



Spring Edition

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Mayor's Spring Message Keep Healthy Right Here In Niles

Let's Make 2004 a Year of Fitness and Better Health by taking advantage of our local community health club - the Niles Family Fitness Center - the NFFC!

Did you know that Niles residents can become members of the NFFC at a fraction of what other health clubs charge? Did you know that the NFFC offers the most impressive range of challenging fitness options for individuals of all ages?

Now is your opportunity to answer these questions for yourself. By taking advantage of NFFC during the month of March. The month of March has been proclaimed as Resident Fitness Month in Niles. So, if you are a resident and you join the NFFC during the month of March 2004, you may join without being charged a \$59 Activation Fee.

Now, as you can see, there are many reasons to become a member of the NFFC: First, you and your family can improve your health through numerous fitness programs and activities. Second, you and your family can join this state-of-the-art facility at a reduced price during the month of March.



And last, when you and your family take advantage of the NFFC, you are supporting a vital community service.

I encourage all Niles citizens to consider a membership at the Niles Family Fitness Center this March. Beginning a fitness lifestyle at the Niles Family Fitness Center is a healthy way to support your community and keep the center a viable part of the Village for all of us to enjoy into the future.

Nicholas B. Blase

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Niles Youth Council Awarded National League of Cities Grant! Sponsored by the MetLife Foundation Youth-City Connection Project

The National League of Cities (NLC) has selected the Village of Niles as one of 11 municipalities nationwide to receive a technical assistance award to develop city strategies for increasing the civic engagement of young people. Over the past two years, the

Village of Niles has collaborated with the Niles Park District to develop the Niles Youth Council in coordination with local schools and the Niles Library District.

The Village was selected from a pool of cities
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Local Support from a Local Business JT's Place Returns for the Concert Series

The Village welcomes back JT's Place for the 2004 Concert Series. JT's Place, located at 8080 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles, grilled up some great Italian & Polish Sausages along with hot dogs, burgers and more last summer.

JT's Place is a family owned business run by John and Jill Talaga and sister Sue along with their (2) sons John Jr. and Brian. For those of you who attended the 2003 Leaning Tower Concerts, you probably remember Brian during intermission, who captivated the audience with his juggling talent. Thanks Brian for keeping everyone entertained!

JT's Place, a member of the Niles Chamber

of Commerce, opened their doors in spring of 2002. They will be celebrating their second anniversary in April. JT's Place serves everything from Hot Dogs and Burgers to Gyros and Ribs. The restaurant is very active in the community. They have participated in many fundraisers and hot dog lunches with local schools and churches.

We look forward to having JT's Place back at the Leaning Tower Concerts this summer!



2004 Leaning Tower Concert Series A Solid and Popular Lineup of Entertainers

July 8 Enzo Incandela & Al Anile

Enzo and Al Anile return to kickoff the 2004 Leaning Tower Concert Series with brilliant Italian music. The audience can't resist singing, laughing, and clapping to the performance.

July 15 Baal Tinne

Introducing Baal Tinne founded with the express goal of exploring the full dynamic possibilities of Irish music, while staying respectful to the tradition of the music.

July 22 The Casey Homel Polka Band

The Casey Homel Polka Band is considered the honkiest polka band in the area. This well known Polish style polka band has been playing together for over 40 years.

July 29 The Larry Bemben Orchestra

Enjoy the Big Band sound of Larry Bemben and his Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennet. The band is very versatile and plays a wide range of music.

August 5 Diamondback

Introducing Diamondback, Chicago's best country band. They specialize in classic country but are just as convincing playing oldies, country rock, southern rock, and lowdown dirty blues.

August 12 The Blooze Brothers

A favorite act from last season, Blooze Brothers is a high powered choreographed twelve piece band covering a wide range of music. The Nation's #1 Blues Brothers tribute band!

August 19 Meisner Magic

We welcome back one of our series regulars, Steve Meisner from Whitewater, Wisconsin. Steve Meisner has been voted Wisconsin's #1 polka artist for 4 years.

August 26 Lesley Byers & The Jazz Cats

Introducing Lesley Byers and the Jazz Cats. They are an inspiring Chicago-based group that embodies swingin' jazz at its finest.

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