie Avenues is the *Jack's Corner* development, which will open soon containing a **Starbucks** and **Aspen Dental**, among other users. The current **Pep Boys** center at 5220 Touhy Avenue will be redeveloped in 2017, adding three new stores, including **Real Urban Barbecue** and **Orange Theory Fitness**.
- At *Village Crossing Shopping Center*, AMC Showplace Theatres upgraded their entertainment offerings to include a full-service **MacGuffin's Bar and Lounge**, and a **Vein Clinics of America** facility is scheduled to open this fall.

Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS + TP)

- Twenty eight tenants currently occupy over 450,000 square feet at the IS+TP, employing almost 1,500 professionals.
- **Northshore University Health System's** data processing division continues to grow and added over 100 jobs this past year. **LanzaTech, Inc.** celebrated its two-year anniversary, currently employs 115 workers and received major press for developing aviation fuel produced from recycled waste carbon emissions at a manufacturing site. **Exicure, Inc.** (formerly AuraSense Therapeutics) expanded and began clinical trials to develop gels for chronic plaque psoriasis. **Fresenius Kabi** also expanded due to its growth in the generic, sterile injectable pharma market. **NuMat Technologies** is completing a manufacturing line for its next-generation gas storage technology. Lots of investment, growth and excitement anticipated in 2017!
- The IS+TP's business incubator, now known as the **Skokie Innovation Labs**, received a grant from *The Searle Funds/Kinship Trust* and continues to nurture several award-winning new startups from Northwestern University.

Downtown Skokie

- Downtown Skokie hosted a record-setting Backlot Bash attendance this past summer, with several new local restaurants participating. The Skokie Chamber of Commerce celebrated the seventh annual **Wednesdays on the Green** series during summer 2016, attracting thousands of visitors to Downtown Skokie.
- Several new restaurants and retailers opened, including **Euro Echo Café**, **Nailed** and **T-Mobile**. Euro Echo Café received a dual interior/exterior rehabilitation grant from the Village as part of its complete renovation of a former law office. Four other restaurant groups are currently working with the Village on similar restorations of older structures along Lincoln Avenue and Oakton Street. Just east of Downtown Skokie, **Mishkookii Art Space**, 4517 Oakton Street, opened to rave reviews in August, and is owned and operated by John Maloof, an Oscar-nominated local resident. The Village also is working with a Chicago-based brewery to bring a production facility and taproom to Main Street, just north of Downtown Skokie.
- Phase Two of Downtown Skokie's **Floral Avenue** single-family housing development is nearly sold out. These "not so big" houses are being sold for an average of \$600,000 each and are situated on what is now known as the "Village's Most Expensive Street."

West and Eastern Industrial Areas

- The Village approved several additional Cook County Class 6B applications this year, resulting in over \$1.7 million in new private investment and an increase of approximately 25 new jobs.



Skokie Economic Development Division
847/933-8447 www.skokie.org



Do You Know About the Skokie TeenLink Program?

The *TeenLink* program is a database list of Skokie teens that are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Many residents who request the *TeenLink* list, are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only need assistance during one season. The *TeenLink* list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

Teens are encouraged to participate! Applications are available at www.skokie.org or by contacting the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

This program becomes very popular and sought after during the snow

season. It's always best to receive the *TeenLink* list early in the year and contact the teen before needing assistance. The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

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

Sign Up for Alternate Side Parking Alerts

Did you know that you can receive email and text alerts notifying you that alternate-side parking is in effect after a significant snowfall? To subscribe, visit www.skokie.org and click on the "Subscribe to SkokieNews" link in the top right-hand corner.

The Alternate-Side Parking Program ensures that streets are clear for emergency vehicles during a snow accumulation of two inches or more. There are numerous ways to learn if Alternate-Side Parking is in effect:

- Call 847/675-SNOW (7669);

- CodeRED text alerts by signing up at www.skokie.org;
- Listen to 1660 AM Skokie Radio;
- a notice on the homepage of www.skokie.org;
- A crawl message at the bottom of SkokieVision Cable (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems); or
- Listen for the emergency siren that sounds at 7 a.m.

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

Fall 2016 Community Spaghetti Dinners at Skokie Fire Stations

Nearly 400 Skokie residents enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner together at one of Skokie's fire stations during fall 2016.

The August 2016 edition of *NewSkokie* invited Skokie residents to sign up for a spaghetti dinner at the fire station serving their neighborhood, and in just a short amount of time, some 450 residents had signed up for one of the dinners.

Photos from the September 18 dinner at Fire Station 16 and October 9 dinner at Fire Station 18 are featured at right. The dinners were attended by residents of all ages representing the multi-culturalism of the community.

A local restaurant catered the meals, and Village management staff and elected officials volunteered as servers for the dinners. Information was available on Village programs and services, and a good time was had by all. ■





Welcome New Businesses!

The businesses listed below have opened in Skokie since February 2016, listed oldest to most recently opened. 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. See pages three and four for a comprehensive Skokie economic development update, and the front page for information on Small Business Saturday on November 26.

Diamond Property Consulting, Inc.

8206 McCormick Boulevard

Organic Roots Eco Salon

3417 Dempster Street

Azure Salon

4015 Church Street

Modern Wall Art

3560 Dempster Street

Rideez LLC

4556 Oakton Street

Sahara Hookah

4726 Oakton Street

Admire Home

Healthcare Agency
4632 Church Street,
#101

SOMA Intimates

4999 Old Orchard
Center, #F11

Euro Echo Café

7919 Lincoln Avenue

Sleepy's/Mattress

Firm
9240 Skokie Boulevard

Smart Choice MRI

3560 Touhy Avenue

Al Sham Sweet

4952 Dempster Street

Ross Wetzel Stidos

7518 St. Louis, #1045

Kings of Maids

4524 Oakton Street

T-Mobile

3608 Touhy Avenue

Manchester Management

3423 Church Street

North Star Therapy

4632 Church Street,
#102

Gandhi Appliances, Inc.

7447 Linder Avenue

CPA Service, Inc.

8324 Lincoln Avenue

Fostering Movement Studio

3413 Church Street

ReMed Services

3424 Oakton Street,
#102

Nailed

4959 Oakton Street

Prime Telecommunications

5225 Old Orchard
Road, #18

Chicago IVF

5225 Old Orchard
Road, #22

Panoramic Images

4835 Main Street

Kampfer Dental PC

5301 Dempster Street,
#201

Yaya's Massage

4728 Oakton Street,
#201

Furniture Source

7011 Central Avenue

Rita Salon

5008 Dempster Street

Orange Pediatric Therapy

5225 Old Orchard
Road, #15

Oak Point Partners

5215 Old Orchard
Road, #965

Admire Home Care

4632 Church Street

Elmdale Partners

5301 Dempster Street,
#205

Address Mortgage

5301 Dempster Street,
#306

Bright Horizons

Early Education
9877 Woods Drive,
#E100

The Halal Guys

3616 Touhy Avenue

Optimum Fitness

Formula, Inc.
3547 Dempster Street

Super Care Pharmacy, Inc.

8305 Skokie Boulevard

Vogel, Katz & Wold, LLC

8340 Lincoln Avenue

Dragon Crescent Martial Arts

4330 Oakton Street

Next Property Management

5215 Old Orchard
Road, #880

Degen Consulting Group

3425 Dempster Street,
#100

Jollibee

3534 Touhy Avenue

Wellness Spa

3455 Dempster Street

Old School Engineering

9054 Terminal Avenue

Allstate/Diaz Agency

5010 Dempster Street

Icare Consulting Services

3401 Madison Street

Wing Zone

3612 Touhy Avenue

For Eyes Optical

3310 Touhy Avenue

The Insurance People Agency

5225 Old Orchard
Road, #8

Hammer Made

4999 Old Orchard
Center, #A15

Dong S. Kim, MD, SC

4709 Golf Road, #812

Miishkooki Art Space

4517 Oakton Street

Metro Self Storage

3220 Touhy Avenue

Vineyard Vines

4999 Old Orchard
Center, #N30

Generation Brands

7338 Linder Avenue

International Tax & Accounting

5154 Main Street

Kairali Grocery & Catering

5158 Main Street

Insight Fine Arts Studio

3905 Howard Street

Gamers World

4999 Old Orchard
Center, #N44

Steinhardt Builders

8023 Ridgeway
Avenue

Wheels the Deal Corporation

5050 Dempster Street

B&DA, Incorporated

5309 Lincoln Avenue,
#100

Panera Bread

5508 Touhy Avenue



Crime Prevention 101: Lock Your Doors and Take Your Keys!

Skokie residents are reminded about the importance of taking common-sense precautions to protect vehicles and valuables.

Most of the vehicles that were stolen in Skokie and surrounding communities during summer 2016 were unlocked. Often, either the key or key fob was left inside the vehicle. Many of these thefts were committed by juveniles that tried vehicle door handles and quickly gained access to electronics left in the vehicle, identification, credit cards and, all too often, keys to the car. Crimes of opportunity like these can be avoided

by the simple step of locking car doors, closing car windows, removing valuables and taking keys and key fobs out of the vehicle each and every time you park it on the street, alley, in your driveway and even in your garage. Residents also are reminded to lock the exterior service door to their garage as well as the interior door from the garage to the home.

Please do your part to help safeguard yourself and our community against these crimes of opportunity.

For additional information on crime prevention, including the



Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919. ■

Carbon Monoxide, A Stealthy Killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that can be fatal if inhaled. You cannot see it, smell it or taste it. Most people that die in home fires die at night, while they are asleep. They don't wake up because the CO puts them into a deeper sleep. CO is a byproduct of combustion and is produced every time a natural gas fueled furnace and hot water heater kicks on. If not properly vented it will build up to potentially lethal levels.

What are symptoms of CO poisoning?

CO poisoning symptoms are flu-like, including headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and confusion. Prolonged exposure can result in vomiting, blackouts and eventually, brain damage and death.

What can be done to prevent CO poisoning?

- Make sure appliances are installed according

to the manufacturer's instructions and by professionals.

- Have heating systems inspected and serviced at least once a year.
- Make sure chimneys and vents are checked for blockages, corrosion and loose connections.

- Never leave a car, mower, or other such item running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never use the kitchen range for heating a house.
- Never run a gas-powered generator in a garage, basement, or near any overhang on the home. Keep it at a distance.

The State of Illinois requires carbon monoxide alarms, and homeowners and landlords throughout Illinois are mandated by law to install CO detectors.

For additional information, please contact the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340. ■

Citizens' Fire Academy

The Skokie Fire Department will host a Spring 2017 Citizen's Fire Academy. The Academy is a ten-week program beginning Tuesday, February 21, 2017. To be eligible to participate, individuals must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in the Village of Skokie, pass a criminal background check and sign a medical release.

The mission of the Citizens' Fire Academy Program is to create well-informed individuals from the community with hands-on knowledge of Fire Department operations. The Academy provides an overview of several areas of the fire service including CPR, emergency medical services, auto extrication, rappelling and exposure to firefighting operations in the drill tower. Through education, demonstration and participation, Academy students gain an understanding of Fire Department operations.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Skokie Fire Station 17, 8157 Central Park Avenue. Applications are available online at www.skokie.org or at Fire Department Headquarters, 7424 Niles Center Road. If you have any questions about the Academy, please call 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
November 7, 21

Plan Commission
November 3, 17

Appearance Commission
November 9

Zoning Board of Appeals
November 2, 16

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority for improvements to the Yellow Line crossings with pavement markings and signage.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with CSR Roofing to replace the garage roof at the Skokie Public Works facility, 9050 Gross Point Road. ■

Skokie Environmental Sustainability Plan *Continued from front Page*

Energy Conservation - Most energy sources that we use are nonrenewable, such as fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and coal. In the future, overall energy consumption is expected to grow at the same rate as population. In order to be sustainable, new development needs to shift from nonrenewable to renewable sources of energy and existing development must be made more energy efficient.

To help move in this direction on a local level, the Village will create an energy reduction goal for the entire Village and promote the use of renewable energy sources; increase energy efficiency of new and existing development; establish land use policies that maximize energy conservation; increase surface cooling shade by updating landscaping design guidelines; and continue to participate in the Tree City USA program, while trying to return to the Tree City Growth Award.

Transportation - According to the 2015 Skokie Citizens Survey, 56 percent of respondents said that they used public transportation instead of driving. 68 percent of respondents said they walked or biked instead of driving. In addition, approximately 10 percent of Skokie households do not own a vehicle, according to the 2010—2014 American Community Survey.

To build on these positive transportation trends in Skokie, the Village will continue to reduce the community's dependence on automobiles by promoting walking, bicycling and public transportation; enhance biking and walking routes to schools; evaluate and assess the feasibility of bicycle sharing with the possible extension of the Divvy program into Skokie and continue to support local/regional farming efforts such as The Talking Farm and Village Farmers' Market to reduce the transportation distance for food.

Waste Management - Nearly everything we do leaves behind some kind of waste. Households create ordinary garbage, while industrial and manufacturing processes create solid and hazardous wastes. Most of this garbage and waste ends up rapidly filling landfills. Although recycling rates have been increasing in the country, in Skokie the rate of recycling lags behind the national trend.

To help increase recycling rates in Skokie and divert waste from landfills, the Village will set a goal for increasing the percentage of materials recycled as a Village; evaluate disincentives for using plastic bags at stores; encourage the use of reusable water bottles to reduce plastic waste; explore expanding recycling to include food scraps, textiles and other materials and explore additional opportunities for recycling.

To view the complete Environmental Sustainability Plan, please visit www.skokie.org. ■

Rules for Feeding Birds and Wildlife in Skokie

Many people enjoy feeding birds and other wildlife, but these activities have the potential to attract unwanted pests such as skunks, insects and rats. The Village allows residents to feed the birds while avoiding the nuisance that can occur by following these guidelines:

- Do not place food or seed directly on the ground.
- All food must be in either a hanging feeder or placed on a platform that contains the food.
- Platforms cannot be larger than 400 square inches (or 20 inches by 20 inches if square). Feeders and

platforms should be at least five feet from property lines.

- Keep the area around feeders clean and neat.
- All uneaten food, seed shells and animal droppings must be swept up regularly.
- There is a maximum number of feeders allowed per property. Please refer to the Village Code Section 18-11 "Feeding wildlife or birds" for more details.

Call the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484 for more information or if you

have questions about feeding birds and wildlife. ■



Health Department Offers Two Pneumonia Shots

Two pneumonia vaccines are recommended for adults age 65 and older, and other adults with certain health conditions. Pneumonia is a serious infection of the lungs that is most common in the elderly, cigarette smokers, and people with other conditions such as heart disease, liver disease and diabetes. The best way to prevent pneumonia is by getting vaccinated with both Prevnar 13 (PSV 13) and Pneumovax 23 (PPSV23). Having both pneumonia vaccines will protect against the bacteria that cause the most serious illness in adults. The vaccines should be given one year apart.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. ■



November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

According to the American Diabetes Association, one in 11 Americans have diabetes—that's more than 29 million people! Diabetes, which causes high blood sugar, can have serious complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and blindness. Many people with diabetes do not have symptoms, so it is important to get tested.

Who should be tested for diabetes?

Anyone age 45 or older should be tested for diabetes, especially if you are overweight or obese. People younger than 45, including teens and children, should be tested if they are overweight or obese and have one or more of the following risk factors:

- parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- history of giving birth to at least one baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- history of gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy)
- history of being diagnosed with high blood pressure

The only way to find out if you have diabetes is to have your blood tested. The Skokie Health Department offers a screening test for diabetes for individuals who have never been diagnosed with diabetes. The test is available by appointment for \$5 to Skokie residents or people who work or attend school in Skokie. You must fast for eight hours prior to the test.

For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 847/933-8252. ■



Skokie Hosts its First Pumpkin Recycling Event!

Let that ol' jack-o-lantern nourish the soil and not burden the landfill! The Village of Skokie will collect pumpkins for composting at the Skokie Farmers' Market on Sunday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. This drive-up, drop-off event will be held at the municipal parking lot at the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Floral Avenue in Downtown Skokie.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint. Any pumpkin

decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins can be placed in plastic bags for transport. No other drop-off materials will be accepted at this event. Lakeshore Recycling will provide the containers for the pumpkin collection event and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site.

For additional information, contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 and visit www.skokie.org. ■

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

Child Vaccinations*

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

Well Child Clinic*

Monday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Diabetes Screening*

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

Adult Hearing Screening*

Friday, November 11 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, November 2, 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, November 2, 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.

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. Open Enrollment ends December 7 for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage Enrollment.

Rules of the Road

Review for driver's exam. Monday, November 7 from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

German is Fun!

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

Conversational Yiddish

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

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, November 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.

Hearing Loss Support Group

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

Stamp Club

Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 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, November 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Juanita at 847/933-8208.

Silver Sing-a-long

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

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2016. This is the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same. Additionally, the National Fire Protection Association recommends replacing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every 10 years and to have both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms to alert people to all types of home fires. These easy steps can help save lives and the lives of those around them.

Skokie Public Library

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

Local Author Showcase: Cory Franklin

Wednesday, November 2 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate the Day of the Dead

Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m.

Young Steinway Concert: Seyoun Baek, Piano, and Seungmok Baek, Cello

Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m.

Science Cafe: Designing Molecular Machines

Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Art Symbolism

Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

Powering Your Home with the Sun

Saturday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

The Fat Babies Jazz Concert

Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m.

Jewish Cooking for All Seasons

Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m.

Navigating the Job Search

Saturday, November 19 at 10 a.m.

The Bourbon Aristocracy: 100-Proof Bluegrass

Sunday, November 20 at 3 p.m.

What Every American Should Know

Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.

Library Closed Thursday, November 24

Celebrating USA! America Sings

Saturday, November 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Strategies for a Sustainable Income at Retirement

Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

Skokie Park District

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

Devonshire Playhouse presents: A Little Night Music

Stephen Sondheim's musical "A Little Night Music" is a stunning tour de force and four-time Tony Award winner adapting Ingmar Bergman's comedy of manners, "Smiles of a Summer Night." \$14-17 tickets are available at the Devonshire Playhouse or at SkokieParks.org/devtickets.html. Saturdays, November 5, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.; Sundays, November 6, 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Holiday Fair Extravaganza

Tired of shopping from big box stores for overpriced, cookie cutter gifts? Find something absolutely perfect, handmade and unique for your loved ones this year, all while supporting community crafters. Enjoy beautiful hand-crafted items, ornaments, decor and trinkets for all ages and budgets. Free hot coffee and baked treats for purchase will be available to grab and go. Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place.

Figure Skating and Hockey Registration

Learn to skate at the Skatium Ice Arena! Hockey registration on November 6. Figure Skating registration on November 15 (residents) and 17 (non-residents). For information call 847/674-1500, ext. 2900.

Unique Birthday Parties

Celebrate family and children's birthdays with a variety of unusual themes, from nature, to skating, to dance, and more! Call 847/674-1500 for more party information.

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.

Yakov Smirnoff - Happily Ever Laughter

In the Center Theatre

Friday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley

In the Northlight Theatre

November 10 through December 18

Jake Shimabukuro

In the Center Theatre

Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Art Garfunkel

In the Center Theatre

Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30

p.m.

North Shore Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration Benefit Reception - pre and post performance of Art Garfunkel

In the Grand Lobby

November 16. Call 847/679-9501 ext. 3308 for details.

Blues Camp Day

In the Center Theatre

Saturday, November 19

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra presents For the Young... and the Young at Heart

In the Center Theatre

Sunday, November 20 at 3 p.m.

Music of the Baroque presents The Family Bach

In the Center Theatre

Sunday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Frozen Sing-A-Long

In the Center Theatre

Saturday, November 26 at 2 p.m.

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CTA Ad Campaign for Skokie

During the second half of 2016, the Village of Skokie partnered with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to promote additional ridership both from Skokie residents and others outside of the community.

The CTA developed a promotional campaign that includes signage for the interiors of CTA cars on the Yellow, Purple and Red Lines, post card versions of the signage, social media mentions of Yellow Line service and other means of encouraging ridership, which continues to rebound after the 2015 service interruption.

The Chicago Cubs successful post-season has brought new and increased Yellow Line ridership as well.

Images from the promotional campaign appear at right. ■

