

Focus On Niles

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Niles Hires New Public Services Director



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Mary Anderson, the Village's new Director of Public Services, having started work just about a month ago. I am honored to have been selected to fill this position and very excited to be part of the Village of Niles team. I come to Niles having most recently worked in a similar position for the City of Port Orange, Florida, for the past two years. However, I am originally from the Chicagoland area, and prior to Florida, I worked for the City of Highland Park as Public Works Director for ten years. Niles Public Services is comprised of a great group of professionals who are dedicated to providing high quality pro-

grams and services to residents, businesses and visitors in this beautiful community. Whether it is drinking water, sanitary sewer, stormwater management, snow plowing, solid waste and recycling services, or any of the many other services we offer, I hope that you will contact me to share your concerns and thoughts about Public Services. I look forward to meeting many of you when the opportunity occurs.

Mary Anderson
Director of Public Services



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**Andrew Przybylo
Mayor**

Message from Mayor Przybylo

Greetings, neighbors and business owners!

As I write, our Village is experiencing its first cold winter weather. I do hope that our snow fall this winter is moderate and that average temperatures are mild. Snow removal and street salt are expensive. Our new Director of Public Services, Mary Anderson- though coming to us from Florida- has much experience in the Midwest. I'm confident that Mary will keep our thorough fares clear and dry, with great efficiency. With the retiring of Chief Dean Strzelecki, Deputy Chief Dennis McEnerney has been approved interim Chief of Police. Best wishes

to Dean in retirement. To interim Chief McEnerney, I'm confident that you will do an excellent job and have the full faith and confidence of the Board of Trustees. Into the holiday season, may you all find great joy through family, friends and neighbors. If you are a Niles business owner or work in Niles, may your store be successful and may you be happy in your labors. I hope to see many hundreds on Saturday, November 29 at our Village's second Christmas tree lighting and our first Holly Jolly Market. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Reflecting on a Successful Career

When did you start at Niles? November 1, 1975

Why did you become a Police Officer? I met a few Niles Police officers in my personal life and was impressed with their commitment to the profession, the camaraderie, and the help they gave to others. I thought I would enjoy that, and left my tool and die making career for Law Enforcement.

Why did you choose Niles to work? Since moving into Niles, I was always involved in the community. I coached baseball and football at 20 years old and even coached some of the current members of the Niles Police Department. I never had a desire to work anywhere else. Even as Chief, when I had the opportunity to take other positions after I reached full pension benefits, I remained here in Niles.

Please share a favorite memory while at work at the Niles Police Department? I really can't focus in on one specific event or situation. There are numerous experiences I had that have affected me in many different ways. A few I will never forget because of the impact they had on my life - both sorrowful and jubilant. Others were good times with great people who I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with.



**Dean H. Strzelecki
Chief of Police
Retired 11/14/14**



**Officer Strzelecki
in the 1970s.**

What will you miss most about Niles? The daily interaction with the wonderful staff. I don't think I will miss Niles, however, as I am not leaving the area. I plan on being involved both politically and privately. I consider this as changing tracks in my life with the ultimate goal of doing what is best for Niles and keeping Niles moving forward.

Thank you, Chief Strzelecki, for 39 years of service!

Village Employees Shine Bright This Season

Village of Niles employees Anthony Scipione and Linda Mathis were both recipients of a Rose and recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Niles Night of Roses.

“I was so excited to find out that I was recognized,” said Mathis.

Mathis was recognized for Outstanding Public Service. Mathis is the Marketing Director for the Niles Family Fitness Center where she selflessly volunteers her time with the Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars, National Night Out and Niles Chamber of Commerce.

Scipione was recognized for Public

Safety Excellence. Since 2007, Scipione has served as a Patrol Officer who goes beyond the normal duties on a daily basis. He enthusiastically shows dedication and takes initiative both on the job and with volunteer efforts to raise money for charitable causes.

Other winners included Angelo Troiani, Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Gene Jurczak, Mary Ann Miller, and Susan Johnson.

If you know a resident with an interesting story email hg@vniles.com



Mathis pictured above.



Officer Scipione (right) pictured above with Detective Balsamo.

Niles Food Pantry Partners with Meijer to Provide Hunger Relief



Niles Family Services Food Pantry needs your help providing much-needed hunger relief to local families through a customer-driven food pantry donation program, Simply Give. The Simply Give program encourages customers to purchase \$10 Simply Give donation cards; Meijer will match the donation, which will be given to Niles Family Services to purchase food. The program will run now through Jan. 2. Simply Give donation cards can be picked up at the Meijer Store in Niles, the Niles Library and at various Village of Niles facilities.

The Village Continues to Make Significant Gains with Phase I of the Stormwater Relief Program.

Grand Opening Ceremony at Maryhill Cemetery and Our Lady of Ransom Parish - December 4

The two stormwater basins at Our Lady of Ransom Parish and Maryhill Cemetery are now fully functional. A ceremonial pouring of water at both basins will be conducted on Thursday, December 4 with a “blessing” from a representative of the Catholic Archdiocese. Mayor Andrew Przybylo and Stormwater Commission Chairman Joe LoVerde will address the audience, thanking the Catholic Archdiocese for their cooperation with the Village of Niles in an effort to improve the quality of life of hundreds of homeowners. These two basins will hold 15-acre feet of stormwater or enough water to fill eight Olympic size swimming pools during a 100-year storm event. Stormwater Chairman Joe LoVerde commented, “We continue to thank Father Chris Gustafason, the Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Maryhill Cemetery, and

the Archdiocese for their unending support.” He continued, “These projects would not have happened but for their community vision.” The \$9M, 74-inch Cleveland sewer separation project has recently been approved for licensing at the Forest Preserve of Cook County. The Village thanks Cook County Commissioners Lawrence Suffredin and Peter Silvestri for their efforts and support which helped move the project forward in anticipation of a spring 2015 kickoff. Mayor Andrew Przybylo stated, “I am very grateful for the interest both Commissioners took in this project, especially Commissioner Suffredin who went to great lengths to understand the benefits of the project fully and extensively advocate on the Village’s behalf.”

Scott's Law "Move Over, Slow Down"



It is a normal day at work, until there is a brief squealing of tires just before a two thousand pound vehicle slams into your office at 70 miles-per-hour. This is normally not an issue for most professionals that go to work,

but is a stark reality for police officers, fire fighters, tow operators, maintenance and construction workers.

"The men and women dedicated to keeping our roadways safe have one simple request: Move Over and Slow Down," states Sgt. Robert Tornabene, Public Information Officer for the Niles Police Department.

By law, if a vehicle authorized to display blinking, flashing, or oscillating lights has its lights activated, any approaching vehicle on a roadway with two or more lanes dedicated to the same direction of travel **MUST** move to the lane **NOT** adjacent to the emergency or maintenance vehicle. If traffic does not allow for a lane change, the vehicle must reduce speed.

A citation for this violation will result in: a required court appearance, a \$100 – \$10,000 fine (depending on severity), a possible driver's license suspension (90 days – 2 years involving a crash).

Former Chief of Police Dean H. Strzelecki says, "Move Over and Slow Down. We are dedicated to protecting you. Please help protect our officers, fire fighters and emergency response personnel."

Take Note of What's Happening at the Senior Center...

Stop In and Check Out the New Media Center!

There are 10 new laptops and an iPad. Volunteer Assistance!
Drop-in Hours: Mondays 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Thursdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Fridays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Med Return Box

The new Med Return box has been placed in the Niles Senior Center at 999 Civic Center Drive and is accessible Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Niles Police Department is committed to the safe removal and disposal of medications, expired vitamins and over the counter drugs. By partnering with CVS Pharmacy we are able to extend our reach into the community and offer a convenient location to safely dispose of old, expired or unwanted medications. Please do not dispose of needles (SHARPS), inhalers, or liquids that are not secured in a leak-proof container.

"Matter of Balance" Program

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and may restrict their activities. This evidence-based program is designed to improve fall awareness and increase general activity levels. It will also emphasize practical strategies to lessen the risk of falling. Instructors: Brigitte Powidzki, RN, BSN and Julene Lavelli, RNC, LSCW, CADC Thursdays, February 19, 2015 through April 9, 2015, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$15M/\$20NM

Branch Pickup Changes

This is just a reminder that now branch pickup does not require a sticker. Branches that are 3" or less in diameter must be bundled. Branches (logs) over 3" are considered refuse and should be placed in the refuse cart.

Cook County Feral Cat Program

Stray and feral cats and kittens are the single largest group of animals killed at shelters and animal control facilities every year. With an estimated 700,000 outdoor cats in Cook County, a program was developed back in 2007 to help "control" or stabilize the free-roaming cat population. The Cook County's Managed Care of Feral Cats Ordinance was created to help people who regularly put out food for cats. The main component of the program is eliminating the ability for cats to reproduce. This is done by spaying/neutering cats. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs are proven to stabilize feral cat colony populations. The program requires trapping the cat(s), spaying/neutering, vaccinating, monitoring and then returning them to their original location.

There are two rescue groups/shelters in the area that run this program: Tree House Humane Society in Chicago and Feral Feline Project in Wheeling. For further information about the program, you can go to: http://www.treehouseanimals.org/site/DocServer/cook_county_feral_cats_ordinance.pdf?docID=147. You can also contact Niles Animal Control at 847-588-6508.

FREE Tax Assistance

Beginning January 21, 2015, appointments can be scheduled by calling the Tax Hot Line at 847-588-8440 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Appointments begin in February and run through Friday, April 10. Some restrictions apply. We cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Annual Rummage Sale

If you are interested in reserving a table to sell the many treasures in your home that you no longer use, please call Jaymi at 847-588-8420 as soon as possible. A \$5.00 donation per table is required at time of reservation. All donations will go to the Niles Food Pantry. Space is limited! Table reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

* Check out our page for many more great events-
www.vniles.com/198/Programs-Events

Fire Department Completes Live Fire Training

Every once in a while your Niles Fire Department is lucky enough to train using a live fire set in buildings donated by their owners prior to demolition. This past October, the Fire Department had this rare opportunity in an old motel at 6450 W. Touhy Avenue. Drills were conducted jointly with the Morton Grove Fire Department and the North Maine Fire Protection District. These drills are conducted under live fire conditions with strict E.P.A. and O.S.H.A. guidelines for environmental and firefighter safety.

The training involved three skills challenges including roof ventilation operations, victim search and rescue techniques, and hose line deployment with fire extinguishment.

Each department was able to train using their own guidelines, equipment and personnel. So, if you have a structure ready for demolition call the Niles Fire Department. They appreciate the training opportunity!



SCRAM

The Senior Crime Reduction Awareness Measures (SCRAM) program teaches comprehensive crime prevention designed to raise awareness and reduce the potential for crimes that impact seniors. See calendar for SCRAM dates.

Crime Free Housing Classes

This class is required for any residential rental property in the Village. All owners and landlords are required to attend and complete this course as well as utilize a crime free lease addendum. Landlords, property owners or managers only need to attend one of these courses.



Drop off new toy donations now - December 16 at:

Niles Village Hall - 1000 Civic Center Drive

Niles Fire Department - 8360 W. Dempster & 6611 Jarvis

Niles Teen Center - 373 Golf Mill Center

Niles Police Department - 7000 W. Touhy

Niles Senior Center - 999 Civic Center Drive

Niles Public Library - 6960 W. Oakton

Parkway Bank - 7601 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

The Niles Fire Department, along with the Village of Niles, announces the official kickoff to the 11th annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Village of Niles Toys for Tots Drive. Toys for Tots is a charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. ALL toys must be **new and unwrapped**.

Toys for Tots embodies the true spirit of the holiday season. Over its life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Program distributed over 469 million toys to over 216 million less fortunate children.

Water Bill Outreach

Niles Family Services, in partnership with the Finance Department, is helping residents with outstanding water bills. Family Service's Financial Case Management Program, which started in September of 2013, allows Family Services to assess residents, provide resources that residents might not know are available to them and, when applicable, award some small financial assistance through help from local community partners. Niles Family Services has successful partnerships with the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. John Brebeuf Church, Our Lady of Ransom and St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church.

"We are very grateful for all the help the local churches have given to Niles residents. We assess all aspects of residents' lives and can also provide counseling if needed," said Family Services Director Tony Hollenback.

If you find yourself in need of help with your water bill please contact Niles Family Services at 847-588-8460 to set up a financial assessment appointment.

Niles Family Services has developed a stronger presence in the community and intends to create more visibility and awareness of their programs and services.

Environmental Practices Committee

The Environmental Practices Committee was created in 2007 for the purpose of recommending sustainable and environmental best practices to the Village Board and community. The committee's goal is to make even a small, positive change in the environment and create a program that will create a healthy environment for ourselves, our kids and future generations. Meetings are held at Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Members

Trustee Rosemary Palicki, Chair
Tony Dati, Village Forester
Bob Johnson
Chris Zalinski



Recycling Tips

Plastic Items:

All plastic bottles & containers with numbers 1 through 5 & 7 may be recycled. Do not place plastic bags (i.e. grocery, kitchen) in the recycling cart. Return plastic bags to your grocery store.

Metal Items:

aluminum cans, foil, baking trays & steel or tin cans, & empty aerosol cans

Glass Items:

bottles & jars only (brown, green & clear glass). No mirrors, window glass or porcelain accepted.

Paper Items:

Office paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard (flattened, paperboard/chipboard), telephone directories, brown paper bags, and aseptic containers (juice & milk cartons). **No plastic grocery bags.**

E-Waste:

As of January 1, 2012, certain electronic items are prohibited from being disposed of in Illinois landfills. Groot will collect, at the curb, up to six electronic items for a total fee of \$30.00. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a collection. For a list of all E-Waste materials visit swancc.com.

Permanent Drop-Off Location in Glenview
Glenview Transfer Station
1151 N River Rd

Across from the Maryville Academy
Saturdays: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Closed: September 6, November 29,
December 27, January 3

E-Waste Materials Are Defined By Law As Follows:

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| • Computers & Monitors | • Small Scale Servers | • DVD Players |
| • Cable Receivers | • Printers | • Converter Boxes |
| • Video Game Consoles | • Satellite Receivers | • DVR Recorders |
| • Fax Machines | • Scanners | • Electronic Keyboards |
| • Electronic Mice | • VCRs | • Digital Music Players |
| | • Televisions | |



Tree Ordinance Passes!

On Tuesday, October 28, the Village Board adopted an updated Tree Ordinance. Below are the relevant changes for the public to acknowledge. A complete version and related documents can be found on the Village's website (www.vniles.com):

• It shall be a nuisance to plant any bush variety or tree on Village property that is referenced in the Restricted Tree List, created and maintained by the Village Forester.

• No person shall willfully damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove a tree, attach any notice, sign or publication, or any rope, wire, nails, or other equipment to any tree, allow any gaseous liquid or solid substance which is harmful to trees to come in contact with them; nor set fire or permit any fire to burn when such fire or heat thereof will injure any portion of any tree. b) It shall be unlawful practice for any person, firm, and or Village department to top any street tree, park tree or other tree on public property.

• It is unlawful to plant, remove or cut down any tree or shrub on public property.

• Control and eradication. Any tree found to be dead, diseased, infected or dangerous by the Village Forester, located on any premises in the Village, shall be removed within 30-days following service of the notice for which provision is made herein. Extensions may be granted by the Village Forester.

b) If the owner of private property neglects or refuses to remove any dead, diseased, dangerous or infected tree species, as ascertained by the Village Forester, then, in such case, the Village Manager or designee is hereby authorized to go upon such private property and either remove such trees or have such trees removed. With the permission of the property owner the Village Manager or designee shall enter private property at reasonable times in order to carry out his or her duties as provided in this Section.

c) Notice. If any tree growing on any premises in the Village is found to be dead, diseased, dangerous or infected, the Village Manager or designee shall serve a notice upon the owner or occupant of the premises on which the said tree is growing to remove the said tree within 30 days.

d) If the owner of private property neglects or refuses to remove any dead, diseased, dangerous or infected tree, as ascertained by the Village Forester, then, in such case, the Village is hereby authorized to go upon such private property and either remove such trees or have such trees removed. Before any Village employee may enter private property without permission by the owner, a determination of rightful entry must be made pursuant to the administrative hearing procedures found in Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Office of Administrative Adjudication, Division 2 Procedures.

Contact the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to order your rain barrel.

Rain barrels can be purchased for \$58/barrel. For more information, please contact the MWRD at www.mwr.org or 312-751-6633.



Winter Efficiency Tips

Cover Drafty Windows

• Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

• Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.

Adjust the Temperature

• When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.

• When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.

Find and Seal Leaks

• Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes (“plumbing penetrations”), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

• Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

Water heating can account for 14% to 25% of the energy consumed in your home.

• Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

Car-Related Recycling Locations

Free gas, oil and car battery recycling locations:

Morton Grove:

Harlem Shermer Service

9021 Harlem

(847) 965-4388

Accepts oil, gasoline and car batteries at no cost.

Just Tires

9246 Waukegan Rd

(847) 965-2757

Accepts tires only at \$4.00 per tire.

Niles:

Niles Marathon Service

7300 Waukegan Rd

(847) 647-8186

Accepts car batteries only at no cost.

Oil Express

8430 W Dempster St

(847) 827-0500

Accepts oil and antifreeze at no cost.

O'Reilly Auto Parts

797 Civic Center Dr

(847) 470-1317

Accepts oil, oil filters and car batteries at no cost.

Park Ridge:

Kris Touhy Amoco

1220 W Touhy Ave

(847) 823-0344

Accepts car batteries at no cost; oil and antifreeze at \$1.00 per gallon; \$2.50 per tire.

Skokie:

Golf-Crawford Auto Service

9555 Crawford Ave

(847) 679-8862

Accepts oil, antifreeze and car batteries at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Oakton & Hamlin Auto

3800 Oakton St

(847) 673-3278

Accepts oil, antifreeze, car batteries and gasoline at no cost; \$3.00 per tire.

Interstate Batteries of Chicagoland

8056 N Central Pk

(847) 673-6993

Accepts car batteries at no cost.

Holiday Light Recycling Program

What can you do with your old holiday lights? Through this free recycling program, old holiday lights are reclaimed, reprocessed, made into new products and kept out of the landfills, making the season much brighter. Elgin Recycling, Inc. will gather the collected material, which will then be processed at their Palatine facility. The strands are chopped, separated, baled and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.

This recycling program is sponsored by the Village of Niles, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), and Elgin Recycling, Inc. This program runs November through February each year. Drop off locations for old holiday lights are:

The Niles Fitness Center

987 Civic Center Dr.

The Public Services Building

6849 W. Touhy Ave.

Resource Fair Rain Barrel Raffle

During the Niles Resource Fair, the Environmental Practices Committee raffled off two free rain barrels to Niles residents. Niles resident Laura Reisberg plans on using her rain barrel to water her flowers and plants in the spring.



Rain barrel winner Laura Reisberg stands with her new rain barrel.



Be Prepared This Winter!

Cold temperatures, heavy snow, and treacherous ice storms are all risks of the impending winter season. Severe winter weather can be dangerous and even life-threatening for people who don't take the proper precautions. Preparedness begins with knowing your risks, making a communications plan with your family and having an emergency supply kit with essentials such as water, food, flashlights and medications. Please keep up with winter safety tips available at vniles.com.

Keep Refuse and Recycling Carts Off Street

Please make sure your carts are placed on the edge of your driveway or on the parkway the morning of garbage/ recycling collection. Carts that are in the street cause problems for snow plows. Failure to keep carts off the street could prevent snow removal near the cart or could cause possible damage to the cart.

Niles Teen Center

Golf Mill Shopping Mall Entrance 6

Teens Assisting Seniors Kindly (TASK) Program

Are you interested in earning money? How about helping others in need? The Teen Center is working with the Senior Center to find high school students willing to help senior citizens with leaf-raking, snow shoveling and general yard work. Please complete the "Niles Teen TASK" form available on the Teen Center web page and return it to Mark at the Teen Center. Your information will be shared with the Senior Center and contacts will be made with residents in need of your service.

Girls Talk

Social work group for middle school girls- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m., beginning in January.

Flooding Information

If you have any flooding or drainage problems on your property, contact the Engineering Department at 847-588-7900. We will assist on-site in finding ways to help you minimize or correct your problem.

There is a "FEMA Map Service Center" online at www.msc.fema.gov. You may come in and someone will help you determine if your home is in the floodplain. If you have any questions about the Map Service Center, contact the Engineering Department.

Elevation Certificates (ECs) are available online at www.vniles.com.



Open
M-W-F

10:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
8970 Milwaukee Ave.

Niles 60714
(847) 390-0160



Dine-In Niles

Thank you for choosing Niles and supporting our local businesses. To show our appreciation, several of our local restaurants invite you to Dine-In Niles. In the Chamber Guide arriving in December there will be an attached card which will allow you to receive a 10% discount at participating restaurants (some restrictions apply). The participating restaurants are listed on our website, www.vniles.com, under our Dine-In page. Please check our website often as additional participating restaurants may be added throughout the year.

This program is valid from December 2014 through November 2015. We hope that you will utilize this program and enjoy an entire year of savings!

Niles Historical & Cultural Center

Welcome to the Niles Historical and Cultural Center. The Village of Niles has a rich, historical past that can be explored in the three floors of our Center. Admission is free, but membership to the Historical Society holds many rewards!

NHS is offering many exciting programs for 2015. In January, start off with a healthy outlook as we explore wellness and fitness for the upcoming year. In February we will have the Golden Notes, the Senior Center's finest singing group, to entertain you and your Valentine. And that's just the beginning!

During the year the Niles Historical and Cultural Center is planning to host a variety of artists and exhibitors, showcasing the local art talent in our auditorium. In addition, our Historian Thomas Ferraro will be back to uncover and explore many historical facets of the Village. This year we will explore the cultural history of Niles, and also host our annual Ice Cream Social, High Tea, and Antique Appraisal by John Leonard Auctions. So please come and visit the Center. Find us on Facebook or at www.vniles.com under the Community drop-down menu.

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

December

Important Numbers:

Fire Department (FD)
 Fitness Center (FC)
 Historical Society (HS)
 Niles Library (NL)
 Niles Park District (NPD)

847-588-6800
 847-588-8400
 847-390-0160
 847-663-1234
 847-967-6633

Police Department (PD)
 Public Works (PW)
 Senior Center (SC)
 Teen Center (TC)
 Village Hall (VH)
 Golf Mill Mall (GM)

847-588-6500
 847-588-7900
 847-588-8420
 847-375-8949
 847-588-8000
 847-699-9440

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 Festival of Trees Begins (GM)	02 Metropolitan Chorus & Musica Lumina Orchestra (Saint John Brebeuf)	03	04 Grand Opening of Maryhill & OLR Stormwater Projects (PW)	05 An After Hours Evening of Jazz (NL) Men's Club Holiday Party (SC)	06 College Essay Review (NL)
07 Sports Writer Kent McDill Talks Bulls and Bears (NL)	08	09 Christmas Markets of Europe (NL) SanFilippo Estate Trip (SC)	10	11 Teen Speaker Series- Peer Pressure (TC) Camelot @ Drury Lane Trip (SC)	12	13 Breakfast With Santa (NPD) Annual Holiday Open House (NL)
14 Last Day of Festival of Trees (GM)	15 Babytime (NL)	16 Hanukkah Party & Dreidel Tournament (SC)	17	18 SCRAM- Burglary Prevention (PD)	19 Frozen Sing-Along (NL) Poker Tournament (SC)	20
21 Iceland Santa Skate (NPD)	22	23 Adult Computer Beginner Boot Camp (NL)	24 Special Holiday Hours 5:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. (FC) Library Closed (NL)	25 Village Facilities Closed Library Closed (NL)	26 Thursday Garbage Pickup-Delayed	27 Friday Garbage Pickup-Delayed
28 The Hobbit (NL)	29 Pain Management (SC)	30 Resistance Bands (SC)	31 Special Holiday Hours 5:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. (FC) Iceland New Year's Eve Skate (NPD)	<p>If you have a community-wide Niles event for the calendar, please let us know at hg@vnils.com</p>		

Snow Removal Common Questions

Can the Village turn the snowplow to avoid filling in my driveway?

Many plows are mounted in a fixed position and cannot be turned. For those that can, turning the plow wing takes time and requires the driver to take his attention from the road, which impacts the efficiency and safety of road clearing operations.

My road has not been plowed or salted. When do the plows and salt trucks go out?

Salt trucks are dispatched at the start of the storm. Plows are dispatched to the routes later when the accumulation of snow on the roads is beyond the capacity of the salt trucks.



Facebook Halloween Costume

Contest Winner:

Celli's Beef



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01 Village Facilities Closed Library Closed (NL)	02 Thursday Garbage Pickup-Delayed	03 Friday Garbage Pickup-Delayed
04	05 AARP Smart Driving Course (SC)	06 Welcome NOON Year! Luncheon and Party (SC)	07	08 CJE SeniorLife Resource Counseling (NL)	09 Beginning and Intermediate Tai Chi Classes Begin (SC)	10 World Language Storytime (NL)
11	12 Citizenship Class (NL) AARP Smart Driving Course (SC)	13 Crime Free Housing (PD) Blood Pressure Screening & Sharps and Medication Collection (SC)	14 Crime Free Housing (PD) A Mozart Festival (SC) Lyric Opera Lecture(NL)	15 Teen Speaker Series- Private Investigator (TC)	16 Shakespeare Project of Chicago (NL) Lite Lunch and a movie "Maleficent" (SC)	17 World Language Storytime (NL)
18 Intro to Hip-Hop Class (NL)	19 Citizenship Class (NL) Men's Club Meeting (SC)	20 Dinner and a Movie - "Blended" (SC)	21 SCRAM - Mail and Fraud (PD)	22 Shakespeare Project of Chicago Film Series (NL)	23	24
25	26 Women's Club meeting (SC)	27	28 Job Seekers (NL)	29	30	31

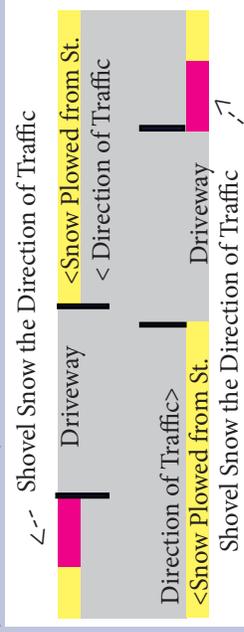
Snow Removal Common Questions

I just shoveled and the snow plow put all the snow back on my driveway. Can someone come to remove it?

We know it is frustrating to shovel your driveway and then have the plow come by and push snow back at the base. Although we would like to minimize the problem, there is no way to plow the street so that your driveway remains completely "snow free" without greatly increasing the manpower and money required to run our operation. Also, removing snow from the front of each driveway would be impossible as there are over 10,000 driveways in the Village. If you need assistance the Senior Center at (847) 588-8420 may have a list of landscapers or students that can be hired to remove

snow from your driveway.

One thing you can do to reduce the amount of snow that is plowed in front of your driveway is to place as much of the snow as possible to the right side of your drive, as you face the street. This reduces the chance of snow previously removed from the driveway being pushed back onto your drive.



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Winter Block Party at the Library (NL)	02 Citizenship Class (NL)	03	04	05 Adult Computer Boot Camp (NL) Jacob Henry Mansion Trip (SC)	06	07 Crime Free Housing (PD)
08	09 Pancake Brunch with the Men's Club (SC) FaceBook Workshop (SC)	10 SCRAM- Reverse Mortgage Investment and Government Scams (PD) Blood Pressure Screening (SC)	11 Bright Beginnings Preschool Evening Open House (NPD) Bossa Nova! (SC)	12 Teen Speaker Series-Self Defense Techniques (TC)	13 Little Ladies Winter Dance (NPD) Valentine's Luncheon (SC)	14 Valentine's Day Dance (TC) Valentine's Day Concert (NL)
15 Jack CIMO, Classical Guitarist (Saint John Brebeuf)	16	17 Crime Free Housing (PD) Dinner and a Movie "And So It Goes" (SC)	18 Greatest Boxer of All Time (NL)	19 Introduction to Pinterest (SC)	20	21 Family Science Saturday (NL)
22 Oscar Night Party (NL)	23 Preschool Registration for Residents (NPD) Womens Club meeting (SC)	24	25 Job Seekers (NL) West Side Story Trip (SC)	26	27 Shakespeare Project of Chicago (NL)	28

Check out Niles website and Facebook page for more information on events, contests and classes.

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Who is responsible for clearing the streets?

There are 88 center line miles and 251 lane miles of streets in Niles. (One mile of a four-lane road has 1 center line mile and 4 lane miles.) These roads are owned by the State of Illinois, Cook County and Village of Niles. The Village of Niles has primary responsibility for the 115 lane miles of Village streets as well as a number of the main highways in town through an agreement with the State of Illinois. Notable exceptions include Greenwood Avenue, which is maintained by Cook County, and Golf Road, Caldwell Avenue and sections of Touhy Avenue, which are maintained by the State of Illinois.

How many pieces of equipment are used by the Village of Niles to clear snow?

Approximately 28 pieces are available for snow and ice control. The actual number may vary due to the length of the storm which will impact personnel availability and other factors, such as mechanical failure.

Who is responsible for repairing parkway lawn damaged by a plow?

The Village will note the lawn damage and make repairs in the spring when weather is acceptable.

My street was plowed poorly because of parked cars. Can you come back and plow again?

We will certainly try to when time permits.

Looking For Volunteers

The Village of Niles is always looking for volunteers for community events such as Bike Niles, the Holly Jolly Christmas Market and Tree Lighting, and the Fourth of July Parade. If you are interested in volunteering for your community, please call 847-588-8000 and ask to be put on our volunteer list.

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