

Focus on Niles

Fall 2012

Village of Niles, Illinois

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Although there was plenty of heat this past July, families from the community still turned out in record numbers to enjoy the annual Independence Day parade and post-parade entertainment at Grennan Heights Park. The Village of Niles and the Niles Park District have collaborated on these events for many years, but it is the employees and volunteers who pull it all together and make it happen for all of us to enjoy!

This past summer was one of the hottest on record, so our cooling centers have been quite active assisting residents in need. I thank all who helped throughout the community by checking on neighbors who may not have had the benefit of air conditioning. This is what makes Niles the great community that it is.

We are moving forward on our long-term commitment for a comprehensive stormwater improvement plan. The Stormwater Commission and the engineering firm of Hey and Associates have presented their plans for Phase I capital improvements, which were approved and funded by the Niles Board of Trustees. Also funded was a flood control assistance program to assist eligible homeowners who suffer chronic sewer backup or overland flooding. Please review the complete

article in this issue on page 6.

Through the implementation of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan, citizens can expect to see a continued open and responsive government, community beautification efforts, family friendliness, and the ongoing revitalization of key economically important commercial corridors. The 2030 Plan encapsulates these ideals and more to be developed by the Niles 2030 Implementation Committee.

The economy is still a major concern for the municipality and its citizens. We are controlling costs, yet trying not to impact or eliminate essential services we all expect and enjoy. Village personnel from all departments have performed admirably during this economically challenging period and I take this opportunity to thank them for a job well done.

As we move into the Fall, please do your part to help keep the fallen leaves from sewer grates and from blocking the proper operation of village sewers. Also, please shop our Niles merchants and take advantage of the popular "Dine-In-Niles" discount program.

Robert M. Callero



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Presidential General Election November 6, 2012

By Village Clerk Marlene Victorine



Register to Vote:

At Village Hall before October 9, 2012. To register to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day. You must display two pieces of identification and one must include your current address. Registration forms are also available online.

Early Vote at Niles Village Hall:

Early voting begins Monday, October 22 through Saturday, November 3, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, including Saturdays. State law requires early voters to display a valid photo ID. Any registered suburban Cook County voter may vote at any early voting site.

Vote by Mail (Absentee Ballot):

Voting by mail is a convenient way to cast your ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day. Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason.

Check your registration status or polling location

at www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections or contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-588-8000.

Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program



The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Clean Air Counts Campaign continue to offer the Energy Savings Program for residents and small businesses. With the Energy Savings Program, you pay a fixed rate that is guaranteed to be lower than ComEd's current rate of 6.932 cents per kWh. Currently the ESP rate is 5.85 cents/kWh for residential and 5.35 cents/kWh for small business.

To enroll online, visit www.cleanaircounts.org and look for the Energy Savings Program Sign-up link. Have your ComEd bill ready. Questions? Or prefer to enroll by phone? Call 1-877-549-8790.



It's Never Too Late To Save!

In addition to paying less, those who sign-up with the program also receive a package of four 60-watt equivalent compact fluorescent light bulbs from Clean Air Counts that use 25% of the energy as regular bulbs and last 10 times longer.

Electronics Waste Disposal

SWANCC Glenview Transfer Station Open Saturdays Only

What do you do if you have a TV, computer monitor, desktop/notebook computer and other e-waste that you no longer need? These items cannot be placed at the curb for refuse collection and must now be recycled. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has a permanent electronics collection site at the Glenview Transfer Station located at 1151 N. River Road that is open on **Saturdays only**. Saturday drop-off is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Transfer Station is closed September 8 and November 24, 2012.

Additional permanent drop-off locations and one-day drop-off locations can be found at the SWANCC website www.swancc.org or by calling 847-724-9205.



www.swancc.org



Village of Niles Phone Numbers

Emergency.....	911
Village Hall.....	(847) 588-8000
Village Hall TDD.....	(847) 588-8059
Mayor's Office.....	(847) 588-8003
Village Clerk's Office.....	(847) 588-8003
Finance Department.....	(847) 588-8000
Community Development.....	(847) 588-8040
Health Department	(847) 588-8045
Fire Department.....	(847) 588-6800
Police Department.....	(847) 588-6500
Public Services	(847) 588-7900
Family Services.....	(847) 588-8460
Senior Center	(847) 588-8420
Family Fitness Center.....	(847) 588-8400
Niles Teen Center.....	(847) 375-8949
Niles Free Bus.....	(847) 588-7960

Niles Historical Society & Museum Exhibits For The Whole Family



The Museum has several continuous exhibits: turn-of-the-century kitchen, schoolroom, and a carriage room that houses a 1916 Model "T" Touring car, covered wagon, bakery wagon, and

a barbershop, which was also the dentist office at the time!

Our newest exhibit, which continues to change and grow, is the Niles Notables room, containing the mementoes, awards and history of those many Niles sites that made it to the "big time" in their field.

The Museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free! We also have many wonderful programs every 4th Sunday of the month. Again, admission is FREE!



West Nile Virus Increased Risk for Infection

Because the weather has been hot and dry, flood water mosquitoes, which are nuisance mosquitoes, are in low numbers. In contrast, this summer has favored the "Culex" Northern House Mosquito, which is the primary transmitter of West Nile Virus. This mosquito is out at night and if it enters into the home will bite one while sleeping. This year's infected mosquito numbers are approaching 2005 levels which had 252 human cases and 12 deaths.

The bottom line is to use mosquito repellent when outdoors after dusk. Do not get lulled into a false sense of security with the lack of mosquito bites. This is a serious disease! Play it safe!!!

- Health Officer

Niles Garden Club Come Join The Newly Formed Club

Enjoy all the benefits of gardening with the Niles Garden Club and no dues. Participate by attending monthly meetings at the Niles Public Library. Meetings offer programs that include helpful information, guest speakers, hands-on projects, and the opportunity to share your gardening experiences and learn from others.

FUTURE GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMS

- September 16 - Neighborhood Garden Walk
- October 7 - Prepare Your Garden for Winter
- November 4 - Repotting Plants Indoors

For additional information on the Niles Garden Club, call Librarian Maryellen Essig at 847-663-6422 or Cyndi Rademacher at 847-663-6614.

Meetings are from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive

A Fall of Programs and Activity By Senior Center Director Kelly Mickle



Flu Vaccinations. Meijer's Pharmacists will provide flu vaccinations at the Senior Center on October 2 and October 3 between 9:30 -11:30 a.m. and

1:30 -3:30 p.m. Sign up by calling 847-588-8420. Medicare B will be billed; \$20 for those individuals not covered by Medicare.



Low Vision Fair. Niles Public Library will sponsor this fair on September 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The fair will include 30+ exhibitors of low vision aids, products, and information. Glenbrook Hospital will offer Glaucoma screenings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Dr. Stephen Conti of the

Retina Institute of Illinois will speak on macular degeneration at 11:00 a.m. No registration and no charge!



I Love Lucy Live on Stage. We will go downtown to Water Tower Place on October 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to enjoy a day downtown and a show. We arrive

early with time to shop and have lunch on your own. We will then experience the brand new hit musical stage show adapted from the longest-running and most beloved television program in history - "I Love Lucy." Imagine it's 1952

and you are a member of the studio audience awaiting the filming of two hilarious and oh so familiar "I Love Lucy" episodes. Pre-registration required.



advance.

6th Annual Variety Show. See the best of the best on October 6 at 2:00 p.m. There will be singing, dancing, light refreshments and more. Save by buying tickets in



11th Annual Pet Parade. October 8 at 1:00 p.m. KIDS WELCOME. Join us as we welcome all furry, winged, scaly, or any other variety of pet to this year's pet parade. If you are planning to take part, please register your pet by Monday, October 1.



Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.

Open enrollment begins October 15th. Are you considering enrolling in or changing your Medicare D plan? During the annual election period from October 15 through December 7, you can add, drop, or change your Part D coverage. Your new coverage will begin on January 1, 2012. If you currently have Medicare prescription coverage, you should review your coverage during this period. You might want to switch Medicare drug plans if another plan better meets your needs.

This is the only time of the year that you can do this, unless you qualify for an exception. For more information, please contact the Senior Center.

TEENS!

The Niles Teen Center

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The Niles Teen Center, located inside of Golf Mill Mall, provides a welcoming, structured and safe environment for teens to spend time with friends, receive homework assistance, play games, and develop social skills. Also, the Niles Teen Center promotes community service opportunities,

special activities and trips, and educational programs.

Fall programs include the "Back to School" Dance, "Lights On After School" Information Fair and Rally, monthly movie nights, a trip to Great America for "Fright Fest," ghost stories, and

arts and crafts.

For more information on the Niles Teen Center visit us on the web at www.NilesTeenCenter.org, call (847) 375-8949 or stop by the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill Shopping Mall.

Police Department

7000 Touhy Avenue

Become A Citizen Observer

By Joseph Penze



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The Niles Police Department now utilizes Citizen Observer to provide email and texting alerts to the community. Citizen Observer utilizes state of the art technology to send or receive text tips and email tips. In addition, residents can get tips, alerts, traffic alerts and text interactions through Citizen Observer. Citizen Observer merges the Niles Police Department's Facebook page and Twitter feed as well as uses smart phone technology to keep you informed about what is going on in Niles.

To sign up for Citizen Observer alerts, you can simply go to the Niles Police Department website via www.nilespd.com or by scanning the QR Code to the left into any smart phone QR reader. You can then click on the Citizen Observer Icon to register for the alerts. While you are there, like us on our Facebook page at either www.nilespd.com by clicking on the "Like" icon or by going to www.facebook.com/NilesPDIL. Do not "text" while driving!

Fire Department

8360 Dempster Street

Fall Fire Safety Tips

By Chief Steve Borkowski



The Fall season brings cooler temperatures and I would like you to stay safe with the following safety tips for fireplaces and wood stoves.

Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air improving combustion and keeping creosote from building up in the chimney.
- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install thermometers to monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open.

Safely Burn Fuels

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely with less smoke.

- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on the supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.

Protect the Outside of Your Home

- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30' away from home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves and pine needles.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

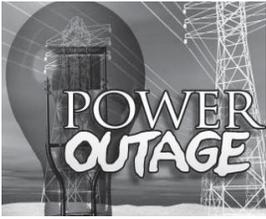
Protect the Inside of Your Home

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to ensure all heating equipment is properly vented.

If you have any questions about this topic or any fire safety topic, please contact the Niles Fire Department at 847-588-6800.



ComEd Power Outage Your Calls to 1-800-Edison-I Matter



If you have an outage at any time, it is very important for you to contact ComEd and report it immediately. The information you provide allows ComEd to better evaluate the power system within the Village for chronic

issues and helps track outages in your area.

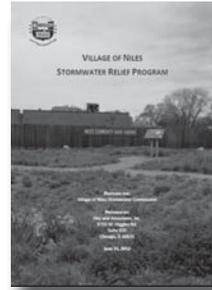
There are new ways that you can report outages:

Mobile Device: Text “OUT.” Subscribers to Outage Alerts can quickly report an outage by texting “OUT” to 26633. You will also receive notifications when an outage has been reported at your address, and get ongoing updates as the status of your outage changes.

Mobile Device: Report in App. Use the free ComEd Mobile App to quickly report an outage from a smart phone device. The app will also provide notifications as the outage status is updated.

Online Account: Log In. Log in to your account to report your outage online. Your online account provides system status, the availability to report your outage, and ongoing updates as your outage status changes. Visit www.comed.com.

Stormwater Commission Stormwater Relief Program Approved



This past June, the Board of Trustees approved the Stormwater Relief Program consisting of a much needed capital projects program to target the most frequent and concentrated flooding and a flood control assistance program to help homeowners who historically suffer from sewage

backup or overland flooding conditions.

The capital improvement projects are planned to be implemented over a six-year period. Years one and two will heavily focus on preliminary engineering, as well as the implementation of several “small projects.” Once preliminary engineering is successfully completed, the project will be advanced to the final engineering and construction stages.

In an effort to provide immediate assistance to qualified households suffering from chronic sewer backup or overland flooding, the Flood Control Assistance Program was developed. This program has two primary goals: to reduce backup of sewage into basements and to reduce overland flooding.

Visit www.vniles.com to view the final report.

** Flood Control Assistance ** Pre-Applications Available

Homeowners who currently occupy single-family and multi-family homes that experience sewage backup or overland flooding are eligible to apply for the Flood Control Assistance Program. Homeowners who qualify and meet established requirements are eligible to receive 50% of the improvement costs, up to a maximum of \$4,000. There are two types of limited assistance available:

1. Sewer Backup Protection. Currently the home has no flood control and the homeowner wants to install an overhead sewer, backwater valve or check valve to prevent sewer backup.

2. Overland Flooding Protection. Currently the home suffers from direct flooding through doors, windows and/or over foundations.

Some eligibility requirements include proof of home ownership/occupancy; proof of previous flooding; a functioning lateral; no stormwater violations; three detailed proposals from licensed/bonded contractors. Previously installed systems do not qualify.

Beginning September 1, 2012, a Flood Control Assistance Guide and Pre-Application Form are available online at www.vniles.com and at Village Hall. There will be a two month pre-application submission period. Pre-Applicants will be contacted by the Village for an on-site inspection.

Public Services

6849 Touhy Avenue



ComEd Electrical Transformers

Do you have one of these in your side or rear yard? If so, it is a ComEd electrical ground transformer and

property owners are required to keep a 10 foot clearance around it for easy access and operational activities.



There are areas within the Village where these transformers are blocked by new sod, fences, and even wood piles, which could cause flooding of the unit and possibly a power outage for you and neighbors. If there is an

issue with a blocked transformer, especially during an emergency, any improvements around it may need to be removed or may potentially be damaged.



Niles Free Bus

“It takes you where you need to go.”

First Quarter Courtesy Bus Ridership

April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Bus Route	Ridership
411 Regular	26,434
411 Reverse	27,181
412 North Special	19,235
413 South Special	5,627
TOTALS	78,477

The Village has many ways for you to Reuse, Reduce, Recycle



Batteries

Village Hall, Senior Center & Public Services

- Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V
- Rechargeable: NiCd, NiMh, lithium polymer.

A daily drop-off for rechargeable batteries, which should be placed in a sealed plastic storage bag.



CFL Bulbs
Senior Center & Public Services

A daily drop-off for CFL bulbs that should be transported in a sealed plastic storage bag.



Cell Phones

Village Hall & Senior Center

A daily drop-off for unwanted cell phones with specially marked plastic storage bags on-site for your use.



American Flags
Family Fitness Center

A Daily Niles Historical Museum collection for old flags that are delivered to the Glenview American Legion for proper disposal.



Medications/Sharps
Senior Center

The next collection is October 10.



Eye Glasses
Senior Center

The Niles Lions Club has a daily drop-off site for prescription eye-glasses at the Niles Senior Center.



Holiday Lights
Fitness Center & Public Services

This collection is seasonal.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Public Services

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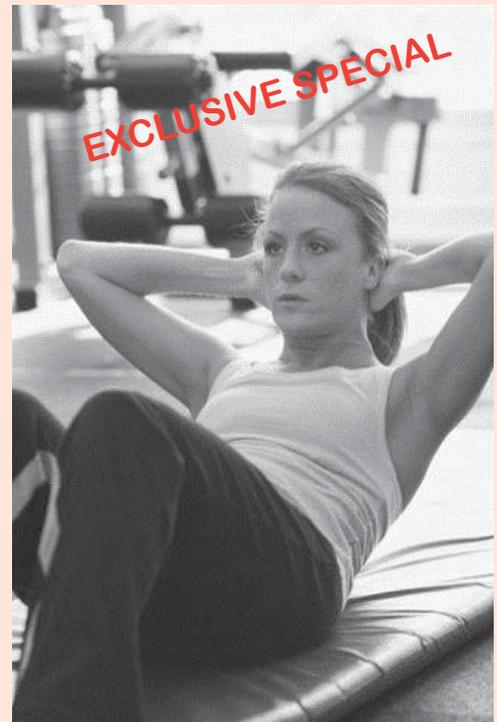
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