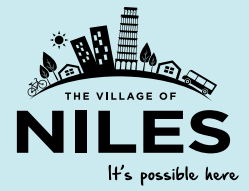


# Focus On Niles

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## Fun for All!

While kids might be back in school, that doesn't mean summer is over! Get ready for a fun-filled September in the Village of Niles, with something for everyone each weekend. *(Pictured here: Kids enjoy hands-on activities at last year's Public Works Open House).*

Check out the calendar of events and learn about the brand new "Last Call Before Fall" Art and Music Fest on page 11.



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# ...a letter from Mayor George D. Alpogianis



Dear friends, neighbors and family:

It has been a busy and exciting summer in the Village of Niles. Major projects such as planning for the Golf Mill Town Center redevelopment and the construction of the Golf Mill Park/Greenwood Stormwater Basin are moving right along, and are showing just how bright the future of Niles is.

I'm also excited to share new grants that have been announced for projects in the Village of Niles. The Village of Niles was awarded a \$1.8 million Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant that the Village will be using to rebuild and renovate the Civic Center Plaza in front of the Village Administration Building and Niles Human Services Building. Plans for this project are in their early stages, but focus on creating a more attractive and functional space for community gatherings. Another major DCEO grant that was awarded to Niles earlier this year is \$2 million to be used towards the construction of a new salt dome, which will better serve the needs of our community. ComEd also provided us with a generous grant to install the first public electric car charging station on Village property, located at Golf Mill Park. These hard-earned grant dollars serve the purpose of bringing even more improvements to the Village of Niles—without relying on local tax dollars.

Finally, I want to remind the community that the Board and I support all people, and do not tolerate hatred of any kind. Locally and across the globe, there are far too many instances of violence between neighbors, whether physical or verbal. As demonstrated by my statements to the press condemning acts of hatred and violence in the Chicago area, and my statement in support of Ukraine and its municipalities that is displayed at our Village Hall (to name just a few examples), we will always stand for building bridges and bringing people together.

As children are returning to school, we wish you all a safe and healthy fall. We hope you'll join us at our many family-oriented events in September, and remind everyone to mark your calendars for the annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at 11:00 A.M. at the waterfall at Milwaukee and Touhy. We can never thank our veterans enough for their service.

Sincerely,

Mayor George D. Alpogianis and the Board of Trustees

Village of Niles



*Above: Cutting the ribbon at Golf Mill Chevrolet, one of our many great business success stories from the past few years.*

# Village Services and Seasonal Reminders

A government that cares about all its residents. **Niles makes it possible.**



From Village Clerk Marlene Victorine  
(847) 588-8003

## GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 8, 2022

### Register to Vote

If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online through the Illinois Board of Elections website at [www.oiva.elections.il.gov](http://www.oiva.elections.il.gov) by October 23 or register in person at Village Hall by October 11. You can also register at any Early Voting site and on Election Day; however, you must vote at the same time. Please note that any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address.

### Vote By Mail

Cook County is now offering Permanent Vote by Mail. This option will allow you to vote by mail in all subsequent elections held in Cook County. Apply online for a mail ballot application at [cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://cookcountyclerk.com/elections) or request an application from the Village Clerk's office.

### Early Voting At Niles Village Hall

You may vote early, in person, at Niles Village Hall on the following dates:

- October 24 through November 7
  - Monday–Saturday (9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
  - Sunday (10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

### Election Day

Anyone voting on Election Day must vote at his or her assigned polling place. Hours are 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please note that Niles Village Hall is not an Election Day polling place.

*Verify your voter information, find your polling place, and view your sample ballot at [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections).*

## CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**Consolidated Primary Election – February 28,  
2023 (if necessary)**

**Consolidated Election – Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

The Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Niles will be accepting nominating petitions on behalf of candidates for the Office of Village Trustee positions (three candidates to be elected at-large for four-year terms). Petition filing will occur in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, 1000 Civic

Center Drive, during regular business hours, weekdays, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The candidate filing periods are as follows:

- November 21, 2022–November 28, 2022\* for the Consolidated Primary Election (established party candidates)
- December 12, 2022–December 19, 2022 for Consolidated Election (independent and new political party candidates)

*\*Please note that the Village Clerk's office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24–25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.*

A 2023 Candidate's Guide issued by the Illinois State Board of Elections will be available at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov). Information is also available from the Cook County Clerk's Office at [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections). The Village Clerk's Office can only provide general information about the 2023 municipal election cycle to prospective candidates and interested citizens but does not maintain or oversee the relevant data and does not create sample forms. The information provided by the Village Clerk is not legal advice. Please contact an attorney for legal advice. All candidacy forms should be completed prior to filing. Please note that the Village Clerk's office will NOT provide notary services for nominating petitions and will not provide specific advice regarding any candidacy. Additionally, each candidate should consult Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code regarding campaign finance. Consult your attorney or the Illinois State Board of Elections for any further information.

### Hydrant Painting

Neighborhoods where hydrant painting will occur this year are: Oasis, Lawrencewood Gardens, Dutchman's Point, O'Shanter Estates, River Gardens, Bunker Hill Estates and Bunker Hill.

Hydrant painting is not just for aesthetics, but also to inform the Fire Department on the flow rate of each hydrant. This information is gathered from the Village's annual hydrant flushing program. The Village of Niles hydrants are painted yellow and each hydrant cap is painted a specific color to signify the available flow of the hydrant. These color codes relay important information to our Fire Department when responding to fires.



### Did You Know: Utility Billing Auto Pay

Did you know that you can conveniently pay your Village utility bill automatically from your bank account? Did you also know that this service is FREE and eliminates potential late fees? A 5-minute setup today can save 5 minutes on every future bill. Save a stamp and make your life easier! Just grab your utility bill and head to [www.vniles.com/onlinebillpay](http://www.vniles.com/onlinebillpay) and select "Utility Billing."

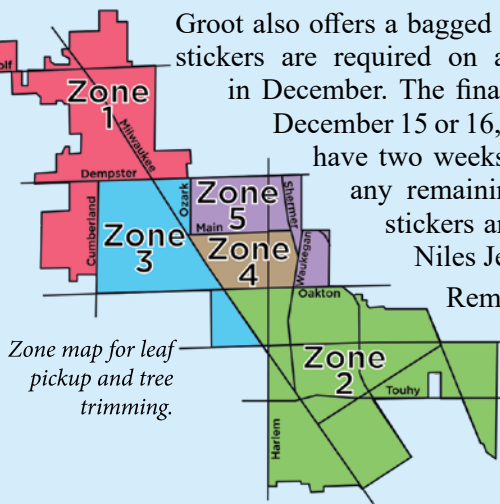
## Village Services and Seasonal Reminders (continued from page 3)

### Leaf Collection 2022

The Village of Niles offers free in-street leaf pick up from October through November according to the following schedule. Dates marked with an asterisk (\*) differ from the zone's typical day of the week, due to a holiday.

Zone	Leaf Pickup Day	Dates
1	Monday	Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 7, 14, 21, 28
2	Friday	Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 4, 10*, 18, 23*, Dec 2
3	Thursday	Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17, 22*, Dec 1
4	Wednesday	Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
5	Tuesday	Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

It is a violation of Village code to dump leaves in the street on dates outside the above schedule. Landscape services are responsible for removing leaves and cannot dump leaves in the street. In-street leaf collection ends after the above dates, with no exceptions.



Groot also offers a bagged yard waste collection program. Yard waste stickers are required on all yard waste bags/containers, including in December. The final yard waste collection will take place on December 15 or 16, whichever is your garbage day, so residents have two weeks after in-street leaf collection ends to bag any remaining yard waste for collection. Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall or Niles Jewel-Osco stores for \$2 per sticker.

Remember: Grass clippings are NOT allowed in leaf piles in the street, so do not rake them into the street. Grass clippings must be placed in yard waste collection bags/containers, or simply be mulched on your lawn.

### Tree Trimming

Tree trimming will take place in Zone 2 this year (see map above). Work will begin after November 15, 2022. Trees greater than 3.5" diameter will be trimmed. Trees will be trimmed to have an overall street clearance of 14 feet and a minimum of 8 feet of clearance above sidewalks and homes. The contractor will remove all dead wood and limbs that have poor branch unions.

### Rats

Niles, like many communities around us, has been experiencing an increase in rat activity. Please consider the following steps to help keep rats away from your home as they seek warmth and food this fall.

- Keep garage doors closed
- Check for any holes that could allow entrance to sheds, garages, homes. Remember a hole as small as a quarter can be enough for a rat to gain access.
- Do not feed animals like birds, squirrels, and deer. Leaving food out even in elevated feeders can attract rats. As food sources for rats become limited in the winter, we don't want to be providing them with any additional ones.
- As fall approaches please be mindful of your Halloween displays. If possible, limit the use of gourds, cornstalk and hay.

## Thank you to our 2022 4th of July Parade sponsors!

### Presidential Leaders (\$2,500)

Elevate Care  
Papagalino Bakery

### Statesman (\$1,000)

Heritage Wine Cellars  
Jerry's Fruit Market & Garden  
JohnsByrne Company  
Kappys American Grill and the  
George D. Alpogianis Family  
Mid-States Glass and Metal

### Minuteman (\$500)

Bee Sales  
Diamond Design & Engraving  
Generations at Regency  
Golf Mill Ford  
Graziano's Restaurant  
Groot Industries  
King Spa and Sauna  
Mykonos Restaurant  
Scientific Home Services  
Specialty Print Communications  
Tony's Fresh Market  
Wells Plumbing and Heating  
Supplies

### Patriot (\$250)

7400 Waukegan Road  
Partnership  
Booby's  
Burrito House  
Childrens Learning World - A  
Montessori School  
Christine Pusateri Solutions  
Edward Jones - Jeff Cardella  
Erich's Lehigh Auto Body  
Harlem and Milwaukee Currency  
Exchange  
Jeron Electronic Systems  
LevelUp Health & Fitness  
Ming Massage  
Miraj Layalena Restaurant  
Mohawk MFG & Supply  
People's Bank  
RE/MAX All Stars  
Shure  
Smoke and Vape  
Vidal & Associates  
White Eagle Banquets

### Rebel (\$100-\$225)

Niles Discount Cleaners  
Hyun Hair Salon  
Tebon's Gas and Auto Service  
Chicago Home Health  
Haewah Dal  
Max Martial Arts  
Meinke's Garden Center Inc.  
Niles Car Wash  
Niles Foot and Ankle Center  
Sariling Atin



## Niles Fire Department

Station #2 8360 W. Dempster Street - (847) 588-6800



### Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week will take place October 9–15, 2022 with the theme: “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.” 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention week, and this year’s theme reinforces the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan with all the members of the household. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the home is where people are at greatest risk of becoming injured or killed in a fire, and fires that occur in the home are more likely to be serious. The synthetic nature of home furnishings now causes fires to burn hotter and grow faster, which means people have less time to get out once the smoke alarm sounds. It’s important to make sure your Home Fire Escape Plan meets the needs of all family-members, including those with disabilities or special needs. Ensure your home has working smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each bedroom and on every level of your home. Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance away from the home so that each family member knows where to meet in the event of a fire. Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice per year, review your plan with relatives or guests, and adjust it as needed to reflect any changes in the household. For more information about Fire Prevention Week or to learn more about how you can keep your family safe, please consult the NFPA’s website at [www.NFPA.org/fpw](http://www.NFPA.org/fpw).

### 5th Annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast

The Niles Fire Department (NFD) is excited to invite everyone to its annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. This year’s Open House and Pancake Breakfast will take place at NFD Station 3, which is located at 6611 W. Jarvis in Niles. Admission is free and there will be activities for children, live demonstrations, raffle prizes, and attendees can



*Above: Activities and demonstrations at last year’s NFD Open House.*

even win a chance to ride in the basket of Tower 2! Event details and parking information will be shared via the NFD’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NilesFireDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/NilesFireDepartment).

### Lock Boxes

The NFD is committed to providing the best possible service to Niles residents and everyone else within the Village. In the event of an emergency, it is crucial for NFD personnel to gain access to your home as quickly as possible. If you are unable to open the door, the Fire Department is forced to find another means of entry, which may result in costly damage to doors, windows, locks, etc. With a Lock Box, if you are unable to open the door, the NFD can access the Lock Box, where you will have previously placed a house key, so that they may enter the house quickly. The NFD are the only ones who can access these Lock Boxes, and they do not compromise home security. While the NFD encourages all Niles residents to purchase a highly secure Lock Box for their home, they especially recommend one for those who have a medical alarm system, those with disabilities, and elderly residents who live alone. For more information, or to learn about how you can purchase a Lock Box (*sample shown here*), please contact District Chief Guerino at (847) 588-6800 or by email at [srg@vniles.com](mailto:srg@vniles.com).



Village Services

## Seasonal Fire Safety Tips

### Halloween

Keep all decorations away from heat sources including light bulbs, candles, heaters, or anything else that produces heat. Consider illuminating pumpkins with flashlights instead of candles to help reduce the risk of unwanted and unexpected fires.

### Thanksgiving

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is the leading day of the calendar year for home fires involving cooking equipment. While preparing your Thanksgiving meal, please remain in the kitchen while cooking anything on the stovetop and keep any young children at least three feet away from the stove in order to try and prevent any burns, spills, or other mishaps. Lastly, please try and keep the kitchen floor free of clutter to prevent any unintentional trips over toys, bags, purses, etc.



# Niles Police Department

7000 W. Touhy Avenue - (847) 588-6500

## Animal Control Corner

With the changing seasons bringing us cooler weather, now is a perfect time to ensure your home is wildlife-proof. Wild animals are starting to seek out certain areas that may provide them better shelter to keep them warm during the winter. These areas might include your attic, soffit, or chimney. Some wild animals may also burrow underneath your porch, deck, or even the foundation of your home. Inspect all sides of your property from the ground up for holes or cracks where an animal may try to gain access to the interior of your home. Also, make sure your window wells and chimneys are securely covered and capped.

If you find a hole somewhere around your home's exterior, first ensure that there is not an animal already inside. To do this, plug the hole with a piece of cloth or crumpled-up paper that an animal can easily push aside. If the material has not moved after a few days, it is safe to seal the hole. For additional information on different species of wildlife and on solving certain wildlife problems, visit The Humane Society of the United States website at [www.humanesociety.org/humane-management-solutions](http://www.humanesociety.org/humane-management-solutions) or the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at [www.wildlifeillinois.org](http://www.wildlifeillinois.org). If you continue to have issues with wildlife around the home, contact Niles Animal Control Officer Allison Cole by phone at (847) 588-6508 or by email at [aec@vniles.com](mailto:aec@vniles.com).

## Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event Recap

The Niles Police Department partnered with Cassidy Tire & Service on August 20 to hold a successful catalytic converter theft deterrent event. Cassidy Tire and Service technicians painted a unique identifying number on the catalytic converters of over 100 vehicles. The purpose of this is to deter thefts as well as provide law enforcement with an investigative tool in the event the catalytic converter is stolen and recovered. Thank you to all the Niles residents who participated in this event!

## Walk and Roll Niles Event Recap

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 2022 Walk and Roll Niles event! While this event was focused on bike and pedestrian safety, it was a great community event where Niles Police Department officers got to enjoy interacting with the community! The NPD hopes everyone had a great time and wants to thank the generous donors who helped make this event possible: Walmart, Graziano's Restaurant, Chasers Sports Bar and Grill, Dear Franks of Niles, Affy Tapple – The Original Caramel Apple, D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub, Joe Donut and Dunkin' Donuts.



## Cop on a Rooftop Recap

The Niles Police Department is proud to announce that they raised \$7,203.19 for Special Olympics Illinois at the Cop on a Rooftop event on Friday, August 19. Thank you to all who helped raise such an impressive amount in support of an even more impressive cause.

## New Squad Car Design

NPD is in the process of updating the design of its squad cars. The Department is "wrapping" the existing fleet with new graphics (pictured at top of page), changing to a new design that mirrors the traditional squad car look that people relate to and is more identifiable. The change was also supported by NPD personnel, and is more consistent with the numerous neighboring communities that have black and white police cars.



*Above: A Niles Police squad car featuring the Department's new design.*

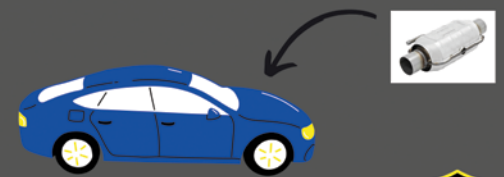
*Below: Niles Police Department staff pose with Cassidy Tire staff at the Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention event.*



*Pictured below: Walk and Roll Niles Trek bike winner with NPD personnel.*

## PREVENT VEHICLE CRIMES

- If you have a garage at home, park inside with the garage door closed
- Park in well-lit areas
- Park close to building entrances
- Use motion sensing lights for your driveway
- Consider installing security cameras
- Set your car's alarm to go off when it detects vibration



## CATALYTIC CONVERTER



# Niles Construction Corner - Fall 2022



*The new Golf Mill Park and Greenwood Stormwater Basin Project (pictured here) includes beautiful new gathering spaces for events and recreation, and significant stormwater control components that are already providing flood reduction benefits to Courtland Park and Ballard Terrace. Final restoration in the project area will carry over into spring.*

## IDOT Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation has a significant amount of work planned within Niles this year. The resurfacing of Waukegan Road from Milwaukee to Oakton Street will undergo paving operation in mid-September. The resurfacing of Harlem from Oakton Street to Dempster Street is substantially complete. The resurfacing of Oakton Street from Busse to Waukegan restarted in early August, with major paving operations set to take place near the mid or end of September. Resurfacing of Oakton Street from Waukegan to Long is also beginning, with major paving operations set to take place in mid-October.

## 2022 Street Program

The quadrant bordered by Dempster, Milwaukee, Kedzie, and Oketo is 90% complete as of September 1, 2022. The first year of a potential three-year expanded program is currently under construction as follows:

- August: Begin paving Oriole, Oleander, Main, Kedzie, Ottawa, Ozark, Merrill/Crain, Lyons/Maryland
- Early September: Seward full curb
- Mid September: Nottingham/Jarvis/Fargo spot curb and sidewalk infill.
- Late September to early October: Alley work

## Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape

In fall 2022, the crosswalk within the intersection of Howard and Milwaukee will be replaced as part of ongoing parkway beautification work in the area. Intermittent lane closures will last for about six weeks.

## Ballard Culvert and Resurfacing

This IDOT drainage project is complete. The next step is the resurfacing of Ballard west of Greenwood, with concrete work expected to start at the end of August and resurfacing work to follow.

## Touhy and Gross Point

This roadway project consists of intersection improvements at Touhy Avenue and Gross Point Road, as well as Touhy Avenue and Caldwell Avenue. Final design and the draft federal agreement are complete, and the project will be released for letting once IDOT signs off on the right-of-way acquisition process. The Village is hoping for late spring or early summer 2023 bidding with construction to follow soon after.

## Caldwell Avenue and Cleveland Street Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements

This pedestrian safety project consists of the construction of a refuge island and rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the intersection of Caldwell Avenue and Cleveland Street. The final design contract is underway. The project team continues to work with IDOT to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the spring of 2023, subject to receiving the necessary IDOT approvals.

## Oakton Street Multi-Use Trail

This two-stage pedestrian project consists of a multimodal trail from Caldwell Avenue and Oakton Street to I-94. IDOT is expected to award the construction contract for stage 1 (west of Lehigh) of this multi-jurisdictional project in the near future and construction will then follow.

## Greenleaf Sewer Repair

This sewer repair project to remedy a poorly performing sewer in the Chesterfield subdivision is substantially complete.

## Milwaukee Avenue and Waukegan Road Street Lighting Replacement

The project is substantially complete. Final punch-list work and system turnover is ongoing.

## Pace Pulse

Pace began construction on the Pulse Dempster line this summer. Station construction will continue through the fall and carry over to spring 2023.

## North Branch Trail Connection – Bunker Hill

This bicycle and pedestrian project consists of a bike trail connection from the North Branch Trail in Bunker Hill Forest Preserve to the Touhy Triangle, along with gateway signage (pictured below) at Caldwell and Touhy. The project will be bid this fall with construction to start in spring 2023.



# Business Section Fall 2022

Economic Development Updates and New Businesses



Golf Mill Town Center concept rendering

## Golf Mill Town Center Redevelopment

The Village has been working with the Sterling Organization on the redevelopment plans for Golf Mill Town Center (*rendering pictured above*). The Village Board approved an inducement resolution with the Sterling Organization at the July 26 Village Board meeting to provide funding for the Village's costs and the developer's costs prior to a formal redevelopment agreement. Mayor Alpagianis and Economic Development Director John Melaniphy met with a group of hotel developers regarding the market study that was prepared for the Village for the Golf Mill redevelopment. The hotel developers recently developed new hotels in downtown Skokie and at Navy Pier.

The Sterling Organization envisions a master-planned, mixed-use development featuring retail, restaurant, hotel, medical office, residential and entertainment uses on the property. The Village's tax increment financing (TIF) consultant completed their evaluation of the likely TIF incentives required for the redevelopment. The Village plans to have an "open house" meeting at the mall in the future to allow residents to review the Golf Mill Town Center redevelopment plans with the developers and Village staff.

## Costco

The Village Board approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Redevelopment Agreement for Costco to purchase three acres of the former Grainger property that is owned by the Village. Costco had already leased a portion of the Grainger parking lot for employee parking. The Village Board's objective is to solve Costco's employee parking deficiency and retain Costco for many years into the future.



## Starbucks Coffee

Phillips Edison, the owners of Oak Mill Mall, are developing a 4,721-square-foot multi-tenant retail building anchored by Starbucks Coffee in front of Jewel-Osco on the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Oakton Street. Construction started in mid-August and should be completed later this year. (*Site plan pictured below*).



## Dempster Plaza

Newcastle Properties is planning to undertake a complete façade renovation program at the shopping center anchored by Jewel-Osco and Home Depot at Dempster Plaza, located at Dempster and Greenwood. There are also plans to add a new freestanding Starbucks Coffee on the pad of the shopping center in front of Jewel-Osco.

## Cine Lounge Movie Theater

Economic Development staff met with Cine Lounge Movie Theater regarding their planned location at 9180 W. Golf Road in the Golf Glen Mart shopping center in the former Movie Max Cinemas space. Cine Lounge Movie Theater signed a lease and plans to open in the coming months following renovation of the space.

## Dunkin' Donuts

A new Dunkin' Donuts will open in September at 8584 W. Dempster Street on the site of the former Bakers Square Restaurant. The Bakers Square Restaurant had been vacant for several years and was razed for redevelopment. Dunkin' Donuts worked with Economic Development and

Community Development staff to redevelop the site.

### **Crumbl Cookies**

Crumbl Cookies is opening a store in Niles. The new store is located adjacent to Melt n Dip and Poke Bros. at Pointe Plaza on Touhy Avenue. Crumbl Cookies plans to open in late October this year. Each week, the menu rotates to give the customer four to five different specialty flavors to taste and enjoy. Crumbl chocolate chips are available all the time. There are already over 500 Crumbl locations across the country.



### **Deli-4-You**

The owners of Deli-4-You grocery store provided an updated timeline for the store opening at Golf Milwaukee Plaza (*pictured below*). Deli-4-You plans to open around December 2022 or January 2023. Economic Development staff plans to coordinate a ribbon cutting when appropriate. Deli-4-You has locations in Algonquin, Norridge, Prospect Heights and Schaumburg.



### **The Dog House**

The Dog House, located at 7254 N. Milwaukee, is now open for business. The Village approved a Cook County Class 7a classification for the property. The owner of the property invested approximately \$300,000 in improvements to the vacant former Skokie Automotive property. The Dog House is located immediately south of the Niles Animal Hospital, which will create synergies for dog owners.

### **9201 N. Milwaukee**

Nea Maya Development closed on the property and is moving forward with a mixed-use residential and retail development, which will include a 48-unit apartment building with ground floor retail space.

### **Hesco**

Village staff met with T2 Investments regarding their plans to develop approximately 240 luxury apartment units at the former Hesco property at 6633 N. Milwaukee Avenue. The developer is planning to provide a swimming pool and rooftop amenities to differentiate the project from competitive facilities. Plans will be reviewed by Village staff.

### **Cook County Class 6b**

The Village Board and Finance Committee voted to approve a Cook County Class 6b Classification for Imbibe, specialists in creating beverages, flavors, and ingredients. Imbibe plans to create a corporate campus at the three properties and invest \$4,000,000. The Village is assisting Imbibe with their growth objectives, which will expand employment from approximately 100 employees to 160 employees over the next few years.

### **ICSC Convention**

Economic Development staff and the Village Manager attended the ICSC shopping center convention in May, conducting over 30 meetings with various retailers or their brokers. These meetings play a large role in drawing new businesses to Niles. Director Melaniphy also spoke at the annual brokers meeting at Mid-America Real Estate Corporation in April.

### **Other Developments**

- The contract purchaser of the YMCA site is in the midst of their due diligence. They have not yet submitted plans for the property to the Village, but they remain in dialogue with Village staff about potential uses for the site.
- There have been discussions with a developer to purchase the Village-owned former Byline Bank site and the other properties on the northeast corner of Touhy and Harlem avenues for a major mixed-use development.
- Maryville Academy purchased the vacant South School property at 6935 W. Touhy Avenue in May and plans to renovate the property and open a vocational school in the fall of 2023.
- The Village is planning major infrastructure and roadway improvements on Melvina Avenue, focusing on plans for the YMCA, former Grainger site and Costco. Improvements will include water, sewer and electrical lines, traffic control measures, streetscape improvements, landscaping and right of way dedications.

# Human Services Department Updates



## Rummage Sale

**Saturday, October 22**

**9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.**

Come one, come all to the Niles Senior Center's Annual Rummage Sale. There will be over 50 vendors and treasures galore! The event is open to the public, and also includes a 50/50 raffle. Invite your neighbors and friends!

## Medicare Open Enrollment

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is an annual period of time (October 15 through December 7) when current Medicare users can re-evaluate part of their Medicare coverage (their Medicare Advantage and/or Part D plan), compare it against all the other plans on the market, and make changes if desired. For more information, or assistance with reviewing your current plan, please contact the Senior Center.

## Flu Shot Clinic

**Friday, September 16 – 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.**

Flu shots will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Osco accepts most insurance cards. A high-dose vaccine is available for individuals 65 and over and is covered by Medicare. Quadrivalent vaccines for individuals 18 and over are covered by most insurance plans. Pneumonia vaccines, including Prevnar, are available for individuals 65 and over and are covered by Medicare.

## Louis Armstrong: The King of Jazz w/ John Boda

**Friday, September 23 – 11:30 A.M.**

*\$16 Senior Center members/\$23 non-members*

This presentation will look at the life and music of Louis Armstrong. Select songs will be performed including Hello Dolly, Mack the Knife, What a Wonderful World and more. Lunch includes chicken parmesan, pasta salad and dessert. Sponsored by Elison Independent Living.

## In Full Swing with the Ron Surace Orchestra

**Wednesday, September 28 – 5:00 P.M.**

*\$18 Senior Center members/\$23 non-members*

Swing and sway to the musical stylings of Ron Surace and his award winning 17-piece orchestra. The evening will include music from Glen Miller, Benny Goodman, and many more. Dinner will include two glasses of wine, chicken Vesuvio, pasta, salad, roll and dessert. Sponsored by Serenity Home Healthcare.

## Finding Love Again: A Second Chance for Single, Divorced, and Widowed Seniors

This new Niles Family Services group focuses on helping seniors navigate the complicated dating world of 2022, and has been a hit with our residents! The first half hour will focus on discussion, including learning how to meet people more organically, online dating assistance, and the dating questions, struggles and experiences of participants. The remaining 45 minutes will allow participants to meet and socialize with each other. This group will meet the first Thursday of each month from 3:30–4:45 P.M. Please pre-register at (847) 588-8420.

## Veterans Wellness Fair

**October 15 – 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.**

Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579 and Niles Family Services will be hosting a Veterans Wellness Fair for our veterans and active-duty service member community. The event will feature keynote speaker Bob Adams, founder of the Midwest Center for Homeless Vets, and will be introduced by Mayor George Alpigianis. The fair will include vendors and presentations designed to provide benefit access information to the veterans community, as well as local resources on wellness that veterans can take advantage of. Families are invited to attend the event with the veterans and refreshments will be provided. The event will be at the VFW building at 7255 Caldwell Avenue in Niles from 9:00 A.M. until noon on Saturday, October 15.



## Back to School with NFS

At the Niles Police Department's Walk and Roll event, children in attendance were able to enter a raffle for a backpack full of school supplies thanks to Niles Family Services (NFS). There were five winners selected from the raffle. NFS is also coordinating school supplies and backpacks for other members of the community that need it for the upcoming school year. As school returns, NFS staff social worker Yesnia Nunez will continue to provide needed support to school social workers at three of Niles' grade schools, including Mark Twain, Gemini and Nelson.



*Pictured above: Two of the lucky winners of the NFS school bag raffle. Bags were full of all the needed supplies to start the school year off right!*



## Niles Teen Center

The Niles Teen Center provides a welcoming, structured, and engaging environment for local teens 6th to 12th grade. NTC seeks to help students develop, connect, and invest through a variety of programming, special events, and service opportunities. The Teen Center is located at Golf Mill Mall through entrance #6. Teens are welcome Monday through Friday, 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The Niles Teen Center has some significant growth in the last few months as a result of their community outreach efforts. Teen Center staff also held their second summertime "NTC at the Park" event in August, drawing over 70 kids to the Culver fields for games, grilling, and fun.

*Below: Teens enjoying games at the Niles Teen Center.*



# Community Calendar



## From the Cover: September Events for Everyone!

The Village, Library and Chamber have partnered to present the new Last Call Before Fall Art and Music Fest on Saturday, September 10 with wine, beer, local restaurants, live music, over 30 art vendors and a Paint-a-Piano Party, where artists will be painting a dozen real pianos for a public art display!

Then get an up-close and personal look at Niles' top-notch services! Get your "Passport to the World of Niles Public Works" at the third annual Niles Public Works Open House on September 17. Then let your kids climb the fire truck and see live demonstrations at the September 24 Niles Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast.

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### Labor Day – Village Facilities Closed

**Monday, September 5**

*Garbage collections will be delayed by one day this week.*

### Last Call Before Fall Art & Music Fest

**Saturday, September 10**

**2:00 PM–7:00 PM**

**Civic Center Plaza**

[www.vniles.com/lastcall](http://www.vniles.com/lastcall)

### Niles Public Works Open House

**Saturday, September 17**

**10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

**Niles Public Works**

**6849 W. Touhy Ave.**

**(847) 588-7900**

### Fire Department Open House & Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, September 24**

**9:00 AM–1:00 PM**

**Fire Station 3**

**6611 W. Jarvis Ave.**

**(847) 588-6800**

## OCTOBER 2022

### Niles Teen Center Fall Dance Party

**Saturday, October 8**

**6:30 PM–9:00 PM**

**Niles Family Fitness Center**

**987 Civic Center Dr.**

*Open to all middle school students.*

*Register at [www.nilesteencenter.com](http://www.nilesteencenter.com).*

### Village Facilities Closed – Staff Development Day

**Monday, October 10**

### Veterans Wellness Fair

**Saturday, October 15**

**9:00 AM–12:00 PM**

**Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579**

**7255 N. Caldwell Ave.**

**(847) 588-8460**

### Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 22**

**10:00 AM–12:00 PM**

**Oasis Fun Center**

**7877 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

*Advance registration required.*

**(847) 967-6633**

### Monster Bash

**Friday, October 28**

**6:00 PM–8:00 PM**

**Howard Leisure Center**

**6676 W. Howard St.**

*Advance registration required.*

**(847) 967-6633**

### Halloween Parade & Party

**Saturday, October 29**

**9:00 AM**

*Parade will start at Oak Park and*

*proceed to Grennan Heights for party.*

*Advance registration required.*

**(847) 967-6633**

### IceLand Scary Skate

**Saturday, October 29**

**12:30 PM–1:45 PM**

**IceLand Ice Arena**

**8435 W. Ballard Rd.**

**(847) 967-6633**

## NOVEMBER 2022

### Gemini Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Tourney

**Friday, November 4**

**6:30 PM–9:00 PM**

*Gemini Middle School students only.*

*Register and find more info at [www.nilesteencenter.com](http://www.nilesteencenter.com).*

### Veteran's Day – Village Facilities Closed

**Friday, November 11**

**Ceremony at 11:00 AM at**

**Niles Veterans Memorial Waterfall**

*Corner of Milwaukee & Touhy.*

### Thanksgiving Day and Day After Thanksgiving – Village Facilities Closed

**Thursday, November 24–Friday, November 25**

*Garbage collections will be delayed by one day this week.*

### Holly Jolly Fest

**Saturday, November 26**

**3:00 PM–8:00 PM**

**Civic Center Plaza**

[www.vniles.com/hollyjolly](http://www.vniles.com/hollyjolly)



### Niles-Maine District Library Events

The Niles-Maine District Library is located at 6960 W. Oakton Street in Niles. Visit [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org) to learn more about these programs. All events listed here are free. Some may require advance registration.

#### Practice ACT

**Saturday, September 17**

**9:30 AM–1 PM**

**For Grades 9–12. In-Person.**

#### The Roots of Rock & Roll

**Wednesday, September 28**

**7 PM–8 PM**

**For Adults. In-Person.**

#### Not So Haunted Open House

**Sunday, October 30**

**2 PM–3:30 PM**

**All Ages. In-Person.**

#### Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered

**Thursday, November 3**

**10:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**For Adults. Virtual & In-Person.**

#### Craft Supply Swap

**Saturday, November 19**

**10 AM–1 PM | In-Person.**

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**September 12–September 30, 2022**

**We Are Committed To Keeping You Happy, Healthy and Fit!**

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*For more information, call the Fitness Center at (847) 588-8400,  
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