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Office of Citizens' Services

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Senior Council Hosts

Year of Celebration 2011



Village Pantry Holiday Drive  
A Huge Success ...

Your generosity helped A LOT!

THANK YOU...

Senior Council Board members have been busy planning the program agenda for 2011. Menus and programs have been chosen to reflect - *2011 a Year of Celebration*. The January Meeting will celebrate Chinese New Year (Feb.3 - Year of the Rabbit) with a travelogue "Tour the Orient" with Bill and Mary Ann Leeder. For the February 17 meeting all Valentines will be targeted as the theme. Those wanting to treat their tablemates might bring some chocolate.

In order to provide adequate seating and lunch purchase your ticket in advance no later than the Monday before the meeting. After the meeting you might consider purchasing your ticket for the next month. Cost \$6

Lunches prepared by Mrs. Pitluck

Thursday, January 20

Time: 1:00pm Menu: Chop suey

Thursday, February 17

Until further NOTICE!  
Meetings will be held at the  
Community Center - 3450 W. 97ST.

Time: 1:00pm Menu: Pork roast

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The Evergreens

The Evergreens are a social group. Friends gather, visit, have fun and meet new people. The group meets on the *first Wednesday* of the month at Noon.

The Evergreens meetings are held at the Community Center at 3450 W. 97th St in Room 111.

Meetings are open to the public. Come over, meet new friends.

January 5 and February 2 Bring own lunch

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Mini-Bus will bring you to the Community Center for Senior Council and Evergreens

Over years, we have witnessed the time honored tradition of a very generous village. More than ever, your support was needed and your continued generosity was not diminished by the current economic situation. The Village Pantry Coalition is proud to be associated with the residents of Evergreen Park. The efforts of all of our schools, churches, groups, organizations and business community, indeed, stocked the shelves and allowed a special distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas thus helping those in need stretch their food shopping dollars.

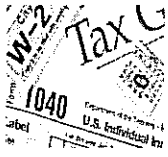
Donations are accepted throughout the year. Funds are used to purchase needed items from local merchants. Checks are made payable to the Village Pantry Coalition. Mail to 3450 W. 97 St, Evergreen Park, Il 60805. Thank You!

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Mayor Sexton's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mayor Sexton's tree lighting event on Saturday December 4 was beautiful. The donated 30 foot tree and surrounding decorations (pergola area at Klein park) were lit in honor or memory of a loved one. Healthier Evergreen, Inc. or the Village Pantry Coalition, both registered 5013c orgs benefitted from the "Friends Light The Way," event. The falling snow added a beautiful backdrop. Horse drawn carriage rides and local choral groups along with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies completed the scene. We thank Mayor Sexton, behind the scenes workers and Wolf's Bakery for their contributions. Donations to either organization are accepted thru January 15.

Federal Holiday - Office Closed  
Monday, January 17



## OCS Tax Volunteers Prepare for 2011 Tax Season

OCS Tax Appointment Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

**E-filing & Direct refund deposit** will be offered by IRS trained volunteers.

**Appointments scheduled Feb 1 thru April 18**

Call for your appointment beginning January 24. When making your appointment we ask you to inform us if you wish to electronically file your return. IRS is phasing out mail returns and we must schedule accordingly. Bring last year's federal and state returns, bank statements, all forms showing income, including social security, pension, dividends, interest and property tax bill. To better serve you, due to the volume of returns processed, one hour per client is allotted; therefore, no business or complicated returns are accepted. This program is open to all in need of filing assistance, as appointment schedule allows other residents may be served.

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## Recycled Christmas Decorations???

Are you tired of your holiday decorations? Are you looking to downsize your holiday decorating project? Not looking forward to storing them away? Consider donating them to OCS/Senior Citizens' Council.

We would like to have a recycled Christmas table at the *Memories to Go* Garage Sale in May. Proceeds from sales will benefit the Senior Council. The Senior Council raises funds to enact change and promote programs for EP seniors. They have supported the OCS Mini bus and the Evergreen Park Meals on Wheels program.

Drop off your donations at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97 Street, before you put them away. Due to a storage space potential problem, if able, please wait until April to bring your donations.



## Energy Assistance Programs @ OCS

**LIHEAP:** Low income heating & energy assistance program is a federal program. You qualify for assistance based upon family size and household monthly income.

CEDA is able to process your LIHEAP application @ the Community Center.(3450 W. 97th Street) Appointments are on a first come, first served basis **every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.**

### Family size/Income Guidelines

1 - \$1,354	2 - \$1,821
3 - \$2,289	4 - \$2,756

**SHARE:** a Nicor gas program for **NICOR Customers**, through the Evergreen Park Salvation Army Outreach Volunteer Extension Unit.

### Family size/Income Guidelines

1- \$1,355 - \$1,805	2 - \$1,822 - \$2,428
3 - \$2,290 - \$3,052	4 - \$2,757 - \$3,675

Application processed by appointment only. Both programs require proof of all household income , photo ID, and utility bill.

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## AARP Driver Safety Program for 2011



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

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

**All classes held on Thursday & Friday, 9am - 1pm**

### 2011 Dates

February 3 & 4	April 7 & 8	June 2
& 3	August 4 & 5	October 6 &
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- ♥ **Be in the know; attend local Board meetings..**  
Village, School, District 124 & 231 and Library
- ♥ **Support our children - attend their concerts, recitals and plays, good entertainment, top notch talent**

**Mayor Sexton's Annual Family Flake Fest**  
 Saturday, February 12, 2011  
 Yukich Fields, 89th & Kedzie

## From the Director's Desk

### Senior Surfin' Café (Room 110)

4 computers are ready and waiting for you to surf the net. After 4/18/11. Tutoring available.

**Income tax program** co-ordinated by Tony Gallo has expanded sites and volunteers throughout the South Suburbs - full-time office hours.

M-F (9:30am-3pm) and E-filing/Direct Deposit available. Service is FREE, donations support the program and OCS minibus operation.

**Evergreen Parkettes & Double Nickel+ Chorus** continue to meet weekly and deliver top notch entertainment upon request. Donations earned fund programs. Newcomers welcome.

**Mini-bus & MOW programs** continue to grow. **Mini-bus** rides @ 50¢ each way are offered Tuesday - Friday. Registration required. **MOW** (Meals on Wheels) has provided clients with uninterrupted service. 2 meals daily, Mon - Fri coordinated through doctor's diet order and PLOWS, delivered by OCS staff.

♥ Check your property tax bill for all exemptions: Homeowners, Senior Citizens, & Senior Freeze. Check news outlets for specific time allotted to Worth Township residents for the property tax appeals process.

♥ Register your emergency contact information with the Secretary of State's web site at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Call for details.

As we continue to live longer and better many rely on these services. Your input is welcome.

## Volunteer Recognition Awards

### November 30 Honorees



**250 Hours:** Dorothy Blume, Gill Drucker,  
Charles & Dolores Ferrini,  
Marge Gillies, Stella Ripoli,  
Frank Ross, Barbara Scales.

**500 Hours:** Eleanore Vilkas, Marilyn Wienke

**750 Hours:** Jean Budding, Shirley Burt,

Shirley Chappetto, Peter Eckroth,

Kay Fleischmann, Tom Novotney

**1000 Hours:** Dolores Anglin, Jean Feurer,

Barbara Boots, Richard Lynch

**1250 Hours:** Mary Rita Costin, Ken Johnson,

Harry O'Sullivan

**1500 Hours:** Lorraine Prudden

**1750 Hours:** Eileen Barry, Tony Gallo,

Loretta Pavlik,

**2250 Hours:** Laretta Krug

**Special Award to:** Marianne Brashinger

## OCS Offers Friendly Group Travel

When traveling with OCS as a group, you enjoy the perks of group travel. Come see our magnificent country, visit new places, and make new friends, at an affordable rate.

Over time we have developed loyal friends who enjoy traveling with OCS. Our frequent "trippers" remain independent and enjoy each others company while traveling as a group.

### 2011 Destinations

**New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City** Sat-  
**urday, March 26 - Friday, April 1, 2011**



♥ 6 nights, lodging including 3 consecutive nights at an Atlantic City Casino Hotel

♥ 9 Meals including: 6 breakfasts/ 3 dinners

Guided Tour of New York City, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City, \$30 Casino bonus

**Cost: DBL (\$499) SGLS (728) TRPL (\$479)**

**Insurance: DBL (\$35) SGL (\$69) TRPL (\$35)**

Insurance is due with your \$75 deposit

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**Montreal & Quebec City, Canada**

**Sunday, Sept. 25 - Saturday, Oct 1, 2011**

♥ Motor coach transportation

♥ 6 nights lodging - 4 consecutive nights in Canada

♥ 9 meals: 6 breakfasts /3 dinners

♥ Guided Tours of Montreal & Quebec City

♥ Visit to Montmorency Falls

♥ Tours of the St. Anne De Beaupre Shrine and the Notre Dame Basilica

♥ Olympic Park in Montreal: "Biodome" and the Montreal Tower

♥ Visit to the Underground City in Montreal

**Cost: DBL (\$659) SGL (\$944) TRPL (\$639)**

**Insurance: DBL (\$59) SGL(\$69) TRPL (\$59)**

Insurance is due with your \$75 deposit .



**Finally! Four Winds Casino...**

**Wednesday March 9**



The Casino group sales department is offering transportation and \$25 casino cash.

**Tickets:\$27** What a deal! Many requests have

been made for a trip to Four Winds.

This price is right. Hope you will join us.

**Depart: 9:30am Return: 5pm**

**Call for info on 14-day Alaskan Cruise  
May 20, 2011 - \$2898 includes air**

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011**

**MONDAY**

Exercise - 9am - Room 112  
 Line Dancing - 11 & 12 & 1 pm  
 Video Movie -1pm - Room 112  
 1/3 Eat, Pray, Love - Julia Roberts  
 1/10 Inception - Leo Di Caprio  
 1/24 The American - George Clooney  
 1/31 Knight & Day - Tom Cruise  
 2/7 The Town - Ben Affleck  
 2/14 The Kids Are All Right - Annette Benning  
 2/21 Salt - Angelina Jolie  
 2/28 Wall Street - Michael Douglas  
 Village Board Meeting - 9418 S. Kedzie  
 1/3 & 1/18 - 2/7 & 2/21 @ 7:30pm



**TUESDAY**

Exercise - 9am - Room 111  
 B/Pressure - 10am @ Firehouse  
 Cards - 1pm - Room 112

**WEDNESDAY**

Exercise - 9am - Room 112  
 Chorus - 9:30am - Room 111  
 Evergreens - Jan 5 & Feb 2  
 Community Center 3450 W. 97 St



**THURSDAY**

Exercise - 9 am - Room 111  
 Crafts - 9:30am - Room 108  
 Senior Council Meeting - Jan 20 &  
 Feb 17

**FRIDAY**

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

**Income Tax Office Room 110, Open Full Time - Beginning Feb 1**  
 Mon - Fri 9:30am - 3pm  
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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**



**E P Senior Citizens' Council**  
**"Memories to Go"**

**A Village-Wide Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2011 9:00am - 2pm**  
**Yukich Field, 90th & Kedzie Ave**

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS**

**January 1 New Years Day**  
**January 17 Martin Luther King Jr.**

**General Information**

**Village Hall 9418 S. Kedzie 422-1551**

**James Sexton Cathy Aparo**  
 Mayor Clerk

**Village Trustees**

**Jerome Bosch James McQuillan**  
**Carol Kyle Mark Phelan**  
**Mark Marzullo Norb Smith**

**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.	229-3377

**Websites/ E- Addresses**

Village - [www.evergreenpark-ill.com](http://www.evergreenpark-ill.com)  
 Worth Township - [www.worhtownship.com](http://www.worhtownship.com)

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**Community Center Serves as Shelter**

The Community Center has been designated as a warming center for residents. If you are without heat, come to the Center to keep warm.

**Center open M - F 9am-9pm Sat. 9am - Noon**

**Need snow removed?**

Call Youth Dept 229-3377 Keep our kids working

**OCS NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION-2011**

**January 1st - December 31st**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$5

Mail payment to: Village of Evergreen Park  
 3450 W 97St. Evergreen Park, IL 60805

\_\_\_\_\_ New Subscription \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal