



Focus on Niles

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Niles

Fall 1999

From the desk of Mayor Nicholas B. Blase

Village of Niles vs. ComEd

Over the course of the past four or five years, the Village of Niles has experienced considerable problems with ComEd regarding outages in our community. These outages have generally been caused by an inadequate transmission system rather than "Acts of God" such as lightning, severe storms, etc.

We have been able to substantiate the fact with ComEd that their system needs rebuilding and this must be done as quickly as possible.

Over the past few weeks, representatives from the Village have met with ComEd a number of times and have finally obtained a commitment from them to modernize the electrical system in our community so that by the end of 1999, our community will not be disturbed by constant outages caused by mechanical failure.

We will, of course, keep close watch regarding the efforts of ComEd to modify our system and we are prepared to take whatever action is necessary against them if the system is not fixed.

Sincerely,

Nicholas B. Blase
Mayor

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Centennial Birthday Party - a tremendous success!

The Village of Niles Centennial Birthday Party, on August 17, 1999, was a tremendous success. Hundreds of people joined in the dancing and excitement as the Village celebrated 100 years of incorporation.

Following a short board meeting, the Village Board honored Mayor Blase by dedicating "Nicholas B. Blase Plaza" and continued the birthday celebration in the parking lot of the Human Services Building. Everyone had a great time!



Niles Centennial Birthday Party

It's a Village!

The Village of Niles is celebrating its 100-year anniversary and has hosted several events throughout 1999. Mayor Blase and the Board of Trustees appreciate the community's support from its residents and businesses. The Village Birthday Party on August 17 was a tremendous success. Hundreds of residents joined the celebration of the Village's birthday and the dedication of "Blase Plaza" on Civic Center Drive.

Nicholas B. Blase Plaza – Dedicated on August 17, 1999



On August 17, 1999, the Village Board of Trustees dedicated the plaza area between the Administration Building and Senior Center/Family Fitness Center as "Nicholas B. Blase Plaza." Mayor Blase was honored for his many accomplishments, long-standing commitment to public service, and to the betterment of Niles. Pictured, from left to right are: Trustee Bart Murphy, Trustee Andy Przybylo, Mayor Nicholas Blase, Trustee Louella Preston, Trustee Jim Mahoney, Trustee Robert Callero, and Trustee Tom Bondi. Photograph by Steve Donish.

Children from Niles are seen dancing at the Centennial Birthday Party. Many people learned new dances and had a great time all night long!
Photograph by Steve Donish.



Hundreds of Niles residents gathered to help the Village celebrate its Centennial Birthday on August 17, 1999. Caterers are seen grilling hamburgers for all to enjoy.
Photograph by Steve Donish.

Thank you to our Centennial Corporate Sponsors!

Gold Sponsors

W.W. Grainger ~ \$25,000

Ha-Lo Industries ~ \$12,500

Centerpoint Properties ~ \$12,500

Silver Sponsors

Coca Cola Bottling Company ~ \$7,500

Fort Dearborn Lithograph ~ \$7,500

Grand National Bank ~ \$7,500

Groot Recycling & Waste Services ~ \$7,500

Other Centennial Sponsors, \$2,500 and under

A.B. Dick Company	International Golden Foods	Parkway Bank & Trust
Adams Elevator Company	Jarke Corporation	Revere Mills
Alva Amco Pharmacal Co.	JC Penney	Rich Products Corp.
Automotive Seal Corp.	Landmark Ford	Shotzee's Bar & Grill
Bankier Companies Inc.	Lewis Spring & Mfg.	Skaja Terrace Funeral Home
Bradford Exchange	Media One Cable	Sternberg Lanterns, Inc.
Circuit City	Medical Screening Services	Stimsonite Corporation
Custom Accessories	Midwesco Inc.	Superior Bank FSB
Dann Dee Display Fixtures	Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	Swiss Precision Machining
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Exsel Exhibit Selection Cntr.	Nabisco Co.	Tetra Medical Supply Corp.
Firstar Bank	National City Bank	Triodyne-Wangler Construc.
Hi Kahng Trading Company	Nimlok Company	Universal Casualty
The Home Depot	Nordisco Office Products	Universal Press, Inc.
Hoyt Fastener Corp.	Northwestern Indust. Piping	Vapor Heating Supply Co.
Heritage Wine Cellars, LTD.	Park National Bank & Trust	World Wide Fittings Inc.

The New IRS

Payroll and Sales Tax workshop for Employers and Independent Contractors

Sponsored by the Village of Niles and the Internal Revenue Service



Topics will include the following subjects all employers and independent contractors need to know:

- ✓ *Illinois State and Use Taxes*
- ✓ *Federal Employment Taxes Compliance and Deposit Requirements*
- ✓ *The Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act*

In addition, special assistance will be available to businesses that are experiencing Federal Tax related problems. Such assistance could include Penalty Relief and/or payment arrangements.

When: September 28, 1999

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Workshop: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Niles Administration Building, Council Chambers

To pre-register, contact Robert Cummings (847-581-2111) or Jose Lopez (847-581-2091)

Seating is limited.

Centennial History Books and T-shirts are on sale!



Capture the History of the Village of Niles with a Niles Centennial History Book.



Red, White and Blue Centennial T-shirts are also available. The shirts have a three-color Centennial logo on the front.

Books and T-shirts may be ordered by filling out the form below and sending it to "T-shirts and History Books, Village of Niles, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714" along with a check or money order payable to the Village of Niles.

Niles Centennial T-shirt and History Book Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Number of History books _____ x \$15 = _____

T-shirts (\$10 for S, M, L, XL - \$12 for XXL)

Red _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ = _____

White _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ = _____

Blue _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ = _____

Check Total = _____

Mail to: T-shirts and History Books
Village of Niles
1000 Civic Center Drive

News from the Niles Senior Center

The Senior Center's 25th anniversary year is going extremely well. Since moving into the new facility in January, membership has increased by almost 7.5%. More seniors are participating in more events. The attendance at the Men's and Women's Clubs have increased by about 20%. Attendance at the once a month *Sunday at the Center* and *Evening at the Center* programs has been overwhelming. When these events began in June, predicted attendance was 30 - 50 people.

The June *Evening at the Center* Bar-B-Q and Karaoke drew 220 seniors. The August *Sunday at the Center* Polish Fest, consisting of a Polish lunch and Li'l Richard & The Polka All Stars, drew 250 seniors! These monthly events drew many seniors that did not want to stay home and many seniors came for the first time!

Fall classes start in September. Classes include:

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| ★ Ballroom Dance | ★ Choral | ★ Kitchen Band | ★ Square Dance |
| ★ Basic Car Care | ★ Computer | ★ Line Dance | ★ Tap Dance and |
| ★ Billiards | ★ Cooking | ★ Mahjongg | ★ Woodcarving. |
| ★ Bridge | ★ Country Swing | ★ Oil & Watercolor | |
| ★ Canasta | ★ Drama | ★ Quilting | |
| ★ Ceramics | ★ Jazz Dance | ★ Sculpting | |

The last big event celebrating the Senior Center's 25th anniversary will be *The Silver Anniversary Ball* on October 1, 1999. This special evening will be a Black Tie Optional event featuring special food, special decorations, special entertainment, and our special seniors dressed in their finery. An added bonus: The 25th Anniversary Book commemorating 25 years created by the Senior Center Book Committee.

What a year.... A new facility, celebration of our 25th anniversary, celebration of the Village of Niles Centennial Anniversary, and the increased participation of our many energetic seniors!



Free Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing

The Departments of Code Enforcement and Human Services will be conducting the annual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing Program in November and December. The Village will inspect residential furnaces and gas appliances at no cost. An appointment is necessary.

Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless, colorless gas that can cause serious illness or death. Symptoms include dizziness, headaches and nausea.

To schedule an appointment, beginning November 15, contact the Niles Senior Center at 588-8480.

All inspectors wear Village uniforms, carry identification and drive marked Village cars.

Senior Center Arts and Crafts Fair

Don't miss the 7th Annual Autumn Arts and Crafts Fair on Friday, November 5, 1999 from 10:00am - 4:00pm at the Niles



Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive.

A wide variety of hand-made gifts such as jewelry, watercolor paintings, greeting cards, baby items and woodworking will be available for sale. A hot dog lunch will be offered for \$1.00.

Early Dementia Workshop

The Niles Senior Center at 999 Civic Center Drive will offer an informational workshop to individuals diagnosed with early dementia. The workshop will provide individuals with an opportunity to learn more about dementia, explore issues of adjustment to diagnosis, memory strategies, and stress management.

Additionally, a support group will be offered for caregivers. The caregiver support group will provide information on dementia, the impact on family relationships, problem solving strategies, community resources and legal concerns.

If you or a family member is interested in participating in either of these groups, please contact Bev Wessels or Trudi Davis at 588-8420.

Niles Fire Department

Training hard to keep you safe!



The Niles Fire Department is seen here training at South School in Niles. Fire fighters Tom Sweeney, Frank Laurie, and Keith Dutton are working on their climbing skills.

Niles firefighters are trained in many different areas. They are seen here training for Hazardous Materials (Haz Mat) spills.



Firefighter Brian Henricks is seen providing information at Golf Mill Safety Day. Educating residents is the best way to keep them safe!

New at the Niles Family Fitness Center



Staff Profile - DARCY STRACK Leisure Services Coordinator

Beginning in September, the Niles Family Fitness Center will offer a nutritional lecture series in several topic areas chosen by the members. On September 13, nutritionist Joanna Siciliano Rd., Ld. will discuss the "Pros and Cons of Fad Diets" at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Fitness Center. There is no charge to members for this presentation.

Meet Ken Hay

Ken is one of the original members of the Family Fitness Center and has a specific goal in mind for his workout program. Last year Ken and his family trekked through the Grand Canyon. Although the 51-year-old hiker felt that he was in pretty good shape, he was not as prepared as he had hoped. Ken plans to hike through Yosemite National Forest and the High Sierra in September. To meet the challenge, Ken began an aggressive workout program while wearing a 57-pound backpack throughout his workout. Ken cross-trains with the elliptical machines and the Body Mill. Fred Caito and the fitness staff have also advised him on the



Darcy is the Leisure Services Coordinator for the Niles Family Fitness Center. Darcy has nine years experience in Leisure Services and has worked for the Munster, Indiana Department of Parks and Recreation and the OMNI 41 Club in Schererville, Indiana. Darcy has a Bachelor's Degree in Leisure Studies from the University of Illinois and is a Certified Leisure Professional of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association.

At the Niles Family Fitness Center, Darcy coordinates birthday parties and room rentals, supervises the operation of the playroom and gymnasium, and implements summer and holiday camp programs. She supervises a teen program in cooperation with the Human Services Division. Fortunately for the Village Darcy is a Desktop Publishing "whiz" and Darcy and her computer generate all of the flyers and handout materials that you see at the center or receive from us in the mail. Darcy

participates in a variety of athletic programs - including volleyball, running, spinning and softball. Her hobbies also include cooking, golf and outdoor activities. Call Darcy at (847) 588-8403 for more information on Leisure Activities at the Niles Family Fitness Center!



use of free weights to build muscle - particularly in his back. Hauling supplies will rely on good strength conditioning in addition to the cardiovascular training Ken has been working so hard on.

*Good Luck and Have Fun
Ken!*



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS PARTY!

The Village of Niles,
the Niles Police Department,
and the Niles Fire Department
present their annual
Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31, 1998

St. John Brebeuf
8301 North Harlem Avenue
Niles, Illinois

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Haunted House, Candy, Prizes, and
face painting!

This annual celebration is
- **FREE OF CHARGE** -

*The party is held as a safe alternative
to trick or treating door-to-door.*



Leaning Tower Concert Series – *what a great summer!*

The 1999 Leaning Tower Concert Series was exciting and entertaining all summer long.

Ten (10) performances on Thursdays throughout July and August were well attended and relaxing.

A big “*Thank You*” goes to all of the residents that came out to enjoy our concerts at Leaning Tower Plaza.

Special thanks go to *Schaul’s Presentation Catering and Events* for providing food service at eight of ten concerts.



Ac Rock
August 5, 1999



Mr. Myers

Thanks also to *Target* for providing free hot dogs, chips and soda at the July 22 concert and *Dominick’s Finer Foods* for donating cookies. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

The 2000 Leaning Tower Concert Series Schedule will be published in the Spring and Summer “Focus on Niles.” Also, look for announcements in the local newspapers, bus shelters, 65 local restaurants, and Village facilities.



Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

While many people don't like it, leaves changing colors and falling to the ground can only mean one thing; snow will be falling before you know it. However, the Public Services Department has been busy for months preparing for snow and ice control during the hot summer months.

Not long after the last snowflake fell this year, 4,000 tons of salt for the 1999/2000 winter season was ordered, plows were repaired, cleaned and repainted, and salt spreaders were serviced. The Village received almost \$50,000 to help pay for the clean-up efforts after the tremendous snowstorm in January. Additionally, raised sewers that might damage plow equipment were lowered to preferred levels. Being prepared has helped the department be able to respond to snow emergencies at a moments notice with equipment ready to go.

Residents can also help us in our snow removal efforts by remembering a few simple items:

- ◆ Don't park your car on street during snow storms on snow routes, and if possible, on side streets. Use a driveway if possible. This helps keep a clear path for the plow, allowing drivers to work faster and provide a clear street earlier.
- ◆ Don't shovel snow from your driveway onto the street. This can lead to accidents and will only require additional trips from the snow plow to clean the street. Plus, it is against the law.

- ◆ When driving, keep your distance from plow trucks. These vehicles are fully loaded and driving under adverse conditions. Stopping distances due to the load of salt and slippery conditions are increased, so increase your distance from the snow removal equipment as well. Also, salt is distributed from the rear of the vehicle, another reason to keep your distance.

Salt is used as the principal deicer because it is the most available and most cost-effective safe deicer. In the U.S. alone, some 10 million tons of deicing salt is used each year. The Village of Niles purchases 4,000 tons of salt per year and routinely treats salt with calcium chloride to increase its effectiveness in lower temperatures. As we did last year, the Village will also be purchasing salt treated with an anti-caking agent. This agent is non-toxic to animal and plant life, and can be identified by salt with a bluish tint. Salt which does not cake spreads easier, does not damage equipment, and eliminates the need for personnel to remove blockages from equipment, such as salt spreading augers.

As soon as the snow falls, the Village stands ready with its snow fighting fleet and the best deicing products available.

Niles Fire Department
8360 Dempster Street
Tel: 847-588-6800

"THE GREAT ESCAPE"

The Niles Fire Dept., in cooperation with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reminds everyone to celebrate 1999 Fire Prevention Week, October 3 - 9.

The theme, "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" is designed to move the public to action by encouraging them to not only develop a home escape plan, but to practice it. Generally referred to as "The Great Escape," this year's campaign includes two main events: a unified North American fire drill and a grand prize contest for those who participate in the fire drill.



"The Great Escape" North American Fire Drill

On October 6 at 7:00 p.m., families throughout the US and Canada are invited to participate in a unified North American fire drill, where everyone will be encouraged to exit their homes at the same time upon hearing the local fire station sound its siren/bells.

Water Quality Report

To All Niles Residents:

By law, the Village of Niles is required to provide a copy of the water quality report to all residents. The Village of Niles is constantly evaluating the quality of water through an inspection program.

The report is written in a highly technical fashion; but, rest assured, the quality of water in the Village of Niles is excellent.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas B. Blase
Mayor

Please see the detailed report on the following pages.



987 Civic Center Drive
Niles, IL 60714
(847) 588 - 8400

FEE SCHEDULE

Membership Type	Facility Resident	Facility Non-resident	Aquatics Only Resident	Aquatics Only Non-resident
Individual - Adult	200.00	260.00	100.00	130.00
Family additional adult	100.00	130.00	50.00	65.00
Senior - 62 and over	150.00	195.00	75.00	98.00
Family additional senior	75.00	98.00	40.00	52.00
Youth 14-18 years	150.00	195.00	75.00	98.00
Family additional 14-18 youth	75.00	98.00	40.00	52.00
Youth under 14 years (Gym & Pool Only)	N/A	N/A	50.00	60.00
Corporate - resident corporations only				
1 - 5 employees	200.00 /person			
6 - 10 employees	180.00 /person			
Student Summer - residents only	75.00	N/A	30.00	N/A

Children age 3 and under free with purchase of a membership.

Village of Niles - 1999 Water Quality Report

This year, as in years past, your tap water was tested according to USEPA and state drinking water health standards. Our system vigilantly safeguards its water supply, and we are working hard to continue providing the best water possible. This report summarizes the quality of water provided last year and informs you of any problems we are working to overcome. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This information is being supplied to you in conformance with the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Water Supply Manager Wally Kazakeich by telephone at (847) 588-6630 or by mail at 6849 Touhy Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, feel welcome to attend meetings discussing the water system. Announcements of any meetings will be posted at the Niles Administrative Offices, 1000 Civic Center Drive.

Lake Michigan is the sole source of water used to provide drinking water. The EPA has found the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 20 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing, as a scenic wonderland, and as a sink for municipal and industrial waste and runoff from the surrounding lands. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition. The IEPA Office of Groundwater will be doing a source water assessment within the next three years. When completed, all sources of pollutants into Lake Michigan will be identified and there will be information regarding the sources water's susceptibility to contaminants based on the findings of the assessment. Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation and sand filtration are adequate for producing a water that is free of harmful contaminants.

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive materials, and pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

- 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 may be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater 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 stormwater runoff and residential uses;
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems; and
- Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that 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.

In addition to the informational section of the Water Quality Report, we have included a table for your review. The table will give you a better picture of the contaminants that were detected in your water and the contaminants that were tested for, but not detected.

1998 Water Quality Data

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. TT: Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Abbreviations: nd – not detectable at testing limits. n/a - not applicable. ppm – parts per million or milligrams per liter. ppb – parts per billion or micrograms per liter. ppt – parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter. ppq- parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter. NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water. % < 0.5 NTU – Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU. MFL – Million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration. mrem/yr – millirems per year, used to measure radiation absorbed by the body. pCi/l – picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity. # pos/mo – number of positive samples per month. % pos/mo – percent positive samples per month.

In most cases, the “Level Found” column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. The “Range of Detections” column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year. If a date appears in the “Date of Sample” column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the CCR calendar year.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Date of Violation Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
Microbial Contaminants						
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA (# pos/mo)	>1	>1	7		YES	Naturally present in the environment.
Inorganic Contaminants						
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.100	0 exceeding AL	08/13/1996	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	5	0 exceeding AL	08/13/1996	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
TTHMs [TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES] (ppb)	n/a	100	25.542	11.000 - 44.000		By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Unregulated Contaminants						
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	12.000	4.000 - 12.000		By-product of drinking water chlorination.
BROMOFORM (ppb)	n/a	n/a	1.000	nd - 1.000		Discharge from manufacturing plants; Used to dissolve dirt and grease.
CHLOROFORM (ppb)	n/a	n/a	26.000	5.000 - 26.000		Used as solvent for fats, oils, rubber, resins; A cleansing agent; Found in fire extinguishers.
DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	6.000	2.000 - 6.000		Used as a chemical reagent; An intermediate in organic synthesis.

About the Data

Total Coliform Bacteria

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. During the regular August bacteriological sampling period for the Village of Niles water supply, the Village exceeded the maximum contaminant level for coliform, which is the maximum amount of a substance allowed in drinking water. Because of this, the Village repeated water samples at the locations in violation, as well as locations upstream and downstream from the original sampling point. All repeat samples tested satisfactorily. However, this notice must still be provided to users of the Village of Niles water system.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes which distribute the water, and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possible jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. EPA has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliforms to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard, no more than 5.0 per cent of the samples collected during a month can contain these bacteria, except that systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month that have one total coliform-positive sample per month are not violating the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should be considered safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wally Kazakeich, Water Supply Manager at (847) 588-6630.

Family Services Programs for Fall, 1999

Parent Education

S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Six week program that runs from late September to the end of October.

S.T.E.P. for families with children ages 6 to 12 years. Program runs from the end of October to the end of November.

"Issues Of Early Childhood" presented in cooperation with the Niles Public Library - for families with children ages birth to 5 years. Starting in mid-September.

Family Issues:

Bereavement and Loss - for families who have experienced a loss of a loved one. Six-week program running from mid-October to the end of November

Teen Forum

Hear what teens in Niles are concerned with and about. A dialogue of importance in mid October.

American Red Cross, Baby Sitter's Training for ages 11 - 15

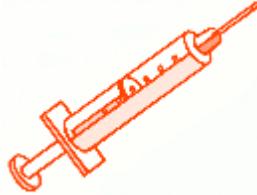
Thursdays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 3:30 - 5:45 P.M. at the Niles Human Service Building. \$40 covers the class and materials. Call Susie Wexler at 588-8460 to register, space is limited

Please call Niles Family Services at 588 --8460 with any questions on the above programs.

Flu Shots at the Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center will hold an influenza (flu) immunization clinic on the following dates: Wednesday, October 6, Thursday, October 14, and Friday, October 22, from 9:30am to 12:00noon and from 1:30pm to 4:30pm each day. On Thursday, October 14, evening appointments are available from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

The flu shot is available to persons 65 and older and chronically ill persons aged 62 - 64. At the time of your flu shot appointment, you must bring your Medicare card if you are 65 or older. Medicare will be billed for your flu shot.



All seniors who wish to schedule an appointment, please call 588-8420. For homebound seniors who wish to schedule an appointment at their home, please ask to speak to Terry Sprengel, RN, BSN, at that same number.

*Check out the Village of Niles website:
www.vniles.com*

Change your clocks and check your smoke detector

Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday October 31, 1999. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. While you are at it, be sure to check the batteries in all smoke detectors. This simple act will cut the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half!



VILLAGE OF NILES

"Where People Count"

MAYOR

Nicholas B. Blase

TRUSTEES

Tom Bondi

Robert M. Callero

James Mahoney

Bart T. Murphy

Louella Preston

Andrew Przybylo

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