

# Focus on Niles

Summer 2012

Village of Niles, Illinois

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## A Message From Mayor Robert M. Callero

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As I write this message for the Summer issue of the Focus on Niles newsletter, the sun and the warmer weather, which prematurely visited us in March, have arrived back in town. With a warm smile on my face, I can tell you we are proud of our progress and many accomplishments.

Our balanced budget for the coming year includes pension contributions for Police and Fire well above the statutory amounts prescribed by the State of Illinois. The improving economy and healthy reserves have allowed the Village to increase the funding toward these pensions. We have promised these pensions and I am committed to funding them properly. However, in an effort to make these contributions we had to make some tough choices on expenses, but did so without eliminating or negatively impacting Village services that the community has grown accustomed to and deserves.

The Stormwater Commission was created by me three years ago after the September 2008 flood. In these past years, with the aid of independent engineers, the Commission has identified, mapped and evaluated stormwater related issues and solutions. Most importantly, a new stormwater management ordinance was adopted and a recommended two-phase and multi-year capital improvement program was developed for Board consideration. The Village Board has already approved a \$15 million dollar bond issue, but even though we have the plan and the funding, it will take time to com-

plete final engineering and finish construction.

The Environmental Practices Committee has been busy with community wide recycling efforts and an Arbor Day ceremony at the Niles Community Rain Garden. Most recently, the Committee began work on a future Village of Niles Environmental Action Plan as recommended by the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Construction slowdowns are certainly part of Summer, but with the bad comes the good! We have been very fortunate in Niles to receive federal grant funds totaling well over \$2.6 million dollars for the partial improvement of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor. These funds will help to increase pedestrian safety and add streetscape amenities, such as trees, decorative lighting, brick pavers, seating, potted plants and more from Neva to Oakton.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Niles Fire Department and there will be a Centennial Open House on June 9 at the Dempster Firehouse II. And of course, do not forget to participate in the July 4th parade and festivities.

Throughout the Summer, enjoy living, playing, and working in our wonderful community, and do not forget to thank all the Niles employees who help make these things possible.

Enjoy the summer in Niles!

*Robert M. Callero*



# Niles...

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## Document Destruction & Electronics Recycling Event Saturday, June 30 at 9 am - Noon

The Village of Niles will be hosting a SWANCC- sponsored Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling event for residents on Saturday, June 30, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Avenue.

### Acceptable E-Recycle Items

Computers-PCs/Laptops  
Computer Monitors  
DVD/VHS Players  
Fax Machines  
Mobile Phones  
Mice/Keyboards/ZipDrives  
MP3 Players  
PDAs  
Printers  
Scanners  
Televisions  
Video Game Consoles



## Niles Fire Department Centennial Open House

Come to Firehouse II located at 8360 Dempster  
June 9, 2012 between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Scheduled Events and Displays

- Firehouse Open House Tours
- Raffle to Benefit Niles Explorer Post 28
  - Blue Boy Museum
  - Steel Artifact from 9/11 Twin Towers
  - Niles Fire Trucks
- “Injury Prevention Booth” by Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

### Demonstrations

- Noon - Technical Rescue Rappelling and Rope Rescue
- 1:00 p.m. - Live Fire Sprinkler Demonstration
- 2:00 p.m. - Live Automobile Extrication

### Children Activities

- “Firefighter Challenge” (Obstacle Course)
  - Slide Down a Firefighter Pole
  - Make Your Own Button
  - Fun Giveaways

### While Supplies Last

Free Hot Dogs-Sodas-Chips-Popcorn  
31 cent per scoop Ice Cream  
(Proceeds Benefit Niles Explorers Post 28)

For Details Call Firehouse II  
(847) 588-6800

# NILES, IT'S TIME TO HEAR FROM YOU!

One of the major goals of the Village of Niles' recently adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan is to “promote the importance of environmental issues and sustainable practices to residents, businesses, and developers through leadership, education, and partnerships.” To implement this goal, the Village is creating an Environmental Action Plan and needs your input!

Join us to discuss ways to save energy in your home or business, improve options for transportation (transit, biking, and walking), increase recycling rates, and more.

We want to hear your opinion on these and other sustainability-related topics at the project's first public meeting on **July 25**. Bring your family, neighbors, and friends. Everyone is invited and light refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP (not required) or for more information, contact Cynthia Hernandez at [chernandez@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:chernandez@cmapp.illinois.gov) or (312) 386-8623. Please visit the project web page for updates at [www.cmapp.illinois.gov/niles](http://www.cmapp.illinois.gov/niles).

Please join us on

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

(Sign-in open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Village of Niles  
Senior Center  
999 Civic Center Drive  
Niles, IL 60714**



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(HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.





**Dine-In Niles Program  
Dine Out for Holidays!**

The participating Dine-in Niles Program card holders continue to enjoy a 10% discount at 50 diversely delicious Niles restaurants.

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 local restaurant.

Residents are encouraged to check the Village’s website at [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com) for updates to the participating restaurant listing. If you need a discount card, you may stop by Village Hall and ask for one.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

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



**Niles Historical Society  
Free Admission!**

The Niles Historical Society is having a “Bakeless Bake Sale” to raise funds for the museum. There will be a drawing on September 23, 2012.

We have created many new exhibits for the Summer months! Please come and visit us and see them. The museum is open M-W-F from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All our news and current events can be found at [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com) or by calling (847) 390-0160 or by checking out the outdoor marquee sign.

**Niles Garden Club  
Come Join The Newly Formed Club**

The Niles Garden Club will hold its first meeting on Sunday, June 3 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Niles Public Library. The mission of the Niles Garden Club is simple, to share the joy of gardening by establishing a community of gardeners who share information and volunteer together on neighborhood projects.

Assistant Village Manager Steven Vinezeano will discuss a hidden community gem, the Niles Community Rain Garden, at our first meeting this June. There will be refreshments and a door prize provided by co-founder Athena Columbus. Everyone is welcome.

For additional information on the Niles Garden Club, call Librarian Maryellen Essig at 847-663-6422 or Cyndi Rademacher at 847-663-6614.

## Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive

### Summer of Programs and Activity by Senior Center Director Kelly Mickle



**Spring BBQ.** The Men's Club annual Spring BBQ is scheduled for Friday, June 1. Following a lunch of burgers and brats, Ainsworth Rose and the Sunshine Girls will be on hand with island rhythms, reggae, and many great Jamaican beat songs. The cost is \$15M/\$20NM.



**Weekly Summer Dinner and a Movie.** The popular summer Tuesday night movie schedule is back starting June 5. A movie and lite dinner (optional) is available with advanced registration. If you come only for the movie, there is no charge; however, there is a cost for the dinner. For a complete list of movies and meals, please contact the Senior Center.



#### **Life Line Screening.**

Stroke prevention tests will be offered at the Niles Senior Center on Friday, July 27. Tests include: Stroke/Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Risk. Cost: \$149. Please call 1-800-690-6313 to schedule an appointment.

**Illinois Holocaust Museum.** Monday, July 16 is the

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center trip. The museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust by honoring the memories of those who were lost and by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference. Prior to leaving for the museum in Skokie, we will have lunch at the Senior Center. \$39M/\$44NM.



#### **Wanted: Houses Seeking Curb**

**Appeal!** The 25th Annual Community Paint-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012. If the exterior of your house needs to be painted due to peeling, fading or worn paint, consider applying. To qualify, homes must be owned and occupied by people with limited financial resources and the owners must be at least 60 years of age or have a permanent disability that hinders them from doing the work themselves. Once a home is determined eligible, volunteer teams are matched to do the scraping, priming and painting of the house.



**GOT THE DOT?** Assist first responders and become part of the **Illinois Yellow Dot Program.** This program is a statewide initiative designed to provide vital medical information on vehicle occupants. The information assists first responders in the "Golden Hour" immediately following a serious crash, which can mean the difference between life and death.

For more information about any of these programs, please call the Niles Senior Center at 847-588-8420.

## The Niles Teen Center

TEENS!

The Niles Teen Center, located inside of Golf Mill Mall, provides a welcoming, structured and safe environment for local teens to spend time with friends, receive homework assistance, play games and develop social skills. Also, the Niles Teen Center promotes community service opportunities, special activities and trips and educational programs. We

welcome all teens to join the center as a member and participate in our programs.

Summer programs include the 8th Annual Job Shadow Day, the 5th Annual "Night in the Mall" Lock-In, participation in the 4th of July parade, a Job Shadow experience with Old Navy, a kick-off festival for the Public Library's Summer Read-

ing program, and trips to the beach, the water park, and ice skating.

For more information on the Niles Teen Center visit us on the web at [www.NilesTeenCenter.org](http://www.NilesTeenCenter.org), call (847) 375-8949 or stop by the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill Shopping Mall.

TEENS!

## Police Department

7000 Touhy Avenue

### Tobacco Enforcement by Sgt. Robert Tornabene



**Tobacco Enforcement.** The Niles Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Liquor Commission, will be conducting unannounced tobacco enforcement checks on local retailers who sell tobacco products. The goal of the Tobacco Enforcement Program is to reduce the availability of tobacco products to teens. Specially trained youth will be working with the Police Department to enter local retailers with the intent to buy tobacco. If a local retail successfully cards the youth and refuses to sell, they are given a letter of congratulations and a pin provided by the Illinois Liquor Commission. If a retailer makes the illegal sale, they will be cited. Retailers with multiple violations could face license suspension.

## Fire Department

8360 Dempster Street



### Tornado Safety by Steve Borkowski

According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), if you are under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head.

If you are in a structure (residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, or high-rise building), FEMA has the following recommendations:

- Go to pre-designated shelter area such as a basement, storm cellar, safe room, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of the interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

If you are outside with no shelter:

- Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
- If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.
- If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low flat location.
- Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.
- Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

#### **Watch vs. Warning:**

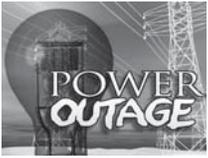
- If a tornado “watch” is issued for your area, it means that a tornado is “possible.”
- If a tornado “warning” is issued, it means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately.

# FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Wednesday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Kick-Off  
Enjoy Post Parade Festivities  
at  
Grennan Heights Park

## ComEd Power Outage Your Calls to 1-800-Edison-I Matter



If you have an outage at any time, it is very important for you to contact ComEd and report it immediately. The information you provide allows ComEd to better evaluate the power system within the Village for chronic issues and helps track outages in your area.

There are new ways that you can report outages:

**Mobile Device: Text “OUT.”** Subscribers to Outage Alerts can quickly report an outage by texting “OUT” to 26633. You will also receive notifications when an outage has been reported at your address, and get ongoing updates as the status of your outage changes.

**Mobile Device: Report in App.** Use the free ComEd Mobile App to quickly report an outage from a smart phone device. The app will also provide notifications as the outage status is updated.

**Online Account: Log In.** Log in to your account to report your outage online. Your online account provides system status, the availability to report your outage, and ongoing updates as your outage status changes.

Visit [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com)

## Stormwater Commission Stormwater Relief Program Completed

The Village of Niles established the Stormwater Commission in response to the disastrous flooding event of September 2008 that flooded over 780 structures. The goal of the commission was to review Village-wide flooding and to develop and present detailed recommendations to the Village Board for review and consideration.

Since the completion of the 2009 Stormwater Commission Report, the Commission successfully followed through on 22 of 25 top recommendations, to include working with the owners of six large properties to implement local drainage improvements, establishing a stormwater management ordinance and, through the professional engineering analysis and assistance of Hey and Associates, a long-term capital improvements program.

The Village Board will consider the final Stormwater Relief Program document on Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Once the program is approved, work may begin, but the improvements will certainly not occur over night. Engineers approximate that it could take six years or more to complete just the first Tier of projects estimated at \$14.5 million - funding supported by a 1/4 cent sales tax increase.

Visit [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com) to view the final report.



### Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now Buy Your Sticker Before June 30

This year, the vehicle sticker design celebrates 100 years of the Niles Fire Department saving lives and protecting property. Starting in 1912 with seven volunteers, the Niles Fire Department has grown with the Village and has 47 sworn professionals providing fire fighting and emergency paramedic services on over 6,000 calls per year.

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.

Reduced rates are available for senior citizens, at least age 62 by June 30 and to disabled veterans. Stickers are valid from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and can be purchased by mail, in person or at a local currency exchange.

You may purchase your vehicle stickers at Village Hall in the Finance Department during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). The Finance Department will also be open on Saturday, June 23 and Saturday, June 30 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

For more vehicle sticker information, please contact Village Hall at (847) 588-8000.

## Public Services

6849 Touhy Avenue



### Road Resurfacing This Summer

The following Village resurfacing projects are scheduled for completion this Summer:



- Clifton Ave from Roseview Dr. to Bruce Dr
- Johanna Dr from Clifton Ave to Cumberland Ave
- Betty Ter from Clifton Ave to Cumberland Ave
- Ameila Dr from Clifton Ave to Cumberland Ave
- Howard St from Oriole Ave to Milwaukee Ave (Only Niles half of roadway)
- Oketo Ave from Greenleaf St to Dempster St
- Lill St from Oketo Ave to Harlem Ave
- Greenleaf St from Shermer Rd to National Ave
- Carol Ave from Shermer Rd to National Ave
- Franks Ave from Touhy Ave to Harts Rd.

### Outdoor Water Restrictions



Water Restrictions.

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

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.

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.

## Niles Free Bus

**"It takes you where you need to go."**  
**First Quarter Courtesy Bus Ridership**  
**January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012**

<u>Bus Route</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
411 Regular	24,709
411 Reverse	26,559
412 North Special	18,351
413 South Special	4,758
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74,377</b>



### 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 refuse or 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 an additional red recycling bin for only \$5 at Village Hall.

**WHEN YOU RECYCLE, WE ALL WIN!!**

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