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Environmental Practices Committee

The Village of Niles is popular place to live, run a business, and raise a family. Major factors contributing to the Village's popularity is it environment and livability.

Improving and maintaining environmental quality within our Village could be one of the most important issues we face. With increasing population and the demand for raw materials we must learn how to balance economic and social needs with the protection and preservation of our environment.

Actions that we take locally can contribute to the overall wellbeing of the environment, not only in Niles, but on a regional, national and global level as well.

The Village of Niles is committed to the protection of its environment and the livability of our community, so an Environmental Practices Committee is being formed to study and evaluate different ways the Village and its residents can lessen pollution and reduce energy consumption.

Residents who are interested in participating on the committee may contact the Village Clerk, Marlene J. Victorine at (847) 588-8003.



Niles Police Station Chosen as Illinois Great Place

The Village of Niles Joins a List of 150

The Village of Niles Police Station located at the northwest corner of Touhy and Milwaukee has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) as one of 150 Great Illinois Places.

The Great Places commemorate AIA's 150th anniversary and showcases the best of the best in Illinois. The recognition program was designed to broadly include the "built environment," which includes civil, landscape and engineering places, as well as architecture. Each place will receive a plaque commemorating its impact on the community experience, and will be featured on the Web site:

www.illinoisgreatplaces.com.

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Tom Bondi

Thank You For Your Dedication

Village Trustee Retires After 18 Years

After 18 years of dedicated and devoted service to the residents of Niles, Tom Bondi retired on April 30th from his position as Village Trustee.

Tom was born and raised in Chicago, he moved to Niles in 1964 with his wife Mary and two children Tom Bondi, Jr. and Laurie Strzelecki. Tom began his service with the Village of Niles in 1980 when he was appointed to the Village Zoning Board. During his service as a Zoning Board Commissioner, Tom was appointed Village Trustee to serve the remainder

of an uncompleted term. In April 1991, he was elected by the voters to continue his service as Trustee and has been reelected three times since.

During his career as Village Trustee, Tom has been part of the team that oversaw unprecedented economic growth. The many services that we now enjoy, combined with our low property tax rates, attest to the contributions that Tom has made.

Tom is the Chairman of the annual Fourth of July Parade. It's a labor of love, and each year he works to make the parade bigger and better than the year before.

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Mayor Blase and Fire Chief Barry Mueller congratulate John Sullivan (pictured here with his son) for a Niles Fire Department Commendation he received after his life saving actions assisting a choking victim with the Heimlich Maneuver.



Mayor Blase and Village Manager George Van Geem congratulate retiring Village Clerk Marcia Jendreas after six years of excellent and devoted service to the residents of Niles.



Mayor Blase and Trustee Bart Murphy are joined by Fire Chief Barry Mueller to congratulate retiring Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel P. Ryan, Sr. In addition to being an excellent Firefighter/Paramedic, Dan was a skilled Arson Investigator and member of the Technical Rescue Team.

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TDD.....	588-8059
Finance Department.....	588-8000
Community Development.....	588-8040
Fire Department.....	588-6800
Police Department.....	588-6500
Consumer Fraud.....	588-6524
Public Services.....	588-7900
Human Services.....	588-8460
TDD.....	588-8440
Senior Center.....	588-8420
TDD.....	588-8487
Family Fitness Center.....	588-8400
TDD.....	588-8433
Free Bus System.....	588-7960
Niles Teen Center.....	663-9185

Community News

--Milwaukee Ave-- Streetscape Goals Set



The Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Committee conducted site visits of streetscape projects within Skokie, Morton Grove, Wheeling, and Libertyville. These site visits allowed the members of the committee to better understand streetscape methods and materials.

At the second meeting of that month, the Streetscape Committee discussed the site visits in detail by reviewing those elements the committee felt would work well for the Milwaukee Avenue streetscape project. The committee also established goals for the project.

Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project Goals

The overall goal of the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project is to enhance the corridor's character and commercial viability through attracting people to the area and spurring redevelopment with carefully planned pedestrian safety improvements and the incorporation of decorative streetscape elements in a creative, cost effective manner.

- * Improve pedestrian safety
- * Enhance pedestrian experience
- * Creative, sensible, & cost effective solutions to increase impact
- * Ensure that existing businesses experience as little business disruption as possible during construction

Please go to www.vniles.com for the latest information or contact Assistant Village Manager Steven Vinezeano at 847-588-8007 or scv@vniles.com. We want to hear from you!



Avoid Mosquito Bites The Threat of West Nile Remains

Use Insect Repellent on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. When weather permits, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spray clothes with repellent to give extra protection. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin. Do not spray repellent on the skin under your clothing.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for mosquitoes. Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing during these hours -- or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.

Home Computer/Electronics Program



SWANCC is offering a more convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics. The new initiative is called the At Home Computer/Electronics Program. This option is for residents who would prefer to have their equipment picked up from their front steps.

The cost for this program is \$25 via credit card to offset program costs. To learn more, contact SWANCC at athome@swancc.org or call (847) 724-9205 ext. 9 to arrange for a pick-up.



Tom Bondi pictured with family.

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Over the years, Tom has volunteered his time and talent in many of our civic organizations. He has always enjoyed utilizing his skills and talents to improve the community.

As Tom Bondi leaves the Village Board, he takes with him a vast amount of knowledge and experience - he will be truly missed. Our best wishes to you Tom, on your retirement.

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Each location holds significance for people in their respective communities and creates an experience for visitors, as was AIA Illinois' intention. "We wanted a modern and unique building designed by an architect with the right experience," says Police Chief Dean Strzelecki. "We are very proud of this corner which is now a gateway to Niles."

The Great Places list spans the entire period of human settlement in Illinois, which gives it a strong historical dimension. It isn't meant to be a 'greatest hits' but rather a way of 'setting the standard' for future developments.

Leaning Tower Concert Series



The Village of Niles welcomes Howard Street Inn to the 2007 Leaning Tower Concert Series as the concert vendor. Howard Street Inn is located at 6700 W. Howard Street in Niles on the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. They serve everything from salads and sandwiches to steaks, burgers and pizza.

Howard Street Inn, a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, opened their doors in March of 2003 and is open 7 days a week all year around.

The Village of Niles is happy to have Howard Street Inn at the Leaning Tower Concert Series this summer!



Bring your
own lawn
chair

JULY

July 12 - Enzo Incandela & Al Anile

Enzo Incandela and Al Anile return to kickoff the 2007 Leaning Tower Concert Series with brilliant Italian music. You will not be able to resist singing, laughing, and clapping to the performance. Italian music at it's best!

July 19 - Undercover

Rock and roll with Undercover. The band plays a fun-loving mix of classic rock and oldies. You are guaranteed to be grooving to recognizable songs from the 50s to the 90s. There's something for everyone: unforgettable dance tunes to favorite sing alongs.

July 26 - Jimmy Damon

A favorite act from last season, Jimmy Damon is the only singer authorized by Frank Sinatra to perform his music during his lifetime. Jimmy Damon has been gigging around Chicago since 1971, when dim candles and long playing records still stood for something.

Free Concerts Every Thursday

6300 W. Touhy Avenue

July 12 through August 30, 2007

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Village of Niles, (847) 588-8000



Enjoy food
fun, and
music

AUGUST

August 2 - British Exports

Featuring the ultimate Beatles tribute show for over a decade. Originally formed in Chicago, Illinois back in 1994, the band has performed for tens of thousands of fans at some of the most prestigious events in the world.

August 9 - White Saddle Band

Another favorite act from last season, White Saddle Band, a little country, a little rock & roll, and a lot of fun!

August 16 - Grand Avenue Big Band

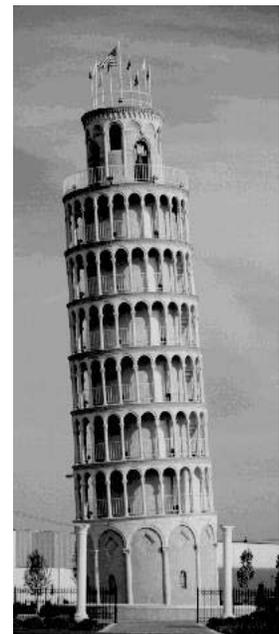
A new act this season, the Grand Avenue Big Band has its roots in the music of the traditional big bands of the late 1930s and early 1940s, yet offering music from the 1950s into the new millennium.

August 23 - Stuck in the 1950's

Back by popular demand, a doo-wop from the 1950s. They do all the favorite artists, from Elvis, Roy, Buddy, Bobby and Chuck, and more favorite artists from the 50s.

August 30 - Steve Meisner

We welcome back one of our series regulars, Steve Meisner from Whitewater, Wisconsin. Steve is a multi-talented polka musician, composer & arranger.



Human Services

Niles Senior Center Activities

by Kelly Mickle, Director of Senior Services



New Computer Lab!

The Niles Senior Center is proud to announce the the new computer lab which opened on Thursday, April 5th. The computer lab was made possible by generous donations from Super H Mart, Wal-Mart, and Powers and Son's Construction company.

Shown in the picture is Trustee Louella Preston and Senior Center members Walter Bialka and Efraim Siegel.



Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart's Cell Phones for Seniors program provides a free 911 emergency cell phone to Cook County residents over the age of 65, who DO NOT have a cell phone.

Having a cell phone that can reach emergency services offers seniors an extra measure of security as they are driving, taking public transportation or participating in outdoor activities.

On April 5, 2007 representatives from the Cell Phones for Seniors Program distributed a phone, two batteries, and a charger to the 150 seniors that registered for the event. The program will be repeated on Thursday, October 4, 2007. Registration is required.

Residents who would like to donate unwanted cell phones can drop them off at the Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive.

The Sheriff's cell phone program will accept any cell phone whether it is in working condition or not. Even components of cellular telephones will be accepted.

Pictured: Katie Walsh gives instruction on how to access 911 on an emergency cellular telephone.

Depression- What? Who? Treatment?

by Marty Friedman, Director of Family Services

What Is Depression?



Depression is a common emotional disorder. It affects the body and mind. It can occur at any age. Depression is believed to be caused by a combination of biological and psychological factors. Many believe depression runs in families. Some specialists believe that depression is a reaction to loss, a form of grieving, or anger and aggression turned inward.

Signs of Depression:

Depression can feel different for each person. Here are some of the signs to look for: persistent feelings of sadness, difficulty concentrating, weight loss or gain, social withdrawal, loss of interest in usual activities, feelings of worthlessness, anxiety, irritability, worry, and trouble getting out of bed.

Who is At Risk?

No one really knows what triggers depression for some and not for others. We do know there is a chemical balance that shifts for those experiencing depression. Those with family members who are or have been depressed are twice as likely as the average individual to become depressed. Abusers of drugs and alcohol are at an increased risk, as well as those who have a chronic illness. Anyone can be depressed and that's why everyone should know more about it.

Treatment:

It is important to consult with a physician or mental health professional regarding treatment. There are many types of depression, and therefore the course of treatment can vary from one person to another. This may include: therapy, exercise, support groups, herbal medicines, dietary supplements, acupuncture, phototherapy, and medication. Antidepressant medications are not addictive and usually takes two to four weeks to feel any benefit.

For further information or help call Niles Family Service at 588-8460!

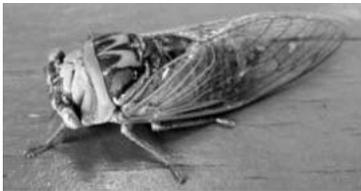


Be Safe During Lightning Storms

by Deputy Fire Chief Steve Borkowski

Outdoor Safety Tips

- * If thunder storms are forecast, consider postponing outdoor activities.
- * Make sure someone in your group monitors the weather conditions. The static from an AM radio frequency can also alert you to approaching thunderstorms.
- * When you see lightning-start counting. If you cannot count to 30 before you hear the thunder, then get indoors immediately! Once indoors, stay there for 30 minutes after hearing the last rumble of thunder before resuming outside activities. CAUTION: This is a guideline and is not useful if a thunderstorm is actually forming overhead.
- * Stop activities in or near water and seek shelter.
- * The best shelter from lightning is a building.
- * AVOID car ports, porches, garages, sheds, tents, baseball dugouts, or under bleachers.
- * STAY AWAY from trees, electrical poles, or other tall objects.
- * If your hair stands on end, or you experience a tingling sensation - lightning may strike soon! DO NOT LIE FLAT ON THE GROUND! Crouch down on the balls of your feet to create the lowest profile.



Cicadas Are Coming

Under the still-chilled dirt of northern Illinois, a brood of cicada nymphs is starting to stir. In less than a month, what is known as the 'Northern Illinois

Brood' of cicadas, will start to emerge.

There are at least three species cicadas and most are either on a 13-year or 17-year cycle. Scientists group the cicadas into 'broods' based on the year they emerge. The largest brood is believed to be the 17-year 'Northern Illinois Brood'.

The cicada's life cycle is unique. The nymph form lives underground where it feeds on plant roots for 13 or 17 years. When ready to emerge, the nymph digs an exit tunnel to the surface. Once above ground, it seeks cover in vegetation and molts into the adult form of cicada complete with wings.

Adult cicadas live for a few short weeks during which time the males produce a raspy, loud mating song aimed at wooing a female. If he succeeds, they mate and soon after the male dies. The female survives just long enough to lay her eggs.

The eggs hatch after about ten weeks and the nymphs plummet to the ground and dig their way down into the soil where they remain for another cycle.



Protect Your Vehicle From Vehicle Burglars

By Deputy Chief Charles Giovannelli

In cooperation with the Skokie Police Department, the Niles Police Department has made several recent arrests of burglars targeting vehicles with expensive electronic devices/gadgets that are left behind by motorists. This is evidently a regional problem.

To keep all of your property safe, consider the following:

- * Always lock your vehicle and close all windows.
- * Park your vehicle in a well-illuminated area.
- * Avoid parking in isolated areas.
- * Park in a secure garage.
- * Avoid strangers if you experience vehicle problems.
- * Do not leave valuable documents, such as the title, in the vehicle.
- * Consider an alarm for your vehicle.
- * Remove all items of value from plain view, especially electronic devices such as: MP3 Players, GPS Unit, Cell Phones, Stereos w/ Face Plates, Lap-Tops.

Call the Niles Police Department at 847/588-6500 if you see anything suspicious or if it is an emergency dial 911.

Water Sprinkling Restriction

The Federal Water Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Water Resources require municipalities to enact outdoor water sprinkling restrictions.

All outside watering between the hours of noon and 6:00 p.m. is prohibited on every day of the week from May 15th through September 15th

Generally, watering during this time of day is ineffective due to the fast evaporation rates, therefore delaying watering to the best possible times helps conserve water. All Niles citizens are urged to follow the sprinkling restrictions. This will help maintain adequate water pressure for fire fighting as a protection for your home or business.

Public Services



The Emerald Ash Borer In Niles?

To Date None Have Been Found in the Village of Niles

Question: What is small enough to fit on a penny, but strong enough to kill a tree?

Answer: The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Since the first EAB infestation in Michigan in 2002, more than 20 million Ash trees throughout the United States and Canada have been lost to this metallic-green beetle.

This destructive pest is native to Asia, and was found in Kane County, Illinois on June 9, 2006. More recently discoveries of the EAB were made in Wilmette, Evanston and Winnetka. As it only attacks Ash trees, the Village of Niles is asking residents to watch for any signs of the EAB infestation in Ash trees.

Information describing the pest and symptoms of tree infestation are available from the Public Services Department, or on the Village's website at www.vniles.com. Residents may also request the Public Services Department to inspect any Ash tree suspected of having an EAB infestation.

More details will be made available in the coming months as a comprehensive strategy to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer develops..

FREE Branch Collection

Free branch collection begins in April and runs through September. Collection is provided to residents once a month according to the following schedule:

" For residents living **EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVENUE**, free branch collection begins the week of April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th and September 4th.

" For residents living **WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVENUE**, free branch collection begins the week of April 30th, May 29th, June 25th, July 30th, August 27th, and September 24th.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- " Place branches at the curb on the appropriate date for pickup sometime during the week.
- " Branches must be less than 10 inches in diameter.
- " Branches should be tied in bundles no more than 18 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length (one person must be able to lift bundle).
- " No stumps, roots or dirt.
- " Yard waste bags or stickers are not required for this service.
- " Larger sized logs and branches should be disposed of by a tree service or landscaper hired by the homeowner.

Remember, branches placed at the curb on the appropriate Monday morning will be picked up during that week, not necessarily that Monday.



Rent a 65-Gallon Groot Cart Only \$27 a Year

Do you find that a 35-gallon refuse can is just not big enough for your garbage needs? Do you find it difficult to store several small cans in your garage? Do you find yourself with a refuse can that is too large for proper collection by Groot?

Through an agreement with the Village of Niles, Groot Industries will rent one or more "heavy-duty" 65-gallon Groot Refuse Carts to residents for only \$2.25 per month or \$27 per year. The refuse carts are specially designed for the hydraulic lifts on Groot trucks. Call Groot Today to order.



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