

Focus on Niles Newsletter



Summer 2009 Issue

A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Robert M. Callero

Bart Murphy, our longest serving Trustee, since 1978, has resigned from the Niles Board of Trustees due to personal reasons. Mr. Murphy has helped lead Niles for 31 years and I personally will miss his advice and leadership. We all wish him well. When you see him around town, express your thanks for a job well done.

The number one problem we all face today is the economy. The Trustees and I recognize this and the Village will not increase its request for property tax dollars. As you struggle with your household budgets, so do we at the Village. Our budget has cut expenses and deferred some improvements until the economy regains momentum, and we have proposed a balanced budget.

We are moving forward on other issues. The Stormwater Commission has gathered

information on flooding and programmed it into our digital mapping system. In doing so, they have solved some problems already. Their final overall recommendations are being presented to the Board. The Ethics Committee has been formed and is meeting to oversee and recommend changes to our Ethics Ordinance. The Environmental, Building and Zoning and other committees are all operating as planned.

The Milwaukee Avenue Redevelopment Program is going into high gear this summer. Along with this, Touhy Avenue, Oakton Street, and parts of Greenwood, Harlem and Dempster are all scheduled to be repaired or resurfaced. It will be a tough summer for travel but when the roads are finished, we will all be better off.

Enjoy the summer!

Mayor Bob

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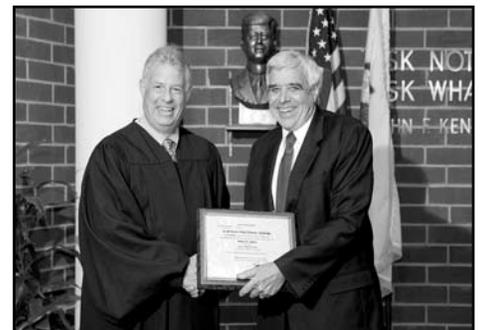
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Mayor and Trustees Sworn Into Office



Judge Daniel Locallo conducted the swearing in ceremony on May 26, 2009 for Mayor Robert M. Callero, Trustee Louella B. Preston, Trustee George Alpogianis and Trustee Andrew Przybylo. All will serve a four year term.

Congratulations!



**Niles Trustee
Bart Murphy Resigns**



Niles Trustee Bart Murphy has resigned from the Village Board of Trustees as of May 1, 2009, due to personal reasons. Mr. Murphy is the longest serving trustee, having

been appointed to the Board on June 13, 1978, and elected by the people of Niles on May 1, 1979, and every four years thereafter.

Excerpts taken from his resignation letter are as follows: "I will always look back with great pride on my 31 years of service as a trustee. It has been a privilege to serve the residents of the Village of Niles. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute my services to the town in which I have lived for over 50 years. I am thankful for all the support I have received from Board members, staff and especially the people of Niles. I wish those who now follow me the best in continuing to make the Village a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

K-9 Max Retires

After six years of dedicated service to the Niles Police Department, K9 "Max" retired on May 1, 2009. Max will truly be missed. Officer Romano is commended for his dedication to the Canine Program and the incredible work he has done with Max.



Pictured from left to right: Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, Officer Joe Romano, K9 Max and Mayor Robert Callero.

**Village Welcomes New Trustee
Alan Weel Joins the Team**

Alan Weel was sworn in as Village Trustee on May 26, 2009. Trustee Weel has been a resident of the Village of Niles for 16 years.



Trustee Weel has been in banking for over 25 years and is currently the Senior Vice President of North Shore Community Bank and Trust in Chicago. Before being appointed to the Village Board, Trustee Weel served on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals as a commissioner for eight years and most recently as its Chairman.

Trustee Weel has been involved in his parish, St. John Brebeuf, in various capacities. He has served on the School Board, Athletic Board and the Gala Benefit Fundraising Committee. He also has served as Vice President, President and Past President of the Notre Dame High School Athletic Club. Trustee Weel and his wife, Michele have two children, Amber and Matthew.

Trustee Weel believes that the Village of Niles has a lot to offer to the residents and he wants to make sure that the Village continues to provide quality service while being fiscally responsible during these tough economic times. Trustee Weel wants to thank Mayor Callero and the entire Board for their support with his appointment to the Village Board.

Meet Your Village Officials



Pictured from left to right: Trustees George Alpoianis, Alan Weel, Louella Preston, Mayor Robert Callero, Trustees Joe LoVerde, Andrew Przybylo and Kim Biederman.

Niles Introduces Atlas

Atlas is a powerful web tool providing a convenient way of accessing Niles property information.

Look for the Atlas icon on our home page or go directly to maps.vniles.com.

Atlas can help you find information such as:

- Village Services
- Public Schools
- Legislative Information
- Voting Information
- Interactive Map

“It’s a powerful tool that everyone can use”.

Property Details for "1000 CIVIC CENTER DR"		Return to Search Page	
ADDRESS	1000 CIVIC CENTER DR	SITE DETAILS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	NILES, IL 60714	USAGE	Municipal
		SIDWELL PARCEL MAP	41N-13E-30C
VILLAGE SERVICES			
BRANCH COLLECTION ZONE	East	LEAF COLLECTION ZONE	East
GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY	Friday	FREE BUS	Routes 411, 412 & 413
PUBLIC SCHOOLS			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	71	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Clarence E. Culver School
		MIDDLE SCHOOL	Clarence E. Culver Middle School
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	219	HIGH SCHOOL	Niles West High School
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION			
IL STATE SENATOR	District 09 - Ira L. Silverstein (D)	IL STATE REPRESENTATIVE	District 15 - John D'Amico (D)
US SENATOR	Richard Joseph "Dick" Durbin (D)	US REPRESENTATIVE	District 09 - Janice D. Schakowsky (D)
US SENATOR	Roland Wallace Burris (D)	COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER	District 13 - Larry Rufferdin
VOTING INFORMATION			
TOWNSHIP	Niles	VOTING PRECINCT	14
		POLLING LOCATION	Culver School - 6501 W. Oakton St. Niles, IL 60714
DISTRICTS			
LIBRARY	Niles	PARK DISTRICT	Niles
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT	North Shore	FLOOD ZONE	
LOCAL UTILITIES			
ELECTRIC	Comcast	AT&T	
GAS	None	CABLE TELEVISION	Comcast
		PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	None
		TRASH COLLECTION	Street

Niles Fourth of July Celebration



Date: Saturday, July 4, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Parade Kick-Off
9:00 a.m.**

~Sponsored by the Village of Niles~

Parade will begin at Notre Dame High School and proceed to Grennan Heights Park (8255 Oketo)

Parade route is as follows:
Ozark to Main; Main to Harlem;
Harlem to Monroe; Monroe to Oketo



**Post Parade Entertainment
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

~Sponsored by the Niles Park District~

A variety of great entertainment for all ages has been scheduled. Plan on bringing the entire family and follow the parade to Grennan Heights Park and enjoy the post-parade entertainment.

Main Stage Entertainment By:
Murray Brothers Entertainment

- Enjoy:**
- Children's Water Play Area
 - Children's Games & Attractions
 - Pony Rides
 - Face Painting
 - Safety/Information Tent

Buy Your Vehicle Stickers By June 30th

All vehicles principally garaged or parked within the Village must display a current Village vehicle sticker. This includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and all leased vehicles. New residents have 30 days to obtain a sticker once they move into the Village. Reduced rates are available to senior citizens age 62 or older. Stickers are valid from July 1 through June 30. Village Hall will also be open two Saturdays in June: June 20 and June 27 from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Residents who purchase a new vehicle have 30 days from the date of purchase to obtain a vehicle sticker. Transfer stickers are available at a nominal charge when a newly purchased vehicle is replacing a vehicle with a current Village sticker. Village vehicle stickers are also available at local currency exchanges. For more information, please call the Finance Department at (847) 588-8000.

Niles Teen Center

373 Golf Mill Center
www.NilesTeenCenter.org



The Niles Teen Center is a Village of Niles program that provides a welcoming, structured and safe environment for local teens to play games, spend time with friends, receive homework assistance and socialize.

We are located at Golf Mill Mall, just inside entrance 6. The annual membership is \$5 if you live in Niles or attend a Niles school and \$20 for all others. Our hours are Tuesday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Teen Center will be expanding this summer. A grand opening event will be held near the end of August or early September.

Summer programs include: "Night in the Mall" Lock-In Party, Job Shadow Day, charity car wash, participation in the Niles 4th of July parade, and trips to a Cubs game, Oasis water park, Iceland ice rink, and the Fitness Center for swimming and dodge ball.

For more information about the Teen Center and their programs please visit the Teen Center on the web at www.NilesTeenCenter.org.

Sister Cities Visit Planned for July

The Niles Sister Cities Committee will be welcoming an official delegation from our Sister City Leixlip, Ireland to town for a visit July 1-July 6 to celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary of Twinning. The delegation will include the Mayor of Leixlip and members of his government and staff. The last official delegation from Leixlip visited Niles in 2005.

10 Year Anniversary Dinner



All residents are cordially invited to attend a dinner in honor of our 10 Year Anniversary with our Leixlip friends.

Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2009

at

White Eagle Banquets

6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles

Cocktails 6:00 pm; **Dinner** 7:00 pm

Cost of Dinner \$35.00 per person (includes dinner, open bar and entertainment)

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, June 22, 2009

Niles Sister Cities

Attn: Denise Joseph

1000 Civic Center Drive

Niles, Illinois 60714

847-588-8005

Make check payable to Niles Sister Cities

Village Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Information Line	847-588-8411
Administrative Offices	847-588-8000
TDD	847-588-8059
Finance Department	847-588-8000
Community Development	847-588-8040
Fire Department	847-588-6800
Police Department	847-588-6500
Consumer Fraud	847-588-6524
Public Services	847-588-7900
Human Services	847-588-8460
TDD	847-588-8440
Senior Center	847-588-8420
TDD	847-588-8487
Family Fitness Center	847-588-8400
TDD	847-588-8433
Free Bus System	847-588-7960
Niles Teen Center	847-375-8949

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Village of Niles

Utility Number IL0312010

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2008

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Village of Niles water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by the Village is Niles is Lake Michigan and is purchased through the City of Chicago. For more information regarding this report contact Chris Colletti at (847) 588-7900.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



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Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

WATER: The Pure Facts

- *You can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.*
- *The average five-minute shower uses from 15 to 25 gallons of water.*
- *Each person uses about 100 gallons of water a day at home.*
- *The average household consumes at least 50% of its water by lawn sprinkling.*
- *An automatic dishwasher uses approximately 9 to 12 gallons of water while hand washing dishes can use up to 20 gallons.*
- *You can refill an 8 oz. glass of water about 15,000 times for the same cost as a six pack of pop.*

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

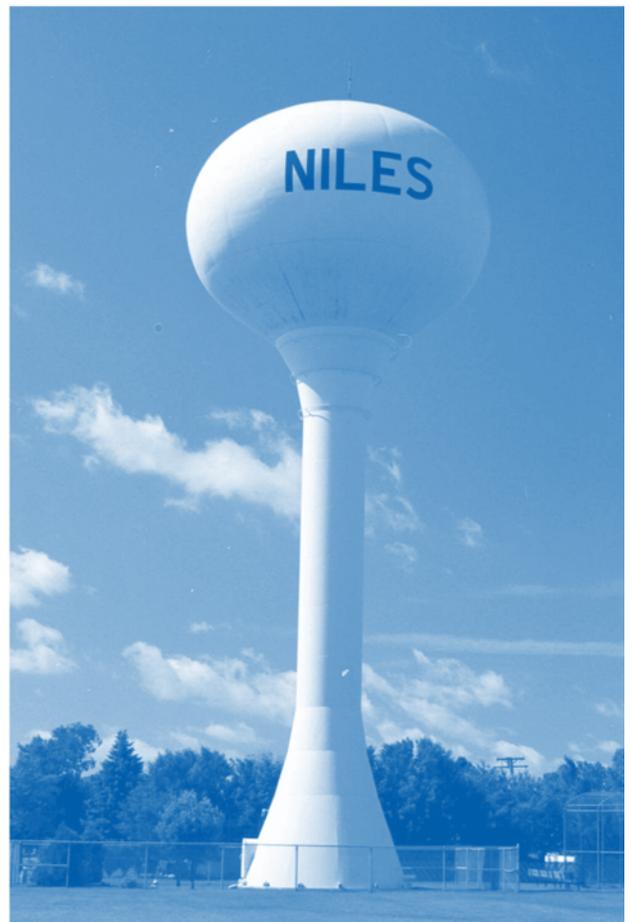
Source Water Assessment Summary

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality.

Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area. From the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock-and-dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created Department of the Water Management, Department of Environment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level.

Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled Village Board meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Public Services Department or call our Water Plant Manager at (847) 5888-7900. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendations of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EOA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.



2008 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Village of Niles Water System

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Lead and Copper	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.26	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	0	15	8.06	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water
- ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
- n/a: not applicable.
- Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Chlorine	1.26	0.06 – 1.26	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	15	7.51 – 19.64	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]	31	14.87 – 45.4	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
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Since the Village of Niles purchases Lake Michigan from the City of Chicago, water system information from Chicago is included in our report.

2008 Regulated Contaminants Detected

City of Chicago Water System

Radioactive Contaminants	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Combined Radium 226/228	1.38	1.3 – 1.38	0	5	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	0.88	0.09 – 0.88	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

Turbidity

	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.3 NTU	100%	No	Soil runoff.
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.14 NTU	No	Soil runoff.

Inorganic Contaminants	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
Barium	0.01938	0.01911 – 0.01938	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	0.9	0.863 – 0.937	4	4.0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	0.321	0.304 – 0.321	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	9	8132 – 8847			ppm	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.

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Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

Fluoride

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Sodium

There is not a state of federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set.

Turbidity

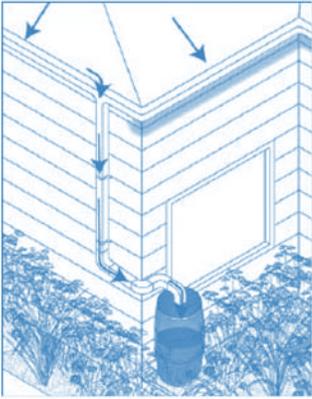
Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. It is monitored because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

No water quality violations were recorded during 2008 for the Village of Niles water system.

Managing Stormwater at Home A How-to Guide

Step-by-step instructions to disconnect a downspout

Why use a Rain Barrel?



Rain barrel connected to disconnected downspout

Did you know that a 1,000 square foot roof will accept 625 gallons of water in a one-inch storm? Where is all this water going? If it is going to a combined storm sewer, it increases the chance of basement flooding.

One way to keep the initial "surge" of stormwater out of the sewer is to use one or more 55 gallon rain barrels.

- Choose a downspout on your house or garage that is close to the plants you water most.
- If you are disconnecting a downspout from the sewer system, follow the disconnection steps through Step 2.

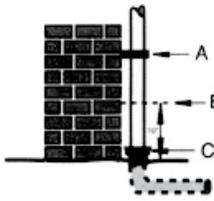
- Place your barrel under the downspout elbow, so the water from the downspout enters through the screen on the top of the barrel.
- Raising the rain barrel up on concrete blocks will make it easier to use the spigot and hose for watering your garden, filling a watering can or washing your car.

Where do I get a Rain Barrel?

Rain Barrels may be purchased from **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)** for only \$40 each at www.mwrdd.org or call 312-751-6633 or email publicaffairsinfo@mwrdd.org.

Tools: hacksaw, measuring tape, screw driver & pliers, sheet metal screws, a downspout elbow, quick dry mortar cement or a rubber cap.

STEP 1



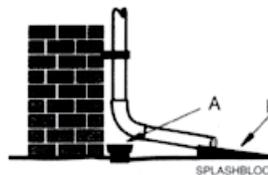
- Drill a 1/4" hole in mortar joint and hammer stand-off bracket into wall; attach the downspout.
- Cut downspout approx. 10" above the ground using a hack saw. Distance will vary.
- Loosen mortar cement from drain tile, and remove lower portion of down spout.

STEP 2



- Place the larger end of elbow over edge of downspout, hold elbow in place and drill a hole in each side. Secure with metal screws.
- Place the end of the extension over elbow. Hold extension in place and drill a hole on each side. Secure extension with metal screws.

STEP 3



- Plug top of drain with crumpled newspaper and fill to top with at least 1" of mortar cement or rubber cap.
- Optional: Install a splashblock to keep stormwater from side of home and to protect against erosion.



How you can help manage stormwater

Disconnect Your Downspout



The goal is to reduce the amount and speed of stormwater leaving your property and entering the sewer.

Disconnect Your Downspout: The first step to managing stormwater at home is disconnecting your downspout from the sewer system if conditions are right.

Install a Rain Barrel: Save the water in a rain barrel for later use.

Install a Rain Garden: Direct the water to landscaping with deep roots such as a rain garden with native plants to soak up even more stormwater than a typical lawn.

Install Permeable Paving: Install permeable paving on your patio or driveway to let the water soak in below while still providing the hard surface you need.

Or a combination of the above

Grow a Rain Garden



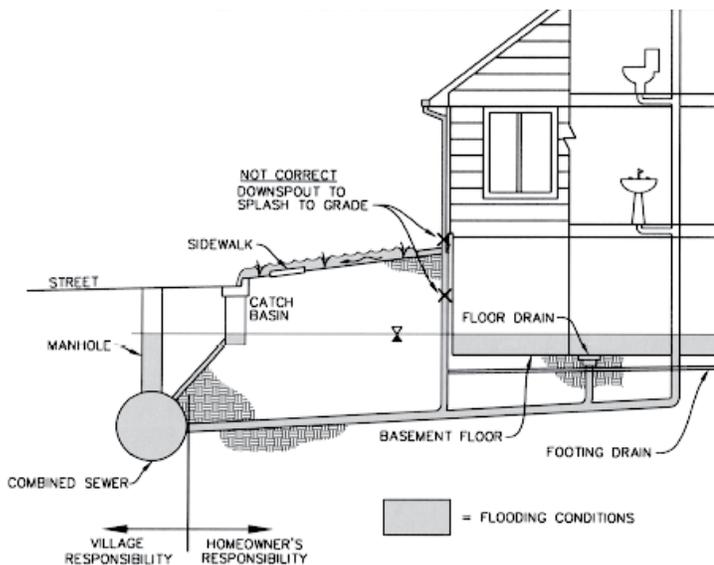
Install a Rain Barrel



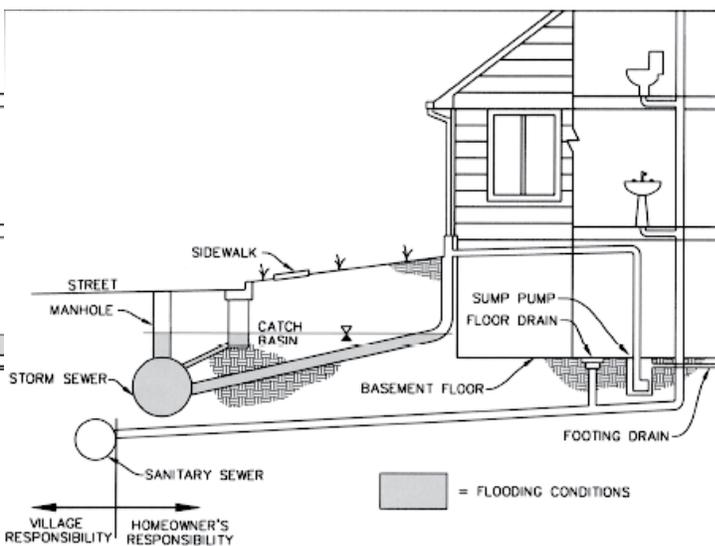
Install Permeable Paving



Stormwater Management: Which System Do You Have?

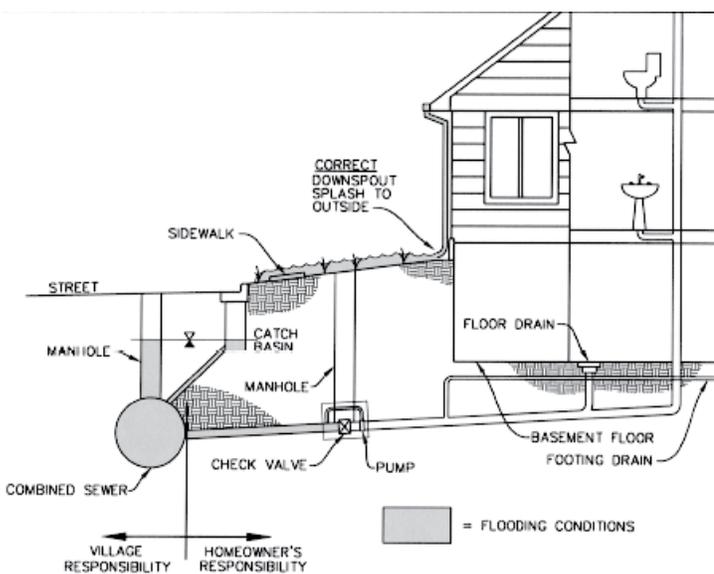


COMBINED SANITARY AND STORM SEWERS (NO FLOOD CONTROL)

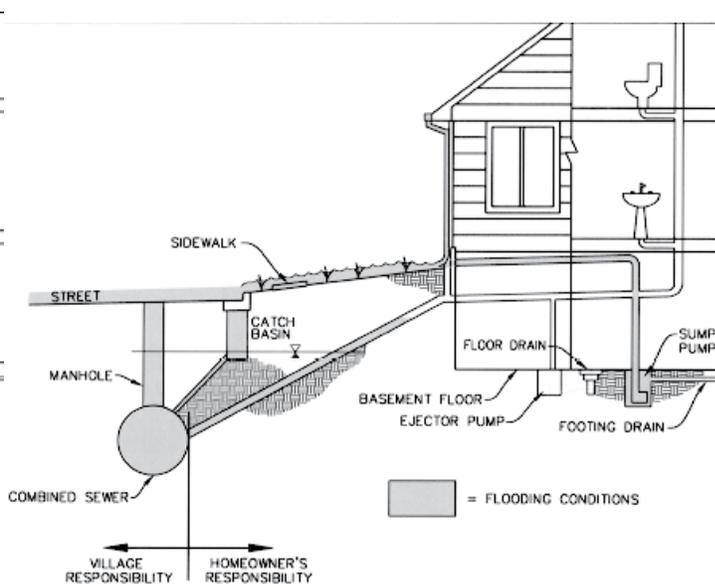


SEPARATED SANITARY AND STORM SEWERS

TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL STORM & SANITARY SYSTEMS



COMBINED SANITARY AND STORM SEWERS WITH CHECK VALVE & PUMP



COMBINED SEWER WITH OVERHEAD PLUMBING



Summer Concerts

AT OAK PARK 6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, June 26: Penny Carnival

The **Saxophones** will play to keep you rocking and singing to the beat. NPD camp children will create **Penny Carnival games** for everyone to enjoy and win prizes.

Friday, July 10: Music In The Park

Face painting and a balloon artist will delight children while the band **215 West** performs Motown, Top 40, Latin Dance, 50's Rock, Classic Rock, 70's Disco & Chicago Blues.

Friday, July 17: Down Home Family Fun

Your family can listen to the tunes of **The Ragtops**, 50's & 60's music. Children can take a **pony or tractor pulled wagon ride and enjoy a petting farm.**

Summer Concerts Sponsored by
Niles Park District &
Village of Niles

Friday, July 24: Vehicle Adventure

Listen to the tunes of the popular **White Saddle Band**. While enjoying the music take a look or sit in the **NPD or Village of Niles large vehicles**. Free Car Safety Seat inspections available.

Friday, July 31: Hawaiian Fest

Enjoy the **Barefoot Hawaiian Band** & dancers perform on stage. Create Hawaiian activities while enjoying the music.



Experience The Rewards!





Friday, August 7

6:30-7:00 pm: Pocket Circus

Pocket Circus is a new circus style duo that uses a theatrical approach to performing. Circus skill blended with music, acrobatics, juggling & magic.

7:15-8:30 pm: Sting Rays

This crowd pleasing interactive band will play a variety of everyone's favorite music from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

Friday, August 14

6:30-7:00 pm: Magic By Randy

Randy's high-powered combination of magic, comedy, voices & zaniness will enthrall children & parents.

7:15-8:30 pm: The Associates

Motown & variety band. They pack their shows with tons of energy and exciting renditions of their crowd pleasing repertoire.

Friday, August 21

6:30-7:00 pm: Sue Black' Stories on the Wild Side

High energy! Interactive! Great Fun! Not your usual storytelling. With help from the audience you never know what will happen next.

7:15-8:30 pm: Breeze

Breeze will play a wide variety of songs and music styles from contemporary jazz to popular standards. Free Car Safety Seat inspections available.

**Questions?? Call the Howard Leisure Center (847) 967-6633
Oak Park is located at Main St. & Ottawa St.**

Stormwater Commission Moves Forward

The May 20th Stormwater Workshop hosted by the Stormwater Commission was well attended by approximately 250 residents. Some who have completed stormwater surveys and some who provided information for the first time.

The goal for the workshop, which was to validate data collected, to gain additional stormwater data from residents, and to provide educational opportunities, was achieved. "Residents are beginning to realize that there is nothing the Village of Niles could have done or will be able to do to protect homes from another epic storm similar to the storm on September 12-14, 2008. That rain storm was disastrous for the residents of Niles and much of the State," stated Assistant Manager Steven Vinezeano. "However, the Stormwater Commission is doing everything it can to identify 'chronic' stormwater issues that negatively impact residents after much smaller rain events."

In addition the Commission is working to better educate residents about what is their responsibility and what they can do to mitigate flood damage in and around their homes. The Commission has observed that residents need to learn more about how stormwater works on their property and how their stormwater/sanitary system works.

The Commission will soon finish their work and provide a report to the Village Board of Trustees. In the meantime, the Stormwater Commission is working diligently to help mitigate third party stormwater issues where and when possible as well as to educate homeowners about their stormwater/sewer system, so that they may help themselves.

Niles Community Garden

Over the past year, there have been a number of donors to the Niles Community Rain Garden who recognize the benefits of stormwater stewardship. It is because of these donors of time, materials and funding, that the Niles Community Rain Garden at 7098 W. Touhy in Niles is nearly complete.

Please take time this season to see what wonderful work has been completed. You may also read about the rain garden at www.vniles.com.

The Village of Niles thanks the following donors:

- Coca-Cola
- The RBC Blue Water Project
- Chris' Landscape
- Pizzo Ecological Restoration
- Niles Lions Club
- The Home Depot
- Groot Industries
- Notre Dame High School Environmental Adventure Club
- Lurvey's Garden Center
- ComEd
- SEC Group
- Hampshire Farms
- Ranieri's Landscaping
- The Niles Water and Sewer Department
- The Niles Environmental Committee



Road Construction Season Starts! Milwaukee Avenue Improvement Project

On Friday, June 5th, DiPaolo Construction will begin a complex project involving resurfacing Milwaukee Avenue from Neva Avenue to Albion Avenue, installation of a watermain along the west side of the street in this same section, as well as numerous streetscape enhancements within the right-of-way.



This project has received funding from multiple sources, including Surface Transportation Program funding through the Northwest Council of Mayors, Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program funding and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Village funds will be used for the watermain installation. Some of the streetscape enhancements include:

1. Improvement of the crosswalk at Harts Road and Milwaukee Avenue;
2. Enhancements at the Veterans Memorial Waterfall Plaza to match recommended features used throughout the plan;
3. Intersection improvement at Milwaukee/Touhy and Milwaukee/Waukegan;
4. Painting of street light poles black from Albion Avenue to Monroe Street; and
5. Installation of landscaping, decorative fencing, pedestrian lighting and other amenities.

While Milwaukee Avenue will remain open during the project, lane restrictions during various phases of construction will impact traffic flow. The Village recognizes the inconvenience that any road construction may cause and apologizes for any difficulties encountered. Motorists are always encouraged to use alternate routes when possible to avoid delays, particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Work will take place from approximately 7:00 am until 7:00 pm each day, excluding Sundays and holidays.

If you have any questions, please call the Niles Engineering Department at (847) 588-7920. More information about this project can be found on the Village's website at www.vniles.com.

“Picture This”



Attention all Shutterbugs! Get out your camera and creativity and start shooting!

This special photo contest will be judged by officials of the Village of Niles. All photos must be taken within the Village of Niles limits, but could be any subject matter. Your photos will be displayed and winners will be notified. *Show off your Niles Pride and start snappin'!*

Photography Contest Rules:

1. Shutterbugs must submit their own work. Entries must be 4”X6” up to 8”X12” - suitable for public exhibition and all pictures must be taken within the Village of Niles. Photos

may be color or black & white.

2. The following information must accompany each entry: Photographer’s name, address, phone number, place photo was taken. Attach this information on the back of photo.
3. Photographs and entry forms must be delivered to the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Dr., by 5 pm Monday July 6, 2009.
4. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded. Photos will be displayed and prize winners will be notified.
5. Judges will be officials of the Village of Niles.

Please contact the Niles Senior Center at (847) 588-8420.

Variety Show Auditions!

It’s that time again – the time where we brush off the dust from our dancing shoes, warm up our vocal cords, and sharpen our wit as we prepare for the 3rd Annual Niles Senior Center Variety Show!

In order to accommodate the growing talent pool here in Niles, we must put a limit on the number of acts. No one will be refused; however only one act/song/piece will be allowed per person due to time constraints.

Audition dates: Thursday, July 30 at 1:30 pm or Monday, August 3 at 1:30 pm

You only need to attend one of these auditions. If you cannot make either, please let us know on your registration sheet, so that we may make other arrangements.

Tech Rehearsal: Sept. 23; 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Show: Sept. 24; 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Niles Senior Center at (847) 588-8420.

Underage Teenage Drinking Parties and the Serving of Alcohol



Illinois State Law is very clear and specific on underage drinking. No one 21 years of age or younger will be allowed to be in possession and/or consume alcoholic beverages. If an underage teen violates this law and the consumption of alcohol is occurred at a home, not only is the youth charged but so is the adult on whose property this consumption occurred on.

It is the adult’s responsibility to know what goes on in their home at all times.

This is known as “Parental Responsibility”. The risk for adult liability is certainly possible and real.

However, this can be avoided with direct involvement with your teens in all their activities. The Niles Police Department places great emphasis on the seriousness and ramifications of the consumption/possession of alcohol by minors and the families risk the potential of serious civil/legal consequences from teenage underage drinking parties.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Niles Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 588-6563.



- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas.
- Make sure everyone knows to **Stop, Drop and Roll** in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

FREE Branch Collection

The Village of Niles will again offer free branch pickup service this year to residents. The branch pickup program is provided to residents once a month according to the following schedule.

For residents living **East of Milwaukee Avenue**, free branch collection begins: June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd and September 8th (Monday Holiday).

For residents living **West of Milwaukee Avenue**, free branch collection begins: June 29th, July 27th, August 31st and September 28th.



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- Residents should place their branches at the curb on the appropriate Monday for pickup during that week.
- Branches must be less than 10 inches in diameter.
- Branches should be 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 appropriate Monday morning will be picked up during that week, not necessarily that Monday.

Wood chips generated by the free branch collection program are available to residents, and can be picked up behind the Public Services Department main garage. The pick-up area is located at the east end of the employee parking lot, and can be entered off of Franks Avenue seven days a week. Please contact the Public Services Department at (847) 588-7900 should you have any questions regarding this service.

Outdoor Watering Restricted

To help conserve water, the Federal Water Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Water Resources requires municipalities to enact outdoor water sprinkling restrictions.



In Niles, all outside watering between the hours of 12:00 pm (noon) and 6:00 pm is prohibited on every day of the week from May 15th through September 15th.

Generally, watering during this time of day is ineffective due to the fast evaporation rates, therefore delaying watering to the best possible times helps conserve water. All Niles residents are urged to follow the sprinkling restrictions. This will help maintain adequate water pressure for fire fighting as a protection for your home or business.

The Village of Niles and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) are proud to offer Niles residents a safe and clean way to dispose of latex paint.

LATEX PAINT RECYCLING

The Niles Public Services Department is accepting leftover latex paint at 6849 Touhy Avenue the first Wednesday of each month. ONLY latex paint will be accepted (no oil-based paint).

Drop off hours:
First Wednesday of each month
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



The collection program will only be available during this time and is only for latex paint. Oil-based paint or unlabeled paint will be refused. Collection is open to Village of Niles and Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) member residents only. The Village of Niles provides this service through SWANCC, which is partnering with Earth Paints Collection Systems to provide this free service to residents in SWANCC communities like Niles.

Earth Paints Collection Systems picks up the paint in the cans and takes them back to its facility. The paint is separated and bulked into 55 gallon drums. The bulked paint that is reusable is reprocessed into new, useable latex paint for resale. Unusable latex paint is turned into filler product that is used in the manufacturing of concrete. The empty steel paint cans are crushed at the Earth Paints facility and recycled locally.

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