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# The Winnetka Report

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## Annual Winnetka Tree Lighting December 6 at 5:45 PM Station Park, 754 Elm



There is no place like Winnetka for the holidays. Usher in the season **Friday December 6 at 5:45 PM** with the annual Winnetka Tree Lighting at Station Park, 754 Elm Street, across the street from Winnetka Village Hall.

Bring your family, friends, and caroling voice! There will be Mrs. Claus and festive carolers in Victorian costumes leading the carols, and hot cocoa after the lighting ceremony.



## Buy Local This Holiday Season! Fun Events Scheduled in Winnetka on December 7 & 8

The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the holidays in Winnetka.

**Saturday, December 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**, join the Winnetka Park District and the Chamber to welcome Santa Claus to Hubbard Woods Park. Why fight for a mall parking spot when Santa will be just down the street? Warm up with some hot chocolate and get your picture taken with the big guy himself. There will be plenty of other fun activities - like a trackless train ride and cookie decorating - to keep kids happy. This is also a perfect opportunity for your child to hand-deliver their Santa letter to the man in charge.

Mrs. Claus will also be visiting the shops in Winnetka on Saturday, and there will be a "Chocolate Walk" in the Hubbard Woods Design District.

**On Sunday, December 8**, the "Red Invitation" Holiday Sunday Sale will complete the Holiday Weekend. The merchants of Winnetka will open their doors to showcase many wonderful gift choices for the holiday season. Among the treats offered will be personalized service, refreshments and discounts of 10 - 30% on fantastic gift items! The perfect



gift is in store for you in Winnetka. Look for the "Red Invitation" for sale details about this much anticipated weekend, or visit the Chamber's website: [winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com](http://winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com). Shop Winnetka and save time and money!

**Also on Sunday, December 8**, Coldwell Banker Winnetka, 568 Lincoln Avenue, will continue their longstanding tradition of horse drawn carriage rides and holiday-themed activities. Stroll around Winnetka and visit merchants hosting family holiday events and a visit from Santa Claus.

After shopping, sit back, relax and stay in Winnetka. Treat yourself to dinner at a local restaurant. Winnetka is convenient for shopping and dining, with a variety of choices throughout the village and plenty of free parking. No need to travel! Start your holiday shopping and celebrating and stay home for the holidays. Buy local this holiday season and enjoy the holidays by shopping and dining in Winnetka.

Visit the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce website for a full list of Holiday Weekend activities and "Red Invitation" participating merchants: [winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com](http://winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com).



## Upcoming Village Council Meetings

Dec. 3 - Council Meeting

Dec. 10 - Study Session

Dec. 17 - Council Meeting

Jan. 7 - Council Meeting

Jan. 14 - Study Session

Jan. 21 - Council Meeting

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

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](http://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](http://villageofwinnetka.org) (click on the "Council" tab and select "Meetings Webcast")



## A Message From E. Gene Greable Village President

The Village Council remains focused on improving quality of life for all by alleviating flooding issues throughout the community. The Village Council held two town hall meetings in September to provide information about the proposed Stormwater Improvement Project to the community, and to hear residents' feedback. Beginning on page 5 of this issue, you will find the Village's answers to a sampling of the questions raised at these meetings. The full Q&A can be found on the Village's stormwater website: [winnetkastormwatermasterplan.com](http://winnetkastormwatermasterplan.com) and the Village of Winnetka website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org). Information on these two websites has been available for more than two years to all residents for their input respecting the Council's flood control plan and its financing. The agendas of all meetings and all proposals, all reports of staff and experts, and all action items are available on these websites. Despite the recent two town hall meetings, and despite offering what is the most diligent effort to be transparent and responsive ever made by any Council in Village history, it is claimed by some residents opposed to the Council's flood control program that Village residents have had no opportunity to voice their opinion. As a result, I again urge all residents to utilize these websites to give the Council their input on this critical program and to attend Council meetings to offer their views.

The Village provides core services to the community for just over 13 cents out of every dollar our residents pay in property taxes. Each year, by carefully monitoring and analyzing operations, the Village functions with a balanced budget, maintains appropriate fund reserves, limits employees to keep costs down, and properly funds its pensions. As part of these ongoing efforts, the Village recently contracted with SafeBuilt to provide building inspections for our Community Development Department. This change has resulted in over a 10% reduction in costs so far this year. The contract also gives the Village

added flexibility and provides a regional, consistent approach to building inspections.

The Village Council held a public hearing on the 2014 Budget on November 5.

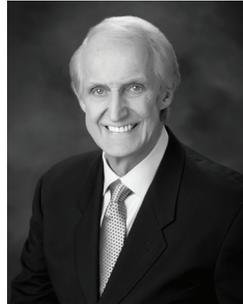
The introduction of the Budget followed three public meetings in October, where the proposed Budget was discussed and refined. Major budget initiatives for 2014 include completion of stormwater projects in northwest and northeast Winnetka; engineering work for the proposed Willow Road tunnel; revitalization of the three commercial districts related to the Urban Land Institute's final recommendations; completion of a detailed sanitary sewer evaluation; and scheduled replacement of Village infrastructure.

Since becoming a home rule unit in 2005, the Village has maintained property tax levies well below tax caps that are imposed on non-home rule municipalities. The total impact of the new budget on residents' pocketbooks will be a projected increase of \$250 over last year for a resident with a typical total property tax bill of \$27,135. This figure includes a proposed 1.7% increase in property taxes, a 4% water rate increase, a 10% sewer rate increase and six months of stormwater utility fees, since implementation of the system is planned in July.

As we enter the holiday season and prepare for a new year, let us also celebrate our community – for it is our residents, providing thoughtful input on the issues that are important to all, who make Winnetka a great community to live and raise a family.

I am privileged to serve you.

Warm regards,  
**E. Gene Greable**  
**Village President**



## Village Licenses and Commuter Parking Permits Expire December 31

Village licenses for the coming year are on sale at the Cashier's counter at Village Hall from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday.

Vehicles are required to have the Village license affixed to the lower passenger's side of the windshield, where it is easily visible.

All dogs over the age of six months must have a current Village license attached to their collars. A current, original rabies vaccination certificate is required along with the license application before a dog license will be issued. The certificate will be returned. Dog license fees are \$10 for males and spayed females and \$15 for unspayed females. Documentation that the dog has been spayed is also required.

## Holiday Light Recycling

The Village of Winnetka is again offering a no-cost Holiday Light Recycling Program to its residents and any member of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) community.

All string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Public Works Yards, 1390 Willow Road, weekdays 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables cannot be accepted in this program. Through this recycling program, materials will be reprocessed and sold to foundries and mills to be made into new products, keeping them out of the waste stream.





## Summary of Village Council Activities

Below is a summary of key actions taken by the Village Council during the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2013. To learn more about agenda items, visit the Village website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org).

**October 1, 2013:** Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG), held a policy issue workshop with the Council related to the stormwater utility implementation. Outstanding policy issues included items such as impervious and semi-impervious surface features, utility billing structures, and various parcel allocations. MFSG's recommendations will be used to refine the utility database.

**October 8, 2013:** The Council provided direction on next steps for priority recommendations to revitalize Winnetka's commercial districts. The Business Community Development Commission also presented a report on recommendations they wished to assist with as part of the implementation process.

**October 15, 2013:** The Council awarded a construction contract for the Northeast Winnetka improvements at Tower/Old Green Bay. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed in spring, 2014. In order to lock in low interest rates for long-term debt, the Council also introduced two ordinances providing for the sale of bank qualified, tax-exempt General Obligation bonds (\$9 million sold in November, and \$9.5 million to be sold in late 2013 and early 2014). Ordinance M-15-2013 for the first sale was adopted by the Council on November 5.

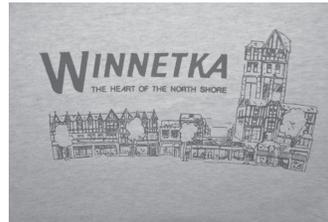
**November 5, 2013:** Having reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014 Fiscal Year Budget at three budget study sessions, the Council held its annual budget Public Hearing. Adoption of the Budget is scheduled to occur at the November 19 Council meeting.

## Support the Chamber's Holiday Lighting Fund

To help support Winnetka's annual holiday tree-lighting project, the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce has two holiday gifts for sale.

The first is a T-shirt with the theme *Winnetka the Heart of the North Shore*. The 100% cotton T-shirt is gray with a blue line drawing of a Winnetka shopping streetscape, on sale for \$10 in men's small, medium, large and extra-large sizes. Shipping is available in the continental United States for \$7 per T-shirt. To order, visit the Chamber's website: [winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com](http://winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com).

The second gift is a series of commemorative porcelain plates by local artist Kaylyn Shelby, featuring iconic Winnetka locations. Each 6" plate is



*Choose from a Winnetka-themed T-shirt or gift plate and support the Chamber's Holiday Lighting fund.*

lead-free, dishwasher safe and boxed for gift-giving or mailing. The plates are available separately for \$20 each or as a set for \$75, at the Chamber office, 841 Spruce Street. All proceeds from the sale of these items benefit the Village of Winnetka holiday lighting fund.

Support your Village and at the same time, share lovely gifts – or treat yourself!

For more information or to order, call 847-446-4451 or email: [wcc@winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com](mailto:wcc@winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com).

## Fire Safety During the Holidays

To ensure a safe holiday season, please consider the following safety tips from the Winnetka Fire Department.

Properly maintain and water your fresh holiday tree to prevent it from drying out and becoming a source of combustion. Avoid placing trees near fireplaces or heating registers.

Check tree lights (and other appliances) for cracks, splices, and tears in wiring. Be sure extension cords are laboratory (i.e. UL) approved, and contain a built-in circuit breaker. Do not "daisy chain" extension cords, as this can lead to an electrical fire. If you are using an extension cord for outdoor use, it should be labeled as such.

Turn off tree lights and other appliances when no one is home.

The change from autumn to winter is an excellent time to inspect all outlets and light switches. If you see flickering lights, loose outlets, abnormal heat discharge, or receptacles with total inoperability, please contact a qualified electrician to have them inspected.

Make sure outdoor decorations do not obstruct the visibility of your address from the street. It is important to have your address prominently displayed (and illuminated if possible) for fire and police to quickly find your home or business in the event of an emergency.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a home safety inspection, please contact the Winnetka Fire Department at 847-501-6029.



*Avoid placing your Christmas tree in close proximity to a fireplace or heating register.*



## Clean up After Storms Safely and Efficiently

One of the joys of living in Winnetka is the beauty and quiet that settles over the area after a snowstorm. The enjoyment eventually turns to work, as cleanup and snow removal begin. Here are tips to make cleaning up after a snowstorm easier, safer, and more efficient.

During snow storms, the Village works first to clear the streets, returning later to remove piles of snow. Equipment operators cannot see children playing or hiding in piles or snow forts adjacent to the road. Please warn children not to play in any snow pile adjacent to roads and parking lots.

We've all experienced the frustration that occurs when the snowplow comes by just as we've cleared the last of the snow from our driveway. To help minimize the amount of snow that may be plowed across your driveway, pile shoveled snow on the "downstream" side of the driveway. Then when the snow is plowed, the pile will be likely to be plowed into the



parkway, rather than back into your driveway. This will not eliminate snow in the driveway but should reduce it.

Village Code prohibits removal of snow from private property that causes snow piles in the public road - please inform your private snow removal service of this regulation.

Do not deposit Christmas trees and recyclable items in the roadway after a snowfall, as these items may be struck by plow trucks, which can damage the equipment or create safety hazards for motorists.

When shoveling snow, wear boots with non-slip soles and do not over-exert yourself, as shoveling wet, heavy snow is a very strenuous activity.

## Snow and Ice Control Operations

The Public Works snow and ice fighting team is highly skilled and works around the clock when necessary to provide motorists and pedestrians a safe and clear path.



Snow and ice control routes are assigned so that main streets which serve as emergency access routes, such as Hibbard, Tower, Willow and Green Bay Roads, etc. are cleared first. Residential streets are addressed next, followed by cul-de-sacs, alleys, public lots and decks. This provides the public the highest degree of safety and efficiency.

When more than two or three inches of snow falls, sidewalks are also plowed throughout the Village, with areas of high-pedestrian traffic (schools, churches, commuter rail stations, etc.) receiving first priority. For smaller snows or slushy events, residents are requested to clear the walks in front of their homes to keep sidewalks free from ice and easier for pedestrians to navigate.

The Village has a limited salt use policy in residential areas, both to reduce cost and to protect the environment. Salt is less effective at lower temperatures, so a combination of salt and liquid calcium chloride or salt brine may be used during extreme cold.

To increase the length of time before snow begins to accumulate and reduce bonding between snow and pavement, the Village also uses an effective strategy known as anti-icing, in which liquid salt brine is applied to streets in advance of an anticipated snow event. This strategy results in more effective snow plowing and also significantly reduces the amount of salt needed to control the pavement.

To ensure safety of the motoring public and drivers during plowing operations, all plow trucks are equipped

with lights, strobes, and backup warning devices and drivers are seasoned and well-trained. Residents can help the Village to provide safe and efficient services by being alert to the presence of snowplows and not following them too closely. Snow and ice operations often require reversing - if you cannot see the driver in his mirror he cannot see you!

It is not possible to predict exactly when certain streets will be plowed. To check on the status of plowing operations, to report problems, or to obtain an update on weather and street conditions, please call the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

## Winter Parking Regulations

Village Code prohibits parking on Village streets during a snow emergency, which exists whenever two or more inches of snow falls within a 24-hour period, or when two or more inches of snow remains on any roadway in the Village.

Vehicles parked on roadways during snow emergencies will be fined \$200.00 and may be relocated or towed at the owner's expense. A snow emergency in any of the Village's business districts will be indicated by snow emergency signs temporarily posted in the district.

During a declared snow emergency, residential parking permission will normally not be authorized until the location has been cleared of snow, or the emergency has ended.

The snow emergency remains in effect on residential streets until snow has been cleared from the streets, and remains in effect in the business districts until the Village removes snow emergency signs.





## Stormwater Town Hall Meetings: Resident Q&A Responses

**O**n September 19 and 25, 2013, the Winnetka Village Council and Staff hosted two Stormwater Town Hall meetings, which were attended by approximately 250 Winnetka residents.

*The Town Hall meetings included a presentation that explained the community-wide flooding problem; the planned Stormwater Management Program; the financial strategy for stormwater improvements; and frequently asked questions. Presented here is a partial list of more detailed responses to questions and comments that Winnetka residents raised at the meetings.*

*A more complete summary document of question and comment responses, in addition to general information about the Stormwater Management Program, is available on the Village's Stormwater Master Plan website: [winnetkastormwaterplan.com](http://winnetkastormwaterplan.com).*

**W**hat materials are planned for construction of the Willow Road Tunnel? What are the methods the Village plans to use?

The project consists of constructing a new 8-foot diameter storm sewer underneath Willow Road running from approximately Glendale Avenue to Lake Michigan, a distance of about 7,900 feet.

Approximately 3,300 feet would be constructed by tunneling and the remainder by open cut methods (from Glendale Avenue at Willow Road to Birch Street, and from Walnut Street east to Lake Michigan).

The storm sewer would be tunneled between Birch Street and Walnut Street – underneath Green Bay Road and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The total amount of storm sewer, including the pipes that drain each of the five drainage areas connected to the tunnel, is about 30,500 feet. Approximately 12,200 feet of the projects are east of Green Bay Road and 18,350 feet are west of Green Bay Road.

The project includes construction of 1) additional storm sewers connected to the tunnel to provide relief to 5 drainage basins affected by frequent and/or severe stormwater flooding; 2) systems to address water quality; and 3) an outlet structure to control water velocity and prevent erosion.

**W**ill issues with the Village's sanitary sewer system be addressed as part of the Stormwater Management Program?

Winnetka is a separate-sewer community, meaning that it has two separate underground sewer systems – one for stormwater (the storm sewer) and one for wastewater (the sanitary sewer). However, sanitary sewer backups can be caused by stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system through either inflow or infiltration. In 2013, the Village began a detailed investigation program of its sanitary system. To-date, Winnetka has completed flow monitoring, manhole inspections, and smoke testing and continues to work on dyed-water testing and television inspections to develop corrective actions that will reduce instances of sanitary sewer back-up. It is anticipated that corrective actions will be required by both public entities and private landowners to improve the system.

**H**ow much land would be required for detention and why can't the Village obtain it?

The short answer is that the Village does not own the land that would be required by a plan designed to detain stormwater runoff before it would be released to a waterway. Further, to provide 100-year protection and route stormwater west toward the Skokie River, the Village would need to find 167.5 acre feet of storage. Due to downstream flooding impacts, the Village does not directly discharge large volumes of water into the Skokie River. Therefore, large amounts of detention are required. Of the 167.5 acre feet of detention storage required, 123.5 acre feet, is controlled by the Cook County Forest Preserve District, which is statutorily prohibited from selling land or allowing it to be used for stormwater detention.

**W**hat green infrastructure does the Village propose using to keep pollutants out of the system? How will the Village address potential pollution being released into Lake Michigan?

Green infrastructure refers to stormwater controls that mimic natural processes by infiltrating stormwater rather than shedding it. Green infrastructure can reduce flooding by reducing runoff in watersheds. The primary benefit of green infrastructure is water quality, achieved by filtration. Common examples of green infrastructure that may ultimately



## *Stormwater Town Hall Q&A, continued from page 5*

be part of the Village's overall water quality and runoff solution are permeable pavements, green roofs, bioswales, and rain gardens.

As designed, the Tunnel Project will promote the Village's stewardship of the environment and natural resources. For example, water from normal rainfall events and storms will continue to drain to the Skokie River. Also, while no "new" water from east Winnetka will drain to Lake Michigan, the existing flow to the Lake will take advantage of the water quality protections built into the Tunnel Project. The Tunnel outlet structure will be designed to reduce velocity and trap floatables/sediment. As engineering and plans progress, appropriate locations for green infrastructure installations will be identified to filter water before it enters the tunnel.

### ***H**ow will the Stormwater Management Program address water quality? Are the proposed projects sufficient to protect Lake Michigan?*

Protecting the water quality in Lake Michigan is of critical importance. That is why the Village is eager to put this project before a very public, stringent and multi-agency permitting process. The Village believes it can meet these requirements set forth by the Clean Water Act and other standards. If it turns out that it is unable to deliver this additional stormwater to the Lake in a way that meets all of the standards of the Clean Water Act, the project will not be constructed.

The Tunnel project preliminary design anticipates a threefold strategy to protect water quality: 1) Protect water quality by incorporating distributed green infrastructure at locations throughout the proposed project watershed; 2) Construct physical structures to prevent erosion and to control sedimentation and floatables, at the discharge outfall to Lake Michigan; 3) Continue to convey Western Drainage Area stormwater from normal rainfalls through the existing drainage system to the Skokie River.

### ***W**hat is the likelihood that the Environmental Protection Agency will approve a permit for the Willow Road Tunnel project?*

That decision rests with the agency itself. When it submits its permit application, the Village will present a comprehensive plan that is based on sound research, engineering and design principles. The Village will put forth a plan that it believes will withstand the kind of scrutiny that a project of this magnitude rightfully deserves.

As part of the joint permitting process, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will review the proposed project for impacts on water quality. The project will require an Individual Section 401 Water Quality Certification and anti-degradation assessment, including: 1) Applicable water quality standards may not be exceeded; 2) All existing uses shall be fully protected; 3) Incorporate all technically and economically reasonable measures to avoid or minimize increase in pollutant loading; 4) If an activity results in an increased pollutant loading, it must benefit the community at large.

However, it is important to understand where the Village is in the process at this time; it is still in the conceptual engineering stages, and project design engineering needs to be completed. The project has been conceptually engineered, and a project feasibility study has been completed, including meetings with regulatory agencies to determine what permitting requirements and environmental standards are in place, and a plan to address water quality has been conceptually developed and reviewed with these agencies.

### ***W**ill the Village provide an estimate of the financial impact of the stormwater utility on each property?*

The Village's consultant, Municipal & Financial Services Group, has calculated the total number of equivalent runoff units (ERUs) in the Village and will be working to refine this number as policy decisions are made. At this time, there are an estimated 6,639 ERUs in Winnetka, meaning the stormwater fee per ERU will start at \$262 in 2014 and increase to \$362 per ERU by 2018. The fees are set at a level that will allow the Village to meet the projected cost of repaying the bond issuance that will initially fund the improvements. The Village also plans to release an online fee estimator that residents can use to help understand and budget for the stormwater fee for their property.

### ***W**hat was the rationale behind the policy decision to structure the utility as a 100% fee rather than a tax?*

A stormwater utility allows a community to establish a user fee based on the demands property owners place on the new drainage system. Much like a water or electric utility, it provides a dedicated revenue stream for infrastructure programs as well as an incentive for property owners to reduce their own usage fees. In the case of a stormwater utility fee, residents can reduce their own costs by reducing the amount of impermeable space on their property. A utility is a fair and equitable approach, because every property, regardless of



## *Stormwater Town Hall Q&A, continued from page 6*

location, contributes to runoff, and every property, regardless of location, pays towards the systems to manage that runoff. Under the utility fee structure, fees are assessed to all users and property owners, whether or not they pay property taxes. Homeowners, commercial property owners, school districts, churches, and other tax-exempt groups, will all pay their fair share. If all these entities do not pay based on their property's runoff contribution, residents will bear a larger burden for the cost of stormwater management.

### ***A**s proposed, will Winnetka have the highest stormwater utility fee in the country?*

Today, the estimated fee is higher compared to other existing utilities in Illinois, but there are other communities nationwide that have stormwater fees in the range or above what the Village proposes.

The utility for the Village of Winnetka is structured to collect fees that will provide for both the significant capital improvements outlined in the Stormwater Management Program as well as the ongoing operating and maintenance of the storm sewer system. The modernization of Winnetka's infrastructure is a large undertaking. The utility fee reflects the needed capital improvement costs as well as operations and maintenance costs. Other municipalities are upgrading or expanding their systems, and Winnetka is seeking to do the same to address the most flood prone areas, but the level of improvements required drive the costs and the ultimate fee required.

### ***H**ow will the stormwater fee be applied to tax-exempt entities? How might their fees then impact residential property taxes?*

Under the utility fee structure, all users and property owners pay—even if they do not currently pay property taxes. Schools, churches, and other tax-exempt entities generate stormwater runoff, and therefore, will pay their proportional share based on impact.

The Village is in the process of estimating the fees for tax-exempt entities and will be sharing this information with them. Each entity, including the Village, will need to plan for the cost of the fee in the coming years and determine what revenues can be used to pay for it.

It should be noted that the Village will also pay its fair share through smart budgeting and without increasing property taxes specifically for this cost.

### ***T**he fee does not seem equitable because people who choose to live in a floodplain should pay more and people who do not flood should pay less.*

As a point of clarification, the mapped floodplain relates to flooding from the Skokie River, rather than flash-flooding from localized rainfall. As a result, the floodplain boundaries are not necessarily a good predictor of where flash-flooding, and flood damage, occur.

The key equity concept of a stormwater utility, like any utility, is that the fee is proportional to the use of the system. Put another way, if all of the higher, upstream properties in the Village, which may not receive flooding, were to significantly reduce the amount of stormwater runoff generated by their property, downstream flooding – and the cost of stormwater infrastructure necessary to control it – could be reduced as well.

### ***T**he Council is proceeding too quickly and without enough resident input.*

This has been the number one priority for the Village for several years. And over those several years, the process has been deliberate, open and has allowed for many opportunities for residents to provide input. The Village discussed stormwater relief at nearly every Council meeting since 2008. All of these open meetings and their agendas are publicized well in advance. Volumes of material about Council activity on this issue are available on the Village's website, and in hard copy at the public library. The Council receives public comments and discusses monthly update reports on stormwater progress, budgets, and activities to date. The Council held four public workshops between January and May, 2013, specifically devoted to the feasibility, structure, and policy issues associated with financing the proposed construction program through a stormwater utility.

***T**o see the complete document of questions and responses from the September 19 & 25 Town Hall meetings, please visit the Village's dedicated stormwater website: [winnetkastormwaterplan.com](http://winnetkastormwaterplan.com).*

*The full document organizes responses in key areas, including: infrastructure, environment, financing, utility, Stormwater Management Program, and process.*

*As always, the Village welcomes questions and feedback via email at: [stormwatercomments.org](mailto:stormwatercomments.org).*



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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
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## Christmas Tree Pickup January 2 - 15

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for shredding, chipping, and composting from January 2, 2014 through January 15, 2014. After January 15, 2014 a \$2 refuse sticker will be required to ensure pickup.

Please remove everything from trees, including plastic bags or wraps, ornaments, tinsel, wires, and the stand, as these will clog and damage the shredder.



## FINAL DAY FOR LEAF COLLECTION IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 - PLACE LEAVES ON PARKWAY BY 7AM

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Village Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving.

Village Hall will also be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1

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### HOLIDAY REFUSE/RECYCLING

Refuse and Recycling collection **WILL NOT** be affected by the Christmas or New Year holidays this year.