

# BUSINESS SECTION

## FOCUS ON NILES - SUMMER 2018



### Touhy Triangle Master Plan

The area along Touhy Avenue and around the Leaning Tower of Niles is a tremendous economic driver for our community, generating significant business opportunities and retail experiences for our businesses, residents and visitors alike. However, as the business and retail climate changes to accommodate the ever-changing face of these sectors, the Village must plan for this inevitable change and present plans and opportunities for this vital corridor of our community to remain strong well into the future. This is why the Village has developed the Touhy Triangle Master Plan, a plan that envisions an entertainment, hospitality and retail destination environment focused around the Leaning Tower of Niles. Furthermore, the Village has implemented a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) to assist with the potential redevelopment of this area. Recently the Village has taken major steps to advance these plans and begin the process to encourage the eventual redevelopment scenarios. Some of the recent advancements are as follows:

- Grainger Property at 7300 Melvina – Recently Grainger announced their intention to sell their 8.5 acre site located at 7300 Melvina. We are pleased to announce that the Village is under contract to purchase this property. By acquiring this land the Village will be advancing the redevelopment opportunities within the Triangle and can ensure that the vision to create this vibrant and attractive destination environment becomes a reality.



**NILES  
METRA  
STATION**  
Feasibility  
Study

•Metra Station Feasibility Study – The Village is undertaking a feasibility study to see if a Metra commuter rail station can be accommodated within the Triangle area. Our Consultants AECOM and the Lakota Group are working on this study and will be reaching out to stakeholders within the residential and business community to gauge your support and interest for this project. More information can be found at [www.NilesMetraStation.com](http://www.NilesMetraStation.com).

### Holiday Inn Express Niles Cycling Classic

The Niles Holiday Inn Express has graciously agreed to once again be the title sponsor of the Niles Cycling Classic. This sponsorship allows the Village to host a world class event and celebration for our community. If you would like to be involved as either a volunteer or sponsor, please contact either Katie Schneider or Ross Klicker at (847) 588-8010.



### How to Do Business With the Village

Any business that would like to be added to the Village's vendor lists should go to our website at [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com). In the search field, type in "VENDOR REGISTRATION" and fill out the form that appears. When the Village goes out to bid, you will receive a legal notice in the mail notifying you of the project. Please note that all our bid opportunities are posted on our website. If you have questions, please call Susan Bus at (847) 588-8011.



## Home Design and Improvement District

The Home Design and Improvement District of Niles will be focused around the commercially zoned properties along Milwaukee Avenue from Oakton to Albion. This District will capitalize upon the many strong and vital businesses already in existence within our community by creating a destination environment for home designers, builders, contractors and owners to find and acquire all aspects of Home Design and Improvement services and products within a close proximity to one another. It is believed that this District will create and foster an environment where all participating businesses benefit as well as the community at large.

Informational meetings pertaining to this District have been held and the Village is in the process of establishing a Board of Directors who will guide and direct the future of this District. To find out more information or join the District, please contact Ross Klicker, Economic Development Coordinator at (847) 588-8074, or Alan Zielinski, President Better Kitchens, Inc. (847) 967-7070.

## Welcome New Businesses

Pilorum Salon & Spa at 8101 N. Milwaukee Ave and Lot 14 Auctions at 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave recently celebrated their grand openings and were invited to share their businesses' stories at the April Village Board Meeting. Please welcome these new businesses to Niles!

*Below: Lot 14 Auctions (left) and Pilorum Salon & Spa (right)*



## Niles Businesses- We Need Your Feedback!

The Village of Niles is seeking information on the solid waste management practices of local businesses. A new survey will provide the necessary information for the Village to evaluate the ways to increase recycling rates at businesses and commercial properties and improve service through our franchise provider, Groot Industries.

The Village is distributing this voluntary recycling survey to Niles commercial and industrial businesses via direct mail, an online survey link and the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The survey period will run from May 22nd to June 15th. To take the survey online, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nilescommercialrecycling>, scan the QR code below, or you can find the survey link at [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com) and <https://www.vniles.com/694/Commercial-Refuse> before June 15th. There are also paper copies at the Village Hall front desk.

Please follow the instructions on the survey and return it by June 15th, either by completing online, returning the paper survey to Village Hall, emailing a completed survey copy to [hsv@vniles.com](mailto:hsv@vniles.com) or faxing to (847) 588-8051. Should you have questions regarding the survey process, please contact the General Government Department at (847) 588-8010. Thank you for your time in completing this survey. Also, please recycle these papers!

**Niles Business Owners:  
Scan here for our Commercial Recycling Survey**

