

Focus on Niles

Fall 2011

Village of Niles, Illinois

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A Message From Mayor Robert M. Callero

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Our 4th of July parade and celebration, in conjunction with the Niles Park District, was a huge success. It seems to me that each year, more and more people come to watch and participate. Thanks to all who made it happen!

Even though the weather cooperated on July 4, the Village of Niles and the North-eastern region of Illinois as a whole have experienced terrible storms this Spring and Summer. Our citizens have had their fair share of heat emergencies, wind storm damage, electrical power outages and, more recently, flooding. We have assisted where possible with a cooling center, damaged tree removal, special needs assistance, the immediate removal of flood debris and more. But I believe we can do more. With citizen input, we hope to implement cost share assistance programs to help reduce the impact of power outages and flooding.

The 100-year storm that occurred on July 23 once again confirms my long-term commitment for a comprehensive stormwater master plan to reduce the impact of flooding in Niles. It is unfair for residents and families to be on edge every time rain is in the forecast. Our Stormwater Commission and the engineering firm of Hey and Associates have recently completed a thorough one-year sewer modeling and diagnosis and are now developing potential short- and long-term solutions. We anticipate that Hey and Associates will present their findings and recommendations for a stormwater capital improvement program to the Board of Trustees this September.

Throughout these terrible storms, Village personnel from Public Services, Police, Fire

and Administration performed admirably. Storm after storm, these personnel did their best to assist and serve residents. I take this opportunity to thank all of them for a job well done.

The long-term goals for the Village of Niles are changing as we pursue a more open and responsive government, community beautification, family friendliness, and the revitalization of key, economically important commercial corridors. Through extensive public input, the Niles 2030 Comprehensive planning process encapsulates these ideals and more. We look forward to the finalization of the plan this Fall.

I truly believe that citizen participation is the cornerstone to progress and through this spirit, I have appointed Niles citizens to a record number of Village committees and commissions working diligently with me to keep all our costs within a balanced budget during these trying economic times. I have also appointed an ad-hoc committee to review the broadcasting of Village Board meetings, whose end result will be to get more information about Niles government out to the community through Comcast Channel 6 and web streaming on the Village webpage.

As we move into the Fall, please do your part to help keep the fallen leaves from clogging sewer openings. Also, please shop our Niles merchants and take advantage of the popular restaurant discount program "Dine-In-Niles" that will run until August 31, 2012.

Robert M. Callero



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**Clean Air Counts Program
Village To Pursue Silver or Gold Level**



The Village of Niles is a Clean Air Counts Community at the Bronze Level. This year, the Environmental Practices Committee is committed to earning a Silver or even Gold Level through increased community involvement and education.

What is Clean Air Counts? Clean Air Counts is a proactive initiative that solicits commitment by individuals, businesses and communities to take tangible steps toward improving air quality.

Please check out the Village website at www.vniles.com under "Going Green" for more details on how you may help us improve air quality.

**Environmental Practices Committee
Document Destruction & E-Recycling A Hit**



The Environmental Practices Committee joined the Public Services Department to assist with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County - (SWANCC) sponsored document destruction and electronics recycling event.

Due to the popularity of the event, the amount recycled nearly doubled from the prior year with over 3,600 lbs of paper recycled. 272 participants also dropped off electronics for recycling.

The Environmental Committee plans to work with the Village and SWANCC to encourage residents to recycle holiday lights, batteries, sharps, old medicines, and more.

**NILES RESIDENT
APPRECIATION DAY**

**Saturday, September 24, 2011
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Niles Family Fitness Center
987 Civic Center Drive, Niles**

**Help us celebrate Niles being awarded
Bloomberg Business Week's
#1 Place in the U.S. to Raise Kids**

**The Village of Niles is opening its
Fitness Center and Senior Center to all
residents for an evening of fun for all
ages. Join us for swimming, open gym, crafts,
billiards, casino play and pizza.**

IDs are required to enter.
A limited number of pizzas will be served



**#1 Place in the US to Raise Kids T-Shirts
Now Available for \$5.00 Each**

Due to the popularity of the #1 Place to Raise Kids T-shirt, an additional supply has been ordered and is currently available at the Village Hall. All shirts are a generous youth large and are available for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. These shirts mark an exciting time in Niles history and are great gifts for your children and grandchildren.



Teen Center

373 Golf Mill Center

**Teens Gear Up For Fall Programs
by Mark Williams**



Come check out one of the reasons Niles is the #1 Place in the US to Raise Kids! Check out the fun and interesting programs and events offered at the Niles Teen Center. Fall programs include the “Back to School” Dance, “Lights

On Afterschool” Open House, monthly movie nights, a trip to Great America for “Fright Fest,” ghost stories, and arts and crafts.

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 the Golf Mill Shopping Mall. You may also call us at 847-375-8949 for more information.



**Dine-In Niles Program
Welcome Back!!**

In August, Niles residents received their new Dine In Niles 10% discount card and a list of the participating local restaurants. This program allows residents to use a discount card at 50 ethnically diverse restaurants ranging from fast food to fine dining.

The program is designed to encourage residents to dine at our local restaurants first. The 10% discount is an incentive to dine at your favorite restaurant more frequently or try a new restaurant. The unique feature of this program is that the discount is valid for one full year!

Residents are encouraged to check the Village’s website at www.vniles.com to receive an up-to-date participating restaurant listing. The logo displayed above is on our home page and is a quick link to that listing. If you have any questions you may call our Business & Marketing Coordinator, Denise McCreery, at 847-588-8063.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

<i>168 Chinese Restaurant</i>	<i>Jersey Mike’s</i>
<i>Al’s Beef</i>	<i>Just Like Home</i>
<i>Amici Restaurant</i>	<i>Lone Tree Manor</i>
<i>Auntie Anne’s Pretzels</i>	<i>Los Comales Mexican Rest.</i>
<i>Bakers Square</i>	<i>Mango Restaurant</i>
<i>Barnaby’s Pizza</i>	<i>Morrison Roadhouse</i>
<i>BBQ Grill</i>	<i>Mrs. Fields</i>
<i>Bombay Chat</i>	<i>Mykonos Restaurant</i>
<i>Celebration Ice Cream</i>	<i>Nancy’s Pizza</i>
<i>Celli’s Beef</i>	<i>Panda Express</i>
<i>Chambers</i>	<i>Papa John’s Pizza</i>
<i>Chasers Bar & Grill</i>	<i>Pizza Hut</i>
<i>Cheogajip Chicken & Pizza</i>	<i>Pizza King</i>
<i>Chicago Style Hotdogs</i>	<i>Play Book Sports Bar</i>
<i>Chinese Inn</i>	<i>Quiznos Subs</i>
<i>Cid’s Ma Mon Luk</i>	<i>Riggio’s Restaurant</i>
<i>Cinnabon</i>	<i>Siam’s House Restaurant</i>
<i>Dear Franks</i>	<i>Subway Sandwiches</i>
<i>Du Re Bak Restaurant</i>	<i>Surf City Squeeze</i>
<i>Dunkin Donuts/Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin Deli</i>	<i>Taco Burrito King</i>
<i>Fluky’s</i>	<i>The Great Steak & Potato Co.</i>
<i>Golf Mill Cafe</i>	<i>The White Eagle Restaurant</i>
<i>Gourmet Cajun & Grill</i>	<i>Tic Toc Grill</i>
<i>Graziano’s</i>	<i>YOUR BUSINESS HERE</i>

Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive

Fall Programs Are Full of Activity by Kelly Mickle

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage - Open enrollment begins October 15. Are you considering enrolling in or changing your Medicare D plan? During the annual election period from October 15 through December 7, you can add, drop, or change your Part D coverage. Your new coverage will begin on January 1, 2012. If you currently have Medicare prescription coverage, you should review your coverage during this period. You might want to switch Medicare drug plans if another plan better meets your needs. This is the only time of the year that you can do this, unless you qualify for an exception.



Men's Club FALL BBQ – All are welcome on Friday, September 9 at the NSC! Doors open at 11:15am. Our own master chefs will be grilling burgers and brats that will be served with delicious side salads and dessert. Entertainment will be Nowstalgia with Brian Fowler.

Seating is reserved and participants will have a chance at winning one of 15 door prizes. Fees apply.

Grandparents Breakfast - Monday, October 10 at 9:00am. Bring your grandchildren and join us for the morning to celebrate Grandparents Day. The festivities will begin with breakfast, followed by pictures and crafts. Kids eat free. Registration required and fees apply.



10th Annual Pet Parade – Monday, October 10 at 1:00pm. OPEN TO ALL!!! KIDS WELCOME! Grand Marshalls Odie and Kermie welcome all furry, winged, scaly, or any other

variation of your beloved pet to this year's pet parade. If you would like to register your pet, please pre-register to Jaymi or Kathlyn by Thursday, October 6. Everyone else, please register at the Senior Center or call 847-588-8420.

5th Annual Variety Show - Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30pm. See the best of the best!! See our friends and neighbors shine. There will be singing, dancing, light refreshments and more! Save by buying tickets in advance.

Niles Police Department Workshop - On Thursday, September 22 at 10:00am, the Niles Police Department will provide a Senior Scam Workshop focusing on new activity that has been going on around town and ways to prevent you from being a victim.



5th Annual Low Vision Fair – Saturday, September 24 at 10:00am. OPEN TO ALL!!! Sponsored by the NSC, Niles Public Library, and seven other local libraries. Speakers will include Retina Specialist, Dr. Jack Cohen, Polly Abbott, Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Guild for the Blind and a panel of low vision experts. There will be vendors displaying and selling assistive technology and support service providers including: 1) Eye screenings for macular degeneration and diabetic eye by the Niles Lions Club; and 2) Glaucoma screenings by the Glenbrook Eye and Vision Center.



Conversational Spanish - Wednesday, October 5 and Wednesday, November 2 at 10:00am. Have you ever wanted to learn a new language? Join fellow NSC members with Lisa Basset, an instructor at Oakton Community College, and learn the basics of conversational Spanish. Fees apply.

Salsa & Merengue Workshop - Thursday, October 20 at 11:00am. Learn the basic steps of the famous Latin Dances Salsa and Merengue. Fran Strain from Dance-mates School of Dance will be here to instruct this workshop. Fees apply.



Oktoberfest - Friday, October 21 at 11:30am. Willkommen!!!! Join us as we welcome back Die Lustigen Musikanten (Merry Musicians in German), a traditional German band that will play waltzes, polkas, marches, and a variety of German folk songs. Vocals will be in English and German or both. We will feast upon chicken schnitzel, sauerkraut, potatoes, dill carrots, rye bread, and a delicious dessert. Fees apply.

Police Department

7000 Touhy Avenue

Distracted Driving in School Zone is a No No by Sergeant Robert Tornabene



As the new school year quickly approaches, the Niles Police Department is here to remind you not to talk with, text with or generally use your cell phone in a

school zone. The Illinois General Assembly passed legislation in 2010 which restricts the use of cellular telephone and the Niles Police Department will be out conducting traffic enforcement looking for these specific violations as school opens.

The State of Illinois "No Phone in School/Work Zones" law states that a person, regardless of age, may not use a

wireless telephone or electronic communication device in a school speed zone or a construction or maintenance speed zone. The offender will be issued a traffic citation. The new law defining "Electronic Communication" device states that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message. The offender will be issued a traffic citation, which is the equivalent to a moving violation and impacts your driving and insurance rating.

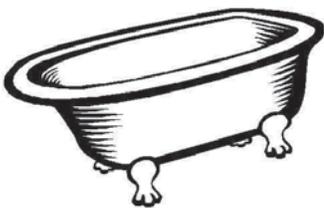
In general, distracted driving is simply dangerous business. 20% of injury accidents were caused by distracted driving and 18% of fatality crashes involve cellular telephone distraction.

The age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was under the 20 age group; 16% of all drivers younger than 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving. Using a cellular telephone while driving, whether it's hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Fire Department

8360 Dempster Street

Bathroom Safety For the Whole Family by Fire Chief Steve Borkowski



The smallest room in your home can have many dangers. Drowning, burns, falls, poisoning, electrical shock – all these things can happen in your bathroom. Keep young children out of the bathroom unless you are

watching them carefully. Here are some other ways to keep your family safe in the bathroom.

Prevent Falls

- Have a grab bar by the bathtub and shower.
- Have a grab bar by the toilet.
- Put non-slip strips in your tub or shower.
- Have a bath mat with a non-skid bottom next to the tub and shower.
- Keep the bathroom floor clean and dry.
- Use nightlights in hallways and bathrooms.

Protect Young Children

- Don't let young children use the sink or tub without help.

When children are in the tub, stay close enough to touch them.

- Know the things in your bathroom that are poisons.
- Look at the labels for the words "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," "Poison" or "Keep Out of Reach of Children" on the box or bottle.
- Keep all medicines and cleaning products in the containers they came in. Keep labels on them.
- All your medicines and cleaning products should have child safety caps.
- All medicines, cosmetics (make-up) and cleaning supplies should be locked in a cabinet.
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Prevent Fire

- Blow out candles if you leave the bathroom.
- Have a large, deep ashtray for smokers in your family.
- Put water on cigarette buttes before throwing them away.
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Prevent Electrical Shock Injuries

- Keep hair dryers, curling irons and electric razors away from water.
- Always unplug appliances after using them.
- The electrical outlet in the bathroom should have a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). This is a tool that protects you from a dangerous shock when water and electricity come together.
- If you don't already have one, an electrician can install a GFCI for you.

The planning firm of Houseal Lavigne will be presenting the first full DRAFT of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Niles Senior Center.

This is your opportunity to see what the Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee has been working on since the public workshop in November of last year and to provide valuable feedback before the final document is presented to the Village Board of Trustees.

Participants are encouraged to be on time to prevent missing the PowerPoint presentation by Houseal Lavigne. If you have further questions, please contact planning intern Clayton Jirak at 847-588-8091.

Village of Niles Stormwater Commission Engineering Firm To Present Findings



The stormwater engineering firm of Hey and Associates is preparing for a presentation to the Village of Niles Board of Trustees this September 27. After working alongside the Stormwater Commission, Hey and Associates will be presenting their findings after one year of stormwater

engineering analysis and system modeling. At this meeting, Hey will also present their recommended capital improvement plan.

During this period, the Stormwater Commission has also completed twenty of the twenty-four recommendations presented in the 2009 Stormwater Commission Report, in addition to encouraging several third party property owners to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater runoff from their properties.

The goal of the stormwater engineering study from Hey and Associates was to conduct a sewer system analysis and modeling, develop a prioritized capital improvement plan, and prepare a stormwater master plan.

For information about the activities of the Stormwater Commission, see www.vniles.com.



Niles Historical Society Plan For Our September High Tea



Plans for our annual High Tea are well underway and will be held in September at the Museum - with a surprise program.

This is always a fun event, open to everyone by reservation only. Watch local papers, vniles.com, patch.com, or our marquee for details.

Do you remember 1971? A group of Woman's Club of Niles, in conjunction with the Niles Art Guild, began the Niles Historical and Art Society 40 years ago.

All our news and current events can be found at www.vniles.com or by calling (847) 390-0160 or on our outdoor marquee sign.

Public Services

6849 Touhy Avenue

Community Leaf Pickup Service

By Bob Pilat



The Village of Niles will again offer free leaf pickup service this year to residents. The leaf pickup program runs from mid-October through late November, and is provided to residents every other week according to the following schedule:

For residents living EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVE., pickup begins on the following Mondays. Residents should place their leaves in the curb on the appropriate Monday for pickup during the week. Leaf pickup begins on the following dates: October 3, October 17, October 31, and November 14.

For residents living WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVE., pickup begins on the following Mondays. Residents should place their leaves in the curb on the appropriate Monday for pickup during the week. Leaf pickup begins on the following dates: October 10, October 24, November 7, and November 21.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- Loose leaves should be raked into the curb by Monday of the pickup week and be free of foreign materials such as grass, branches, plants and rocks.
- Leaves will not be collected if they are placed in plastic bags or boxes - all leaves must be loose.
- Leaves placed for pickup on the appropriate Monday morning will be picked up during that week, not necessarily that Monday.
- To provide the leaf collection equipment better access to the streets, residents are encouraged to park vehicles in garages or driveways.
- Residents choosing to bag their leaves may purchase yard waste stickers (\$2.00 each), and place the sticker on the paper yard waste bag or a 35 gallon garbage can used for disposal and place for collection on their regular garbage pickup day.

Remember, leaves placed for pickup on the appropriate Monday morning will be picked up during that week, not necessarily that Monday. Please contact the Public Services Department at (847) 588-7900 if you have any questions.



Niles Free Bus

“It takes you where you need to go.”
Fourth Quarter Courtesy Bus Ridership
April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

<u>Bus Route</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
411 Regular	25,428
411 Reverse	27,576
412 North Special	19,765
413 South Special	5,069
TOTALS	77,838



Refuse & Recycling Carts

Only \$27 A Year for Each

Do you find that a 35-gallon refuse can or 18-gallon red recycling bin is just not big enough for your garbage and recycling needs?

Through an agreement with Groot Industries, residents may rent one or more “heavy-duty” 65-gallon refuse and/or recycling carts for only \$2.25 a month for each or \$27 a year. The refuse and recycling carts are specially designed for the hydraulic lifts on Groot Trucks.

Residents may also purchase another red recycling bin for only \$5 at Village Hall.

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