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Upcoming Village Council Meetings

- Oct. 8 - Study Session
- Oct. 10 - Budget Meeting
- Oct. 14 - Budget Meeting
- Oct. 15 - Regular Meeting
- Oct. 30 - Budget Meeting

Meetings start at 7 PM at Village Hall 510 Green Bay Road.

All agenda materials are available at the Reference Desk at the Winnetka Library, in the Manager's Office at Village Hall (2nd floor), or on the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org (click on the "Council" tab and select "Agenda Packet")

Meetings are televised on Comcast Channel 10 and AT&T Uverse Channel 99 every night at 7 PM. Webcasts of the meeting may also be viewed on the Village's web site: villageofwinnetka.org (click on the "Council" tab and select "Meetings Webcast")

Police & Fire Open House Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10AM to 2PM

The Fire & Police Departments invite all youngsters to bring their parents to our Open House at the Public Safety Building located at 428 Green Bay Road on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Events Include:

- Police Department tour - includes jail cell, firearms range & more
- Fire & police equipment displays
- Sit in a fire truck, ambulance or police car
- Shoot water through an actual fire hose
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- Tattoos and buttons project area
- Puppet shows
- Free balloons & other gifts

The Open House has been an annual family event for many years and is a fun time for all. The ice cream and popcorn carts will be on hand for snacks!

Please mark your calendar for the Open House. Your Fire and Police Departments hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please call 847-501-6029.



Last year's Police & Fire Open House was a fun time for all

Curbside Leaf Collection Begins Monday, October 14 - Ends Monday, December 2

The Village's annual curbside leaf collection program will run from October 14 through December 2. Under this program,



residents may rake their leaves to the parkway just inside the edge of the curb for collection by the Village.

Please do not rake leaves into the streets. This creates a hazard - leaves become very slippery when wet. In addition, leaves piled in the street may clog storm sewers, leading to flooded streets and yards.

Work crews begin in the northwest corner of the Village along Scott Avenue, and work their way south in the section of town west of Green Bay Road. When the west side of the Village is completed, collection begins in the southeast portion of town and continues north along the east side of Green Bay Road. When one round is complete, crews begin again and continue in the same pattern.

Leaves must be placed out no later than 7:00AM by the last day of collection, December 2. Leaves placed out after this time must be put in

Winnetka yard waste bags or in plain paper yard waste bags with a Village yard waste sticker affixed. Winnetka bags and stickers are available at Lakeside and Grand Foods for \$2.00 each. These bags will be collected as part of the regular curbside yard waste program.

Follow these guidelines to ensure safe and efficient service:

Rake leaves into a pile(s) in the parkway adjacent to the curb - not in the street - to reduce hazards and enable crews to move more quickly.

Remove stones, litter, branches or other debris. Piles containing these items will not be collected as they can damage equipment and hurt workers!

Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains or utility covers.

Avoid piling leaves around cars, boulders, fire hydrants, trees or posts.

Avoid parking on top of, or adjacent to, leaf piles.

Do not rake to alleys or service roads.

Leaves mixed with yard waste will not be collected under the leaf collection program. They must be bagged and collected as part of the regular curbside yard waste program.



A Message From the Village President

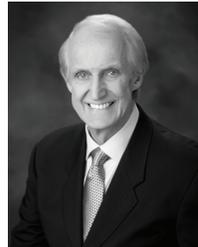
While stormwater management is the Village Council's number one priority, and much work continues to be done in the area of flood remediation, there is also progress being made in other areas that directly impact all Winnetkans.

After much discussion and planning, one significant change underway is aligning the Village's fiscal year to the calendar year, starting January 1, 2014. This process began with the purchase of a much-needed financial software package late last year and is culminating in the annual budgeting process that will take place during regular and special Council meetings over the next month. From a financial planning standpoint, it is prudent to make the change to a calendar fiscal year in order to synchronize the budget process with the statutory tax levy timeframe. Currently, the tax levy is determined before the budget is approved. While the Council can rely on Village Staff to make their best projections for their needs at budget time, setting the tax levy before holding the budget meetings has increasingly seemed out of sequence.

Careful stewardship of Winnetka's finances also involves continually monitoring and analyzing our operations and services throughout the Village organization. To better view issues facing the Village in a larger context to enable planning for future needs and to address priorities appropriately in the budget, the Village Council recently began a strategic planning initiative. During our September Study Session, the Council and Village Manager had a facilitated discussion about our hopes for the community as well as key opportunities and challenges we foresee for Winnetka. The goal of undertaking this strategic planning effort was to develop a two-year work plan to clarify priorities and outline action steps that will assist the Council and staff to move forward on the community's most strategic needs.

Among the principal goals that emerged from the strategic planning session were: identifying the best usage of key Village-owned sites; revitalizing the Village's business districts (Indian Hill, East/West Elm, and Hubbard Woods) by analyzing and acting on the recommendations from the Urban Land Institute study; engaging in more in-depth financial planning; and analyzing elements of the Village's operating structure to ensure efficient, effective service delivery. The Village Council looks forward to continued dialogue about these goals and what we hope to accomplish for our community.

Much work lies ahead to ensure that Winnetka remains an exceptional place to live and raise a family. As always, I encourage you to stay informed and engaged, and I welcome your feedback.



Village wins Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Winnetka has won a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. A panel of experts in the accounting field has judged Winnetka's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to meet the high standards of the awards program, including demonstrating full disclosure in clearly communicating the Village's financial story.

Finance Director Ed McKee thanks Assistant Finance Director Hanna Sullivan for her invaluable assistance in writing the Village's CAFR. The Village has won this prestigious award every year since 1993.

Village Council Action Summary

Below is a summary of significant actions taken by the Village Council during the third quarter of 2013. Detail on actions related to the Stormwater Management Program is on page 4. To learn more about agenda items, visit the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org.

June 4, 2013: The Council authorized renewal of the Village's membership with the North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Village has been a member since 2010, and currently 31 Winnetka businesses participate in this marketing organization.

June 18, 2013: A Special Use Permit and variation were approved to allow construction of a surface parking lot at 931 Green Bay Road, currently the site of a retail building. The lot will serve the 925 Green Bay Road building (formerly occupied by GAP). Also, the Council approved a contract with SAFEbuilt, Illinois to provide contractual building and forestry inspectional and plan review services.

July 19, 2013: Following enactment of the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act, the Council adopted an Ordinance regulating the possession of assault weapons by requiring their safe storage and transport.

August 6, 2013: After completing a two-part Technical Assistance Panel process, the Urban Land Institute presented its final report assessing the Village's commercial health and offering recommendations to create long-term commercial strategies. The Village Council also heard annual reports from each of the lower Boards and Commissions.

August 20, 2013: The Village Council adopted Code Amendments required for the Village to migrate to a January 1 fiscal year beginning in 2014; the Village's auditor presented Winnetka's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and the Council authorized a bid to paint traffic signals and streetlight poles in Hubbard Woods.

September 17, 2013: The Council authorized the engagement of bond counsel for its planned upcoming bond issuance for the Stormwater Management Program and authorized purchase of a new Police Department patrol vehicle.



Change Your Clocks - Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

The Winnetka
Fire

Department
encourages

homeowners to
maintain their

smoke alarms. Most

smoke alarms are powered by a battery, or are part of a home security system. If your smoke alarms are part of a home security system, make sure the battery backup for the system is maintained. If your smoke alarms require a battery to operate, you need to change its battery annually.



When you change your clock to Standard Time on November 3, change the batteries in your smoke alarms at the same time. Do not wait until the low-battery indicator sounds - you might not be home to hear the indicator, leaving you with a non-functioning smoke alarm. If you have battery powered smoke alarms:

Write the date of the installation on the battery itself with a permanent marker so you don't accidentally install a used battery.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm within 15 feet of all sleeping areas and one on each floor.

Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old, as it will lose its effectiveness.

More than half of all fatal home fires happen at night. The smell of smoke may not wake a sleeping person because the poisonous gases and smoke produced by a fire can numb the senses and put one into a deeper sleep.

Keep your family protected - make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a home safety inspection, please call the Winnetka Fire Department at 847-501-6029.

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2013 Fire Prevention Week Stresses the Danger of Kitchen Fires

Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, and is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. During the week of October 6 -12, the Winnetka Fire Department would like residents to be especially mindful of the fact that more fires start in the kitchen – two of every five home fires - than in any other room in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Often when firefighters are called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents will relay that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start.

Below are some tips to follow so cooking fires won't become a hazard in your house:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you to turn off the heat.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, wooden utensils, bags, towels, and anything flammable away from the stovetop.
- Clean food and grease from burners and stovetops.



Village Budget Meetings Begin in October

In October, Winnetka will be holding additional Village Council meetings to discuss the 2014 budget. All interested residents are encouraged to attend these budget discussions, which begin at 7:00 PM.

The budget meeting dates are:

Thursday, October 10
Monday, October 14
Wednesday, October 30

The Budget Hearing is expected to be held on November 5, 2013, with the anticipated adoption of the Budget in early December. A draft budget will be posted to the website and available for review prior to the meeting process.

This is the second round of budget activities for 2013, as the Village is transitioning to a calendar fiscal year effective January 1, 2014. The process allows the Council to review the property tax levy in light of revenues and proposed departmental expenditures.

Below is a graphic showing the proportion of the 2012 property tax bill that goes to the Village of Winnetka.

Questions or comments about the Village's budget process can be directed to Village Staff at contactus@winnetka.org or the Village Council at contactcouncil@winnetka.org.



*The Village's share of the total
property tax bill is 13.32%*



Urban Land Institute Final Presentation

On August 6, 2013, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Chicago presented its final presentation to the Winnetka Village Council. Beginning last February, ULI conducted a two-part Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) process, assessing the Village's commercial health and creating a long-term commercial strategy. The TAP process focused on the revitalization of Winnetka's three commercial districts: Indian Hill, East/West Elm, and Hubbard Woods.

ULI summarized a series of recommendations from the TAP 1 for the Village Council on March 19. Recommendations originated from the group's initial commercial assessment work, including a shopper survey, stakeholder interviews, a study area tour, a community-wide reception, and a peer-community focus group. ULI recommendations examined areas such as the Village's permit and approval process, the regulatory environment, parking, and marketing/branding.

TAP 2 examined several "opportunity sites" within Winnetka, with the goals of: 1) creating strategies for redevelopment of vacant, underutilized, or obsolete sites; 2) suggesting ways to integrate commercial real estate into the fabric of the community and overcome physical barriers; 3) outlining innovative practices or strategies to cross-promote each business district; 4) suggesting opportunities for public spaces to draw people and offer a setting for community events; and 5) proposing strategies to encourage investment in existing buildings. The Panel studied the area around the Land Rover dealership in the Indian Hill district, the existing Post Office site in the Elm Street District, and the park and surrounding commercial area in the Hubbard Woods district.

ULI is a nonprofit education and research institute which draws upon member expertise to offer creative and practical solutions to land use challenges in communities in the Chicago region.

Stormwater- Council Action Summary

June 11, 2013: Staff presented a Stormwater Community Engagement Plan, from which the Council decided to proceed with the development of a Special Edition of the Winnetka Report, as well as the organization of two "town hall" meetings with the community.

June 18, 2013: The Council considered the Spruce Street Outlet Study area of Northeast Winnetka, including the Tower Road/Foxdale Area and Lloyd Park Outlet projects. Since engineering for both projects was complete and neither is connected to other planned improvements, the Council authorized Staff to solicit construction bids. Also, the Council authorized the Village Manager to award a purchase order to Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG) to continue implementation work on the stormwater utility fee.

July 2, 2013: Council and Staff reviewed the plans for the Northwest Winnetka project (Greenwood Avenue/Forest Glen Study Area), which are approximately 90% complete. The Council confirmed their consensus with the project plans as presented and also agreed to publicly fund the cost of constructing several drainage laterals on private properties, as designed by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

July 9, 2013: Engineering firm Baxter & Woodman (B&W) presented the Village Council with the Draft Stormwater Master Plan, which will be a comprehensive plan for stormwater management that offers a vision for the Village's stormwater program, with actionable goals and objectives for both water quantity and quality. Based on Council input, B&W will continue to refine the Master Plan goals, objectives, and recommendations and hold a select number of public open houses. Staff also presented the proposed process for procuring Willow Road Stormwater

Tunnel Engineering Services, for both detailed design and permitting. The Council concurred with the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to narrow the pool of qualified engineering firms.

July 11, 2013: The Village Council held a Special Study Session, during which Finance Director Ed McKee and the Village's financial adviser, Kevin McCanna from Speer Financial, addressed the options for financing the proposed stormwater improvements through bond issuance. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with issuing \$18.5 million in bonds in 2013, locking in long-term interest rates, and to look at another issuance for the rest of the program costs in approximately three years.

July 16, 2013: The Village Council authorized project bidding for the Winnetka Avenue Pump Station improvements, which are projected to increase capacity and improve flow in upstream storm sewers, as well as increase the discharge capacity of the Forest Preserve Ditch in southwestern Winnetka.

August 20, 2013: The Council awarded a contract for the construction of the Lloyd Park Storm Sewer Outlet (one of two Northeast Winnetka projects). The low bid award was about \$17,000 under the engineer's estimate, and construction is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

September 17, 2013: Staff reviewed the Village's RFQ process for the Willow Road Tunnel Engineering project. Of the 19 firms which received the RFQ, two submittals were received by MWH Global and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (project team). The Council agreed to proceed with detailed scope and fee proposals. Also, based on the July 16 bid authorization, the Council awarded a contract to Boller Construction Company to perform the Winnetka Avenue Pump Station improvements.



Drought Stresses Trees

The past two summers, the midwest received minimum rainfall and drought stress is evident on trees, shrubs and urban landscapes. Drought causes roots to die, and as a result, the trees and plants become more susceptible to insects and diseases and other harmful damaging agents.

Trees and most plants are accustomed to weekly rainfall equal to approximately one inch of water during the growing season. Proper watering is an important weekly practice during droughts. Sprinklers are ideal because they allow slow infiltration of water to roots without water runoff. It is recommended that the canopy area or dripline be watered to ensure coverage. Use a ruler to gauge the amount of water being applied by placing a can or pail in the area to be sprinkled and measuring the accumulated water inside the container.

It is also important to keep watering your trees even in the fall when most roots are still actively growing. Watering during the fall season should continue until the soil freezes - especially for evergreens, which lose moisture through their needles/leaves even in winter.

Mulching with a three or four inch layer will help conserve soil moisture and protect roots. There are various forms of mulches, available at local home improvement and landscaping stores.

Please do your part to preserve Winnetka's beautiful trees. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

Many products used in the home contain chemical ingredients that are potentially harmful to people and to the environment. Hazardous chemicals can be found in cleaning products, car care and maintenance products, home improvement products and anything labeled toxic, flammable or corrosive, or any product containing lye, phenols, petroleum distillates or trichlorobenzene.

Although the Village of Winnetka does not provide for hazardous waste pick-up, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has identified the following permanent hazardous waste collection facilities:

Chicago's Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N. Branch Street
Tuesdays: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursdays: 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
1st Sat. of month: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
NO LATEX PAINT
Also accepts computer materials and propane tanks.

Naperville Fire Station #4

1971 Brookdale Road
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday
NO LATEX PAINT
630-420-4190

Rockford Rock River Reclamation District

3333 Kishwaukee
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Sat
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sun
NO LATEX PAINT
815-387-7400

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

By appointment only on second Saturday or fourth Monday of each month
1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee
847-336-9340

In addition to these locations, SWANCC also provides an annual drop-off service at varying



suburban locations. To find out more about their hazardous waste collection program, call 847-296-9205 or visit their web site at swancc.org.

The Village of Winnetka will provide this information when available in the Winnetka newsletter and on the Village website, villageofwinnetka.org.

Hazardous products should never be disposed of in either the storm sewer or sanitary sewer, including the home's interior drains, unless that is its intended purpose. The sanitary treatment plant does not have adequate capability to remove hazardous chemicals from wastewater. Some of the toxins can be removed, but a significant portion of these chemicals pass through the treatment process and ultimately contaminate water resources.

Hazardous materials should never be poured onto the ground or into gutters where they will eventually enter the storm sewer system and be transported into either Lake Michigan or the Chicago River, untreated. Oftentimes, less toxic or nontoxic alternatives can be used effectively with less impact on the environment. SWANCC has developed an **Alternative Cleaning Method Guide** for household uses that is also available on their web site, swancc.org.

Exercise care in storage of household hazardous materials. For homes located within the flood plain, hazardous materials are required to be stored a minimum of one foot above the base flood elevation.



BULLETIN BOARD

Fall Tree Planting Program

The Village is currently taking requests for the Fall Parkway and Private Tree Planting Programs. The deadline for planting requests is October 15, 2013.

A variety of trees species are available. The 2 ½ trunk diameter parkway trees are planted at no cost to residents. Larger diameter-sized trees are available, but residents are responsible for the difference in cost.

Trees are also available for purchase for planting by the Village in easily accessible areas of private residences as well. Planting trees increases Winnetka's wonderful aesthetics and improves the health of the urban forest for future generations.

Plant a tree today for a greener tomorrow! For more information, call the Forester at 847-716-3535.



Trick or Treat Hours

3 - 7 PM

Thursday, October 31



Homeowners:

Please leave a front light on so children will know that they are welcome to visit.

Motorists:

Watch for children out "trick or treating."



Winnetka Welcomes New Businesses

Modern Water

556 Green Bay Road

Essence Healing

560 Green Bay Road, Suite 302

Autism Family Center

560 Green Bay Road, Suite 10

Adamczyk Fine Homes/ Interiors

913 Green Bay Road

Change of Address

Bella Gypsy

809 Oak Street

Beat Street

1081 Gage Street

Pagoda Red

911 Green Bay Road

Sign up for E-Winnetka

Please visit the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org and sign up for E-Winnetka.

It's easy - just type your email address into the box at the top left corner of the homepage, and you're done!

E-Winnetka keeps you informed about what's happening in the Village. As always, the Village website is your trusted source for information about pending Council actions, policy initiatives, capital projects, community alerts and more.



The many elected and appointed volunteers who donate their time and energy to making Winnetka a great place to live and work deserve a special

“THANK YOU!”

By serving on Village boards, commissions and committees, your fellow Winnetkans help to ensure that our community's charm and beauty are preserved.

The residents of Winnetka owe them a debt of gratitude for their willingness to give so generously of their own time and energy.

Winnetka Boards & Committees

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Village Telephone Numbers

Police/Fire/Paramedics Emergency	911
Police (Non-Emergency)	847-501-6034
Fire (Non-Emergency)	847-501-6029
Electric or Water Outages	847-501-2531
Refuse and Recycling Collection	847-716-3568
Manager/Finance Offices	847-501-6000
Public Works Office	847-716-3568
Water & Electric Office	847-716-3558
Water & Electric Billing Services	847-446-9550
Community Development Department	847-716-3576

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Stuart McCrary	847-501-3039

Residential Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule for Thanksgiving

Week of November 25 - 29

Monday & Tuesday collections will be as usual.

Thursday collections will be on **Wednesday**.

Friday collections will be as usual

