

Focus on Niles

March - May, 2010

Village of Niles, Illinois

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Niles Residents are Taxed Less

The survey below was obtained from the City of Park Ridge indicating that the residents of Niles are taxed less out of pocket for municipal services than other comparable communities. We are proud of this record and we will continue to do everything we can to keep the costs of running government as reasonable as possible - *Mayor Callero and the Village of Niles Board of Trustees*

	Vehicle Sticker Fee	Dog License Fee	Garbage Charge	Yard Waste Charge	Water Charge	Sewer Charge	Total Property Tax	Total Direct Payments
Assumptions for survey	One vehicle	One neutered	104 Bags/year	12 Bags/year	97,000 Gallons	97,000 Gallons	\$40,000 EAV	
Morton Grove	55.00	25.00	193.62	24.00	543.90	97.00	510.80	1,449.32
Des Plaines	30.00	3.00	237.96	in with garbage	544.60	90.21	468.84	1,321.45
Mt. Prospect	36.00	0.00	75.00	27.00	453.96	206.47	468.84	1,267.27
Buffalo Grove	0.00	10.00	218.16	in with garbage	291.00	360.00	266.44	1,145.60
Arlington Heights	30.00	12.00	143.28	22.20	409.50	44.62	428.40	1,090.00
Downers Grove	0.00	0.00	307.84	35.52	429.33	0.00	247.84	1,020.53
Palatine	25.00	6.00	240.00	in with garbage	314.00	64.99	365.60	1,015.59
Evanston	75.00	10.00	83.40	0.00	229.31	31.62	518.00	947.33
Naperville	0.00	4.00	0.00	25.20	297.72	254.11	286.68	867.71
Park Ridge	40.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	442.76	64.11	304.40	861.27
Skokie	20.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	491.27	0.00	340.80	858.07
Niles	25.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	445.23	0.00	243.20	737.43
AVERAGE	37.33	9.55	187.40	26.32	407.72	134.79	368.13	1,050.19



The 2010 Board of Trustees: (left to right) Trustee Chris Hanusiak, Trustee Alan Weel, Mayor Bob Callero, Trustee Joe LoVerde, Trustee Louella Preston, Trustee James Hynes, and Trustee Andrew Przybylo.

Village of Niles Board of Trustees Working Together Toward the Future

The Board of Trustees is made up of six Trustees and a Mayor. Together, these elected officials are responsible for adopting ordinances, setting policies and establishing a positive direction for the Village.

Some of the most challenging projects this elected body will face over the next fiscal year are: a weak economy, stormwater management, revitalization of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, and a comprehensive plan to prepare our community for the next ten to twenty years.

Your input will be very important as we work closely on these projects and more.

**Mayoral Appointment
Trustee Chris Hanusiak**

Chris Hanusiak joined Mayor Callero and fellow Trustees for the first time on the dais at the January 2010 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Hanusiak will assume the seat vacated by Kim Biederman.

Trustee Hanusiak and his family have lived in the Village of Niles for nine years. Since moving to Niles, his parents and sister's family have also moved to the Village. Chris believes Niles is a great place to raise a family and looks forward to serving the residents of the community.



Chris Hanusiak is sworn-in by Village Clerk Marlene Victorine at the January 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting.

**Mayoral Appointment
Commissioner Barbara Nakanishi**

Barbara Nakanishi, an architect who has lived in the Village of Niles most of her life, joins the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals as the newest Commissioner. Barbara comes to the Commission with extensive project design and construction management experience and now specializes in residential design.



Mayor Callero stands with Barbara Nakanishi who was appointed to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Employee Retirement
Firefighter Dave Schweigert**

Firefighter Apparatus Engineer Dave Schweigert joined the Department in 1973 and has been a great asset ever since. His loyalty, spotless attendance record, and his caring and happy attitude will be missed by all. Fire Chief Mueller presented Dave with the traditional retired firefighter badge. We all thank Dave for his 36 years of service to the Village of Niles.



Mayor Callero congratulates retiring Firefighter Dave Schweigert, Fire Chief Barry Mueller and Trustee James Hynes.

	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Village Manager</u>
<u>Mayor</u> Robert M. Callero <i>mayor@vniles.com</i>	Chris Hanusiak <i>cjh@vniles.com</i>	Louella B. Preston <i>lbp@vniles.com</i>	George R. Van Geem <i>gvg@vniles.com</i>
	James T. Hynes <i>jth@vniles.com</i>	Andrew Przybylo <i>atp@vniles.com</i>	<u>Village Clerk</u> Marlene J. Victorine <i>mv@vniles.com</i>
	Joe LoVerde <i>jvl@vniles.com</i>	Alan Weel <i>adweel@vniles.com</i>	

Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive

Happenings at the Senior Center by Director Kelly Mickle



The Niles Senior Center's Annual Rum-mage Sale is coming!! Stop by on Saturday, April 24th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There will be a 50/50 Raffle to

benefit the Niles Food Pantry, also \$2.00 Hot Dog Lunches available for purchase. If you are interested in reserving a table to sell the many treasures in your home that you can no longer use, please call Jaymi at the Niles Senior Center at (847)588-8420 asap! Limited space is available. Open to the Public!



Brain Day – Monday, May 10th

Explore the mysteries of the brain!! Brain Day is a full day of learning, fun, and exploration about that wonderful Grey Matter

between your ears!!

Your brain is ever-changing and it will continue to change your entire life. Yes, your brain is aging

Teen Center

373 Golf Mill Center

A Crazy Spring for Teens by Director Mark Williams

The Niles Teen Center provides a welcoming, structured and safe environment for local teens to spend time with friends, receive homework assistance, and develop social skills. Also, the Teen Center promotes community service, special activities, trips and educational programs. The Niles Teen Center welcomes all teens to join as a member and participate in Teen Center programs.

Spring programs include movie nights, video game

along with the rest of your body, but that's not all that we are talking about here. A very important thing to realize is that your brain responds and adapts and is constantly striving to learn and repair itself.

This day will include:

9:30am to 10:30am - Senior Moment or Memory Loss

10:45am to 11:30am - Laughter Class

11:30am to 1:00pm - Meditation Class

11:30am to Noon - Don't Worry, Be Creative

Noon to 12:30pm - Brain Foods

1:30pm to 2:30pm - Building Mental Muscle

Paint-A-Thon – It's our 23rd Year



Once again, volunteers will participate in a multi-community project designed to paint the exterior of homes that are

owned and occupied by persons with limited financial resources, who are either 60 years of age or older, or persons who have a permanent disability. Income requirements are \$36,000 or less annually. When determining eligibility for the program, excessive expenses such as prescription and/or medical bills will be taken into consideration. If you wish to apply for this free assistance, or volunteer to help paint, please call the Senior Center at 847-588-8420.

and sports tournaments, a monthly educational speaker series; trips to the Fitness Center, Police Station and Fire Department, a talent show, the Job Shadow Day, and the "Night-In-The-Mall" Lock-In event.

For more information on the Niles Teen Center, visit us on the web at www.NilesTeenCenter.org or stop by the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill Shopping Center.



Teens enjoying a holiday craft event at the Village of Niles Teen Center this past winter.

Family Services

999 Civic Center Drive

Divorce and Separation Help Your Child Cope

Problems that children experience at school can begin at home, especially when there's a family crisis, like a divorce.

Following these tips will help a child make it through domestic turmoil healthy and whole:



- Remember children need to love both parents.
- Make significant adults in your children's lives aware of the situation, i.e., teachers, doctors, counselors, childcare providers.
- Reassure children that the situation is an adult problem,

- that they did not cause the divorce.
- Preserve normal household rules and routines. Keep change to a minimum.
- Clearly answer questions about the separation.
- Use family support groups and professionals for help.
- Don't belittle the other parent in front of your children.
- Don't ask children to keep secrets from your ex-partner.
- Don't send messages to your ex-partner through children.
- Don't tell your children what to think and feel.
- Don't ask children to take sides or pump them for information about your ex-partner.
- Don't use children as confidants or substitutes for your spouse and friends.

For further information or if you are in need of help in navigating through family discord, contact Niles Family Services, 847-588-8460. Our services are available to all Niles families on a sliding fee scale.

Cook County Disaster Grant (CCDG) Grant Targets Mold Remediation



Cook County grant funds are available to support Cook County residents who were affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred between September 13th, 2008 and October 5th, 2008.

Mold remediation is a key objective of this funding and through the CCDG application process a Cook County inspector will visit your home to assess the damage. Funding may also be used to cover some health related expenses due to the 2008 flood, but cannot be used to reimburse individuals for previously incurred expenses.

This Cook County grant cannot be used to reimburse individuals for fixing their homes or for any expenses they incurred and paid for themselves, even if they have receipts.

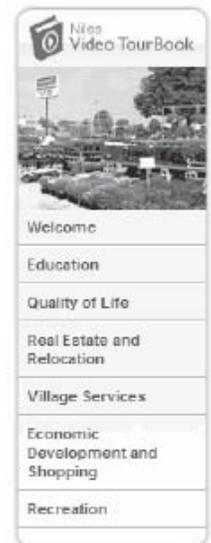
Call the Cook County Hot Line Number at 312-603-7600. You may also go to the website to learn more or download an application:
www.cookcountymoldremediation.org

Promoting Niles with Streaming Video by Business Coordinator Denise McCreery

This year the Village of Niles launched its new Niles Video TourBook. The TourBook contains seven streaming videos highlighting various aspects of Niles, including a Welcome from Mayor Callero and several short features on Education, Quality of Life, Real Estate and Relocation, Village Services, Economic Development and Shopping, and Recreation. The videos are hosted on the Village's website at www.vniles.com.

These 60-second videos were produced to promote Niles to potential residents and businesses as well as to highlight the uniqueness of our community. As stated in the video: "Niles has everything needed to build strong families, strong businesses and lasting community relationships."

Please visit www.vniles.com to view these exciting upbeat videos.



*Look for this
"Video TourBook"
graphic on the
website*

Police Department 7000 Touhy Avenue

Be Aware of Parking Restrictions by Sergeant Tom Davis

The department would like to remind residents about certain parking restrictions. Not all restrictions are marked and announced with signs or yellow paint. As a driver, you are responsible for learning about ordinances that pertain to you. Here are a few parking ordinances you should become familiar with as the spring arrives:

Sec. 98-157. Parking Prohibited:

- On a crosswalk
- Within 30 feet of an official traffic signal or stop sign on the approaching side
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
- At any curb within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Blocking the use of any driveway
- Upon any sidewalk area
- In an alley
- Upon any parkway
- Within 20 feet of any alley entrance or exit
- In any fire lane or area that will impede fire department

- operations or escape of occupants in case of fire
- In any handicapped parking place, unless such person is handicapped or is transporting a handicapped person and unless the motor vehicle displays a legal handicap placard or a registration plate

Sec. 98-148. Abandoned motor vehicles or equipment on private property: Do not park or leave a vehicle on any property when it is in a state of disrepair or incapable of being driven in its present condition unless during an emergency and the police department has been notified.

Sec. 98-151. Parking regulations to facilitate street cleaning: Signs will be displayed when in effect.

Sec. 98-156. Parking for more than three days: No motor vehicle may remain parked in the same spot on any public street for more than 72 hours unless special permission is received from the chief of the police department or his designee.

Sec. 98-158. Parking for certain purposes prohibited: No person shall park a vehicle upon any traffic way: (1) To display such vehicle for sale. (2) To grease or repair such vehicle except for repairs necessitated by an emergency.

Again, the above ordinances are just a few that are enforced. Parking violations carry a fine of \$50.00; Fire Lane violations are \$100.00; and Handicapped violations are \$250.00 and may not be reduced according to Illinois state law. Remember to check if you may be parked on a snow route and to check for any signs regulating parking. If you are unsure, please call 588-6500 or e-mail us at police@vniles.com.

Fire Department 8360 Dempster Street



Spring Fire Safety by Deputy Chief Steve Borkowski

Spring is here once again. These are some easy fire safety tips for you and your family:

- Smoke detector batteries should be checked, and replaced if necessary
- Smoke detector units should be cleared of dust
- Fire extinguishers should be checked, and recharged
- Electric wiring should be checked for damage, and replaced
- Outlets and extension cords should not be overloaded.
- Air Conditioning unit electrical cords should be checked
- BBQ Gas grills (including gas hoses) and propane tanks should be inspected
- Never use open flame devices to strip paint
- Never burn yard waste or trash. This is illegal
- Windows should be checked to make sure they open

- and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.
- Review your family's Fire Escape Plan
- Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, etc. should be stored in an approved container only
- Pesticides and chemicals should be stored in an approved container and away from children
- Swimming pool chemicals should be stored according to manufacturer guidelines
- Oil based paints and solvents should be stored in a metal cabinet

Propane Gas Grill Safety

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If you have any questions about fire-safety, please call the Niles Fire Department at 847-588-6800.

Public Services

6849 Touhy Avenue

Sewer Rodding Program To Help Reduce Sewer Backup

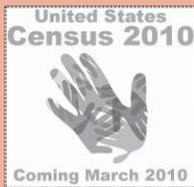
The following procedure should be followed if you experience a sewer back-up in your home:

1. Contact the Public Services Department at (847) 588-7900 and inform them of the sewer backup.
2. The Public Services Department will schedule an inspection of the main sanitary sewer line to determine if there is a blockage.
3. If no blockage has been identified on the main sanitary sewer line, the sewer backup is due to a blockage on the private sewer line that runs from the house to the main sewer line. A Public Services employee will inform the homeowner of the findings and provide a course of action.

Generally, rodding (cleaning) the sewer line from your home to the main sewer line will relieve the majority of sewer blockages. The Sewer Rodding Program will reimburse homeowners up to a maximum of \$100 once every three years.

Blockages on either the main sewer line or the private sewer line from your home are caused by a number of reasons:

- **Common household waste or foreign objects** can cause a partial or complete blockage;
- **Root invasion through cracks or joints** can cause blockage of the sewer line;
- **Pipe collapse** caused by settling of the sanitary sewer line or settling of the ground over the sewer service line can cause blockage;
- **Inflow & infiltration during severe rain events** can cause large amounts of water to choke the normal flow of the system. This occurs from illegal direct connections or cracks in the sewer line.



United States Census 2010 Be Counted!

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a census questionnaire. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census questionnaire asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Completing your census questionnaire is easy, safe and your participation is essential to ensuring a brighter tomorrow for our community.

Required once every 10 years by the U.S. Constitution, the census will count every person living in

the United States, both citizens and noncitizens. Census data are used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, redistrict each state and determine the distribution of the Electoral College.

Census data are also very important to Niles because they will directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments. The census data are critical in determining locations for new hospitals, improving schools, building new roads, expanding public transportation options and creating new maps for emergency responders.

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. All information is confidential and by law cannot be shared with other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Polish and Russian, as well as language guides in 59 languages, are available on request.

By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you. Complete and return your form when it arrives. To learn more, visit www.2010census.gov.

Timeline for 2010 Census

February-March 2010- Questionnaires Mailed to households

April 1, 2010 - Census Day

April-July 2010 - Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail

December 2010 - Census counts delivered to President

March 2011 - Census Bureau completes redistricting data to states

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The Village of Niles has many ways for you to reduce, reuse, and recycle at our facilities!



Medications and Sharps @ The Senior Center

The 2010 dates for medication and sharps collection are April 14th, July 14th, and October 13th.

Recycle CFLs and Cell Phones @ The Senior Center

You can recycle your CFL light bulbs and cell phones at the Niles Senior Center during regular operating hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

It is recommended that you place your spent CFL bulbs in a sealed plastic storage bag during transport.

**Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive
847-588-8420**



Recycle Old Glory @ The Family Fitness Center

The Niles Historical Museum collects old flags at the center that are then delivered to the Glenview American Legion for proper disposal.



Recycle Used Eyeglasses @ The Senior Center

The Niles Lions Club has a drop-off site for prescription eyeglasses at the Niles Senior Center. This is a great opportunity for a tax break!



Athletic Shoe Recycling @ Family Fitness Center

You may bring your worn-out athletic shoes to: the Niles Family Fitness Center located at 987 Civic Center Drive.

What type of shoes? Any brand of athletic shoe, but only "court-type" shoes will be accepted, such as basketball, tennis, cross-training, running or aerobic shoes.

Recycle CFLs and Rechargeable Batteries @ The Public Services Department

The Public Services Department now accepts two items for recycling: CFLs and Rechargeable Batteries. CFL bulbs should be transported in a sealed plastic storage bag, but there are special plastic bags at our facility for your rechargeable batteries.

Bring your CFLs, rechargeable batteries, and latex paint to 6849 Touhy Avenue.

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 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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