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The 29th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures

The 29th annual Skokie Festival of Cultures takes place on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 West Oakton Street (southeast corner of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard). Admission is free.

This exciting outdoor event includes two days of ethnic folk music and dance, a wide range of international cuisine, unique arts and crafts, international children's games, a merchandise bazaar, a mini train ride around the park and more than 30 cultural booths and displays. International beer tasting also will be featured at the Skokie Festival of Cultures.

The themes for this year's Village of Skokie booth in the community tent are conservation to encourage residents to use reusable bags

when shopping, and also litter control to keep Skokie clean and beautiful. There will be prizes and lots of information about Village programs and services, too. Stop by the Village of Skokie booth in the community tent to learn more about the Fire, Police, Public Works and other Village Departments.

To kick off the Festival of Cultures this year, there will be international short films on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The opening ceremonies, which are always colorful and spectacular, take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, featuring a parade of international flags from all participating countries that are flown in the park for the rest of the weekend.

Since its inception in 1991, the Skokie Festival of Cultures has



become one of the premier ethnic festivals in Illinois, attracting more than a half million visitors and featuring dozens of cultures, all representing Skokie's tremendous diversity.

For more information on the Skokie Festival of Cultures, visit www.skokieculturefest.org. ■

Vehicle and Pet Licenses Go on Sale June 1

Must be displayed by August 1!

Skokie residents will receive vehicle license renewal notices in late May, and there will be several important changes to the Village's annual vehicle license renewal process this year:

- The cost increases to \$40 for all passenger vehicles, with additional fees for trucks and trailers. There will be a \$5 discount for all vehicle licenses purchased online. Passenger vehicle licenses purchased online will only cost \$35. The online purchase discounts will expire on July 31, 2019.
- Online vehicle license purchases begin on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at www.skokiestickers.org. The price of each sticker increases by 50 percent on August 1, 2019, whether it is purchased online or over the counter at Village Hall.
- In-person vehicle license purchases begin on Monday, June 3, 2019 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Again, prices increase by 50 percent beginning on August 1, 2019.
- Residents who purchased zone parking stickers in the past will be able to purchase the 2019 zone stickers through the annual renewal process, either by mailing the renewal form or by renewing online. Zone parking stickers cost \$2 each and online purchases are not subject to discount.
- All vehicles will be required to display 2019 vehicle licenses and, if applicable, 2019 zone parking stickers by Thursday, August 1, 2019.

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