

Focus on Niles

"Where People Count"

April 2001



Quarterly Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NICHOLAS B. BLASE

Niles Residents Taxed Less

Niles Village government is always conscious of the amount of money which we have to spend to economically operate our services. A recent survey done by the City of Park Ridge establishes the fact that, other than the Village of Schaumburg, which has a huge retail tax base, the Village of Niles receives less money from its residents for taxes and other fees than all of the other communities surveyed.

We are proud of this fact and will continue to do everything we can to keep the cost of running government as reasonable as possible. See Table Below.

Remember The Local Election!

The Village of Niles will conduct a local election for Mayor, Village Trustees, Park and Library Commissioners, and School Trustees on Tuesday, April 3, 2001.

There is opposition to the Office of Mayor and most other offices. Your Vote is important!

Annual Revenues Received From The Average Home

Community	County	Vehicle License	Dog License	Garbage Charge	Recycling Charge	Yard Waste Charge	Water Bill	Utility Tax	City Sewer Charge	Total Property Tax	Total Direct Payments	2000 Position
Assumptions for Sample Family		1.00	1.00 Neutered	104 Bags Yearly		12 Bags Yearly	97,000 Gallons		97,000 Gallons	\$40,000 EAV		
Oak Park	Cook	45.00	7.00	116.40	25.20	20.88	250.26	163.00	117.37	833.64	1578.75	1
Arlington Heights	Cook	25.00	10.00	249.24		16.20	388.16		31.04	529.56	1249.20	n/a
Naperville	DuPage/Will		4.00			16.20	291.95	177.60	237.45	354.04	1081.24	2
Mt. Prospect	Cook	36.00	5.00			21.00	324.95	107.58	33.95	523.28	1051.76	3
Des Plaines	Cook	25.00	3.00	96.12	27.00	15.00	261.69	40.20	49.28	456.00	973.29	4
Park Ridge	Cook	30.00	8.00				279.60	176.98		444.00	938.58	5
Palatine	Cook	20.00	3.15	232.20		3.60	146.47		32.01	492.00	929.43	n/a
Downers Grove	DuPage			187.20		21.60	298.26	61.87	136.16	208.16	913.25	6
Northbrook	Cook	30.00	10.00	157.80		21.60	291.00		53.35	283.60	847.35	7
Skokie	Cook	10.00	5.00			12.00	175.07	11.40		530.40	743.87	8
Niles	Cook	15.00				12.00	287.12	80.70		290.00	684.82	9
Schaumburg	Cook/DuPage	17.00	2.00	142.92			310.53		47.53		519.98	10
Mean		5.30	5.72	168.84	26.10	16.01	275.42	102.42	82.02	449.52	959.29	

Know Your Cable Rights!!

The Cable Company Must Meet Standards

On January 3, 2001, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Federal Communication Commission (FCC), Customer Service Obligations to provide a standard for improving the quality of customer service rendered by cable operators like AT&T Broadband. These guidelines provide minimum levels of service which should be provided by AT&T Broadband. The guidelines address issues such as AT&T Broadband's communications with customers over the telephone, installations, service problems, changes in rates or service, billing practices and information that must be provided to all customers.

See Page 3 for a detailed list of these customer service standards.

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Village of Niles, Illinois

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Niles Park District Update *By: President J. Hynes*

I am pleased to report that the Niles Park District has never been in better shape. In the past four years, the Niles Park District has **reduced its property tax rate by 6.30%**, reduced its long-term debt from over 15 million to less than \$9 million, a **debt reduction of over \$6 million**, with a plan in place to pay off the debt by 2003. In addition, the Niles Park District currently has a fund reserve surplus of over \$2 million. As a further illustration of the sound financial planning in the Park District, the Park District did not have to use any borrowed funds for its 2001 budgeted capital improvements, but was able to pay for all of its capital improvements out of current operating funds.

In addition to the significant financial improvements of the Niles Park District, its programs have continued to be outstanding. Recreational and athletic programs for children, teens, adults and seniors have increased, and the quality of the programs has never been better. The Niles Park District now has one of the premier Hockey and Figure Skating programs in the area, and these programs are growing in stature all the time.

A Word of Thanks to the Park District!

Mayor Blase would like to thank the Niles Park District Commissioners who have made this turnaround possible: Charles Barbaglia, James Hynes, William Terpinas, Elaine Heinen, and Waller Beusse. Together with the Park District's dedicated staff, led by Executive Director Joe LoVerde, their hard work, dedication to quality programming, and good financial planning have made the Niles Park District one of the best park districts in Illinois and a park district of which all residents of Niles can be proud.

Village of Niles

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Village Holidays

Village Offices are Closed on the Following Holidays

Friday, April 13 for Spring Holiday
Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day

Know Your Cable Rights!

The Cable Company Must Meet Standards

The Village of Niles recently adopted Federal Communications Commission, Customer Service Obligations for cable providers. These federal guidelines provide for a standard of customer service for which AT&T Broadband must conform. Our goal is to help you become an informed cable subscriber.

As of May 17, 2001, the following Customer Service Obligations must be followed by the local cable operator - AT&T (The Village hopes that you will become familiar with these standards and keep personal records of violations):

- The cable operator must maintain a toll-free number. Currently AT&T Broadband only publicizes the non-toll-free number 630.716.2000, which is publicized on billings, special flyers, and on cable. There is a toll-free number for their corporate office, which is 1.800.800.2824 and the number to the local customer service location is 847.965.7110.
- Customer service representatives must answer the telephone within thirty (30) seconds.
- The customer must not receive a busy signal more than three (3) percent of the time.
- Standard installations must be performed within seven (7) business days after an order has been placed.
- The cable operator must begin working on "service interruptions" promptly and in no event later than 24 hours after the interruption becomes known. The cable operator must begin actions to correct other "service" problems the next business day after notification of the service problem.

- Appointments for installations and service calls must be either a specific time or, at maximum, a four-hour time block during normal business hours.
- The cable company must not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment.

ASK FOR CREDIT!

"You must ask AT&T Broadband for a credit if you feel you are due a credit for poor service or missed service calls"

- If representative is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the customer must be contacted. The appointment must be rescheduled, as necessary, at a time which is convenient for the customer.
- Credits and refunds must be issued promptly, but no later than the next billing cycle.
- Customers must be notified of any changes in rates, programming or channel positions in writing within a minimum of thirty (30) days.
 - The cable operator must provide written notice to a subscriber of any increase in the price to be charged for basic service tier or associated equipment at least thirty (30) days before any proposed increase is effective.

If you cannot get the help you need by calling AT&T Customer Service at 1.800.800.2824, contact Village Hall at 588.8007.

Need Help with Your Heating Bills?

Review Some of Your Options

High energy bills have placed a burden on many of our Niles families. Several programs are available to help qualified households pay for energy bills. The amount of assistance is primarily determined by income and household size.

Customer Payment Support Plan

The Customer Payment Support Plan is available to all Nicor customers, regardless of income level. If a customer receives a bill this winter and is unable to make the total payment, he/she can contact Nicor Gas at 1-888-Nicor4U. Nicor will examine the amount owed and the estimated costs for the remainder of the winter, spring, and summer months and arrange a payment plan so that a customer can spread the amount due in regular increments through September 2001. Nicor will waive late fees on the initial amount and will not add finance charges.

Sharing Program

The Sharing Program (a partnership between Nicor and the Salvation Army) is designed to assist individuals on a fixed income in paying their Nicor Gas bills. Each qualified household is eligible for one \$325 Sharing Grant each year. To qualify for a grant, a customer must: be a residential heating customer of Nicor Gas; be ineligible for state or federal assistance programs; and meet the following annual income requirements: Households of 1 – annual income between

\$12,525 and \$16,700; household of 2 – between \$16,875 and \$22,500; household of 3 – between \$21,225 and \$28,300; household of 4 – between \$25,575 and \$34,100; household of 5 – between \$29,925 and \$39,900; household of 6 – between \$34,275 and \$45,700. Sharing Grant applications are being accepted at the Salvation Army centers located at 609 W. Dempster (847/981-9113) and the center located at 1616 Arlington Heights Road (847/392-0265). Applicants must apply in person and bring the following documents: Proof of Income (check stub, Social Security Letter or Unemployment Letter); Proof of Residence (Driver's License, State ID); and Current Nicor Gas Bill.



Low Income Energy Assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, is designed to assist households with a once a year energy assistance payment. Eligible households include both those directly responsible for their heating expenses and those who pay energy costs as part of their rent. Income eligibility requirements are as follows:

The single person household gross monthly income limit is \$1044; 2 person household gross monthly income limit is \$1406; 3 person - \$1768; 4 person- \$2130; 5 person - \$2492; 6 person - \$2854. The Maine Township General Assistance Department (847 297-2510) is taking applications for all Niles residents. Please call for an appointment and a list of the documents needed to file for assistance.

Tax Relief for Niles Residents!

The federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) provide moderate and lower-income working families and individuals with tax relief. The EITC can provide a cash refund even to families whose incomes are low enough that they do not owe any Federal taxes.

As of 2000, the federal EITC can provide as much as \$3,888 per year to working families with incomes up to \$31,152. The average refund in 1999 was about \$1,500. In addition, if you were eligible for EITC but did not receive it in past years, you may claim up to three years retroactively.

Qualifying income levels for the year 2000 are:

- Up to \$31,152 with more than one qualifying child
- Up to \$27,413 with one qualifying child

- Up to \$10,380 with no qualifying children

A Qualifying Child includes a natural, adopted, grand-, step- or eligible foster child, children under age 19 or under age 24 if a full-time student, or children any age, if permanently/totally disabled.

Eligible workers often aren't getting the credit either because they haven't heard about it, don't know they're eligible or don't know how to apply. In Illinois, an estimated 250,000 families failed to claim some \$300 million in tax credits.

The Village of Niles, in partnership with the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, is conducting a county-wide outreach campaign to educate residents about the Earned Income Tax Credit.

For more information, please call Village Hall at 847-588-8000.

Reporting An Outage

1-800-Edison-1

The quickest and easiest way to report a power outage or receive updated outage information is to call the Power Line, ComEd's automated outage reporting system.

When prompted, enter your phone number. ComEd can identify who called and why - allowing ComEd to update you on the repair status in your neighborhood and respond more efficiently to your outage report.

If you have a power problem, call 1-800-Edison-1 (1800-334-7661).

- To report an outage, press Option "1"
- For an outage update, press Option "2"
- To report a downed wire, press Option "3"
- For other power problems (flickering lights for example) press Option "4"



The Niles Family Fitness is dedicated to keeping everyone in your family healthy and happy. We strive to offer a variety of fitness programs and activities to meet the needs of participants from toddlers to senior adults.

Our 5,000 square foot fitness facility provides an opportunity for individuals age 14 and over to develop a comprehensive workout program with the assistance of a professional staff. A thorough fitness assessment and new member orientation are included in the annual membership fee.

The fitness center offers a full line of selectorized strength equipment, free weights, and state of the art cardiovascular equipment to meet the needs of the beginner as well as the advanced athlete, including:

- .. Trotter Treadmills
- .. PreCor Elliptical Crosstrainers
- .. Stairmaster Steppers
- .. Stairmaster Upright Bicycles
- .. Reebok Body Mill Crosstrainers
- .. Concept II Rowers
- .. Nu Step Recumbent Bicycles
- .. Gravitron
- .. Smith Machines
- .. **NEW!** Life Fitness Crosstrainers

Spring Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information
contact the Niles Family
Fitness Center at:
847-588-8400

Niles Family Fitness Center

"Building a Healthier Family"

The Fitness center also offers a variety of group exercise classes led by professional certified instructors, including Step, toning, kick boxing, Yoga, and **SPINNING**.

Aquatic exercise classes are also offered for those who prefer a water workout. Land and water based **arthritis exercise classes**, sanctioned by the Arthritis Foundation are now being offered for those with special needs.



New This Spring ***at the Fitness Center!!***

PILATES CLASSES

Pilates is a series of controlled exercises that engage the mind and body to develop strong, flexible muscles without building bulk. Each movement begins with the abdomen, with a focus on controlling stomach muscles. Routines alternate stretching with strengthening.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi, an ancient form of Chinese exercise is a low impact, gentle, physical activity. Through a series of slow movements the body is positively affected. Tai Chi helps improve circulation and maintain a healthy range of motion in the joints as well as providing a source of relaxation and spiritual fulfillment.

Tai Chi and Pilates are open to both members and nonmembers. Sign up for one class or a 6-week session. Call for class times and dates.

The indoor Aquatics center offers water fun. The L-shaped leisure pool includes a 25 yard lap pool for fitness classes, conditioning programs, open swim and more. A zero depth pool with walk in entry allows easy access for all ages and individuals with physical challenges. Interactive spray fountains, a swim channel and a 100 foot water slide add to the fun! *A whirlpool and dry sauna are also available for over 18.*

Spring Programs

We are excited to offer a variety of new programs this spring for all ages:

- .. Parent-tot Playtime
- .. Pre-school and Youth sports
- .. Learn to Swim and aquatic programs
- .. Pool Special Events & parties for the entire family
- .. Teen fitness, Dance & Adventure programs
- .. Teen Dances & Trips
- .. And many more !!!!

Registration begins March 1. Spring Classes begin the week April 9th. To receive a copy of our Spring Program Brochure, contact the Center at: 588-8400.

Camps

.. SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Make the most of your spring break. Join us for Spring Break Escape Camp and play sports and games, make crafts, go swimming and more. Daily or weekly registration available. Ages 6-12.

Session 1: March 26 - March 30

Session 2: April 9 - April 13

.. SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

The perfect way for your child to spend the summer. Sports, games, crafts, swimming and weekly field trips. Guaranteed to be the most fun you can pack into a day! Daily and weekly registration available. Ages 6-12

Senior Services

Senior Services

999 Civic Center Drive (847) 588-8420

Celebrating a Birthday Over 90 or a 50th Wedding Anniversary? Honor Some Very Special Seniors

Plans are underway for this year's Over 90s Birthday and 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Due to popularity, two separate celebrations will be held to honor some special local seniors.

The **90+ Birthday Party** will be a Sunday event this year to allow more family members to attend. This birthday celebration will be held on Sunday, May 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The **Annual Golden Anniversary Celebration**, honoring Niles couples who were married in 1951, is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, May 24th. The festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon and entertainment by the Niles Senior Center's very own Golden Notes.

Niles residents who would like to be included in either or both of these annual celebrations, may contact the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420. Remember, you must register to reserve your place.

National Senior Center Week May 14th through May 18th

This year, National Senior Center Week is May 14th through May 18th. During this week, the Niles Senior Center has planned many daily activities. Highlights include:

The Starlight BBQ, Wednesday, May 16th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Join us to experience an evening of singing, laughs and fun. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and includes a hamburger, bratwurst, potato salad, baked beans, and a surprise desert. Cost: \$8.00

The Pancake Breakfast will be Friday, May 18th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a good old-fashioned pancake breakfast! Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Following breakfast, be amazed by the Magic & Illusions of Paul Lee. Cost: \$6.00

Registration is required for each event. So please call at least a week in advance. For information on any other activities during Senior Center Week – or any activity during the year – please call us at 588-8420.

Family Services

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999 Civic Center Drive (847) 588-8460

Divorce & Children Parenting Continues Beyond Marriage

By: Marty Friedman, Director of Family Services

Since 1975, divorce has stricken seven out of ten families. This article does not explain why this occurred, but provides tips on how to help children survive the experience.

Let me state from the outset, that divorce is a trauma to all children. What is of greater impact is how the adults relate during and after the divorce. Even though a marriage may be over, parenting is not. The following are some do's and don'ts about children and divorce:

- Children need to love BOTH parents. All too often parents forget that their children did not divorce their parents. Children all too often get caught in the middle of their parents problems.
- Tell your children as soon as possible and do it together. Reassure them. Let them know that you both love them, have time for them and will care for them.
- When you are not sure what to do in your divorce, consider what your children would want if they would speak as an adult.
- Speak well of your spouse to your children. Children need to know that both parents care about them and that even though their parents are divorcing, they will not lose the love or attention of either parent.

- Do not use the children to carry messages. Don't ask your children about your spouse's activities. You don't need to know and your children don't want to be in the middle!
- Put your children's welfare ahead of your own and any conflict you may have with your spouse. This is one of the best ways to be loving and generous toward your children.
- Hold yourself to a high standard and your children will follow. If it looks as if you are going to make your spouse wrong, if you can, drop the subject. Never mind how impossible it seems. The best way to teach your children is to conduct yourself as you want them to be. They will imitate you.
- Take time to listen to your children. They have the same feelings, needs, and fears as you. Speak to your children in the same tone of voice as you would like to be addressed.
- If you make a mistake, acknowledge it and apologize. Children are not without feelings.
- Treat your children with the same respect and consideration as you would want to be treated.
- You are an example for your children. How you handle issues during and post divorce will have a lasting effect on your children.
- To quote Albert Schweitzer; "Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing."

For further information on surviving a divorce contact Niles Family Services, at 847-588-8460.

Fire Department

Niles Fire Department
8360 Dempster Street (847)-588-6800

Be Prepared for Severe Weather

By becoming familiar with and implementing the following recommended actions, you and your family will be better protected in the event of thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Thunderstorms

When severe weather threatens keep posted with severe weather watches and warnings.

A **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** means conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms which can produce hail, high winds, dangerous lightning, and possibly tornadoes. If you are in the watch area, keep up to date of the latest weather information.

A **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** means there is a severe thunderstorm in your area, producing high winds, hail, and dangerous lightning.

Here are some common safety rules:

- In open country, find a ditch or culvert and crouch down low to the ground. Cover your head with your hands for protection. Stay away from trees and tall objects!
- In homes, stay away from windows and door.
- In mobile homes or vehicles, abandon it and go to a substantial structure or place of safety. High winds can be just as destructive as a tornado.
- If in a large center, go to a predesignated shelter area. Interior halls on the lowest floors are best.

The Key to surviving severe weather is to be prepared and take immediate action when a warning is issued

Tornadoes

When severe weather threatens, and there is the possibility of tornadoes, a tornado watch will be issued.

A **Tornado Watch** means conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms which can produce tornadoes in and close to the watch area. If you are in the watch area, keep up to date of the latest weather information. These storms can develop rapidly so there may be occasions when advance warning is not possible.

A **Tornado Warning** means a tornado has been spotted or is indicated by radar. If you are in or near the path of this tornado, take immediate actions to protect life and property.

Follow these common safety rules:

- In open country, find a ditch or culvert and lay down flat. Cover your head with your hands for protection.
- In homes or small buildings, go to the basement or to a small all-interior room on the lowest floor like a hall or bathroom closet. Use heavy furniture for shelter or cover yourself with a blanket.
- In mobile homes or vehicles, abandon it then go to a substantial structure or place of safety. Never try and out run a tornado by automobile.
- If in large centers, go to a redesignated shelter area. Interior halls on the lowest floors are usually the best.

Police Department

Niles Police Department
7200 Milwaukee Avenue (847) 588-6500

Some Timely Reminders for Niles Residents

By: *W. Ortlund, Consumer Fraud*

Among the numerous topics that could be stressed regarding safety and awareness, let us dwell for a moment on two that come to mind, one regarding a recent tragedy, and another that arises as the weather becomes nicer.

The tragedy concerns a very young child whose neck became tangled in window blind cords, and who died as a result of strangulation. All parents of very young children know how necessary it is to "child proof" a home, removing sources of fire and sharp objects. Something like window blind cords seems nonthreatening at first, until we remember how much the little ones love to explore. From the tragedy that has befallen this family, let us remember to secure these cords and other similar hazards against another such occurrence.

As the weather improves and the Spring Holidays approach, most of us

have occasion to visit area cemeteries from time to time. Let us remember that thieves also visit cemeteries, but not for the right reasons. They look for ladies' purses and other items of value in cars, left there as we visit the resting places of our loved ones. Let us resolve to do two things when visiting a cemetery. One, put the purses and other items in the trunk of the car where the thief will not see them. A locked car is better than one not locked, but the thief can still break the window and take the purse. In the trunk, its out of sight and out of mind. Second, look for people who appear to be watching the parked cars, and alert the cemetery workers or call police immediately. Police caught some cemetery thieves last year in this manner, so let's all keep on the alert. Let's be involved in helping to protect each other.

You may reach the Consumer Fraud Division by calling 588-6524.

Living With Wildlife

Wildlife Reminders

By: *Marijo Zawilla, Animal Control*

Follow these simple rules to keep wildlife from becoming a problem:

- Screen off the bottom of decks, sheds, and cement stoops.
- Cap the top of chimneys, dryer and stove vents.
- Keep garage door closed at night.
- Fence off vegetable gardens.
- Protect pets from skunks by turning on a flood light at night before letting dog out. Use a leash when walking your pet.
- Cover window wells.

Do you have questions about your pet? Call the Village Pet Line for assistance with common animal related questions including dog breeding, cat behavior issues, proper diet and nutrition, and more.

PET LINE ~ 847-588-6508

2001 Branch Pickup Begins Week of April 2nd

The branch pickup program runs April through September, and is provided once a month according to the following schedule.

Residents **EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVENUE**, pickup begins on the first Monday of each month and continues through that week. Residents should place their branches at the curb on the first Monday of each month for pickup during the week. Branch pickup begins on the following dates:

- Monday, April 2nd
- Monday, May 7th
- Monday, June 4th
- Monday, July 2nd
- Monday, August 6th
- Tuesday, September 4th (Monday Holiday)



Residents **WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVENUE**, pickup begins on the last Monday of each month and continues through that week. Residents should place their branches at the curb on the last Monday of each month for pickup during the week. Branch pickup begins on the following dates:

- Monday, April 30th
- Tuesday, May 29th (Monday Holiday)
- Monday, June 25th
- Monday, July 30th
- Monday, August 27th
- Monday, September 24th

Branches must be less than 10 inches in diameter and 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 attached dirt will be accepted. Yard waste bags or stickers are not needed to use 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 ap-
propriate Monday
morning will be
picked up during
that week, not nec-
essarily that day**



Garage Sale Permits Good for one Weekend

Garage Sale Permits are available in the Community Development Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for no charge. Permits are valid for one weekend – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

No more than one permit per residence shall be issued within a twelve month period. The permit is required to be posted during the sale.

Landscape Waste Collection Begins This April through December

The Landscape Waste collection season begins in April and runs through December.

Residents may place an unlimited amount of landscape waste at the curb on their regular garbage pickup day - provided that a sticker is affixed to each can/paper bag/bundle.

Each can/paper bag/bundle of Landscape Waste placed at the curb requires one (1) prepaid sticker and should not weigh more than 60 pounds. Stickers are not reusable.

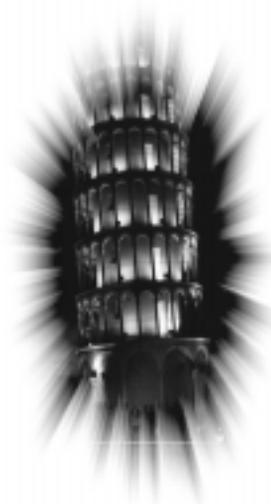
The Village of Niles (1000 Civic Center Dr., Oakton and Waukegan) sells Yard Waste Stickers for \$1.00 per sticker.

The following stores sell Yard Waste Stickers for a comparable cost:

- Dominick's at 8900 Greenwood
- Dominick's at 7801 Waukegan
- Franks Lawn Mower Sales at 8113 N. Milwaukee
- Jewel Food Stores at 8730 Dempster
- Jewel Food Stores at 8201 Golf Road
- Jewel Food Stores at 7900 Milwaukee
- Jewel Food Stores at 5667 Touhy Avenue
- Milwaukee Ballard Currency at 9107 Milwaukee
- Minelli Brothers at 9107 Milwaukee

2001 Leaning Tower Concert Series

With An All New Lineup of Performers



The 2001 Leaning Tower Concert Series will feature nine (9) free performances on Thursday evenings in July and August from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This year, based on strong audience response, we bring you a new lineup of performers featuring new selections of music such as jazz, blues, country and swing.

If you have not previously attended the concert series, come out this year! The concerts are free and open to the public. Bring your neighbors and friends to enjoy the great music and the wonderful Leaning Tower Plaza.

Make sure to bring your own lawn chair!

Leaning Tower Concert Series Schedule

JULY 5, 2001 KALII SUE PALMER

Introducing a 14 year old singing sensation Kalii Sue Palmer. Kalii has performed with Country greats like Billy Ray Cyrus, Randy Travis, and Shania Twain.

JULY 12, 2001 FABULOUS MURRAY BROTHERS

The Fabulous Murray Brothers return by popular demand. These four talented singer-musicians play over 25 instruments combining music, comedy, and impersonations.

JULY 19, 2001 THE MARK FECHNER JAZZ EXPERIENCE

Introducing Mark Fechner and his ensemble blending a unique sound with swing, soul, and jazz with latin.

JULY 26, 2001 MEISNER MAGIC

This popular father and son team returns for another year of fun, laughs, and good polka music.

AUGUST 2, 2001 BOPOLGY

Introducing Bopology blending old time swing from greats like Duke Ellington, Louis Jordan, Frank Sinatra and Louie Prima with the modern swing of Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Royal Crown Revue and Brian Setzer.

AUGUST 9, 2001 MR. MYERS

Mr. Myers returns blending the tropical sounds of Calypso, the rhythms of Reggae and a little Rock n' Roll with some favorite classic tunes to create his own special style of Caribbean rock.

AUGUST 16, 2001 THE CONNEXION

The Connexion is a seven-piece band with two lead female vocalists, guitar, bass, drums, keyboards/trumpet and keyboards/sax. Do the electric slide, the macarena, and dance.

AUGUST 23, 2001 BLOOZE BROTHERS

Introducing Blooze Brothers a high powered choreographed twelve piece band covering music from the 40s to the 90s. This band has been acknowledged as the Nation's #1 Blues Brothers tribute band!

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