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Office of Citizens' Services

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



6th Season EP Farmers' Market Thursdays are Market Days

On any given Thursday, stop by the farmers' market and see different varieties of fruits & vegetables. Please note - Shop Early - Vendors quickly sell out. Celebrate fall and enjoy the harvest with all those delicious vegetables and fruits grown by local farmers. There's something about fresh vegetables and fruits that makes them taste better than their canned or frozen counterparts. Also available: bread, cheese, honey, bagels, flowers.

South Division Credit Union is sponsoring

FREE SHREDDING on *October 28* at

Farmers' Market. Dispose of your personal documents in a safe manner.



OCS Bus Transportation for Market Shoppers

Call 422-8776 for a ride to the market

Thursdays — thru October 28

7am to 1 pm - Yukich Field - 89th & Kedzie

Village Pantry Coalition

"Christmas in July" Campaign

Message from the Village Pantry Board.....

Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you for your support of the "Christmas in July" stock the pantry campaign. Your food and monetary donations helped to replenish the pantry shelves, and are greatly appreciated.

*****For every dollar donated we are able to purchase \$16 dollars worth of food.**

Any village resident in need of food should visit the pantry. The site is located at 2700 W 97th Place. The Pantry is open on Fridays 10am - Noon / 2pm - 4pm. Those in need of assistance, other than food, should contact OCS Director Jolene Churak.



E P Senior Citizens' Council

Senior Council meetings are held at the Evergreen Park Senior Center, 9547 S Homan, on the third Thursday of each month. Programs begin at 11:30am. Programs keep us informed at the local, state and federal level. Luncheon are ticketed at a cost of \$6. **Purchase your ticket the Monday prior to the meeting as lunch is provided.**

Next meeting: Thursday, September 16

Program: 6 Great Vocalists of the 40s-50's- 60's.
Stories & Songs by Ed Young & Roger Jacobson
Prepared by Mrs. Pitluck: Chicken-Potato Salad -Fruit

Following meeting: Thursday, October 21

Program: Octoberfest
Travel Log: Bill & Mary Ann Leeder
Prepared by Mrs. Pitluck: Roast Pork - Dumplings - Sauerkraut

The Evergreens

The Evergreens Social Club meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month at **noon**. Meetings are held at the Community Center, 3450 W 97 Street. Meetings are open to the public.

Meeting: Sept. 1 Bring Own Lunch / Bingo

Meeting: Oct. 6 Bring Potluck for 4

Double Nickel + Chorus Wish List

The group seeks to increase membership. If you want to sing with the group join us on Wednesday mornings. (9:30am).

WANTED - More members and a Piano Player.



Hot Rod & Classic Car Show
Friday, October 1 3:00 - 10:00pm
Yukich Field: 89th & Kedzie



For Your Information

OCS director requests those needing notary services or Salvation Army assistance to call ahead (when possible) to arrange an appointment at your convenience. Social Service clients requiring financial assistance will be provided on Wednesday by appointment. There are times when the director is not in the office. Prearranged requests will be accommodated @ your convenience.



OCS Telephones : The OCS phone system will accept phone calls until 4:30pm. (Monday - Friday). Calls after 4:30pm will go to voice mail message system. Please leave a message which will be answered 9:00am next day. State name, number and brief message.



Please Note: Mini Bus Changes Start August 20

Tuesday: Aldi's Pickup 1:10pm
Wednesday: Pete's Produce Pick-up 1:10pm
Thursday: Farmers' Market Pick-up 9:40am
Friday: Pantry Pick-up 1:50pm
Individual appointments will be available for Banks and Carson's at the Plaza.

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News from NCOA

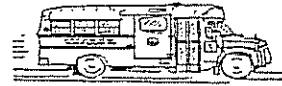
The National Council on Aging is a nonprofit service and advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. NCOA is a national voice for older Americans.

Will health care reform change your health care? Here are 5 Facts about the Affordable Care Act:

- Not cut your basic Medicare benefits - and it will make some benefits better.
- Reduce Medicare spending and the federal deficit, and extend Medicare's solvency by nine years.
- Help people find and pay for long-term care at home.
- Improve health care for seniors in other ways.
- Improve coverage and protection for younger Americans with and without health insurance.

Official website to keep you current on all things pertaining to Medicare benefits.

www.NCOA.org/StraightTalk



Bus Riders: Registration & Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Others in Household

Lives Alone _____

For Emergency Use Only / Please Complete

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Relationship _____

Or

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Relationship _____

Physician _____


Office Phone _____

Hospital Choice _____

Signature _____

Date _____

AARP 2010 Driver Safety Program

 OCS offers AARP defensive driving classes five times a year. The eight-hour refresher course is designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps refine skills.

Your insurance company may offer a discount after completing class. Register in person or by mailing \$12 (members), \$14 (non-members), (check payable to AARP) including name, address and phone number to OCS, 3450 W 97th Street, Evergreen Pk, IL. 60805.

Next Class

Thurs & Fri (9am - 1pm) October 7 & 8

Square Dancing Is FUN

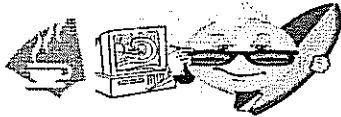



Swing'n Sugar Squares' Dance Club of Evergreen invites adults of all ages to two **FREE** lessons: **Tuesday**, Sept. 21 & Sept. 28 at Central Junior High School, 94th & Spaulding. Time: 7:30- 9:30pm. Fall session starts **Thursday**, September 16 at Central Junior High School, 94th & Spaulding. Time: 7:30 - 9:30pm.

Casual dress. Refreshments served. Lessons, \$4.00 each payable at door.

Square Dancing is FUN and Good Exercise.

Surfin' Senior Cafe'




 5 Computers have been designated and are on-line in Room 110. The Café will be open to residents.

Café Hours: Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Basic computer training will be provided by appointment for a \$2.00 donation. **Donations will be used to fund the OCS Minibus.** Residents are welcome to drop in and check out this new program. Reserve your time by calling OCS at 422-8776.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 7

 Set your clocks back one hour and change the batteries on your smoke / carbon monoxide detectors.



OCS is looking for volunteers, who would be available to help make Christmas wreaths for doors or cemeteries. The day (M-F) and time would be at your convenience. If you would be interested and want to participate call OCS office or to place and order call 422-8776.

State of Illinois Cyber Connection
Initiates emergency contact information





State of Illinois is offering a new service connected to your driver's license. You can click on the link below and add two emergency contacts to your license data. If you are incapacitated in some way, your license can be scanned and the emergency contacts retrieved so your loved ones can be contacted.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/ecd/home>.

Getting All of Your Exemptions?

The second installment for Property Tax Bills will be coming soon. Please **carefully check** your tax bill to make sure that **all** of your **exemptions** are listed. These exemptions are listed on the second installment in a grey box on the right hand side of the bill. If you are eligible for the Homeowners, senior exemption, and/or the senior freeze, **dollar amounts** should be printed showing the amount of each. If there are zeroes (0's) you should call Worth Township Assessors office (708) 371-2900 for a correction.

2009 Property Value	
2009 Assessment Level	
	X %
2009 Assessed Value	
=	
2009 State Equalization Factor	
	X
2009 Local Tax Rate	
	X %
2009 Total Tax Before Exemptions	
	= 4250.00 (ex)
Homeowner's Exemption	
	- 250.00 (ex)
Senior Citizens Exemption	
	- 450.00 (ex)
Senior Assessment Freeze Exemption	
	- 350.00 (ex)
2009 Total Exemptions	
	= 1050.00 (ex)
Total Tax after exemptions	
	= 3200.00 (ex)



Alaskan Land / Cruise Tour Have It Your Way ! You Choose May or July, 2011

In researching our previous travelers to Alaska, several have favored the month of July. OCS has made arrangements, so you may choose your trip to Alaska either May or July. Talking to Princess's cruise director, this year's weather was fine in May & not so good in June / July. It's hard to predict the weather.

We have planned an Alaskan Land /Cruise Tour 12 nights: 5 night land tour & 7 night cruise. The land itinerary: 1 night in Fairbanks, 2 nights in Denali, 2 nights in McKinley. 7 nights on Voyage of Glaciers includes stop on Skagway, Ketchikan, & Juneau.

May Cruise: Depart Friday, May 20, 2011 & Return Wednesday, June 1, 2011.


Inside (\$2,898) per person / Ocean view obstructed (\$3,098) per person / Balcony (\$3,598)per person

July Cruise: Depart Monday, June 27, 2011 & Return Saturday, July 9, 2011.

Inside: (\$3,548) per person / Ocean view obstructed (\$4,123) per person / Balcony (\$4,623) per person

Special Offer: \$100 deposit per person plus coupon book to be used aboard ship if you book Alaskan Cruise September 20—24, 2010.

To book your cruise or for more info: Call Sandy at *Travel Log:* (708)425-8444.



Motor Coach Trip Montreal and Quebec City Fall 2011

This time the OCS SEEKERS will head North across the border. Departing in late September (2011) we hope to see Fall colors while taking in the scenery. Just North of the Canadian border lies the exquisite French Canadian Province of Quebec. Steeped in European history, and proud of its French, British and Native American heritage.

The 6-day trip (Sept 24 - 30, 2011) offers guided tours of Montreal and historic Quebec City. Location tours of Montmorency Falls, Olympic Park, St. Ann De Beaupre' Shrine, Notre Dame Basilica, and gaming at the Casino De' Montreal.

Presently we are working with Diamond Tours, Inc. to negotiate the cost of the trip. At this time it might cost \$675. Passports needed.

AgeOptions helps Veterans

A New Pilot program promotes independence for Veterans. Coordinated by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in Illinois, and Area Agencies on Aging, will make it easier and flexible for Veterans to decide what elements are needed for them to stay comfortably at home.

The VA Hospitals refer veterans to **AgeOptions**, for more information contact (800) 699-9043.

CVS Offers Savings During "Senior Center Month"

In celebration of National Senior Center Month in September, CVS/Pharmacy, the national sponsor of NCOA (National Council of Aging) National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) is offering seniors an exclusive \$2 savings pass to use at CVS stores from **Sept 1—Oct 15.**

CVS also invites seniors to sign up for a flu shot starting September 1.



EVERGREEN PARK SENIOR CITIZENS' COUNCIL

The Senior Citizens' Council is celebrating 35 years of vital community service. The Council began as an advisory group to village administration. (A village wide survey was conducted and findings were presented. As a result, the Office of Citizens' Services was created.) The Senior Council has monthly meetings providing programs and works to enact positive change for the senior population of the Village. The Council schedules interesting and informative monthly programs and luncheons. Meetings are open to all residents, and lunch is served for \$6.00.



Meetings held at **Evergreen Park Senior Center 9547 S Homan**
Third Thursday of the month at 11:30 A.M.

Village Wide Garage Sale "Memories to Go"

3rd annual garage sale tentative date **Saturday, May 7, 2011**

Call OCS 708.422.8776 for updated information....

2011 Council Officers

Ann Dykstra, Pres Mary Ellen Andrews, Vice-Pres Virginia Wrobel, Treas Hazel Bozen, Sec

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

On behalf of the Village of Evergreen Park the Senior Council purchased 100 chairs for the new Senior Center. Thank you for your recent purchase. Your fundraising is greatly appreciated.

THE VILLAGE PANTRY

The Village Pantry was formed in 1982 to assist families in times of crisis. Families or individuals who may be experiencing **hard times, illness or unemployment** may visit the pantry located at 2700 W. 98th Place - **Fridays only - 10:00 A.M. - Noon & 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.** Currently we are assisting 160 families with temporary nutritional needs. The Pantry holds a contract with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and purchases food every month.

- **For every dollar donated we are able to purchase \$16 dollars worth of food.**

Monetary donations are needed to purchase food from the GCFD to honor contact.

Annual Holiday Food Drive



The Village Pantry works closely with the Office of Citizens' Services and promotes 4 fund-raising events per year. The next campaign will be this October and November - "Annual Holiday Food Drive". When able, a successful drive supplies the making for Thanksgiving & Christmas special distributions. Non-perishable food or monetary donations are accepted throughout the year and may be dropped off at the Community Center, Room 107. The Village Pantry is a not-for-profit 501c3 registered organization. Make check payable to Village Pantry.



_____ Senior Citizens' Council or _____ Village Pantry

Donation: \$ _____ Name _____



In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name _____ Address _____

- The Senior Council and the Village Pantry are non-profit registered 501c3 organizations.
- Donations to either organizations are tax deductible.
- Please indicate above which organization you are donating.
- Council donations are ongoing. The 2010 Holiday Food Campaign will run through December 31st.

Mission / Operations / Information



Mission

Office of Citizens' Services, also known as the "OCS", acts as a liaison to Village Administration, serving the residents of Evergreen Park. Our goal is to be responsive to the needs of the residents and organize activities and programs based on those needs.

Information

OCS works with the Evergreen Park Senior Citizens' Council to advocate for seniors, maintain the Senior Citizens' Drop-In Center, to enact change, and promote intergenerational activities. OCS operations are funded through the Village. Senior Citizens' Council fundraising activities and OCS programs which promote donations are utilized to supplement and expand programs specific to seniors.

Operation

The department began as a result of a grass roots survey - resolution survey responders indicated a need for Senior Services.

OCS operates with 2 full-time and 2 part-time staff, 2 mini bus and two meals-on-wheels drivers and twenty office volunteers. The department strives to grow with the constant change in technology and maintain current information on available Federal, State, and Local programs. Since its beginning, the one driving force behind the Office of Citizens' Services has been utilizing a "Volunteer" army. Staff & volunteers are community oriented, seniors helping seniors. The department is a liaison to the Village Pantry Coalition, Salvation Army, Evergreens, Senior Council, Craft Ladies, Chorus, Parkettes, Farmers Market etc. Additional programs may be developed upon request.



OCS Mini-Bus Transportation Service

Evergreen Park Seniors and Disabled Adults

Tuesday - Friday 9:00AM - 3:00PM Fee: 50¢ each way

The mini-bus is equipped with a hydraulic lift and will accommodate two wheelchairs. OCS mini-bus offers curb-to-curb service transporting EP clients to medical appointments within a 5-mile radius and to business appointments within Village limits.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS TAKE PRIORITY.

Worth Township Mini-bus (708) 371-2900 Serves EP SENIORS on Monday

OCS Newsletter Subscription -2011

Bi-monthly newsletter published 6 times per year



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____ FEE: \$5.00

Checks payable to:
Village of Evergreen Park
3450 W. 97th St. 60805

2011 Subscriptions valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

Please check one NEW

RENEW

Village of Evergreen Park Recycling Program

Residential Recycling Materials Accepted

Commingled Containers:

Aluminum Cans, Trays & Foil (trays & foil must be cleaned)
Aseptic Packaging & Gable Top Containers (milk & juice cartons)
Steel Cans and Tins
PET Soda, Water, & Flavored Beverage Bottles (#1 clear and green plastic resin)
HDPE Milk & Juice Jugs (#2 colored plastic resin)
PVC Narrow Neck Containers Only (#3 plastic resin): such as health & beauty aid products, household cleaners.
LDPE Grocery Containers (#4 plastic resin); such as margarine tubs, frozen desert cups, six and twelve pack rings
PP Grocery Containers (#5 plastic resin); such as yogurt cups, and narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles.
#7 Plastic Resin Narrow Neck Containers Only
Plastic Buckets, such as kitty litter containers(5 gallon size maximum)
Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, brown, green); no window glass, dinnerware or Ceramics.

Notes:

1. All containers to be emptied and rinsed clean.
2. No motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers
3. Plastic bags should be returned to grocery store
4. No plastic film (no plastic sheets, tarps or wrap).
5. No expanded foam or clear polystyrene per joint advisory from the Illinois Recycling Association, Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs, and Region 5 US Environmental Agency.

Residential Paper Fiber

Newspaper, including inserts (remove plastic sleeves)
Cardboard (no waxed cardboard)
Kraft (brown paper) Bags
Magazines, Catalogs and Telephone Books
Office, computer, Notebook & Gift wrap Paper (no metal clips, spirals, binders)
Chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
Carrier Stock (soda & beer can carrying cases)
Junk Mail & Envelopes (no plastic cards, stick on labels or unused stamps)
Paper Back Books (no hard cover books)

All of the above items can be put in the blue bag. They will be separated at the plant. Visit www.rmcrecycle.com

Holiday Service Schedule

The following observed holidays will affect services: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays that fall in the service week: for that week all services will be delayed one day for all trash, recycling and yard waste services.



OCS CALENDAR

September/October 2010

MONDAY

Exercise -9:30am - Room 112
 Line Dancing - 11-12 & 1 pm
 Video Movie-1pm - Room 11
9/6 & 10/11 Closed due to Holiday

9/14 Shutter Island / Leo DiCaprio
 9/21 The Jones / Demi Moore
 9/28 Ghost Writer / Pierce Brosnan
 10/5 City Island / Andy Garcia
 10/19 Green Zone / Matt Damon
 10/26 Diary of a Wimpy Kid /Zak Gordon

TUESDAY

Exercise - 9:30am - Room 111
 Blood Pressure - 10am
 @ Firehouse
 Cards - 1pm - Room 112



WEDNESDAY

Exercise - 9:30am - Room 112
 Chorus - 9:30am - Room 111
 Evergreens - Noon
 September 1
 October 6

THURSDAY

Exercise - 9:30am - Room 111
 Crafts - 9:30am - Room 108
 Senior Council - 11:30am
 September 16
 October 21



Evergreen Farmers Market 7am-1pm
 June 3 thru October 28
 Free Shredding sponsored by
 South Division Credit -Thur. Oct 28

FRIDAY

Exercise - 9am - Room 112
 Pinochle - Noon - Auditorium

OCS OFFICE CLOSED

Monday - September 6
 Labor Day

Monday - October 11
 Columbus Day

Village Administration

Village Hall 9418 S. Kedzie 422-1551

James Sexton

Mayor

Cathy Aparo

Clerk

Jerome Bosch

Carol Kyle

Norbert Smith

James McQuillan

Mark Phelan

Mark Marzullo

Village Trustees

Village Website: www.evergreenpark-ill.com

Important Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency Fire	422-2148
Non-Emergency Police	422-2142
EP Village Hall	422-1551
EP Library	422-8522
EP Post Office	422-0740
Circuit Breaker	1-800-624-2459
Oak Lawn Nutrition	422-5180
Oak Lawn VA Clinic	499-3675
PLOWS	361-0219
Social Security	1-773-306-2901
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Village Pantry Coalition	422-8776
Worth Township	371-2900
Recreation Dept.	229-3373
Youth Dept.	229-3379

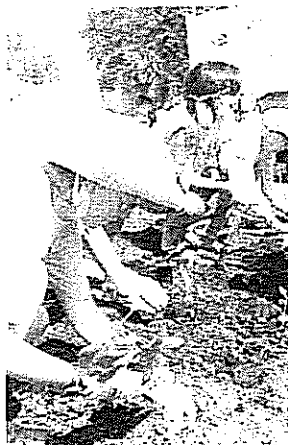
Need help with leaves?

Do Not Do it Yourself!



Falling leaves piling up? Give a youth a rake! Grass getting tall? Weeds taking over your garden? Attic, Basement, Garage suffering from overcrowding? Youth Department has teens looking for work, let's keep them busy. Call 229-3377.

Evergreen Park Community Garden



Have you taken the time to visit the Community Garden?

Local groups are helping maintain the garden (93rd & Turner) and hoping for an abundant crop. Harvested vegetables will be used by Food Pantry for client distribution. Check it out !