

Focus on Niles

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Village of Niles, Illinois

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A Holiday Message From Mayor Callero

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The Christmas season is upon us, and as we prepare to close out another year, I am writing to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. We are truly blessed to live in a wonderful village. Once all the hustle and bustle is put aside, family, friends, and those we love are what is really important and add real value to our daily lives.

We should also not forget our neighbors in need who are less fortunate than us. Throughout the year, the Niles Family Services staff are actively working every day to help Niles families who have fallen on hard times. The holidays can be especially difficult as more families are in need with fewer resources.

If you, your family, club or even your work team would like to give locally, consider contacting the Niles Family Services Department at (847) 588-8460. They could use nonperishable food donations for the food pantry, cash donations for emergency utility needs or even donations of holiday gifts for children.

Shopping locally at Village of Niles stores and shops this holiday season benefits everyone, including helping to keep municipal service at levels we can all truly appreciate.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village of Niles staff, I would like to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and a very happy and healthy New Year!

Very truly yours,



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This Holiday Season
At Niles Stores



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**Consolidated General Election
Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

By Village Clerk Marlene Victorine



The Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Niles will be accepting candidate petitions for the following positions: Village President (four-year term) and three

Village Trustees (four-year terms).

A Candidate's Guide is available from the Illinois State Board of Elections www.elections.il.gov or call (312) 814-6440. Information is also available from the Cook County Clerk's Office www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections or call (312) 603-0906.

The filing period for candidates seeking election at the Consolidated Election, April 9, 2013, is December 17-24, 2012. File petitions in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**"It takes you where you need to go."
Third Quarter Courtesy Bus Ridership
July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012**

<u>Bus Route</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
411 Regular	26,996
411 Reverse	27,194
412 North Special	19,732
413 South Special	5,129
TOTALS	79,051

**Plaza Art Contest
ATTENTION: High School Artists!**



The Niles Plaza Art Committee is pleased to announce a contest to design a work of outdoor public art to be placed adjacent to the new Village sign in the plaza outside of the Niles Administration Building.

The winner will receive a cash award of \$1,000. The theme for the artwork is "The Family," in recognition of the Bloomberg designation of Niles as the Best Place to Raise a Family in America.

The contest is open to all high school students who reside in the Village of Niles. Entry forms are available on the Village of Niles website – www.vniles.com. Deadline for receipt of entries is January 15, 2013. Designs will be accepted via email to plaza@vniles.com or by U.S. mail or hand delivery to the Village of Niles Administration Building; Attn: Niles Plaza Art Committee.

Family members of either the Niles Village Board or members of the Niles Plaza Art Committee are not eligible to participate.

**Niles Free Bus Service Changes
Effective January 1, 2013**

All Niles Free Bus Routes 411, 412, 413

No bus service on the following Village-observed holidays:

- Presidents' Day - February 18, 2013*
- Spring Holiday - March 29, 2013*
- Veterans Day - November 11, 2013*

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Route 413 - Niles South End Special

Discontinued weekend service

Weekday service ending at 4:10PM

For more information call (847) 588-7960

OPEN HOUSE

NILES ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Niles Public Library
6960 West Oakton Street
Niles, IL 60714



On Tuesday, December 4, the Village of Niles will host a public open house for the Niles Environmental Action Plan at the Niles Public Library. The Environmental Action Plan builds upon the community's previous sustainability efforts and will guide growth and decision-making for years to come.

The draft plan will be available for public review and comment. Topics will include: development, transportation, waste and recycling, water, and energy efficiency.

The purpose of the open house is to receive community input prior to beginning the formal review process with the Village Board and other officials.

No formal presentation will be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time between **4:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

For more information on the EAP, visit CMAP's Niles project web page (www.cmap.illinois.gov/niles). Please contact Kristin Ihnchak (bvallecillos@cmmap.illinois.gov or **312-868-8623**) with questions.



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Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

Environmental Practices Committee Holiday Light Recycling Program



The Environmental Practices Committee wants to recycle your broken and outdated strings of holiday lights! We will take old extension cords too! This recycling program is sponsored by the Village of Niles, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), and Elgin Recycling, Inc. The collected material will be chopped, separated, baled and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.

When to Drop Off Holiday Lights

November 1 - February 29
During normal business hours

Where to Drop Off Holiday Lights

Niles Family Fitness Center
987 Civic Center Drive
&
Public Services Building
6849 W. Touhy Avenue

Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program



The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Clean Air Counts Campaign continue to offer the Energy Savings Program (ESP) for residents. With the ESP, you pay a fixed rate that is guaranteed to be lower than ComEd's rate. Currently the ESP rate is 28.52% lower than ComEd.

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 receive a package of four compact fluorescent light bulbs from Clean Air Counts that use 25% of the energy as regular bulbs and last 10 times longer.

Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive



Dreidel Tournament & Hanukkah Party.

We've added a very special treat this year – live music. The day begins with a rousing dreidel tournament with prizes, followed by a delicious lunch, and the Jeff and Janis

Duo, singing your favorite Hanukkah songs as well as some classic and contemporary holiday songs. Tuesday, December 11, 10:30am-1:30pm. \$12M/\$17NM

A Winter of Programs and Activities By Senior Center Director Kelly Mickle



Holiday Giving Tree. This year we are joining forces with Niles Family Services and Culver School. The Giving Tree will be in the lobby of the NSC beginning Monday, November 26, full of ornaments that have a gift or gift card written on the back that you can purchase. Please return all gifts and ornaments to the NSC by Wednesday, December 12. Let's join together and make someone's holiday season special.



A Noon-Year Celebration. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the New Year with an elegant lunch including salad, chicken parmesan, vesuvio potatoes, steamed vegetables and dessert. Entertainment will be followed by Chicago's own

Peter Oprisko and his 4-piece band, a premiere interpreter of treasured traditional adult Pop, Jazz, and Tin Pan Alley standards. We will end the afternoon with a traditional New Years champagne toast. Thursday, January 3, 12:00-3:00pm. \$15M/\$20NM



Annual Holiday Party. Join us at the White Eagle, 6839 Milwaukee, Niles as we kick off the holiday season with a spectacular afternoon of dining and entertainment Friday, December 7, 11:15am-3:00pm. Lunch will feature a delicious family-style meal followed by the music of the Brighton Park Connection. The afternoon will include both table raffles and door prizes. There is reserved seating for this event so be sure to pick up your table reservation form. Everyone should fill out a form even if you are coming alone. No more than ten people can be seated at a table. \$30M/\$35NM



Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit

Trip. At the Museum of Science and Industry, it's the Great Exhibit, Charlie Brown! Explore the history of Charlie Brown and Charles Schulz. See Schulz's role as the sole inspiration and artistic talent behind Peanuts and its unique cast of characters. At the

Center, we will enjoy lunch featuring a half slab of ribs, baked potato, coleslaw, and dessert. Thursday, January 24, 2013, 10:30am-4:00pm. \$55M/\$60NM.

TEENS!

The Niles Teen Center

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Mayor Bob Callero congratulates Teen Center Director Mark Williams, Monika Kalicki of Golf Mill and Amanda Napravnik of JC Penney for their contributions to the Lights On After School program.

On Thursday, October 18, Niles celebrated our 2nd Annual Lights On Afterschool event, a national awareness day to draw attention to the importance of afterschool programming. About 300 kids and parents attended the event.

We hosted an information fair of 20 youth related organizations and businesses, featured 2 dance performances and 1 martial arts demonstration, a ceramics project, a tile

art project, game tournaments and a rally. We had the Leaning Tower Monument lit in blue for the week to draw attention to the event. TLC: Total Learning Community brought 70 kids from 3 of their afterschool sites.

Thanks to Mayor Callero, Niles Public Works, Golf Mill Shopping Mall, JC Penney and TLC for their support and involvement in this event.

Police Department

7000 Touhy Avenue

The Illinois Yellow Dot Program By Sgt. Robert Tornabene



The Illinois Yellow Dot program is a statewide initiative designed to provide vital medical information on vehicle drivers or passengers. The Niles Police Department and Niles Fire Department have partnered to offer this program.

Treatment received for a traumatic injury during the hour immediately following an accident, the “Golden Hour,” offers the best chance of survival. Participation in the Illinois Yellow Dot Program will give first responders the vital medical information they need to provide appropriate treatment. Here’s what you need:

1. Photograph: A photograph, clearly identifying the program participant, must be placed in the designated spot on the Yellow Dot Medical Card.
2. Personal Information: This must include the participant’s name, emergency contact, personal physician, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and current medications. The completed form goes in your glove box.
3. Yellow Dot: The Decal must be placed on the rear facing window on the driver’s side. This alerts first responders of vital medical information that can be found in the glove box.

The information contained on the medical card assists first responders in the “Golden Hour” immediately following a serious crash. This can mean the difference between life and death.

Participation is FREE. Simply come into the Niles Police Department or the Niles Senior Center to get the Information Card and Yellow Dot. For more information please contact the Niles Police Department at 847-588-6500 or Niles Senior Center at 847-588-8420.

Fire Department

8360 Dempster Street

Niles Toys for Tots & Community Food Drive By Chief Steve Borkowski



The Village of Niles & Niles Fire Department announce the official kickoff to the 9th annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Village of Niles Toys for Tots Drive

& Community Food Drive. Toys for Tots is a charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. In years past, Niles residents and employees have demonstrated their spirit of giving and generosity and in 2011 helped to provide food to 105 local families through Niles Family Services. We anticipate that the local need for food will continue to rise and are hoping for the most successful collection of food and toys this year.

Toys for Tots embodies the true spirit of the holiday season. For children in need, a new toy is a treasure to hold and enjoy. The gift of a shiny new toy to a child means that someone cares and that they were not forgotten. Every child deserves a special holiday and your donation can make a difference.



The following Niles locations will be collecting non-perishable food items on behalf of Niles Family Services and new toy donations during regular business hours beginning November 5 thru December 16, 2012:

- Niles Village Hall 1000 Civic Center Drive;
- Niles Fire Department 8360 W. Dempster Street & 6611 Jarvis;
- Niles Police Department 7000 W. Touhy;
- Niles Senior Center 999 Civic Center Drive;
- Niles Fitness Center 987 Civic Center Drive;
- Niles Public Works 6849 W. Touhy;
- Niles Teen Center 373 Golf Mill Center;
- Niles Public Library at 6960 W. Oakton;
- CitiBank 8400 W. Dempster; and
- Parkway Bank 7601 N. Milwaukee.

Per the U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys cannot be distributed.

Donations are deeply appreciated by the USMC, the Village of Niles and, most importantly, by the families and children who will receive the donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette Knapik at 847.588.6800.



Flood Safety Be Prepared For the Flood

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around barriers.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a Village official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves.
- Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.



National Flood Insurance Flood Insurance For All

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from the multiple flooding hazards, Niles is part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, the Village is currently applying to be a CRS community, which will result in flood insurance premium discounts.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance.

If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

Visit the "FEMA Map Service Center" online to see if your home is in the floodplain. Simply enter your address to search. If you have any questions contact the Engineering Department at 847-588-7920.

Elevation Certificates (ECs) are available online at www.vniles.com.

Public Services

6849 Touhy Avenue

applies for the even side of the street during the next 24 hours.

EXEMPTIONS - Some streets are exempt from snow parking bans because driveway parking is not available.

Winter Parking Restrictions

How to Assist with Snow Removal Efforts

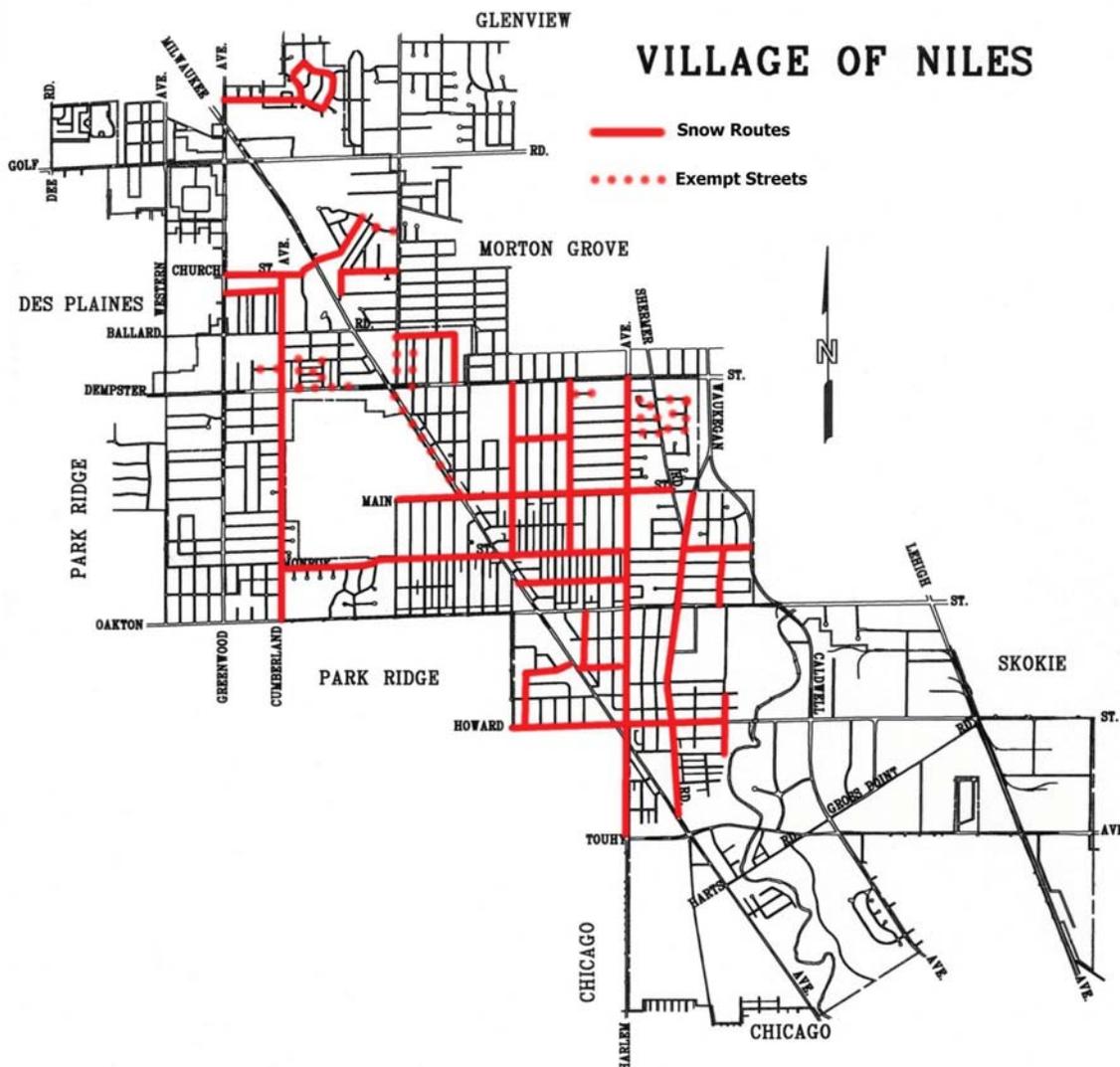
AFTER A 1-INCH SNOWFALL - Parking is prohibited on either side of a primary roadway or a designated "Snow Route" until snow removal is complete. A "Snow Route" is any primary roadway that receives immediate attention, such as Milwaukee Ave. or Dempster St. Residents living on snow routes are advised to use their garages during the winter to allow access to snow plows.

AFTER A 3 INCH SNOWFALL - Parking is prohibited on the odd numbered side of all Village streets (excluding snow routes and exempt streets) for 24 hours after the snow stops, or until the street is plowed. The same

REMOVING DRIVEWAY SNOW - Don't shovel snow from your driveway onto the street. This can lead to accidents and will only require additional trips from the snow plow. Plus, it's against the law.

DRIVING DURING PLOWING OPERATIONS - Keep your distance from plow trucks. These vehicles are fully loaded and driving under adverse conditions. Stopping distances due to the load of salt and slippery conditions are increased, so increase your distance from the snow removal equipment as well. Also, salt is distributed from the rear of the vehicle, another reason to keep your distance.

Snow routes and exempt streets are shown below.



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