



# FOCUS ON NILES

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"Where People Count"

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## Continuing to Provide Top-Notch Services without Tax Increases

The Village of Niles is well-known for the top-notch services provided to its residents. The Niles Village Board is always working to maintain the highest level of services for Niles residents - *without adding additional tax burdens.*

Prior to the beginning of the 21st Century, the Board began planning for the new millennium. Vital to the continuation of high quality services are the facilities and working space for each of our key departments - Police, Fire, Public Services, Fitness, the Senior Center and the Village Hall. These facilities enable the hardworking village employees to do the best job possible. They must be able to facilitate future growth, especially in terms of rapidly changing computer technology and telecommunications advances.

After determining what the Village needed and might need in the future, we built several new facilities including the Senior Center,

Fitness Center, Police Station, Public Service Building and Village Hall. We are currently reviewing our needs regarding the two fire stations on the north and south ends of the Village.

*And, we have done all this without raising your property taxes.*

These new facilities will add considerably to the services we provide to the residents of Niles. Having the most modern equipment and work space ensures the effectiveness of our services while contributing to the attractiveness of our community.

Providing high quality services and keeping taxes low are priorities I know we all share. Together, we look forward to continuing to make the Village of Niles the best place to live, work and raise our families.

*Nicholas B. Blase*

## Niles Receives Federal Grant For Law Enforcement

Mayor Nicholas B. Blase watches on as Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky announces a \$150,000 Law Enforcement Grant for Niles. Also (from left to right) is Division Commander Halley, Police Chief Strzelecki, and Deputy Police Chief Giovannelli



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Village of Niles Employee Evie Gaertner celebrates her 40th year as an employee. Evie Gaertner is joined (from left to right) by Trustee Kim Biederman, Trustee Bob Callero, Trustee Andrew Przybylo, Trustee Louella Preston, Mayor Nicholas B. Blase, and Trustee Bart Murphy. Trustee Tom Bondi was not present for this picture.

## Niles Teen Center and Niles Youth Council

2004 was a full year for the Niles Youth Council. The Youth Council's main focus was the Niles Teen Center opening. Members began planning for the center in 2003. The Teen Center officially opened in May of 2004 for teens in sixth to twelfth grades to have a safe place to work on homework, play a variety of games, meet new people and participate in community service opportunities. Over the past year the Teen Center offered trips to Cubs/White Sox games, horseback riding, snowboarding and water parks. A total of 11 teen trips were planned in 2004.

The Teen Center opening wasn't the only issue for the Youth Council. The Youth Council spent much of their time reviewing and establishing goals, organizing the youth council, creating an executive board with committees, participating in leader-

ship training, and fundraising. Community is very important as they participated in a total of 10 community events, to include the recent senior center Holiday luncheons. Community service will continue to be an important part of the Youth Council.

The Youth Council organized many activities and events for local teens at the Teen Center as well - open houses, monthly movie nights, dances and art workshops have been popular activities at the teen center. The Youth Council is seeking to increase programs, participation and volunteers for 2005. The Youth Council hopes the Teen Center continues to grow in participation and support.

Trustee Kim Biederman has helped lead this budding organization as an important liaison between the Niles Youth Council, the Niles Youth Task



Force and the Village of Niles Board of Trustees.

Any Community member or business interested in volunteering their time, monetary donations or household donations, such as, recreational equipment, televisions, video game systems, freezers, board games, please contact Christine Eischen, Youth Coordinator at 847-663-9185.

For more information on the Niles Youth Council and Niles Teen Center please check us out on the web [www.nilesyc.org](http://www.nilesyc.org) or call us at the Teen Center 847-663-9185.

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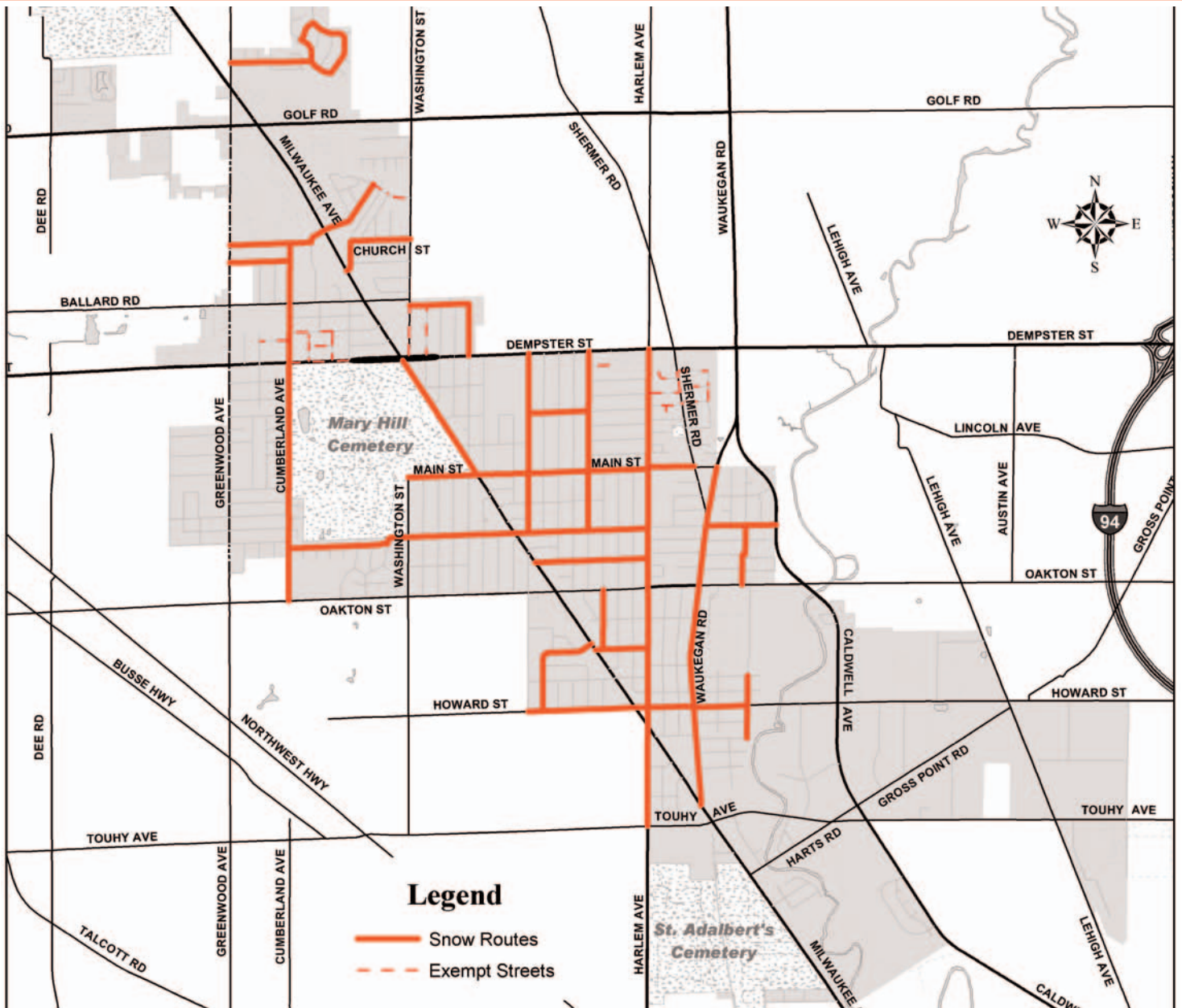
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## Snow & Ice Control

### Help To Keep Village Streets Safe

Residents can help to keep Village streets safe by adhering to the following Snow and Ice Control Rules:

**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 or Dempster. Residents living on snow routes are advised to utilize their garages during the winter to allow for easier access by snow removal equipment.

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

**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 to clean the street. Plus, it's against the law.

**DRIVING DURING PLOWING OPERATIONS** - Do not drive close to plow trucks due to increased stopping distances. Also, salt is distributed from the rear of the vehicle, another reason to keep your distance.

The Village treats the salt with calcium chloride to increase its effectiveness in lower temperatures. The salt is also treated with a blue anti-caking agent, which is non-toxic to animal and plant life. Salt which does not cake spreads easier, does not damage equipment, and eliminates the need for personnel to remove blockages from equipment, such as salt augers.



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