

Focus On Niles

Village Newsletter
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Spring is Here!

It's time to head outdoors and reunite with neighbors!

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A Letter from Mayor George D. Alpogianis



Dear Family and Neighbors,

Spring is here! It's always a beautiful thing when we can pack away the winter coats and get back to enjoying life outdoors. Niles is all about building bridges and connecting the community, so it's the perfect time to get out of the house, go walk the dog, say hello to neighbors and make the neighborhood that much warmer. We're also approaching our special event season, with more than 20 events already booked on the calendar for 2024.

This is the perfect time to enjoy one of the best amenities in Niles — the Forest Preserve. We're so lucky to have this resource, but we don't always use it. Go enjoy the bike path, the river and wildlife. Look for the beautiful bluebell lilies starting to bloom. See you if you can spot the river otters or coy wolves. I recently saw a snapping turtle — a BIG guy — that must have been 50 years old. Experiencing the outdoors is one of the great joys of life, easily lost in the digital age, and we can all do our part to reconnect with nature and teach each other and our children to do the same.

We're gearing up to celebrate the Village of Niles' 125th anniversary later this year, and we're continuing to make great business development progress that will make Niles a thriving community for the next 125 years. We're closer than ever to redeveloping Golf Mill, as the formal redevelopment agreement has been revised by Village staff and now is back in the Sterling Organization's hands. The behind-the-scenes work has come far, and shovels will be in the ground in no time.

We're growing and developing elsewhere in town as well. When creating our updated Niles 2040 Comprehensive Plan, 68% of survey respondents said their favorite restaurant was located somewhere other than Niles. As much as I appreciate the support of Kappy's (haha), we're making a serious effort to draw in even more dining options to Niles. One of the many exciting developments underway is the renowned Crosby's Kitchen coming to Niles in the former Wildwood Tavern location. A new restaurant concept from Jimmy Bannos, Jr. — a James Beard Foundation Award winner and Zagat "Chicago 30 Under 30" honoree — will be taking over the Café Amici building. These restaurants will push Niles further up on the map for Chicagoland diners. We are working towards new residential options as well, with luxury apartment developments planned for 9201 N. Milwaukee, 6633 N. Milwaukee, and at the new Golf Mill Town Center. They'll all be featuring upscale amenities, which can include pools, rooftop amenities, and public art. With these developments, we're looking to bring in young families and professionals, even as we continue to celebrate our Niles roots and ensure that those who have lived here for decades can stay here and continue to thrive.

Since the pandemic, all of the northern suburbs have seen an increase in rodents. The Niles Police Department currently has 10 feral cats deployed in 4 residential areas. We're looking for more people to adopt feral cats, so contact the Police Department if you're interested. The Police and Community Development Departments will collectively work throughout the spring and summer to coordinate efforts to reduce the amount of rodent calls with the ultimate goal to get Niles back to low pre-pandemic numbers.

Enjoy a beautiful spring in this wonderful town. Keep an eye out for more announcements about celebrations as we honor 125 years here in Niles!

Sincerely,

Mayor George D. Alpogianis and the Board of Trustees

Village of Niles

Information from Village Hall

1000 Civic Center Drive | (847) 588-8000

Finance Department

NEW: Early Vehicle Sticker Registration Options — Earn A Gift!

The Village is happy to announce that starting this year Vehicle Stickers can be purchased up to a month early in the following two ways:

- Easier and improved, free and convenient, avoid the long lines, renew early online! Simply go to www.vniles.com/onlinebillpay and select Vehicle/Pet License Online Purchase.
- Seniors 62 and older may purchase their vehicle stickers at the Senior Center every Tuesday and Thursday during May and June from 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

As a bonus in 2024, those who purchase their vehicle stickers using either of these two methods can receive a one week pass to the newly updated Niles Family Fitness Center!

As usual, in June in addition to the methods listed above, vehicle stickers can be purchased through the mail, using the drive-up overnight deposit box by the Village Hall flag pole, or at Village Hall.

All resident and business vehicles registered in the State of Illinois with a Niles address must also be registered with the Village through the purchase of a vehicle sticker. Vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1st. Late fees will apply for purchases made on or after July 1st. Please contact the Finance Department at (847) 588-8030 with any questions.

Mandatory Water Meter Upgrade Project

The Village of Niles is modernizing its water system to help the community to better manage its water resources.

For this improvement to fully take place, all meters must be the new automatic meter read (AMR) variety. To date, 95% of all meters have been upgraded. If your bill states that it is calculated based upon an estimate, then your meter has not yet been replaced and you must contact the Village at (847) 588-8030 to schedule an appointment for replacement.

The mandatory meter upgrade is at no cost to the resident and an appointment will need to be scheduled.

- Someone age 18 or older must be present during the installation, which usually takes about 30 minutes, at which time the water will be shut off.
- The water meter is located inside, near the main water shut-off valve. The meter needs to be accessible to the installer.
- Appointments are scheduled Monday–Friday between 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Thank you for your help.

Community Development Department

Garage Sales

The Community-Wide Garage Sale will take place May 17-19, 2024. Participants will be included in an online map and will receive Community-Wide Garage Sale signs. Niles residents may have garage sales twice per year within a 12-month period. Permits are required for garage sales, and they must be conducted on weekends (Friday-Sunday) between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Garage sale permits can be obtained from the Community Development Department at Village Hall and residents will receive five yard sale signs. Signs shall not be placed in the public right of way and shall be removed at the end of the garage sale.



Building Department Permits

Construction season is right around the corner, so do not forget to apply for your building permits. Call (847) 588-8060 to check whether your projects require a permit before beginning any work. The entire permitting process can be done online from the comfort of your office or home. Visit our online self-service portal at www.vniles.com/css for additional information.

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Some of the typical items that require permits include, but are not limited to:

- Mechanical, electrical, plumbing and sewer work
- Sheds, fences and concrete work
- Windows and roofs (new and reroofing)
- Hot water heaters
- Kitchen, bath and basement remodeling.

Home Addresses

Please make sure that your home address is visible to aid all municipal and emergency services. Address numbers must be placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Numbers or letters shall be not less than 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.

Backflow Devices

Before watering with your sprinkler system this season, please make sure that your system has a backflow device installed and in working order. According to Illinois law, all backflow devices shall be tested per the Illinois Department of Health and EPA before being placed in service to protect the Village's public water supply. Please contact the Plumbing Inspector at (847) 588-8068 if you have any questions.

Removal of Holiday Lights

Village ordinance requires all holiday lights and decorations to be removed within 90 days of the holiday. The deadline for removal of decorations from the December holiday season was April 1, 2024.



Grow Your Home

Raise the roof or build a new addition and Niles will waive up to \$5,000 in permit fees. Enhance the front elevation of your home and have your permit fees waived up to \$1,500 in design / architectural cost reimbursed. See full detail at www.vniles.com/home-expansion.

Vegetation Ordinances

Grass must be cut and maintained at 6 inches tall or less. Branches can be bundled for free removal starting the week of April 1. Yard waste should not be mixed with other garbage or put in plastic bags. Yard waste stickers are required for the removal of yard waste bags or cans and can be obtained in the Finance Department at Village Hall or at Jewel-Osco locations in Niles.

Rodent Control

Please support the efforts of the community by making sure you are regularly picking up dog waste, not feeding animals, garbage is kept in a sealed container free of holes, and any rat activity is reported to the Village. To obtain a replacement garbage can or lid, please call Groot at (800) 244-1977. To report rat activity, please visit www.vniles.com/1370/Rodent-Control.

National Citizen Survey

This spring the Village of Niles is participating in The National Citizen Survey. The survey is designed to provide feedback and input on how the Village government is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the Village, and to make comparisons with neighboring communities.

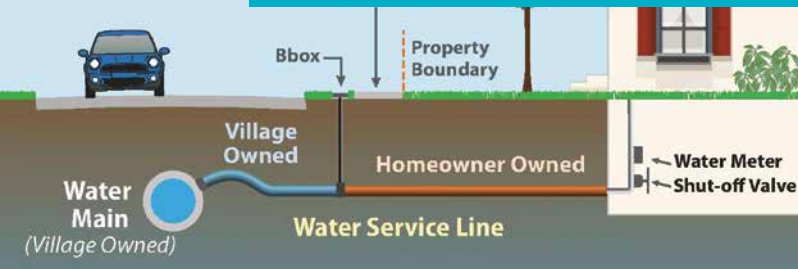
There are two parts to collecting data for the survey. A small sample of Niles residents has already been randomly selected to participate in the first part. This is a standardized process to better obtain non-biased responses.

In the second phase, everyone will be eligible to participate, with no invitation required. The second phase will ask and encourage all residents and businesses to participate in the online survey in mid-April.

For more information: vniles.com/communitysurvey.

Public Works Department

6849 W. Touhy Avenue | (847) 588-7900



Water Service Line Replacement

(see diagram above)

What is a water service line and who owns it?

- Water service lines are the pipes that carry water from the Village water main in the street into homes/buildings.
- The Village owns the water service lines from the water main in the street to the parkway valve. Individual property owners own the service line from the parkway valve to the meter inside your home.

How do I know if I have a lead service line at my location?

- If you suspect you have a lead service line, you can visually inspect the service line pipe entering your home, or contact Public Works at (847) 588-7900. Even if your service line is not lead, you may still be receiving water through a lead 'gooseneck' in the street if your service line is galvanized steel. The Village of Niles can help verify if the visible portion of your service line is lead or not, or you can verify yourself and provide your inspection (survey) results here: <https://www.vniles.com/servicesurvey>

The State of Illinois has mandated that all municipalities develop a water service material inventory. To read more about the mandate, please review House Bill 3739. As part of this mandate, the Village is also required to post the current inventory to the Village website. Visit the following link to use the Village's GIS interactive Map: www.vniles.com/leadservice. You can insert your property address to determine what water service material Village records currently list for your home.

Flood Safety

Do not walk or drive through flowing water. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. In areas where the water is not flowing, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Beware of power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to ComEd at (800) 334-7661. Turn off your electricity if your home is flooded, or call an electrician.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and thoroughly aired out. If you have questions on gas, call NICOR Gas at (888) 642-6748.

Cleaning up water damage? Take good care of yourself. Clean everything that got wet. Wear gloves and boots. Wash your hands frequently during clean up. Throw out spoiled food and flooded cosmetics and medicines. Only use gasoline-powered machines outdoors; the carbon monoxide in exhaust is deadly.

National Flood Insurance Program

Administered by FEMA

If you live in a floodplain or flood prone area and do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Niles is part of the National Flood Insurance Program and its residents are able to obtain flood insurance.



Remind your agent that Niles' Community Rating System score of 5 entitles you up to a 25% discount. If your building is located in the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured lender for a loan.

As a public service the Village will provide the following information upon request:

- Basic flood map information: whether a property is in or out of the floodplain, and zone, base flood elevations, and panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map.
- Additional flood map information including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.
- Problems not shown on the FIRM such as local drainage issues or potential flooding sources.
- Flood depth information for an area.

There is a "FEMA Map Service Center" online at www.msc.fema.gov to assist you in determining if your property is in the floodplain. If you need help navigating this website, or if you have any flooding or drainage problems on your property, contact the Engineering Department at (847) 588-7900. Staff will be happy to assist. Elevation Certificates are available online at www.vniles.com.

2024 Street Program

The 2023 Street Program was the largest in over a decade. Another large street improvement program is currently under design for 2024. The project will be let in March with construction to start by late spring or early summer. Residents on affected streets will be notified directly. Remaining work from 2023 will continue on Nordica as well. More information can be found here: <https://www.vniles.com/1552/2024-Streets-Project>

Touhy and Gross Point Intersection Improvement

This roadway project consists of intersection improvements at Touhy Avenue and Caldwell Avenue. The Village began construction in 2023 and will continue to summer 2024.

Caldwell Avenue and Cleveland Street Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements

This pedestrian safety project consists of the construction of a road widening, refuge island and rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the intersection of Caldwell Avenue and Cleveland Street. The final design contract is complete. The project team continues to work with IDOT to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the spring of 2024.

Lawrencewood Garden Stormwater Improvements Phase 2

Partially funded through a grant, The Lawrencewood Garden – Oasis Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Sewer Project involves the construction of new storm sewer to reestablish positive drainage from the depressional areas in these neighborhoods. Niles recently completed a significant infrastructure improvement project along Howard Street. As part of this work, Niles took the opportunity to install the first 1,000 foot segment of the relief sewer. The next two phases of work will progress upstream starting at the intersection of Dobson and Nordica. The next section of pipe (Phase 2) will provide positive drainage from the depressed roadway section on Harlem. The final design contract is nearing completion. The project team continues to work with IDOT and other agencies to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the summer of 2024.

2024 Lead Service Line Replacement Pilot Project

The State of Illinois has mandated that all municipalities eliminate lead water services by 2044. This project will test the effectiveness of the multiyear plan to replace the service and fund the construction. The final design contract is nearing completion. The project team continues to work with the IEPA and other agencies to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the summer of 2024.

Green Alley Improvements

Partially funded through a grant from the MWRD, an alley west of Milwaukee Avenue and north of Neva will be constructed with permeable pavers to help alleviate stress on the sewer network. The alley will capture and store water where it falls, allowing stormwater to infiltrate into the ground before entering the sewer system. The final design contract is nearing completion. The project team continues to work with MWRD to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the summer of 2024.

Oakton Neighborhood Connection

This pedestrian mobility project consists of the construction of sidewalk along Oakton Street from Caldwell Avenue and into the Evergreen Estates neighborhood. The final design is complete. The project will break ground in the spring of 2024.

Golf Road, Greenwood Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue Street Lighting and Pedestrian Improvements

This pedestrian safety project consists of the construction sidewalk along Greenwood Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue as well as construction of sidewalk and street lighting on Golf Road from Dee Road to Washington Street. The project team continues to work with IDOT to obtain approval. The project will break ground in the fall of 2024.

IDOT Projects

IDOT is planning to begin replacement of the Touhy Avenue Bridge after the completion of the Gross Point Touhy Intersection Improvement Project in 2025.

IDOT is planning to begin bridge deck replacement and overlay of Dempster after the completion of the Gross Point Touhy Intersection Improvement Project in 2025.

Pace Pulse

Pace launched their new Pulse Dempster line last year. Station construction in the vicinity of Niles will continue throughout summer 2024, including stops at Dee Road, Western Avenue, Cumberland Avenue, Milwaukee Avenue, Harlem Avenue, and Waukegan Road.

Additional Information

Check the construction projects page on the Village of Niles website for more details. Visit www.vniles.com/construction or click on this construction cone icon on the Village home page.



Business Section

Economic Development and New Business Updates



Golf Mill

The Village is in the midst of negotiations with Sterling Organization for the \$440 million redevelopment of Golf Mill Shopping Center (*concept rendering above*). Sterling Organization has prepared a variety of exhibits for the redevelopment agreement including detailed site plans, central plaza detail, water feature detail, elevations, renderings, concept engineering plans, and landscape plans. The Village's bond counsel provided guidance on some revisions to the redevelopment agreement. The Village expects to bring the redevelopment agreement to the Village Board for consideration soon.

Hesco Janitorial Supplies

Noah Properties provided new renderings of the proposed luxury apartment project at 6633 N. Milwaukee Avenue on the former Hesco Janitorial Supplies site for staff review. Village staff met with the developer to discuss potential enhancements to the project and any potential building permit waivers.

Nea Maya Development

The Village Attorney and Village staff have been working on the luxury apartment development planned at 9201 N. Milwaukee. The Village Board will consider a tax increment financing incentive in a formal redevelopment agreement. The \$20 million mixed-use development will feature ground floor retail space and 48 luxury apartment units above.

Bear Paddle Swim School

Bear Paddle Swim School will open in the coming weeks at Village Crossing in the former Pier 1 Imports space. There were some supply chain issues with the pool equipment that delayed the opening. The grand opening had previously been scheduled for December.

Charles H. Walsh Sr. Academy and Career Tech Center

Maryville Academy opened the Charles H. Walsh Sr. Academy and Career Tech Center at the former South School property at 6935 W. Touhy Avenue. Mayor George D. Alpogianis attended the ribbon cutting and delivered remarks in December 2023. Walsh Academy developed an enhanced curriculum focused on providing a pathway for high school students with special emotional and educational needs to enter high-paying, high-demand careers in the skilled trades.

Real Estate Investment Association

Economic Development Director John Melaniphy served on a panel of real estate experts at the Real Estate Investment Association's February meeting in Downtown Chicago. The panel discussed the current state of the retail market in Chicago. Some of the other panelists were from Albertson's (owner of Jewel-Osco stores), GW Properties, The Lord Companies, and CVS Pharmacy.

Crosby's Kitchen

Crosby's Kitchen purchased the vacant former Wildwood Tavern at Caldwell and Touhy Avenues. The new owners have already initiated a \$3.5 million renovation and expansion of the restaurant. The new owners hope to open the restaurant by May 31, 2024. Crosby's Kitchen is owned by Four Star Restaurant Group which operates several restaurant concepts around Chicago including Remington's, Perch Kitchen and Tap, Tuco & Blondie, Smoke Daddy, Frasca, and Ella and Elli.

Fresh Farms

Economic Development staff has been working with Fresh Farms on their Pointe Plaza location for a major façade renovation. Fresh Farms and their landlord are working on the details of the renovation. The Village is in discussions regarding an economic incentive agreement to assist with the extraordinary costs. Several renderings have been provided by Fresh Farms (*below*).





Niles Police Department

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

Follow us on social media to receive updates on upcoming events!

- Follow us on X @nilespdil
- Follow us on Instagram @nilespolice
- Like us on Facebook /nilespdil

Animal Control Corner

Springtime in Niles brings us nicer weather, which also brings us more wildlife activity. With the unusually warm winter this year, our wildlife species may have their first babies sooner than normal. While baby animals are very cute, it is best to leave them alone since their mother is likely nearby. Opossums are the only species that are notorious for not coming back for an unattended baby. Because opossums can have over a dozen babies at once that they carry in their pouch and then on their back, they typically don't even realize if a baby falls off and is left behind. Rabbits and deer will only check on their babies once or twice a day, so they are often mistaken to be abandoned. Some common areas where raccoons, skunks, opossums, and squirrels like to build nests this time of year are in attics, underneath decks and porches, and even underneath the hood of vehicles. If you don't want to find yourself with a family of wild animals in any of these locations, be sure to restrict access before it is too late.

If you are concerned that a baby animal you have found may be injured or abandoned, please do not hesitate to contact the Niles Animal Control Officer at (847) 588-6508. If outside regular office hours, a wonderful resource for wildlife is Flint Creek Wildlife. Their phone number is (847) 842-8000, and they have a wealth of information on their website as well that can help guide you on what to do for nuisance wildlife issues or if you think you've found a potentially injured wild animal or orphaned baby. Their website can be found at www.flintcreekwildlife.com, then click on "Found an Animal."

Neighborhood Police Officers

Meet our dedicated Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs), who play a crucial role in fostering community safety and engagement. Officer Melki serves as the NPO for Chesterfield Gardens Neighbor, and Officer Atkinson serves as the NPO for Grennan Heights Neighborhood. These officers work closely with residents to address concerns, build relationships, and enhance their neighborhoods' overall safety and quality of life.

Ring in Spring Safely: Guarding Against Telephone Money Scams

As spring unfolds in the Village of Niles, the Police Department is dedicated to keeping our community safe, including protecting you from evolving threats. In this edition, we shed light on telephone money scams and provide essential tips to shield yourself from falling victim.

The Rise of Telephone Money Scams:

Telephone money scams have become increasingly sophisticated, with scammers using deceptive tactics to exploit unsuspecting individuals. These scams often involve fake calls posing as government officials, charities, or even family members in distress, aiming to trick you into sending money.

Defensive Measures to Adopt:

1. **Question Suspicious Calls:** Be skeptical of unexpected calls, especially those demanding urgent payments or personal information. Verify the legitimacy of the caller and their organization.
2. **Don't Share Personal Information:** Never disclose sensitive information like your social security number, bank details, or credit card information over the phone unless you initiated the call and are sure of the recipient's identity.
3. **Verify Caller Identity:** If the caller claims to represent a legitimate organization, independently verify their identity. Use official contact information rather than relying on details provided during the call.
4. **Hang Up on High-Pressure Tactics:** Scammers often use high-pressure tactics to create urgency. If a call feels suspicious, hang up, and take time to verify the information independently.
5. **Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about common phone scams and tactics used by scammers. Awareness is a powerful defense against falling victim to their schemes.

Report Suspicious Calls:

If you receive a suspicious call or have fallen victim to a telephone money scam, report it to the Niles Police Department promptly. Timely reporting helps us investigate and prevent further scams.

Conclusion:

As we embrace the warmth of spring, let's also fortify our defenses against telephone money scams. By staying vigilant, questioning unexpected calls, and sharing this knowledge with others, we contribute to a safer community. The Niles Police Department remains committed to your safety and peace of mind. Together, let's make this season one of awareness and resilience.



Niles Fire Department

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



Spring Fire Safety Tips

As winter turns into spring and the cold weather morphs into sunlight, we can all take a collective sigh of relief. For many of us, this time of year is full of spring cleaning in and around the house. As you embark on your home repairs or power up your lawn mower for the first time this spring, please consider the following Spring Safety Tips. Properly use and store all household cleaners out of the reach of children in a locked or secured cabinet, closet, etc. Keep gasoline in a dedicated

container and store it in an outdoor shed or garage and never store it indoors. Next, inspect your grill to make sure it's working properly. Clean any debris such as grease, spider webs, bird's nests, etc. and check your propane line and tanks for leaks. When grilling, please keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill and limit access to starter/charcoal fluids and heat sources. Lastly, the Village of Niles allows the use of outdoor fireplaces for recreational fires but they are subject to conditions and regulations. Please visit our website at <https://www.vniles.com/1462/Outdoor-FireplacesFirepits> for a comprehensive look at the rules governing outdoor fire place use.

Spring Cleaning is also a good time to ensure the fire extinguishers in your home are accessible, still pressurized, and have not expired. We recommend having a fire extinguisher on every level of the home, including the basement. It is also important to have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and the garage where flammable materials may be stored.

2023 Statistics

In Calendar year 2023, the NFD responded to 8,170 calls for service. Out of those 8,170 calls for service 4,428 of them were for fire related emergencies and the remaining 3,742 calls for service were for EMS incidents. In addition, the month of May was our busiest month of the year where we responded to 751 calls for service followed by December where we responded to 725 calls for service.

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 us to gain access to your home as quickly as possible. If you are unable to open the door, we are forced to find

an-other 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 we may enter the house quickly and begin rendering care. The NFD are the only ones who can access these Lock Boxes and their presence does not compromise home security. While we encourage all Niles residents to purchase a highly secure Lock Box for their home, we specifically recommend 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, please contact District Chief Guerino at 847-588-6800 or by email at srg@vniles.com.



EMS Week

This year's EMS Week, which takes place May 19-25, marks the 50th Anniversary of celebrating and recognizing Emergency Medical Services. EMS Week brings together local first responders, pre-hospital medical professionals, and the residents they serve in a way that allows life-saving accomplishments to be recognized. The Niles Fire Department has provided EMS service to the community for nearly eighty years and in that time we have made incredible strides in the quality of service we provide. Each vehicle in the NFD Fleet has Advanced Life Support capabilities and is staffed by state and/or nationally certified and highly qualified paramedics. Our personnel will always strive to provide the best possible service to the community.



Niles Family Services

999 Civic Center Drive | (847) 588-8460



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(847) 588-8460

Engage Program

- The Engage program has continued to expand in its recovery support meetings and groups hosted in Niles. An Overeaters Anonymous group meeting was added to Niles Family Services, making for 6 weekly recovery meetings hosted in Niles.
- Engage program continues to grow its resources and support for family and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse, including resources for local meetings currently running, and plans to offer an in-person therapeutic support group soon.
- Collaboration with other treatment providers, and professional networking events to support local substance use providers and ensure all local professionals within the field are connected and aware of resources available to provide comprehensive care across all levels for residents.
- In 2023, Engage became licensed to distribute Narcan and provide Narcan training to individuals, groups, and the community at large. Engage is working to expand access to Narcan across our greater Niles community in 2024, as well as provide additional free Narcan and training for any individual, group, agency, organization or business that is interested.
- Engage Funding: The Village's portion of the revenue obtained from video gaming terminals shall be used as follows: 25% to fund addiction services at the Niles Department of Family Services; 75% to fund Water Fund infrastructure projects focusing on the purchase of less expensive water.
- Sober Outings and Recovery Events: Engage continues to collaborate and partner to provide sober, recreational opportunities for those within the recovery community. On March 2, Niles Family Services hosted a sober comedy special with Comedian Sam Miller, who himself is in recovery. Niles Engage continues to partner and sponsor recreational sober outings including the upcoming Chicago Wolves Game and more.
- Veteran programming and events.

Niles Senior Center

999 Civic Center Drive | (847) 588-8420

Self-Defense Workshop

Monday, April 22 – 1:00 P.M., \$8 members/\$12 non-members

Keith Jennings, owner of KDJ Training System and a 4th degree black belt, will teach self-defense techniques to defend yourself in a variety of situations.

Paint-A-Thon – Wanted: Houses Seeking Curb Appeal

Applications are now available for the 37th Annual Community Paint-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. If the exterior of your home and/or garage needs a fresh coat of paint please consider applying. To qualify, single family homes must be owned and occupied by people with limited financial resources. The owner must be at least 60 years of age,

or have a permanent disability, or be a veteran of any age. Current homeowners insurance is required.

Once a home is determined eligible, volunteer teams are matched to do the scraping, priming and painting of the house at no cost to the homeowner. If you, or someone you know could benefit from the program, please contact the Senior Center for an application or for more information.



Meals on Wheels Niles Cafe
(Niles Senior Center room 131)
Monday - Friday: 11:30 am - 12:30
pm (excluding holidays)

Niles Community News & Events



Niles Park District Upcoming Events

www.niles-parks.org

847-967-6633

March 30 — Spring Skate, 12:30-1:45 pm @ IceLand,
8435 W. Ballard, Fee involved.

May 3, 4, 5 — IceLand Ice Show @ IceLand, 8435 Ballard



NILES HISTORICAL SOCIETY CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

NILESHISTORICALANDCULTURALCENTER.ORG

Did you know that the Village of Niles has its own Historical Society Cultural Center and Museum? Plan a visit to the Niles Historical Society. Admission is Free!

Come and tour our museum rich with the history of the Village of Niles. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturdays.

8970 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Niles, IL 60714
(847) 390-0160

nileshistoricalandculturalcenter.org
nhs@vniles.com



Programs at the Niles-Maine District Library!

The Niles-Maine District Library is located at 6960 W. Oakton Street in Niles. Visit www.nileslibrary.org to learn more about these programs.

Family Makers: Sublimation Printed Apron

Tuesday, March 26, 10-11 a.m. OR

Tuesday, March 26, 2-3 p.m.

Ages 4 & Up with a Caregiver

www.nileslibrary.org

Free, No registration required

Young Adult Job Fair

Saturday, April 20, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 9-12 & Ages 18-22

Free, No registration required

Mobile Secretary of State DMV Event

Monday, April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For Adults

Free, No registration required

May the Fourth: Free Comic Book Day Extravaganza

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All Ages

Celebrate Comics & Pop Culture! Come decked out in your best cosplay, enjoy crafts and activities, and stroll down the Artist Alley to meet and shop comic artists and fandom designers. Free comics courtesy of Aw Yeah Comics! Free, No registration required.

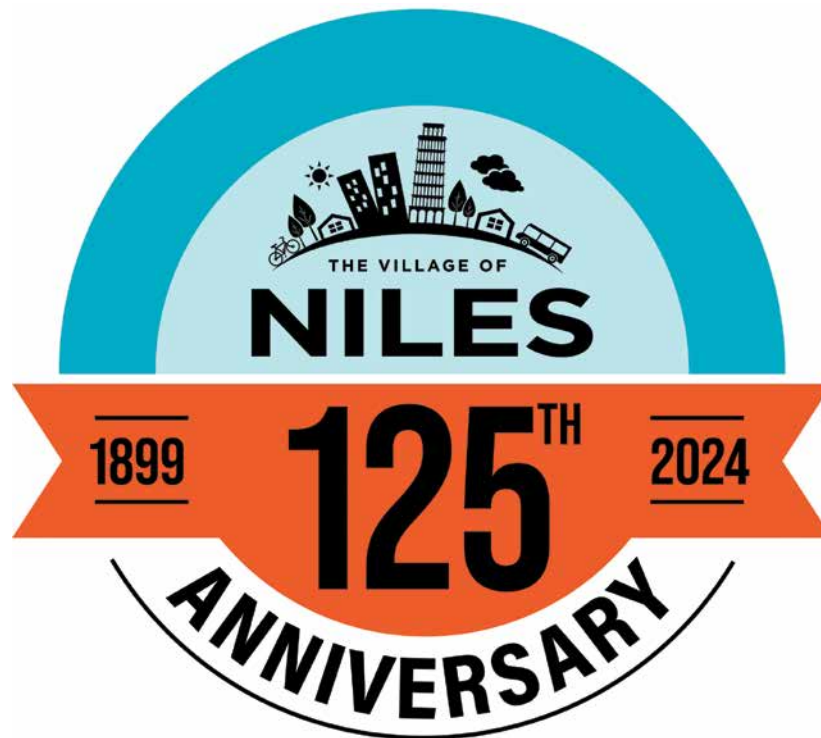
On the Front Cover: Residents and visitors alike are enjoying the new Golf Mill Park! This visionary project turned a vacant bank building into a massive stormwater relief project, along with festival grounds and beautiful water features. *Cover photo by Marina Samovsky.*

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2024 Marks Niles' 125th Anniversary!
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Niles is celebrating its 125th anniversary, and we need residents to help! The 125 Year Committee is looking for old photos — streets, dirt roads, events, businesses, neighborhoods — that show Niles history. Please contact Katie Schneider (847) 588-8005 or email kds@vniles.com. The Village will make a visual scan. We will NOT keep the photo.

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