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Come Meet our New Village Manager!

**All Village Residents and Business Owners
are invited to meet Rob Bahan,
our new Village Manager**

Saturday, December 4th

9:30-11:30AM

Winnetka Village Hall Council Chambers

510 Green Bay Road

**Stop in to introduce yourself to Rob, enjoy
refreshments and celebrate Winnetka's
Holiday Weekend festivities too!**



Rob Bahan comes to Winnetka from Clarendon Hills in DuPage County, where he was Village Manager for eight years. Mr. Bahan has over 20 years' experience in local government, and will be Winnetka's 6th Village Manager. He succeeds Doug Williams, who retired at the end of May after 18 years of service as Village Manager.

There is no Place Like Winnetka for the Holidays!

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce invites you to **EAT! SHOP! LIVE!** Winnetka this Holiday Season.

The Holidays are a special time of year for you, your friends and family. Enjoy the season in Winnetka. Enjoy our unique shops with unparalleled service and charming restaurants with exceptional cuisine, all in the incomparable surroundings of our beautiful village.

There truly is no place like Winnetka for the Holidays. Joyous festivities will spark the spirit - so start the season on Friday, December 3 at 6PM at the corner of Chestnut and Elm Street for the illumination of the holiday lights throughout the business districts.

There will be caroling and hot cocoa after the lighting ceremony. On Saturday, December 4th, area businesses will host carriage rides, provide sweet treats and a visit from Jolly Old St. Nicholas. Then on Sunday, December 5th, the merchants of Winnetka will open their doors and make available many wonderful gift choices for the holiday season.

Participating merchants in the holiday sale offer refreshments and discounts on fantastic items and they will help you select the perfect gift. Anything that your heart desires can be found in Winnetka.

After shopping, sit back, relax and stay in Winnetka. No need to fight the traffic — treat yourself to dinner at a local restaurant. Winnetka is convenient for shopping and dining, with variety throughout the Village and plenty of free parking.

Please contact the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce for more information: 847-446-4451. And look at the Chamber website for up to date information about all the events that will take place during the holidays: **www.winnetkachamber.com**

May this season be bright and filled with joy and good wishes. Happy Holidays!





2010 LANDMARK PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Winnetka Landmark Preservation Commission recently awarded Preservation Awards to eight Winnetka properties. The awards presentation took place at the September 21, 2010, Village Council meeting.

The Preservation Awards program seeks to honor those construction projects in the Village that have helped preserve the history and character of the Winnetka. The program has three categories of awards: Restoration, Rehabilitation, and New Construction.

The Landmark Preservation Commission will be accepting nominations for next year's program beginning in March 2011.

Congratulations to the following properties, which were presented with awards last September:



735 Ardsley Road (Rehabilitation)

Owners: Greg and Sandy Welch
Architect: Chip Hackley, Hackley & Associates Architects, Kenilworth



657 Ash Street (Rehabilitation)

Owners: Chuck and Mary Happ
Architect: Behles + Behles, Evanston



594 Elm Street (Rehabilitation)

Owner: Elena Dreiske
Architect: Benvenuti & Stein



804 Lincoln Avenue (Rehabilitation)

Owners: Steve and Kathleen Patterson
Architect: Mark Ver Bryck, Ver Bryck Architects, Northfield



1173 Tower Road (Rehabilitation)

Owners: Kevin and Maria Lynch
Architect: Chip Hackley, Hackley & Associates Architects, Kenilworth



1014 Dinsmore Road (New Construction)

Owners: Bill Coe and Theresa Malin
Architect: Doug Reynolds, The Reynolds Group, Northfield



518 Hawthorn Lane (New Construction)

Owner: Mary Jo LaViolette
Architect: Behles + Behles, Evanston



245 Linden Street (New Construction)

Owners: Mark and Mary Nomellini
Architect: Diana Melichar, Melichar Architects, Lake Forest



Winter Storm Season is on the Way

The Public Works Department is committed to keeping Village streets clear of snow and ice in order to maintain safe auto and pedestrian traffic on publicly maintained streets and sidewalks throughout the winter months.

To maximize department resources, priority is given to main arteries such as Hibbard, Tower, Willow, Green Bay, Elm, etc. These streets receive much of the traffic within the Village and must be

kept clear as primary emergency access routes.

The next priorities are streets and sidewalks around



schools and churches, residential streets, alleys, and public parking lots and decks.

After larger snows, typically more than 3 - 4 inches, the Village also plows snow from residential sidewalks. In order to prevent ice buildup on the sidewalks, residents should remove snow or sleet from the sidewalks in front of their homes after smaller storms to help keep sidewalks free of ice.

The Village's policy is to minimize salt use to control costs, by applying salt at intersections and on street surfaces that may pose a traffic hazard.

In addition, a non-corrosive, environmentally-friendly liquid known as Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) is used on bridges and the Hubbard Woods Parking Deck.

The Public Works Department snow and ice fighting team is comprised of highly-skilled and well-trained individuals who provide motorists and pedestrians the highest level of services possible to ensure a safe winter season. The Public Works Department will work around the clock, when necessary, to provide the maximum level of service possible.

As beautiful as a snowfall can be, the enjoyment eventually turns to work as we begin to clean up after the snow. Here are several things that you can do to help make the process of cleaning up after a snowstorm easier, safer, and more efficient.

To minimize the amount of snow that may be plowed across your driveway by the snow plows, pile shoveled snow on the "downstream" side of the driveway. Then when the snow is plowed, the pile will be plowed to the parkway, rather than back into your driveway.

Village Code prohibits removal of snow from private property in such a way that it results in decreasing the driveable width of a street. If you use a private service to remove snow, please inform them not to dump snow in the street.

When placing objects such as Christmas trees and recyclable items at the curb for pick-up, please do not deposit them in the roadway after a snowfall. Items so placed can be struck by plow trucks as they clean the street - which may damage the equipment - or create safety hazards for motorists.



After heavy snows, the Village first works to clear the streets, then returns to relocate or remove piles of plowed snow.

Please make sure that children know that they should not play in piles of snow adjacent to roads and parking lots, because these piles are subject to removal.

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Fire hydrants that are buried or blocked by piles of snow may result in the Fire Department not being able to find them in an emergency. The ensuing delay in firefighting operations could result in additional property loss or endangerment of residents.

The Village asks that you help to keep fire hydrants

accessible by keeping clear space around all sides of the hydrant as you do your shoveling or snow blowing. If you notice a damaged or leaking fire hydrant, please call the Fire Department at 501-6029, or the Water & Electric Department at 716-3558.



Winter Parking Restrictions

Parking is prohibited on Winnetka's residential 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. A snow emergency in the business districts will be indicated by temporary signs.

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

The emergency remains in effect for residential streets until snow has been cleared, and for business districts until the removal of the signs by Village personnel.

Vehicles parked on roadways during snow emergencies will be fined \$200.00 and may be relocated or towed at the owner's expense.





Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Killer

As the mercury begins to dip, families close their windows and turn on their furnaces. After months of sitting idle, older boilers and furnaces can develop problems which could lead to a build up of deadly carbon monoxide inside the home. Blocked flue pipes, cracked heat exchangers or improperly enclosed furnace spaces are a few of the problems which could lead to carbon monoxide (CO) inside the home.

CO is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely.

CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning, or other illnesses. Some symptoms are shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light-headedness or headache.

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, but infants, pregnant women and people with physical conditions that limit their ability to use oxygen - such as emphysema, asthma or heart disease - can be more severely affected by low concentrations of CO than healthy adults. High levels of CO can be fatal within minutes, for anyone.

Be sure to have your heating equipment inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in, and install CO alarms within 15 feet of the sleeping areas and near the furnace.

CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.

Test CO alarms at least once a month. If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location and call for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel say it is okay.

If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.

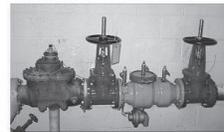
The Winnetka Fire Department wants everyone to be warm and safe this winter. Make sure your home has carbon monoxide detectors.



Sewer Back-Up Prevention Program

If you experience sanitary sewer back-up into your home's basement, you may be eligible to participate in Winnetka's **Sewer Back-up Prevention Program**.

The Sewer Back-up Prevention Program is a cost sharing program between the Village and owners of single family homes built before 1970. A property owner who meets all of the eligibility standards set forth in the ordinance may apply to the Village for reimbursement of a portion of the costs of the initial installation of an overhead sewer or anti-back-up device.



The Village has limited funding to allocate to this program each year; therefore, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum reimbursement made to any homeowner will be 50% of the cost of the initial installation of an overhead sewer or anti-back-up device, or \$2,500, whichever is less. Only those costs associated with the initial installation of a system shall be considered eligible for reimbursement.

If you would like to learn more about this program, you can read the entire ordinance on-line at the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org. Once at the site, select **Forms/Docs**. Under Administration, Documents, select **Village Code**. Double click on **Sewer Code**, then to **Section 15.24.085, Sewer Back-up Prevention Program**.

A brochure is also available at the Public Works Facility. If after reading the ordinance and brochure, you have additional questions or concerns, please call 716-3568, or email schen@winnetka.org.

Prescription Drug and Sharps Disposal

The Village would like to remind residents that they may drop off used sharps and unwanted or unused prescription medication at the Winnetka Fire Department, located at 428 Green Bay Road. Drop-off times are Monday through Friday between 8:30 & Noon and between 1:00 & 5PM.

Prior to dropping off your medications or sharps, there are a few things to remember:

- Residents must place their own items in the SWANNC bins and sharps containers. Village staff does not handle medications or sharps. New sharps containers are available at the site.
- All drugs must be in their original containers with the labels attached to identify the contents. **Only** personal information may be blacked out.
- No pharmaceutical controlled substances or narcotics will be accepted at any of the participating locations. If in doubt, please contact your pharmacist or view the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's list.
- This program is for residents only. No pharmaceuticals or sharps from businesses, schools or hospitals will be accepted.



If you have questions or need more information, call the Fire Department's non-emergency number at 501-6029.



Village Licenses, Commuter Parking Permits Expire December 31

Village licenses for the coming year are on sale at the Cashier's Counter at Village Hall. The counter is open from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and most Saturdays from 8:30 AM – Noon.

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicles are required to have the Village license affixed to the lower right-hand corner (passenger's side) of the windshield, where it is easily visible from outside the vehicle.

Dog Licenses

All dogs over the age of six months must be licensed, with a current Village license attached to their collars or harnesses. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be provided to the Cashier's office along with the license application before a dog license can be issued. The actual certificate must be presented, after which it 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 required.

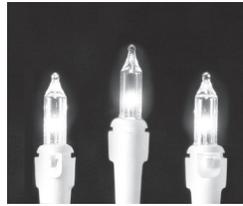
Commuter Parking Permits

Renewals for Commuter Parking Permits will be arriving in the mail close to December 10th.

Holiday Light Recycling at Public Works Yards

**1390 Willow Road
Mon-Fri: 7AM - 5PM**

The Public Works Department will continue collecting holiday lights for recycling this holiday season. All colors and lengths of mini-lights, C7, C9, rope and LED lights will be accepted, as well as extension cords.



**Garland, live greens, wreaths
and other non-recyclables will NOT
be accepted.**

The collected material is processed at Elgin Recycling Inc. in Palatine, where the strands are chopped, separated, baled and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.

No Christmas Ornament Issued for 2010

**To collectors and supporters
of the annual Winnetka Christmas
Ornament supporting the Holiday
Lighting Fund of the Commercial
Business district -- the artist will
not be able to have a 2010 Issue this
year, but will resume in 2011, when
the featured selection will be Saints
Faith, Hope and Charity Church.**

**We thank you for your
past contributions and hope to
receive your continued support
in 2011. Contact Betty Skalski
with questions, at Phototronics:
847.512.8323**

There is no Place Like Winnetka for the Holidays!

Each holiday season, the Village of Winnetka decorates and "illuminates" Winnetka's business districts.

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has produced a series of commemorative porcelain plates, with proceeds from their sale used to support the Village's tree lighting fund. Local artist, Kaylyn Shelby, illustrated four memorable Winnetka locations: Village Hall, Moffat Mall, Schmidt-Burnham Log House and New Trier High School.



Drop by Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, or the Chamber office, 841 Spruce Street, to purchase the plates, or contact the Chamber at 847.446.4451 or wcc@winnetkachamber.com. The plates may be purchased for donation of \$25 each (\$5 is tax deductible) or \$80/set (\$25 is tax deductible.) Quantities are limited! All donations will go to the Winnetka Holiday Lighting Fund. Help illuminate Winnetka for the holidays and give a special gift from our special village.

**Winnetka Caucus
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, November 30
7:00 PM
Skokie School Auditorium
520 Glendale Ave.**



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Candles can provide a warm and festive atmosphere - but they can also be a fire hazard if left unattended or placed near anything flammable. The Winnetka Fire Department encourages families to enjoy the warm and inviting atmosphere of candles while always keeping fire safety in mind.

Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish all candles before going to sleep or leaving the room.



Do not permit children to keep or use candles and/or incense in their rooms. Candles should only be used when an adult is present and awake.

Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree or other evergreens.

Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that will burn, including other decorations and wrapping paper.

Always use stable, nonflammable candle holders.

Place candles where they will not be knocked down or blown over.

Always keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets and store candles, matches, and lighters out of sight and reach.

Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.

Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.

Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.

Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e., using clips, not nails).

Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.



When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes.



Keep or maintain a 36-inch (1-meter) clearance between space heaters and anything that can burn.

Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to bed.

Have any gas-fueled heating device installed with proper attention to ventilation. If unvented natural gas space heaters are used in bedrooms or bathrooms, be sure they are small and well-mounted. NFPA codes prohibit use of liquefied petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies.

Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors and all other solid-fueled heating equipment inspected annually by a professional, and cleaned as often as inspections suggest. Use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote build-up.

Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.

Be sure to test smoke alarms monthly, and install a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of all sleeping areas.



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Properly

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 trichlorbenzene.

Although the Village of Winnetka does not provide for hazardous

waste pick-up, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has two permanent collection facilities that are open year-round. These facilities are open every weekend, except major holidays, for the collection of household hazardous waste.

The first location is in Naperville, at 1971 Brookdale Road, Fire Station #4 (630-420-6700 ext. #7559). This site is open Saturday and Sunday, 9AM to 3PM.

The second location is in Rockford at the Rock River Reclamation District, 3333 Kishwaukee (217-782-6762). This facility is open Saturdays from 8AM to 4PM and Sundays from Noon to 4PM.

In addition to these two permanent 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 will provide this information, when available, in its newsletter and on the Village website.

Hazardous products should never be disposed of down either the storm sewer or sanitary sewer system, 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.

Care must also be taken in the storage of household hazardous materials. For example, when storing paint, ensure that the lid is tightly secured and store it upside down so that the paint forms a seal around the lid. Paint should be stored in a dry area, away from possible sparks or flames, and in an area that is not subject to freezing. When homes are located within the flood plain, all hazardous materials are required to be stored a minimum of one foot above the base flood elevation.



Conserve Water

Winnetka has a separate storm and sanitary sewer system. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago treats the Village's sanitary sewage; once treated, it is returned back into Lake Michigan and the Chicago River system.

To minimize the strain on the system and facilitate pollutant removal, it is imperative to reduce the amount of storm or clean water that enters the sanitary sewer system. Water conservation is an important aspect of this goal.

One way to practice water conservation is to regularly check faucets, toilets, hoses and pipes for water leaks. A leak as small as a 1/32 inch opening can waste approximately 6,000 gallons of water per day. A continuous drip from a faucet wastes about 20 gallons of water per day. Toilet leaks are usually silent but waste up to 200 gallons of water each day.

If you suspect a leak in your system, check the water meter when no water is being used. For example, record the number on the meter prior to leaving for a trip and then check the meter again upon returning home. If there is a change in the reading, there is a leak in the system.

Another way to practice water conservation is to run the dishwasher or laundry machines only for full loads. When hand washing dishes or when shaving or brushing teeth, do not let the water run continuously. Water the lawn only when necessary (trickle irrigation systems and soaker hoses are 20 percent more efficient than sprinklers), and only during the coolest time of the day to avoid evaporation of the water.





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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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HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday Holiday)

Week of December 20-24, 2010

Monday & Tuesday will be as usual.
Thursday's pickups will be on Wednesday
Friday's pickups will be on Thursday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Friday Holiday)

Week of December 27 - 31, 2010

Monday & Tuesday will be as usual.
Thursday's pickups will be on Wednesday
Friday's pickups will be on Thursday.

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Please remember to shovel a path to your refuse containers after a snowfall to help the Village's refuse collectors to finish their routes in a timely manner.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for shredding, chipping, and composting **every Wednesday**, starting December 29, 2010, and ending on January 19, 2011. Please have your trees on the parkway **no later than 7AM.**

After January 19, 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.

