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Village Trustee Louella Preston (center) receives the Illinois Woman of Achievement Award from Mayor Nicholas Blase (right) and Assistant Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey (left).

Village Trustee Louella Preston Honored For Positively Impacting Her Community

The "Illinois Woman of Achievement Award" honors women throughout the state during Woman's History Month. Through a collaborative effort, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, the Illinois Municipal League, the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence honors Louella Preston who has positively impacted the Village of Niles community through her personal and professional achievements.

Louella Preston has served this community for over 23 years. Beginning as a Commissioner for the Niles Park District in 1978, she quickly excelled in several increasingly challenging community roles serving on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and was later elected to the Village of Niles Board of Trustees in 1985. She has also served as the Village representative to the Northwest Municipal Conference since 1985 and as a Director for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County since 1986.

Her volunteer efforts include considerable service to St. Isaac Jogues Parish. She currently serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, a Women's Club member and serves on several committees, and was past Chairwoman for the Parish Pastoral Council. She is also an active member of the Niles Sister Cities Program and has extensive involvement in local political organizations.

Louella graduated from the University of Illinois with a teaching degree and went on to obtain both a Master's and a Doctorate degree. She graduated from The John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1989. During this period, she worked full time as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in the Chicago public school system, where she currently works as a case manager.

Louella Preston begins her fifth term on the Village Board of Trustees following a successful reelection campaign this April.

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NICHOLAS B. BLASE

To All Residents:

On behalf of the Village of Niles Trustees Robert Callero, Louella Preston, and Andrew Przybylo, and myself, wish to thank you for your resounding support at our recent Village Election held on April 3, 2001.

I want to assure you that we will continue to provide the best of public services at the lowest possible cost to you. That is our pledge.

Thanks again.

Nicholas B. Blase
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Mayor

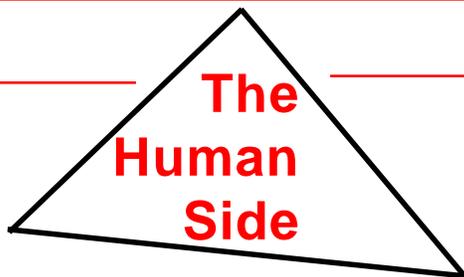
Niles Youth Council Initiated To Benefit Youth Of The Area

The Village of Niles in cooperation with the Niles Park District is working with local Niles community youth from grades 6th through 8th to establish the first Niles Youth Council in the Village of Niles. The Village of Niles and the Niles Park District initiated the creation of this Council due to a growing number of families and youth in the community.

The basic mission of the Niles Youth Council will be to undertake programs that will benefit the youth of the area.

The following schools are represented in the Niles Youth Council: Gemini Junior High, Mark Twain School, Nelson School, Clarence E. Culver School, Our Lady of Ransom, and Saint John Brebeuf.

Youths interested in learning more about the Niles Youth Council should contact Mary Kay Morrissey at 847-588-8421.



Difficulties cause some persons to give up their cherished plans; others to step up their noblest efforts.

Author Unknown

Village of Niles

Mayor

Nicholas B. Blase

Trustees

Tom Bondi

Robert M. Callero

James Mahoney

Bart T. Murphy

Louella Preston

Andrew Przybylo

Clerk

Kathy Harbison

Village Manager

Abe Selman

Village Holidays

Wed., July 4 for Independence Day

Mon., September 3 for Labor Day

Village Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Information Line	588-8411
Mayor's Office	588-8000
Village Clerk's Office	588-8000
Niles Administration	588-8000
TDD	588-8059
Finance Department	588-8000
Code Enforcement Department	588-8040
Fire Department	588-6800
Police Department	588-6500
Consumer Fraud	588-6505
Pet Line	588-6508
Public Services Department	588-7900
Human Services Department	588-8460
TDD	588-8440
Senior Center	588-8420
TDD	588-8455
Family Fitness Center	588-8400
TDD	588-8433
Free Bus Information	588-6600

Community Phone Numbers

Niles Park District Office	967-6633
Niles Public Library	663-1234
Niles Post Office	800-275-8777
Niles Chamber of Commerce	966-7606
Niles Public Schools	
District 63	299-1900
District 64	318-4300
District 67	966-8200
District 71	966-9280
High Schools	
District 207	696-3600
District 219	568-3959
Maine Township	297-2510
Niles Township	673-9300
Pace Suburban Bus	364-7223
Secretary of State	299-9352
Chamber of Commerce	966-7606

"Softball Pioneer" Inducted in the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame

With Dreams of Playing in the Majors, One Niles Resident Finds a Niche

By The Editor

16" Softball has long been the sport of choice for many in the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs and it remains a popular sport as local high schools now recognize it as a varsity sport. In 1996, the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame was founded to properly recognize and honor a select group of players, organizers, umpires, and managers that have excelled and represented the sport so well. One of the players inducted by the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame last year was one of our very own - longtime Niles resident and community supporter Santo "Sam" Bruno.

After learning about Sam's induction in the Hall of Fame, I contacted him for an article describing his experiences in the sport. After much coaxing, he agreed to sit and share his story.

We shared an instant bond as he told me about the many "sandlot" games he played as a youngster with neighborhood kids. These games would begin at sun rise and end at sunset. "We would take a break for lunch and dinner and go right back out and play ball," Sam said with a smile. Playing long sandlot games as a kid is an experience Sam shares with thousands of youngsters who dream of one day playing in the Majors. But playing for Major League Baseball was not in Sam's cards due to circumstances beyond his control. "I was discriminated against because I was Italian", Sam said as he described how he tried to join the high school baseball team. "It was unfortunate, but life dishes out what you get and you need to make the best of it."

Sam, a star softball pitcher, did make the best of it. He excelled with amateur Chicago softball teams like Mel-Oak's, Riverview Park Boosters, North Center Bowling, Jake's Recreation and Teletype Corporation, racking up some impressive statistics. One of his most memorable moments during this period was pitching and winning four consecutive games in one day with thirteen hitless innings. Sam later earned a spot on the roster of the legendary "Lill Coals" with the Chicago Herald American Windy City Softball League - the Major League of Softball.

Bruno's professional softball career ended at the close of the 1943 Windy City Softball League Season when he entered service with the United States Navy where he served on the USS L.S.T. 710 until 1946. In 1956, thirteen years after he played with the Windy City League, Sam took his spikes out of mothballs and played with his neighborhood "Jonquil Terrace Civic Association" Softball Team in the Niles Park District League. After two years in the league he decided to hang up his spikes. "When a routine ground ball rolled through my legs, I knew it was time," Sam said. He later donated his softball equipment and a prized yellow Windy City Softball signed by all his teammates to the Softball Hall of Fame Museum.

You may visit the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame located at 169 Cardinal Drive, Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108. Call for museum times at 630-232-7996.

Sam Bruno inducted by Hall of Fame Founder Tony Riebel



Sam Bruno pitching for the Lill Coals Spring of 1943



Jakes Recreational Softball Team Summer of 1942



Having Trouble with Your Phone Service?

Phone Service Problems and Disputes are Regulated by the ICC.

If you have a question about a telephone bill or service, first contact the telephone company. This can be done by telephone, by letter, or in person. The telephone numbers and address of the telephone utility is printed on your bill.

If a problem cannot be solved with the Customer Service Representative, ask to have a supervisor hear the complaint. Each telephone company has employees available who will try to settle the problem fairly.

If a solution does not seem to be available from the telephone company, contact the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). The ICC's Consumer Services Division will start an informal investigation in an effort to settle the dispute.

Complaints which are filed with the ICC may take two to four weeks to resolve. Emergency complaints are given first priority. After taking the information, the Consumer Counselor will contact the company to learn the company's position on the complaint. The counselor will attempt to solve the complaint within the framework of the ICC's rules.

If the complaint involves a bill, the company will not shut off your service if you pay either the undisputed portion of the bill or the amount paid for the same billing period in the past year.

While complaints are being investigated, you still must pay all current bills and continue discussion with the company to settle the complaint.

For more information, visit www.icc.state.il.us. AT&T Telephone Assistance is 1-800-288-4622. Ameritech Telephone Assistance is 1-800-244-4444.

Problems?

"If you have problems with your Ameritech or AT&T local phone service, please contact the ICC at 1-800-524-0795 or their web site at www.icc.state.il.us."

Do You Need A Permit? Most Likely You Do

Most new construction projects, additions and alterations require a permit from the Community Development Department and must be inspected by Village inspectors. If you are considering any remodeling, additions or other alterations to your premises please call the Community Development Department first to determine if a permit is required (847-588-8040).

If you need a permit you will need two sets of construction drawings (clearly showing the work being done) along with the permit application. For exterior projects such as fences, patios, pools, sheds, and driveways you will need two copies of your plat of survey with your permit application. Incomplete applications may delay your project.

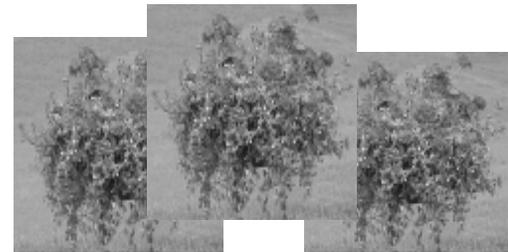
Inspections benefit the property owner by ensuring that the work done meets Village and adopted national codes and protects persons, property and resale value.

Please make sure you completely fill out all the required information and include all necessary drawings and plats. This will ensure the expedited approval and issuance of your permit.

Failure to obtain a permit may entail a costly delay to your project until a permit is obtained. Work done that does not meet code requirements may require costly removal or alteration.

Flower Baskets to Beautify Milwaukee Avenue

One hundred and forty flower baskets filled with red Geraniums, white Scaevolcas, and blue Million Bell Petunias were recently hung along Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. Enjoy the beauty!



Safety Reminder

Lockup Your Valuables When Visiting the Cemetery

For residents that visit our cemeteries, the Niles Police want to remind you not to leave valuables in their cars in open view, whether the vehicle is locked or not, and women are encouraged to lock their purse in the trunk.

Health & Wellness Fair Friday, August 17th, 2001

The Health and Wellness Fair, for Niles Residents, 18 years and older, takes place on Friday, August 17th, from 7:00am – 12:00pm at the Niles Senior Center. Comprehensive Blood Screening and Bone Density Testing, provided by Myhealthlink, is available for a nominal fee.

HEALTH PROFILE

- The Blood Chemistry-24 individual test helps detect diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, bone and muscle disease, and more. The test also analyzes total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, cholesterol/HDL Computed Ratio.
- Complete Blood Count-9 individual tests help detect anemia, leukemia, bleeding abnormalities, infection, and more.
- Coronary risk profile, which summarizes your risk for coronary artery disease, blood pressure analysis, medical history, medical report, coronary risk trend analysis and unlimited access to myhealthlink web site.

All this for only \$45. It is recommended that you fast for 10-12 hours prior to testing. Do not eat, however, you may drink water or black coffee (no cream or sweeteners of any kind). If you know you are a diabetic or hypoglycemic, please follow your doctor's instructions regarding fasting.

OTHER SCREENINGS

PSA-prostate screening - \$44; Colon/Rectal Cancer Screening - \$11; Vitamin Deficiency Anemia-levels of iron, B12 and folic acid - \$44; Arthritic Profile-rheumatoid arthritis - \$44; Ulcers/Gastritis-detects the bacteria H. Pylori - \$43; Menopause Profile-checks presence of female hormones - \$73; TSH-Thyroid Stimulating Hormone - \$45; Homocysteine-this amino acid shows a relationship with heart disease and stroke - \$65; Cardio C-reactive Protein-a substance in the blood that indicates the presence of inflammation, an increase in this level may also show heart disease or stroke. This test can only be done in conjunction with the Health Profile. - \$65; Bone Density Test-an ultrasound test that measures the amount of bone loss due to osteoporosis. This test is recommended for women only age 30 and above. This test must be performed on a bare foot. Socks/hosiery must be removed. - \$35; Blood Screening & Bone Density tests MUST be scheduled in advance.

To schedule YOUR appointment, please call Myhealthlink at 847-590-0200.

Bonus: During the Health and Wellness Fair, the Senior Center will offer complimentary screenings including hearing, massage, blood pressure and more! No appointment is needed for the complimentary screening but watch for information at the Senior Center and in local newspapers for the specific times these screenings will be offered.

NILES

Family Fitness Center

The Niles Family Fitness is dedicated to keeping everyone in your family healthy and happy. We strive to offer a variety of fitness programs and activities to meet the needs of participants from toddlers to senior adults.

Our 5,000 square foot fitness facility provides an opportunity for individuals age 14 and over to develop a comprehensive workout program with the assistance of a professional staff. A thorough fitness assessment and new member orientation are included in the annual membership fee.

The fitness center offers a full line of selectorized strength equipment, free weights, and state of the art cardiovascular equipment to meet the needs of the beginner as well as the advanced athlete, including:

- .. Trotter Treadmills
- .. PreCor Elliptical Crosstrainers
- .. Stairmaster Steppers
- .. Stairmaster Upright Bicycles
- .. Reebok Body Mill Crosstrainers
- .. Concept II Rowers
- .. Nu Step Recumbent Bicycles
- .. Gravitron
- .. Smith Machines
- .. **NEW!** Life Fitness Crosstrainers

Summer Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information
contact the Niles Family
Fitness Center at:
847-588-8400

Niles Family Fitness Center

"Building a Healthier Family"

The Fitness center also offers a variety of group exercise classes led by professional certified instructors, including Step, toning, kick boxing, Yoga, and **SPINNING**.

Aquatic exercise classes are also offered for those who prefer a water workout. Land and water based **arthritis exercise classes**, sanctioned by the Arthritis Foundation are now being offered for those with special needs.



Specialty Fitness Classes In High Demand !!

PILATES CLASSES

Pilates is a series of controlled exercises that engage the mind and body to develop strong, flexible muscles without building bulk. Each movement begins with the abdomen, with a focus on controlling stomach muscles. Routines alternate stretching with strengthening.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi, an ancient form of Chinese exercise is a low impact, gentle, physical activity. Through a series of slow movements the body is positively affected. Tai Chi helps improve circulation and maintain a healthy range of motion in the joints as well as providing a source of relaxation and spiritual fulfillment.

Tai Chi and Pilates are open to both members and nonmembers. Sign up for one class or a 6-week session. Call for class times and dates. *Hurry!! Registration is limited and classes fill quickly.*

The indoor Aquatics center offers water fun. The L-shaped leisure pool includes a 25 yard lap pool for fitness classes, conditioning programs, open swim and more. A zero depth pool with walk in entry allows easy access for all ages and individuals with physical challenges. Interactive spray fountains, a swim channel and a 100 foot water slide add to the fun! *A whirlpool and dry sauna are also available for over 18.*

Summer Programs

We are excited to offer a variety of programs this summer for all ages:

- .. Parent-tot Playtime
- .. Preschool and Youth sports
- .. Learn to Swim and aquatic programs
- .. Teen Dances & Trips
- .. And many more !!!!

Registration begins May 14th. Summer Classes begin the week of June 18th. To receive a copy of our Summer Program Guide, contact the Center at: 588-8400.

Youth Camps

SPORTS ADVENTURE CAMP June 18 - August 10

The perfect way for your child to spend the summer. Sports, games, crafts, swimming and weekly field trips. Guaranteed to be the most fun you can pack into a day! Daily and weekly registration available. Ages 6-12

CHICAGO BULLS BASKETBALL SCHOOL

The Chicago Bulls Basketball School is a player development program created by the Chicago Bulls to teach fundamental basketball skills. Call the Fitness Center for more information.

Rookies (6-8 Years)

July 16 - July 20
1:30 - 5:00 PM

Veterans (9-14 Years)

July 23 - July 27
1:30 - 5:00 PM

Senior Services

Senior Services

999 Civic Center Drive (847) 588-8420

Senior Citizen's Spelling Bee

Join Us For Local and Regional Competition

The Niles Senior Center will host the Regional Senior Citizen Spelling Bee on Thursday, August 2nd at 10:00am at the Center. Participants will include the top two spellers from each participating neighboring community senior center and/or park district - in addition to our own spelling champions.

The Niles Senior Center's Spelling Bee Champions will be chosen at our local competition on July 19th. All interested Niles seniors are eligible to participate in this event. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact MaryAnn at the Niles Senior Center by July 14th (588-8420).

Annual Flower and Garden Show

The Show is Expanding and Promises Good Fun

Residents of all ages are invited to attend this year's Flower and Garden Show at the Niles Senior Center on Sunday, July 29th, from 10:30am to 3:00pm. In addition to traditional exhibits, there will be demonstrations, a plant sale, and a "garden theme" raffle featuring a variety of prizes. Raffle tickets a quarter each or 5 for \$1. Winner need not be present. A hot dog lunch will be available from 11:00am to 1:30pm for \$2.

Niles seniors interested in entering house plants or garden flowers and/or vegetables from their garden may pick up a registration packet at the Niles Senior Center beginning June 1st. Registrations will be accepted from June 1st through July 20th. For more information, please contact MaryAnn at the Senior Center (588-8420).

Volunteer Opportunities for Seniors

We Need Your Help for a Good Cause

Paint-a-Thon. If you are interested in volunteering with others to help paint a financially and physically limited senior's home, please call Kelly at the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420.

Meals on Wheels. The Niles Senior Center is currently seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults. Meals are delivered weekdays between 11:00am and 12:00noon; training is provided. For more information, please call Kelly at 588-8420.

Monthly Blood Pressure Program. The Niles Senior Center needs registered nurses to volunteer their services for the monthly blood pressure program. This program meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 1:00pm - 3:30pm. Volunteer nurses are needed to take blood pressure and answer questions. Contact Terry Dalla Valle, RN, BSN, at 588-8420 for information.

Community Paint-A-Thon

Saturday, September 8th, 2001

The Paint-A-Thon is a grass roots organization of municipalities, hospitals and businesses in which volunteers work together to paint the exterior of a financially and physically limited senior's home. Paints and supplies are donated. In 2000, more than 30 homes were painted.

Applications are being accepted until July 1st, 2001. Individuals must own their own home, be at least sixty (60) years of age, or have a permanent disability, have limited income and assets, and be physically unable to do the work themselves. For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact Kelly at the Senior Center at 588-8420.

Family Services

Family Services

999 Civic Center Drive (847) 588-8460

Youth Assets Are Becoming Stronger!

As The Village Works to Help Prepare the Future

Those darn kids. Why can't they act like we did when we were young? Do you feel this way about teens? Do you here others talk this way about teens? Well if the answer is yes to either of these questions, then you need to learn about YOUTH ASSETS.

What are YOUTH ASSETS? They are a collection of constructive experiences in a child's life acting as building blocks of positive development, helping young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. These assets are external and internal. External means community, school and family. Some examples are; positive family support and communication, caring neighborhoods, caring school environment where parents are involved, positive role models, creative activities etc. Internal means, what is going on inside the person. Some examples are; commitment to learning, positive values, social awareness, and self esteem.

Mary Beth Blegen, recipient of the 1997 Teacher of the Year award, states, "Most young people don't personally know many adults outside of their families. Most young people feel anonymous in their own neighborhoods and schools. Most young people feel ignored or unwelcome in public places, especially when they are in groups. Many young people spend a lot of time each day without any adult present, i.e., latch key children. Young people don't have much to say in shaping the

social and educational programs that are planned for them." These realities are painful for our young people and adults. The good news is that adults and youth can work together to change these troubling realities.

A year ago, the Village of Niles decided to investigate these realities in relation to our community. The Village, through it's Healthy Community Partnership, teamed up with the Search Institute, a Non-Profit research firm, to examine what the attitudes and behaviors of our children. In February of 2001, all 7-8 graders attending Niles Schools were surveyed regarding their perception of life in this community. We should have the survey results before the start of school in the fall.

Secondly, the Village of Niles and the Niles Park District have begun laying the ground work for the Niles Youth Council. Youth (6th through 8th graders) from the Niles community will come together to plan and implement programs for and about youth.

Lastly, you can build these assets in your own life! You can help build these assets in the lives of your friends and in the lives of young people! Positive relationships are key to changing those troubling realities that Ms. Blegen spoke to earlier in this article.

In the fall issue of the Focus On Niles, we will report to you the results of the survey and how you can assist in the lives of our children. For further information on the program described above, please call Marty Friedman, Director of Family Service at 588-8460. Have a wonderful *summer!*

Fire Department

Niles Fire Department
8360 Dempster Street (847)-588-6800

Helping Hugs

The Niles Fire Department recently received a donation of Teddy Bears from the Niles Target Store located on Touhy Avenue. These Teddy Bears will be distributed as part of Target's "Helping Hugs" program in conjunction with the Fire Department. The program provides the little stuffed bears for fire department vehicles in order to calm small children during emergencies. In the past, the bears have been given out for such incidents as traffic accidents where the adults were injured in order to calm a small child. Another situation is when the children themselves are injured thereby allowing the paramedics to treat the injuries. Finally, in situations of good public relations after fires when the families have lost all their belongings.

College Students Need Fire Safety Too

Brad Olsen, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire;
Anne Smith, Joanna Howell, Ben Woodruff, Mark Strickland and Robert Weaver, University of North Carolina and Joel Pierce, Greenville College, Illinois. Their voices are stilled, but their spirits live on. Don't allow them to have died in vain. Learn from these dorm

fire tragedies. You may save your own life or the lives of others. "Get Out Stay Alive." A program designed to help save your life in case of a fire at college and university campuses. The program focuses on three main topics: Getting Out, Prevention and Protection. For more information check the Niles Fire Department website www.vniles.com or www.usfa.fema.gov or contact the United States Fire Administration at 301-447-1189

Fireworks are Illegal and Dangerous

The Fourth of July is a time to remember our heritage and have fun in the summer sun, but when that fun involves fireworks leave that to the professionals. Please think before you "just fool around" with fireworks. The fire department in conjunction with the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness wants to remind everyone of the dangers of such acts.

- One in every three fireworks injuries is to the eye.
- One of every four fireworks eye injuries result in blindness.
- Fireworks are gunpowder explosives and even sparklers burn at high temperatures and can cause serious burns to the hands of children.

Police Department

Niles Police Department
7200 Milwaukee Avenue (847) 588-6500

Beware of Home Repair Fraud

Keep Your Doors Secured At All Times

With the arrival of the warm weather, residents need to be more leery of the home repair fraud. The Niles Police Department would like to remind all homeowners that Niles does not allow companies to solicit work from door to door without a solicitors permit.

The Police Department encourages residents to call 911 and report any free lance workers looking for work and/or attempting to convince homeowners that their residence is in need of repair, or when an unknown person(s) come to your door stating they are lost and asking to come in your home and use your phone or that they are in need of a glass of water. These are but a few of the most common scams that these con artists use in order to take advantage of you. A few simple reminders to protect yourself against these scam artists include; ALWAYS keep your outer screen doors locked and NEVER allow unknown, uninvited people to enter your home FOR ANY REASON! ALWAYS ask for identification from village and utility workers before allowing them into your home. Lastly, When working out in your yard, ALWAYS keep your doors closed and locked to prevent burglars from entering your home unnoticed.

Emergency Beacon Flashing Lightbulb A Special Bulb that Flashes

The Emergency Beacon flashing lightbulb is a standard 60 watt lightbulb that has two functions. The lightbulb is capable of operating as a regular standard lightbulb, and in an emergency you simply turn your light switch off and on twice to activate the flashing mechanism.

Emergency personnel can easily see your home without wasting precious minutes trying to locate an address.

This useful lightbulb is available at the Niles Police Department for only \$5.00. This bulb sells for a retail price of \$19.95.

Telephone Scams and Solicitors

It Probably is Too Good to be True

A very common type of phone scam is when a solicitor requests a donation for a police or fire related fundraiser. The persons attempting to scam residents are counting on their willingness to help their local police and/or fire departments. We remind residents to contact the Village if they are asked to contribute to a police or fire related charity.

Along with the fund raising scam listed above, here are several other types of scams to be aware of:

Sweepstakes/Contests - These are when you receive a call saying that you have won a prize. The scam comes in when you are required to do something to get your "free" prize, such as attending a sales presentation or giving out your credit card number in order for your "prize" to be shipped out to you.

Investments - People often get lured in with the promise of "get rich quick," when in reality, the only person that gets rich is the one running the scam.

Discount or "free" Vacation Offers - These scams offer "free" or "low cost" vacations, but once the hidden charges are added on, the trip may cost more than you bargained for.

In order to protect yourself from these types of scams, here are a few key phrases that could indicate someone is trying to scam you:

"In order to take advantage of this offer, you must send cash today or give out your credit card number or bank account number."

"Act now or you will miss your chance."

"You can't afford to miss this no risk offer."

Always remember, if the offer that someone is offering you seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Curbside Recycling Made Easier for Residents

Paper May Now be Mixed with Plastic, Glass, and Metal.

Residents served by the Village's refuse hauler, Groot Recycling and Waste Services, no longer need to separate their paper from their plastic, glass, and metal recyclables. When recycling, just place all of your recycling in your red recycling bin and place it at the curb.

Contact the Village at 588-8000 or Groot at 773-242-1977 for more information.

2001 Branch Pickup

Branches are not always picked up on a Monday

The branch pickup program runs April through September, and is provided once a month according to the following schedule.

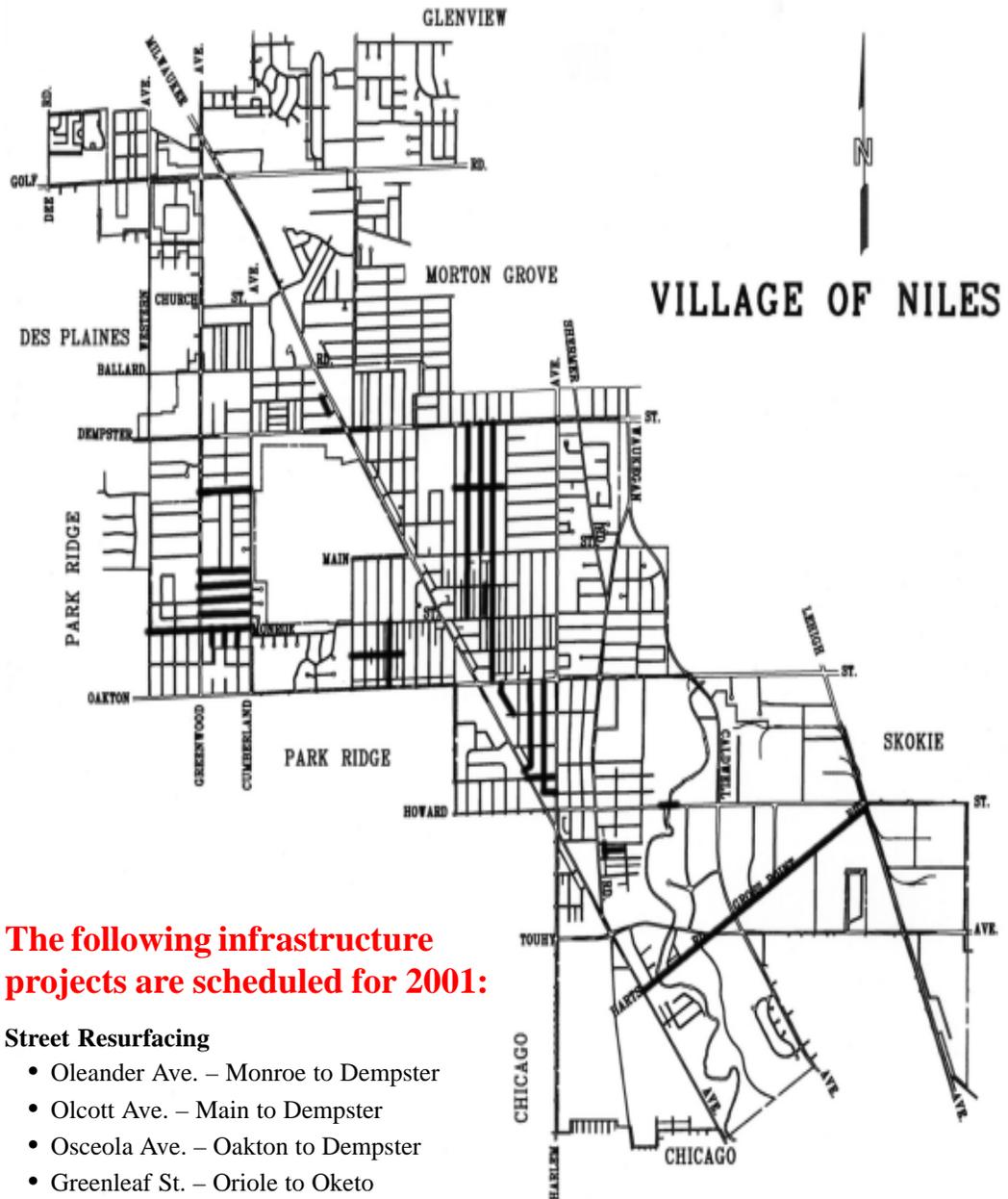
Residents **EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVENUE**, pickup begins on the first Monday of each month and continues through that week. Residents should place their branches at the curb on the first Monday of each month for pickup during the week. Branch pickup is on the following dates:

- Monday, July 2nd
- Monday, August 6th
- Tuesday, September 4th
(Monday is a Holiday)

Residents **WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVE.**, pickup begins on the last Monday of each month and continues through that week. Residents should place their branches at the curb on the last Monday of each month for pickup during the week. Branch pickup is on the following dates:

- Monday, July 30th
- Monday, August 27th
- Monday, September 24th

2001 Road & Infrastructure Projects



The following infrastructure projects are scheduled for 2001:

Street Resurfacing

- Oleander Ave. – Monroe to Dempster
- Olcott Ave. – Main to Dempster
- Osceola Ave. – Oakton to Dempster
- Greenleaf St. – Oriole to Oketo
- Oketo Ave. – Oakton to Kirk
- Octavia Ave. – Oakton to Milwaukee
- Oconto Ave. – Oakton to Dobson
- Dobson St. – Oconto to Harlem
- Gross Point Rd. – Milwaukee to Lehigh

Street Reconstruction

- Keeney St. – Washington to Ozanam
- Merrill St. – Oakton to Monroe

Water Main Improvement

- North Terr. – Western to Cumberland
- Madison Dr. – Greenwood to Cumberland
- Normal Ave. – Greenwood to Cumberland
- Clara Dr. – Greenwood to Cumberland

Water Main Improvement

- Bruce – Greenwood to Cumberland
- Roseview – Greenwood to Cumberland
- Gross Point – Milwaukee to Touhy

Alley Improvement

- Behind Milwaukee – Oak to Elizabeth
- Between Olcott and Osceola from Kedzie to Monroe
- Between Waukegan and School from Fargo to Jarvis

Other Improvements

- Howard Street Bridge Rehabilitation

2001 Leaning Tower Concert Series

With An All New Lineup of Performers

The 2001 Leaning Tower Concert Series will feature ten (10) free performances on Thursday evenings in July and August from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning with a special Concert Series Kickoff on June 28th with Enzo Incandela and Al Anile.

This year, based on strong audience response, we bring you a new lineup of performers featuring new selections of music such as jazz, blues, country and swing.

If you have not previously attended the concert series, come out this year! The concerts are free and open to the public. Bring your neighbors and friends to enjoy the great music and the wonderful Leaning Tower Plaza.

Make sure to bring your own lawn chair!

Leaning Tower Concert Series Schedule

Special Concert Series Kickoff with Enzo!!

JUNE 28, 2001 ENZO INCANDELA & AL ANILE

Enzo is back for a special performance to kickoff the 2001 Concert Series. Enjoy his brilliant Italian music!

Special Concert Series Kickoff with Enzo!!

JULY 5 KALII SUE PALMER

Introducing a 14 year old singing sensation Kalii Sue Palmer. Kalii has performed with Country greats like Billy Ray Cyrus, Randy Travis, and Shania Twain.

JULY 12 FABULOUS MURRAY BROTHERS

The Fabulous Murray Brothers return by popular demand. These four talented singer-musicians play over 25 instruments combining music, comedy, and impersonations.

JULY 19 THE MARK FECHNER JAZZ EXPERIENCE

Introducing Mark Fechner and his ensemble blending a unique sound with swing, soul, and jazz with latin.

JULY 26 MEISNER MAGIC

This popular father and son team returns for another year of fun, laughs, and good polka music.

AUGUST 2 BPOLOGY

Introducing Bopology blending old time swing from greats like Duke Ellington, Louis Jordan, Frank Sinatra and Louie Prima with the modern swing of Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Royal Crown Revue and Brian Setzer.

AUGUST 9 MR. MYERS

Mr. Myers returns blending the tropical sounds of Calypso, the rhythms of Reggae and a little Rock n' Roll with some favorite classic tunes to create his own special style of Caribbean rock.

AUGUST 16 THE CONNEXION

The Connexion is a seven-piece band with two lead female vocalists, guitar, bass, drums, keyboards/trumpet and keyboards/sax. Do the electric slide, the macarena, and dance.

AUGUST 23 BLOOZE BROTHERS

Introducing Blooze Brothers a high powered choreographed twelve piece band covering music from the 40s to the 90s. This band has been acknowledged as the Nation's #1 Blues Brothers tribute band!

AUGUST 30 MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band returns with the "Soul Music" of America's Russian-Jewish immigrants. This popular group with nine instrumentalist and vocalists will dazzle you once again this year.

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Village of Niles – 2001 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.

2000 WATER QUALITY DATA

Definition of Terms

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): 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. **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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. **Level Found:** This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected. **Range of Detections:** This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year. **Date of Sample:** If a date appears in this 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 Consumer Confidence Report calendar year. **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. **nd:** Not detectable at testing limits. **n/a:** Not applicable

Detected Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Date of Violation	Sample
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Inorganic Contaminants

LEAD (ppb) Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	0	AL=15	5	1 exceeding AL	09/30/1999	
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Disinfectants\Disinfection By-Products

TTHMs [TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES] (ppb) By-product of drinking water chlorination.	n/a	100	21.500	11.000 - 37.000		
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Unregulated Contaminants

BROMODICHLOROMETHANE (ppb) By-product of drinking water chlorination.	n/a	n/a	7.000	4.000 - 12.000		
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BROMOFORM (ppb) Discharge from manufacturing plants; Used to dissolve dirt and grease.	n/a	n/a	0.250	nd - 1.000		
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CHLOROFORM (ppb) Used as as solvent for fats, oils, rubber, resins; A cleansing agent; Found in fire extinguishers.	n/a	n/a	10.750	4.000 - 19.000		
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DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE (ppb) Used as a chemical reagent; An intermediate in organic synthesis.	n/a	n/a	3.500	3.000 - 5.000		
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Unit of Measurement

ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS:

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

2000 Chicago Water Quality Data

Definition of Terms

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Detected Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Date of Violation	Sample
TURBIDITY (%<0.5 NTU) Soil runoff.	n/a	TT	100.000	100.000 - 100.000		
TURBIDITY (NTU) Soil runoff.	n/a	TT=5NTU _{max}	0.200	n/a		

Inorganic Contaminants

BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.019	0.019 - 0.019		
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.400	0.400 - 0.400		
NITRATE & NITRITE (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.400	0.400 - 0.400		

Unregulated Contaminants

SULFATE (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.	n/a	n/a	32.400	30.800 - 32.400		
State Regulated Contaminants						
FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	n/a	n/a	1.040	1.040 - 1.040		
SODIUM (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	7.400	6.700 - 7.400		

Unit of Measurement

- ppm - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter
- ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water
- %<0.5 NTU - Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU
- % pos/mo - Percent positive samples per month

2000 Chicago Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

TURBIDITY

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

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FLUORIDE

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

SODIUM

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Information Collection Rule (ICR)

During an 18-month period, large water systems (serving >100,000 people) were required to monitor for unregulated compounds and microbial organisms. The following table shows results of analyses for disinfection by-products that were detected in the distribution system samples. These compounds may be regulated in the future based on occurrence data and available health effects information.

DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS [DBP] (unit of measure)	Level Found	Range of Detection	Monitoring Date
Typical source			
HALOACETICNITRILES [HAN] (ppb) Chlorination by-products total of 4 compounds.	2.85	2.30 - 3.51	Quarterly 7/97-12/98
HALOKETONES [HK] (ppb) Chlorination by-products total of 2 compounds.	0.82	nd - 1.13	Quarterly 7/97-12/98
CHLORAL HYDRATE [CH] (ppb) Chlorination by-product.	1.83	nd - 2.96	Quarterly 7/97-12/98
TOTAL ORGANIC HALIDES [TOX] (ppb) Present due to reactions between chlorine, organic material and bromide.	112	nd - 190	Quarterly 7/97-12/98

Unit of Measure (ppb) - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter.

DISINFECTANT RESIDUAL (unit of measure)	Level Found	Range of Detection	Monitoring Date
Chlorine is applied as sole disinfectant.			
FREE CHLORINE (ppm)	0.64	0.3 - 0.9	Quarterly 7/97-12/98
TOTAL CHLORINE (ppm)	0.77	0.4 - 1.1	Quarterly 7/97-12/98

Unit of Measure (ppm) - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter.

The following disinfection by-products were monitored during the ICR and have since been regulated.

DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS [DBP] (unit of measure)	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detection	Monitoring Date
Typical source.				
HALOACETIC ACIDS [HAA5] (ppb) Chlorination by-products total of 5 compounds.	60*	8.5	6.2 - 11.0	Quarterly 2000

Unit of Measure (ppb) - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

* Regulated Contaminant Effective 12/01

NILES

JULY 4th CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 4, 2001

9:30 A.M. IS PARADE KICK OFF
(OVER 100 UNITS ARE PARTICIPATING!)

Parade will begin at Notre Dame High School
and proceed to Grennan Heights Park (8255 Oketo)
(Ozark to Main - Main to Harlem - Harlem to Monroe - Monroe to Oketo)
(See Map on Back)

11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
POST-PARADE ENTERTAINMENT

A variety of great entertainment for all ages has been scheduled.
Why not plan on bringing the entire family and follow the parade to
Grennan Heights Park and enjoy the post-parade entertainment.

Main Stage Musical Entertainment by:

The Fabulous Murray Brothers

ENJOY:

Family Games
Air Brushing
Craft Tent
Pony Rides
Characters

Food and Refreshments Available for a Nominal Charge

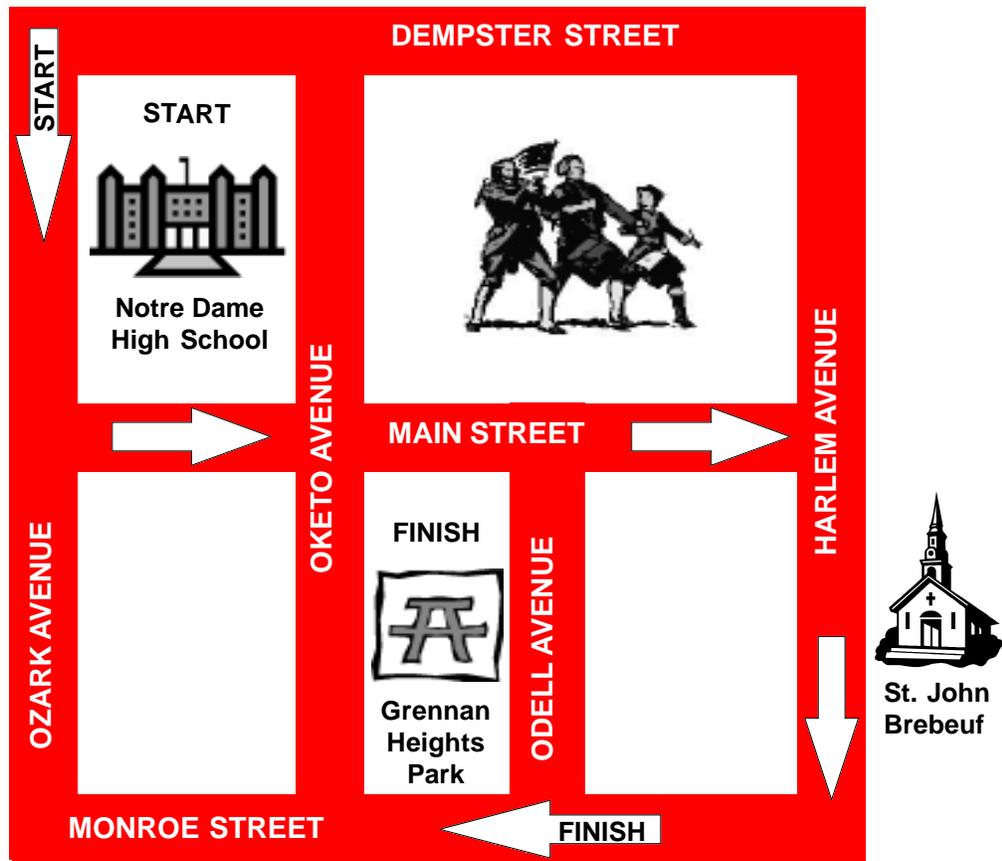
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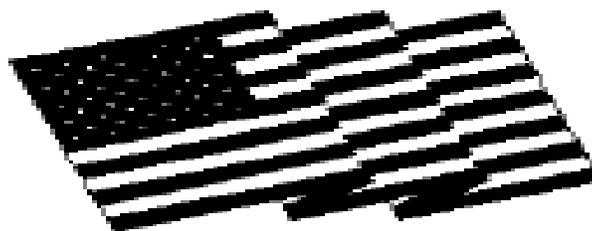
NILES PARK DISTRICT

Independence Day Parade

Come Join Us for the Best Parade In Town!



Parade Route
Wednesday, July 4, 2001
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For more information on the route or post-parade festivities,
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