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Small Business Saturday - November 28

Small Business Saturday is a national movement to promote a 'shop local, shop small' practice on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. During this busy weekend that is traditionally filled with holiday shopping, Skokie residents are encouraged to 'shop small' throughout Skokie and support the local, independent retailers who have invested in providing goods and services to the community.

Fans of the Village's "Shop Local Skokie" Facebook page offered the following ideas on their local shopping plans for November 28:

Bagels for the family from Kaufman's Deli; new holiday lights from Ace Hardware; gift certificate for my son from Old Orchard Aquarium and a delicious extra-thin-crust pizza from Village Inn for dinner as we'll be sick of turkey by then!

AW YEAH Comics-Skokie, Sweety Pies Bakery~Cakery~Cafe, Marge's Flowers. To me, shopping local/small means making choices to intentionally keep your dollars as local as possible. We choose to eat and shop within walking distance as much as we can.

Crafty Beaver, where I can find everything. Rich's Britches where I got my fave sweater with help from the delightful owner. Ace Hardware who came through when others failed



Fogo's Peri Peri, 4915 Oakton Street, has been open for more than a year.

and impressed my brother visiting Skokie for the first time. Marge's Flowers and Kaufman's because I have been going there since I was a kid with my dad.

Shop small is helping the community you have loved for over fifty years, getting to know the merchants and their employees, personalized help by knowledgeable people.

On Small Business Saturday, and all throughout the year, think Skokie first when shopping! ■

Welcome New Businesses!

The businesses listed below have opened in Skokie since February 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. See pages three and four for a comprehensive Skokie economic development update.

A LaMode Hair Design
3539 Dempster Street

AMG Realty Group
8033 Ridgeway Avenue

Associates in Development USA
7722 Gross Point Road, #102

Bites of Pleasure Foods
4006 Main Street

Aero Travel & Tours
5047 Warren Street

Amour Nail Spa
3606 Touhy Avenue

Badri Foods
5264 Lincoln Avenue

Burlington Coat
4849 Golf Road

American Mattress
9406 Skokie Boulevard

Anna's Healthcare Apparel & Textile
7518 St. Louis Avenue

Best Deal Overstock
9416 Skokie Boulevard

C&N Lawnmower
5432 Howard Street

Cassandra Strings
3409 Church Street

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| Cellworld
3520 Dempster Street | Jimmy John's
3602 Touhy Avenue |
| Central Infusion Alliance
7542 St. Louis Avenue | Kuik Printing
5043 Warren Street |
| Chateau Gena Salon
3643 Dempster Street | Mariano's
3358 Touhy Avenue |
| Chicago Exotics PC
3757 Dempster Street | Mattress Firm
9410 Skokie Boulevard |
| Dav-Kim Portable Xray Service
8235 Christiana Avenue | Mini Man Monkey Brains
7927 Lincoln Avenue |
| Decorator Hardware & Bath
3645 Dempster Street | Moe's Southwest Grill
3620 Touhy Avenue |
| Dunkin' Donuts
5005 Dempster Street | Moo Duk Kwan Korean Martial Arts
3921 Howard Street |
| Edward Jones
4711 Golf Road, #407 | Mou Auto Body
3706 Oakton Street |
| Elounge
3564 Dempster Street | Na Na Queen Spa
3714 Dempster Street |
| Embroid with Us
7722 Gross Point Road | Nixie Gallery
7925 Lincoln Avenue |
| F&I Marketing
7927 Lincoln Avenue | No Chip Manicure Service
3400 Main Street |
| Freedman Communication
4712 Oakton Street | Noodles & Company
3304 Touhy Avenue |
| Fusion Catering
3410 Main Street | North Branch Yoga
8056 Lincoln Avenue |
| Grade Power Learning, Skokie
8816 Gross Point Road | North Dental Professionals
4711 Golf Road, #412 |
| Hear USA
4124 Dempster Street | Party Over Here with Elizabeth
3337 Main Street |
| Jamaica Jerk
3357 Dempster Street | Payless Automart
7738 Austin Avenue |
| | Pie Five Pizza
3306 Touhy Avenue |



The new Mariano's at 3358 Touhy Avenue.



The new Starbucks Coffee at 3812 Touhy Avenue.

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| Ridgeway Auto Sales
7349 Ridgeway Avenue | Superior 1
8046 Central Park | Westfield Old Orchard
4999 Old Orchard Center: |
| SB Salon & Spa
4338 Oakton Street | Supreme Dance Studio
4055 Oakton Street | Aden Market, Clark Street Sports, Forage & Craft, Garage, IGNAZIA, Kate Spade, Pepper Palace, Picture People, Shake Shack, Silver Corner, Spoil Me Kidz Boutique, Sunglass Hut, Talbots, West Elm and Zar Eyebrow Threading ■ |
| Shore Community Services
8350 Lincoln Avenue | Swift Childcare
4920 Madison Street | |
| Skokie Family Clinic
78301 Skokie Boulevard | Ten Fab Design
3714 Jarvis Avenue | |
| Smoke Shop Guy
4843 Dempster Street | The Boiler
3445 Dempster Street | |
| Starbucks Coffee
3312 Touhy Avenue | Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery
7070 Carpenter Road | |
| | ZD Tech Solutions
5150 Main Street | |



Village of Skokie Fall 2015 Economic Development Update

New and exciting developments are underway on Touhy Avenue, the Illinois Science + Technology Park, Westfield Old Orchard and in other areas of Skokie.



In July 2015, the Village celebrated the inaugural edition of *SkokieBiz*, its new semi-annual economic development guide. *SkokieBiz* is available by visiting www.skokie.org. Skokie has enjoyed an exemplary AAA bond rating from both Fitch and Moody's due to its diverse economic base led by three large shopping centers, including Westfield Old Orchard. Fitch also cited the Village's expanding transportation network that attracts a professional work force with above-average wealth levels.

Touhy Commercial Corridor

- In April 2015, Skokie welcomed a new **Mariano's Fresh Market** at the brand new Skokie Commons development at the northeast corner of McCormick Boulevard and Touhy Avenue. The center also features **Longhorn Steakhouse**, **Pie Five Pizza**, **Noodles & Company** as well as the Village's sixth **Starbucks Coffee** and has brought more than 550 new jobs to the community.
- Super Walmart** at the new Touhy Marketplace at Touhy and St. Louis Avenues celebrated its one-year anniversary in August 2015, and currently employs over 400 individuals. **M Burger**, Lettuce Entertain You's first suburban drive-through restaurant, also opened to rave reviews in early 2015. **PNC Bank**, **Jimmy John's** and **Moe's Southwest Grill** add to the mix of exciting new tenants at this development.
- Village Crossing Shopping Center celebrated its 25th anniversary last year and continues to thrive with strong retail, restaurant and theatre anchors. A new **Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery** restaurant opened in mid-2015, employing over 95 workers, and joins **Red Robin**, **Panera Bread** and **Buffalo Wild Wings**. In September, **Anytime Fitness** celebrated its one-year anniversary at Village Crossing.



Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS + TP)

- 26 tenants occupy over 450,000 square feet at the growing IS+TP and employ approximately 1,400 professionals, the highest level since the park's inception. With grant assistance from the State of Illinois, IS+TP owner **Forest City Enterprises** is currently rehabilitating the final structure at the park, a 160,000-square-foot building at 8030 Lamon Avenue.
- Northshore University HealthSystem** added 70 jobs this past year to its data processing center. **Vetter Pharma Development Services**; **Astellas Pharma**; **Infinitesimal, LLC**; **NuMat Technologies, Inc.** and **Wil Research** all either increased their employment or expanded their space. **LanzaTech, Inc.** celebrated its one-year anniversary, grew to over 125 workers and recently received major investment funding for an overseas project. **Excicure, Inc.** (formerly AuraSense) also received major funding support and employs 25 workers.
- The IS+TP's business incubator, **Technology Innovation Center (TIC)-Skokie**, celebrated its grand opening in January 2015 and currently houses approximately eight startups representing 30 new jobs. TIC received a job-training grant from the Village in early 2014 and is working directly with several award-winning new startups from Northwestern University.



- The **Nanotechnology Education, Employment and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I)**, a public-private job-training partnership between the Village, Oakton Community College, Forest City Enterprises (IS+TP) and NSERVE career and technical high school education consortium, completed its second year of nano technician classes and produced three internships and its first full-time job at TIC's Incubator's NanoAI.





Westfield Old Orchard/The Shops at Old Orchard

- New York-based **Shake Shack** opened its first suburban Chicago restaurant in September 2015. Chain and independent eateries **Buffalo Wild Wings**, **Blaze Pizza** and **Forage and Craft** also opened to existing and new fan bases this past year. Popular retailers such as **Kate Spade New York**, **Galt Toys/Galt Baby**, **Athleta**, **Asics/Finish Line**, **Spoil Me Kidz Boutique**, **Pepper Palace Chicago**, **Ignazia**, **Clark Street Sports** and **Deli Time** were among the many retailers to open or expand at Westfield in 2015.
- Across the street from Old Orchard, **Burlington Coat Factory** recently opened up its 16th Chicagoland store and employs over 100 workers.

Dempster Street

- The Village continued its “58 Great Reasons to Shop Dempster” campaign and welcomed several new restaurants and users to this highly-travelled thoroughfare. The popular **Pita Inn Restaurant** completed its new flagship restaurant at 4700 Dempster Street and held its grand opening in May 2015. **The Boiler Crab and Seafood** opened in June and is the first of its kind in the Chicago suburbs. **Chicago Exotics Animal Hospital** and **Jamaica Jerk** also opened on Dempster Street. The Village participated in two West Dempster Street commercial rehab and site improvement projects at 5129 and 4950 Dempster Street. The Village also approved a recent sale of property in the West Dempster TIF District to a developer who will construct a new **O’Reilly’s Auto Parts** store.

West and Eastern Industrial Areas

- The Village approved a record six Cook County Class 6B approvals this past year, resulting in over \$5,000,000 in new private investment and an increase of approximately 150 new jobs for the area following acquisition, rehabilitation and expansion activities.

Downtown Skokie

- The Village completed its 10-year Downtown interior/exterior rehab grant program. New Downtown retailers included **North Branch Yoga** and **Nixie Gallery**.
- This past year, **Libertad** was listed as among the “17 Best Restaurants in the Chicago Suburbs” by Thrillist.com, listed on the 15 “Must-Try Restaurants in the U.S.” by Zagat and named the restaurant with “Best Use of Ingredients” by the prestigious *NS Modern Luxury* magazine in July 2015. **El Fuego** Mexican restaurant expanded into its adjacent space and is now a full-service bar and restaurant. **Kabul House** and **Yolo Mexican Eatery** both received 2014 Bib Gourmand status.
- The Village is actively marketing a vacant one and a half-acre property at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Oakton Street for a mixed use “signature” development project which could include residential apartments, commercial, retail and/or restaurant uses.
- The historic **Skokie Theatre** continues to grow. Owner **MadKap Productions** hosted a variety of original and off-Broadway productions along with the popular “Skokie Idol” competition and concerts for all ages this past year.
- Phase 1 of Downtown’s **Floral Avenue** single-family housing development have sold out, with only seven available lots remaining. These unique, eco-friendly and sustainable “not so big” houses are selling in the \$600,000 range, and feature “front porch revival” architecture and range from 1,800- to 3,000-square-feet.
- Downtown Skokie posted a record number of visitors from March to August following the completion of a multi-million dollar infrastructure and streetscape investment in 2014. The Skokie Chamber of Commerce and the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS) celebrated the fifth annual **Wednesdays on the Green** series and IMODS continued Friday evening events through summer 2015 to attract thousands of visitors to a variety of musical and family-oriented events.





Skokie Community Portal

Through its membership in the Geographic Information System (GIS) Consortium, Skokie features a Community Portal on www.skokie.org. Visitors will notice a “My Skokie Property Search” box on the home page below the “Village of Skokie News” column. Users simply need to type in a Skokie address and press “Submit” to view the Community

Portal that links valuable, everyday information to a property, using GIS. Users are able to easily explore property tax information, confirm garbage/recycling collection days, locate voting information and learn about local zoning. The Community Portal is truly a one-stop for property information that is easily accessible on the Village website 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Users are encouraged to check back to Skokie’s Community Portal from time to time, as the Village expects to expand the data and information available. Please visit www.skokie.org today to get started on a Community Portal My Skokie Property Search. ■

2015 National Citizen Survey

Some 1,400 randomly selected Skokie homes will soon receive the five-page 2015 National Citizen Survey asking residents to rate and express their opinions on quality of life in the community as well as specific Village programs and services.

The Village has conducted a National Citizen Survey every three years since 2003, and Village officials carefully consider resident feedback obtained through the survey. The National Research Center (NRC), in Boulder, Colorado, conducts the survey on the Village’s behalf.

Selected homes will receive a post card from the Mayor informing them of their selection as survey participants, and the survey will follow in the mail about ten days later. Residents who were not selected to participate but wish to complete a survey can do so online. While all survey responses will be reviewed, only those from the written, mailed survey will be included in the final survey data.

The 2015 survey report is expected to be complete during late 2015, with a report to the community during the early months of 2016. ■

Yellow Line Back in Service

At press time, the CTA had just announced that service on the CTA Yellow Line would resume on Friday, October 30, 2015. In late May, rail service was suspended following an embankment collapse resulting from construction on Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) property near a section of the Yellow Line tracks.



The Village of Skokie understands and appreciates the inconvenience to Skokie residents who depend on the Yellow Line for commuting and other activities, and also understands the implication of the prolonged service interruption on the local economy. It is hoped that Yellow Line service is indeed restored by the time Skokie residents receive this edition of *NewSkokie*, and that ridership levels will soon return to the robust levels before the unfortunate embankment collapse occurred.

The Village of Skokie will provide free parking at the Dempster Street Yellow Line Station through the end of the year. Updates also will be featured at the Chicago Transit Authority Facebook page as well as the Village’s Shop Local Skokie and Skokie Police Department Facebook pages. ■

Skokie and Evanston in Sickness and in Health

Please join the Skokie Health Department for a dynamic panel discussion focused on public health and the new healthcare facilities in Skokie and Evanston on Thursday, November 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Radmacher Meeting Room at the Skokie Public Library. Featured speakers will be Dr. Catherine Counard, Director of Health for the Village of Skokie; Evonda Thomas-Smith, Director of Health for the City of Evanston; Dr. Muhammad Paracha, Executive Director, Asian Human Services Family Health Center and Dr. Avery Hart, Chief Medical Officer of the Erie Evanston/

Skokie Family Health Center. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

The program is being organized by the Hircules Health Hub, a project that brings together local public health, medical and library resources to ensure that area residents have accurate, timely health information. The Hircules Health Hub is a Northwestern University Global Health Studies initiative.

To learn more about the Hircules project please visit: <http://blog.globalhealthportal.northwestern.edu/tag/hircules/> ■



Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place and Boomers and Beyond Community Resource Fair

The Skokie Commission on Family Services is hosting its second *Boomers and Beyond* community resource fair at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie. On Friday November 6, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., healthcare professionals and other experts in the field of aging will converge under one roof.

Kicking off the awaited return of *Boomers and Beyond* will be an informational panel presentation at the Skokie Public Library on Thursday, November 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The presentation *Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place* will offer information about aging in the community and the resources available to help promote quality of life and well-being.

The *Boomers and Beyond* community resource fair will offer programs and services designed to help people age with grace and independence while living an active lifestyle. Attendees will receive helpful information and expert advice about local resources, community-based programs, state and federal benefits, volunteer opportunities, fitness and nutrition, legal assistance, financial products, social and cultural activities, lifelong education, senior housing, assistive devices, technology and more. In addition to an exhibit area featuring more than 40 vendors, there will be free wellness screenings, education seminars, refreshments and numerous giveaways.

November marks the season for open enrollment for Medicare Part D and

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) advisors will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance about individual prescription medication benefits.

Plan to attend *Boomers and Beyond* community resource fair and *Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place* for an educational and enriching experience. All are welcome, whether a resident of Skokie or a neighboring community, a senior, a boomer or a family member caring for a loved one.

For more information about Boomers and Beyond community resource fair, please contact the Skokie Human Services at 847/933-8208 or www.skokie.org. ■

Do You Know About the Skokie TeenLink Program?

Skokie teens can complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visiting www.skokie.org to download an application.

The Skokie *TeenLink* program is a database collection of Skokie teens who are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Many residents who request the *TeenLink* list are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only need assistance during one season. The *TeenLink* list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and

address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

This program becomes very popular and sought after during the snow season. It's always best to receive the *TeenLink* list early in the year and contact the teen before needing assistance.

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



Do you know someone who may benefit from the *TeenLink* list? Please contact

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



Skokie's Drug Collection and Disposal Program

Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions. Most abused prescription drugs come from family and friends. Additionally, drugs that are flushed down the drain or disposed in the garbage find their way into waterways, contaminate surface waters and harm the environment.

To prevent prescription drug abuse and help the environment, the Village of Skokie has a Drug Collection and Disposal Program. There is a drop-off box in the lobby of the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, for residents to dispose unwanted, unused and expired medication at any time. This location offers 24-hour secure monitoring, collection and subsequent disposal in accordance with federal regulations. This site also accepts narcotics and other controlled substances. The program has collected over 3,265 pounds of medication since it began in 2012.

Accepted drugs include prescription medications, controlled substances, all over-the-counter medications (i.e. pain

relievers, cold medication, etc.), medication samples, pet medications, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils, liquid medication in leak-proof containers and homeopathic remedies. This program does not accept needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers and hydrogen peroxide.

The Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street, also 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. ■

Carbon Monoxide is 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. It is sometimes called the "silent killer" because it can take your life without warning. 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. They are unable to respond and escape. CO is a by-product of combustion and is produced every time a natural gas fueled-furnace and hot water heater kicks on. If not properly vented, CO will build up to potentially lethal levels.

What are symptoms of CO poisoning?

The symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning are flu-like, including headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and confusion. Prolonged exposure can result in vomiting, blackouts and eventually, brain damage and death. The amount of CO inhaled and exposure times determine the effect.

What can be done to prevent CO poisoning?

- Make sure appliances are installed by a professional according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating systems inspected and serviced at least once a year.
- Make sure chimneys and vents are checked for blockages, corrosion and loose connections.
- Open flues completely when fireplaces are in use.
- Use proper fuel in space heaters.
- Never burn charcoal or a barbecue grill inside a home or enclosed space.
- Never leave a car, mower or other such item running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open. Be reminded that newer vehicles with keyless start/stop functionality can be inadvertently left on.

- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- 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 safe distance.

Illinois requires carbon monoxide alarms. Homeowners and landlords throughout Illinois are required by law to install CO detectors.

What should I do if the CO detector sounds? If your CO detector goes off and you feel ill, leave the house and call 9-1-1. If you do not feel ill, push your detector's reset button. If the alarm goes off again after a few minutes, open the windows, leave the house and call 9-1-1.

For more information, visit www.skokie.org/FDFirePrevention.cfm or contact the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340. ■



The Village Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month, except in the case of a holiday. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Watch Village Board Meetings live on SkokieVision Cable Television (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems). The Board Meetings also are re-broadcast at noon and 8 p.m. on the Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday following a Board Meeting.

Upcoming Public Meetings

All meetings are held at Village Hall (5127 Oakton Street).

Board of Trustees
November 2, 16

Plan Commission
November 5, 19

Appearance Commission
November 11

Zoning Board of Appeals
November 4, 18

Village Board Action

The Village Board recently approved the replacement of five ECG Monitor/Defibrillator/Pacer units currently in use by Fire Department Paramedics. Replacement of the existing units is part of an ongoing ECG Monitor/Defibrillator/Pacer replacement program designed to assist in the maintaining quality medical equipment and taking advantage of the latest technologies available for today's paramedics.

On October 7, 2015, the Village held a public hearing on the proposed Amended Downtown Science + Technology Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, as required under the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Act. The proposed amendment follows an extensive public notice period and review by the Joint Review Board comprised of the taxing jurisdictions overlapping the TIF District. The amended TIF District Plan includes revised boundaries and a budget adjustment which would allow for the potential use of TIF funds to address certain downtown parcels still in need of redevelopment following the expiration of the Village's Downtown TIF District in 2014. Following the public hearing, the Village Board of Trustee voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Joint Review Board that the Downtown Science + Technology TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved, as amended. ■

Support the Community Giving Program

Please consider participating in the 2015 Skokie Community Giving 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 to buy items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Last year nearly 200 families, representing approximately 550 individuals, received gift cards through the program.

Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by Friday, December 4, 2015. Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Skokie Community Giving Program on the memo line. Send donations to Human Services Division, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077.

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

Turn Back Time and Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It is time to reset your clocks! This year, Daylight Savings Time officially ends on Sunday, November 1, 2015 when clocks are set back one hour at 2 a.m.

The Skokie Fire Department also reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits when they reset their clocks. ■



November is American Diabetes Month

According to the American Diabetes Association, in 2012 there were 29 million Americans living with this disease. 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 consider getting tested for diabetes, especially if

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:

- physical inactivity
- parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- family background that is African American, Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander American
- giving birth to a baby weighing

more than nine pounds

- diabetes during pregnancy
- high blood pressure

The only way to know if you have diabetes is to be tested. The Skokie Health Department will test people who have never been diagnosed with diabetes. There is a \$5 fee for the test that requires an eight-hour fast.

Please call the Health Department at 847/933-8252 for more information or to schedule an appointment. ■

Keep Cats and Wildlife Safe

Cats are not allowed to roam free in Skokie

Did you know that cats are prohibited from roaming free in the Village? When your cat is outdoors it must remain on your property or be on a leash. Any cat found wandering will be deemed a nuisance and impounded for the safety of the pet and the welfare of the community.

According to a recent study by the American Bird Conservancy, outdoor cats kill more than four billion animals per year, including at least 500 million birds in the United States. Outdoor cats are one of the reasons that the number

of American birds are in decline. Roaming cats also create a nuisance by leaving stool or urine on neighboring properties. And outdoor cats often fall victim to dog or coyote attacks, drowning, poisoning, infectious diseases, deliberate acts of cruelty and being hit by a car.

For the welfare of your cat and neighborhood wildlife, please keep your cat indoors. For more information, or to report a roaming cat, please contact Skokie Animal Control at 847/933-8484. ■

Skunks in the Neighborhood

Skunks are a natural part of the environment. They are easy-going animals that will not intentionally hurt or bother people. If you encounter a skunk do not approach it, if you can: walk away. If not, convince it to walk away by clapping your hands, stomping your feet or talking in a loud voice, to gently scare it off.

To deter skunks from living on your property, clean and remove all piles of debris such as wood, concrete, lumber, landscape waste, etc. Damaged areas on structures (e.g. house, deck, shed, garage, and porches) should be repaired to eliminate burrowing sites.

If you discover a skunk burrow on your property, first check to see if the burrow is active by covering the hole with loose dirt. If a skunk burrow opens up you can encourage skunks to move elsewhere. Place ammonia-soaked rags in the burrow, then cover the burrow with dirt. This should be done for three days. If these efforts fail, an Animal Control Officer can issue a trap.



Also, be aware that it is illegal to trap any animals without a permit from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, a list of wildlife trapping services, or other assistance, contact the Skokie Health Department Animal Control at 847/933-8484. ■



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 4, 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Walk-in Clinic - Wednesday, November 11, 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call for vaccine fees.

Child Vaccinations*

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

Well Child Clinic*

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

Diabetes Screening*

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

Hearing Screening*

Friday, November 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, November 4, 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, November 4, 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

TB Skin Testing*

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

Lead Screening*

By appointment only. \$25 fee.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of November 23 (Thanksgiving)

Monday and Tuesday collections unchanged, attempt to complete Thursday and Friday collections on Wednesday.

Recycling Collection

Week of November 23 (Thanksgiving)

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

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

German is Fun!

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

Conversational Yiddish

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

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, November 10 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, November 4, 18 at 1:30 p.m., 5120 Galitz Street.

FOCUS (For Optically Challenged Upbeat Sorts)

Wednesday, November 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Silver Sing-a-long

Monday, November 30 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

Hosted by North Shore Senior Center. Please contact Lauretta Hart at 847/424-5661 or lhart@nssc.org if you would like to attend. This group meets Wednesday, November 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Skokie Public Library

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

**Young Steinway
Concert: Leevy
Williams, Cello**
Sunday, November 1 at 3 p.m.

**Great Young Adult
Authors: Meg
Wolitzer, Ally Condie
and Jandy Nelson**
Thursday, November 5 at 7
p.m.

**'French Twist' with
Jazz Vocalist Petra van
Nuis**
Sunday, November 8 at 3 p.m.

**Piece of Cake: Best
Cooking/Baking Apps**
Monday, November 9 at 3 p.m.

**New Urbanism in
Action**

Tuesday, November 10 at 7
p.m.

**Introduction to
Interior Design**
Wednesday, November 11 at
7 p.m.

The Fat Babies: Jazz
Sunday, November 15 at 3
p.m.

**Meet the Author:
Ethan Long**
Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

**Build a Website with
Wordpress.com**
Monday, November 30 at
6:30 p.m.



Skokie Park District

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

Jesus Christ Superstar

The Devonshire Playhouse presents six performances of the world-renowned stage production of Jesus Christ Superstar. One of the most popular stage shows of all-time, the show is a timeless work set against the backdrop of a universally-known series of biblical events, but seen through the unusual perspective of Judas. Andrew Lloyd Webber's very first show was nominated for eight Tony Awards over 40 years. \$13 - 16 tickets are available at the Devonshire Playhouse Box Office, or at SkokieParks.org. Saturdays, November 7, 14 and 21 at 7 p.m. Sundays, November 8, 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Street.

Figure Skating and Hockey Registration

Learn to skate at the Skatium Ice Arena! Hockey registration on November 8. Figure skating registration on November 20. For information call 847/674-1500, ext. 2900. Skatium Ice Arena, 9340 Weber Park Place.

Unique Birthday Parties

Celebrate family and children's birthdays with a variety of unusual themes, from nature, to history, 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.

**Duo Amal: Pianists
Bishara Haroni & Yaron
Kohlberg**
Sunday, November 1 at 3 p.m.

You Can't Take It With You
November 6 through December 13

Handicap This!
Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m.

I Am Jack
Thursday, November 12 and
Friday, November 13 at 10 a.m.

Maz Jobrani
Friday, November 13 at 8 p.m.

**Skokie Valley Symphony
Orchestra**
Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m.

Girl's Night: The Musical
Tuesday, November 17 and
Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30
p.m.

**Chase Palminteri - A
Bronx Tale**
Saturday, November 21 at 8 p.m.

Music of the Baroque
Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m.

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Did you know that you can receive email alerts notifying you that alternate-side parking is in effect after a significant snowfall? By subscribing, you can avoid being ticketed for violating alternate-side parking regulations due to snow.

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. Besides subscribing for email alerts, there are numerous ways to learn if Alternate-Side Parking is in effect:

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

For more information on the Alternate-Side Parking Program, please visit www.skokie.org. ■

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