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Cops with Kids 2019

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 10:00am-3:00pm, the Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68 hosted COPS WITH KIDS at the Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3626 Touhy Avenue in Skokie.

Generous donations from the community make COPS WITH KIDS possible, so that the members of Skokie Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68 can help children brighten their families' holiday celebrations!

Enough donations were collected this season for more than 65 Skokie children, selected by school district staff, to shop with an officer. Children selected gifts for themselves and their families and volunteers were on site to wrap the gifts. The Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68 want to thank everyone that was involved with this wonderful community program!

Thank you to our sponsors Jelmar, Holiday Inn Skokie, and many more!

Also, a special thank you to Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3626 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL for hosting this annual event.

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**See something? Concerned about it? Report it.
Call the Tip Line at (847) 933-TIPS (8477) 24-hours a day**



Get with the #9PMROUTINE

Every night at 9PM

- Turn on outside lights.
- Ensure windows are closed and locked.
- Close overhead garage doors.
- Secure all valuables.
- Remove keys, wallets, garage door openers and other valuables from vehicles.
- Close and lock doors on vehicles and buildings.

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Text 'Skokie' and your tip to 847411 24-hours a day**

What to know about the Illinois Cannabis Law

Cannabis Law:

Effective January 1, 2020, small amounts of legally purchased cannabis are legal in Illinois for personal recreational use. The following are some commonly asked questions and answers.

Who can use and consume recreational cannabis?

Adults 21 and older. Individuals under the age of 21 are not allowed to purchase, possess, use, process, transport, grow, or consume cannabis.

Can I grow my own cannabis?

No, it is illegal to grow your own cannabis.

Where is the use of cannabis prohibited?

The use of cannabis is prohibited in ALL public places. A "public place" refers to any place where a person could reasonably be expected to be observed by others, such as a front yard or a porch.

Where can I use cannabis?

Cannabis can only be used inside a private residence, outside in a fenced backyard out of the public view, or in an on-premise authorized dispensary.

Can I use cannabis in my private residence?

Yes, as long as the residence isn't used and/or is in close proximity to a daycare.

Can I possess drug paraphernalia?

It is lawful to possess any cannabis paraphernalia. The Skokie park district has an ordinance, section 2.10(e) that prohibits possession of drug paraphernalia on park district property.

Can you possess cannabis while in a motor vehicle?

Cannabis may be possessed within a vehicle by either the driver and/or passengers but only in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant container that is reasonably inaccessible while the vehicle is moving.

Can I be arrested for a DUI for being under the influence of cannabis?

Yes. A driver who has 5 nanograms of THC in the blood, will be presumed to be impaired.

Telephone SCAM notice

The Village of Skokie might call you, but it WILL NOT be to solicit money, check upon your immigration status, insist on installing software on your computer or force you into making a payment via credit/gift card.

Recently, residents reported receiving such calls with the caller ID reading Village of Skokie with the Police Department's telephone number on display (notice the lack of a space between Village and of).

This is a number cloning technique used by criminals and is not actually initiated by our telephone number. If you receive such a call and doubt the legitimacy of the caller, ask for the Officer's name then hang up. Dial 847-982-5900 and ask to speak with that specific Officer. During business hours, you may also call the Village of Skokie at 847-673-0500 and ask to be connected to the Police Department. NEVER give out personal or financial information to unknown callers. If you need police service in an emergency, use 9-1-1.

Census Day is April 1!

What can we do to make an impact in our community? We can share our knowledge, be leaders or simply participate in the 2020 Census. The Census wants Skokie to be counted accurately. That means everyone who lives in Skokie on April 1 counts. That count informs decisions that affect funding for hundreds of programs like Medicare, education, sales tax rebates and even money for street resurfacing. When the community comes together, anything is possible. Rally your block to come together for the 2020 Census!

During the week of March 12, every household in Skokie will get an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census online or by phone. We need all 25,000 households in Skokie to respond! We are asking that you complete the questionnaire as soon as possible and remind your neighbors to do the same. In the month of May, residents who do not self-respond to the Census mailer will be visited by official U.S. Census employees until the questionnaire is accurately completed. Completing the form on time will prevent a visit to your home from a Census employee.

It is important to note the following points about the 2020 Census:

1. Residents of Skokie will continue to receive the same top-notch service from the Village of Skokie regardless of their Census participation.
2. As a Community Partner, the Village of Skokie is simply assisting the U.S. Census Bureau in getting the word out to increase participation. The Village is NOT doing the counting or the collection of information.
3. All information given through your participation in the 2020 Census is confidential and kept secure for a minimum of 72 years.
4. Every person living in Skokie gets counted. There is no question regarding citizenship on the 2020 U.S. Census.

If you have questions about the 2020 census, visit 2020Census.org

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24-Hr. Crime Tip Hot-line: 847/933-TIPS

Text-A-Tip: Text "Skokie" and your tip to 847411

Email: crime.prevention@skokie.org

Emergency: 9-1-1

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