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Retiring Village Manager Urges Residents to be Hard on the Issues, but Soft on People

Doug Williams, who retired as Village Manager on May 31 after 18 years of service to Winnetka, encourages residents to remember that the Village Council is made up of neighbors who volunteer their time and expertise making policy decisions that balance the competing needs and interests of the entire community. Doug made his farewell comments on May 18 at his last Village Council meeting before stepping down. While urging residents to be actively engaged in the public policy process and to vigorously debate the issues, he asked that it be done in a respectful manner which will enrich Winnetka's tradition of participatory democracy. The entire text of his remarks follows:

"For the last 18 years, I have been the only Winnetkan to have a ringside seat to all of the

deliberations and decisions regarding major Village policy issues. I have watched 6 Village Presidents and 29 Village Trustees struggle with very controversial and complex policy matters that required finding a very delicate balance among competing interest groups – whether they be individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, or institutions. By definition, any decision that must take into account competing interests will not please everyone. From first-hand knowledge, I can attest that when these complicated situations have arisen, the Council members tasked with deciding their outcome, to a man or woman, voted with their heartfelt belief that they were voting to do what ultimately best served the Village. Their one and only motivation was to serve the best interests of the Village. (continued on top of p. 2)

Compete in the Firecracker 5K race on Saturday, July 3



Firecracker 5K Race
Saturday, July 3 • 8 am
On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Runners meet at the Village Green, rain or shine. Runners may register at the Winnetka Park District office or send in the completed form by June 30. Awards will be given

for overall male and female winners and individual age group winners for males and females.

Registration Fee: \$20
Race Day Registration: \$25

1 1/2 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, July 3 • 8:30 am

A Great Way To Start Your Family's July 4th Festivities

Not interested in a competitive run? Then come out for the Family Fun Run/Walk. You may walk, run, push baby strollers, or pull wagons (no bike riding please). Participants may register at the Park District office or send in the enclosed form (see middle insert) by June 30. There is no fee for this race. Meet at the Village Green for check-in and instruction. Check-in begins at 8:00 am.

New Time for Parade and Events on the Green



Winnetka Fourth of July Parade Steps off at 1:00!

The celebration begins with Winnetka's annual parade on Sunday, July 4 at 1:00 pm.

The parade sets off from the corner of Elm and Glendale Streets, and heads east to the Village Green. A flag-raising ceremony, children's flag parade, and family races follow the parade on the Green at 2:00 pm.

From 6:30-8:30 pm at Duke Child's Field, the District presents "Fourth Fest," featuring food, children's entertainment, and a pre-fireworks concert.

Our spectacular fireworks begin at 9:15 pm.

Parade: 1pm*
Events on the Green: 2pm
Fourth Fest: 6:30-8:30 pm
Fireworks: 9:15 pm





Manager's Farewell (cont'd)

"As President Duhl said many times, Trustees are your neighbors, who answered the Caucus call to volunteer to help the Village. They have no axe to grind ... no hidden agenda.... They are simply contributing their time and energy to help make Winnetka a better Village. To paraphrase the Athenian Oath, the Council members serve with the sole goal of transmitting this village greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to them. They spend countless, unpaid hours researching issues, listening to their neighbors, and seeking the professional advice of experts, before making careful and thoughtful decisions.

For Winnetka to remain a shining example of good government, we absolutely need these good-hearted, talented and smart volunteers to continue to serve on Village boards and commissions.

I am concerned about what I perceive to be a rising tide of incivility in our Village. I am concerned that if we don't push back this tide, these altruistic Winnetkans will no longer be willing to volunteer. If the personal attacks keep ramping up, and if outrageous and unfounded conspiracy theories continue to be conjured up, I promise you the pool of civic-minded volunteers will dry up. And if this happens, I worry that Winnetka will end up slating advocates who have an axe to grind, a single issue agenda, or worse yet, a hidden agenda.

To assure a bright and shining future for the Village, we must improve the civility in the Village's discourse of public policy. As individuals, we can stop forwarding emails that contain personal attacks on policy-makers. We can tone down the anger that I have seen expressed all too often of late in these Council Chambers. We can be respectful of others whether or not we agree with them. And when the decisions are made, we must stop attacking our neighbors who made these decisions in the best interests of the Village and move forward.

Please don't misunderstand me. I strongly urge residents to continue to be actively engaged in the public policy

process and to vigorously debate the public policy issues ... be it in the Council Chambers, at the Town Meeting, on a website, in an email or letter to the editor, or as we all learned recently, by taking the initiative to put an issue on a Village-wide advisory referendum. But do so, in a respectful manner. All these actions can enrich Winnetka's unique participatory and deliberative democracy and will improve the ultimate decisions that are made if properly employed. Often, I have personally seen thoughtful comments from Winnetkans change the policy decision of the Village Council ... and many times the change was for the better.

My message is simple: Be hard on the issues, but soft on the people. Again, let me repeat myself: Be very, very hard on the issues, but soft on the people. The talented, bright and civic-minded Winnetkans who serve voluntarily on the Council and various Village committees are the Village's most precious resource. They are more valuable than its infrastructure, balance sheets or professional staff; they are the heart and soul of this community, and they hold the key to assuring a bright future for our Village.

As a 40-plus year student of local government, I can tell you with a certainty that voters get the government they deserve. And Winnetka deserves the very best.

I'll conclude by revisiting a conversation that I had with President Bradner in 1992, the year I was appointed Winnetka's Village Manager. A few months after my appointment, I asked her what specific reference in my resume sparked her interest enough to invite me for an interview. Without hesitation, President Bradner told me that it was my volunteer service on a Crisis Line Board which provided 24-hour volunteer counseling services in Ellensburg, Washington. She saw this as a clue to my commitment to helping others and giving back to the community.

For 36 years, I have been passionately committed to public service because at the end of the day, public service is really

about helping people when possible and making our little corner of the world a bit better.

Now, I would like to fast forward to 2007 when I received an email from Silvia Campone who was trying to start an electronics recycling company employing young people who are physically challenged. She was having a difficult time getting her fledgling company off the ground as no one was willing to give her company a chance. After doing our due diligence on her company, and recognizing that Winnetkans are very committed to recycling, the Village reached out and partnered with Recycling Avenue, at no cost to Winnetka taxpayers. By doing so, Winnetka gave RA a chance to provide a valuable service to the community and a chance to succeed. And, succeed, they did. Today Recycling Avenue's services are in high demand with other villages, institutions, and businesses. Three employees of this company are with us tonight: PJ, Greg and Ted. And I am going to ignore the parents' request to remain anonymous and acknowledge that Silvia, Rocky, and Jeff are here too. They put names and faces to what public service is really all about – bettering a situation and helping others. Personally, I am extremely proud of the Village's partnership with Recycling Avenue. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Winnetka's Village Manager for the last 18 years. The Village Presidents, Trustees, committee members, department heads, and employees -- all of us -- have worked diligently to transmit this Village "more beautiful and greater than it was transmitted to us."

Before this old war horse fades away, I want to extend a personal thank you to President Bradner for giving me this opportunity to serve as Winnetka's Village Manager. The last 18 years have been the absolute best time in my 36 year career in city management --a most excellent adventure! From the bottom of my heart, I thank Jeanne for taking a chance on a Colorado country boy who attended a one-room school house."

Doug Williams, May 18, 2010



Jazz up July at the Sidewalk Sale July 16 & 17 9AM - 5 PM

As summer sets in, so does the excitement surrounding summer sales. This year, the annual Jazzing Up July, Winnetka's sidewalk sale, is shaping up to be better than ever.

Taking over Winnetka's sidewalks, streets, and shops on Friday and Saturday, July 16 & 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Sidewalk Sale promises to bring fun, food, and irresistible savings for all. Retailers will display a wide range of goods from fashion and jewelry, to sporting goods, to books – all at discounted prices. With local shops providing the bang without the buck, you need only worry about the weather.

Shoppers can browse food vendors, charity organizations, and other professional services as they enjoy the day.

Phil Passen and Petra van Nuis will perform live music during the two-day event. Passen will perform a variety of traditional American music, and jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis will perform several songs from

her extensive repertoire on Saturday.

Kathryn Stockett, author of the best-selling novel *The Help*, will add some star power to this

year's Sidewalk Sale. The novel, set in 1960s Jackson, Miss., deals with the issue of segregation in the South a century after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The book was selected as the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library

District's One Book Two Villages novel. The program is designed to get all of Winnetka-Northfield reading and talking about the same book, according to the library's PR specialist, Erin Maassen.

As part of the One Book Two Villages program, the library is sponsoring a cocktail party and book lecture with the author on

Thursday, July 15, and Ms. Stockett will be available for book signing at the library's booth at the Sidewalk Sale on July 16 from 10 am – noon.

The book is available for purchase at The Book Stall at Chestnut Court and on the web at onebooktwovillages.org.

The sale will be held in the three business districts of the Village: Hubbard Woods, and East and West Elm Streets. For more information, call the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce at 446-4451 or visit winnekachamber.com.



Elm Street Train Station Rehab Expected to be Completed This Fall

The rehabilitation of the Winnetka Elm Street train station is on track and moving forward. The nearly \$5 million METRA project is staged in 2 phases and poised for completion in 2010.

The first phase, including the reopening the Elm Street ticket office, north platform and warming shelters, is anticipated to be finished in August.

The second phase, including the pedestrian bridge, handicap elevators and south platforms, are anticipated to be completed this November.

Green Bay Road Construction

IDOT is set to begin its Green Bay Road construction project the last week of June, and expects it to be completed by Labor Day.

The project consists of removing the existing asphalt and resurfacing the entire roadway from Scott Ave. to Kenilworth Ave. Green Bay Road will remain open to traffic during the project; however, periodic lane closures and parking restrictions will be necessary throughout the project, and traffic delays will likely result.

As the project is being administered by IDOT, any questions should be directed to IDOT's field office: 847-256-1967, or the Winnetka Public Works Dept. at 847-716-3568.

Village President Gives State of the Village at Spring Town Meeting

Village President Jessica Tucker reported on the State of the Village at the Annual Spring Town Meeting on May 19th. She discussed the progress made in addressing the 2009 Caucus Platforms, including: the future of business district revitalization, government efficiency, construction debris recycling, and ethics. President Tucker urged residents to visit the NWMC's pension website: pensionfairness.org to join in lobbying for public pension reform. She reminded the audience that Council meetings are re-broadcast on channels 10 and 18 and streamed from the Village's website, villageofwinnetka.org, and that all are welcome to subscribe to E-Winnetka, found on the homepage, to receive updates from the Village on a range of topics. A complete text of President Tucker's address is on the homepage of the Village website.



Winnetka Provides Electronic Recycling Tuesdays 10AM – Noon Thursdays 1 – 3PM

The Winnetka Public Works Department is happy to partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to provide free electronic recycling to residents. The program will run until 500,000 lbs. of material has been collected.

Discarded electronics will be accepted at the Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow from **10AM – Noon on Tuesdays**, and from **1 – 3PM on Thursdays**.

Items that will be accepted include: computers and peripherals, DVD players, fax machines, mobile phones, MP3 players, game consoles, zip drives, printers, televisions and VHS players.

Home appliances **will not be** accepted. To see a more complete list of items that will and will not be accepted by SWANCC at the drop off facility at 1390 Willow, visit the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org and look on the homepage. For additional recycling and waste reduction programs or events, visit swancc.org or call 847-724-9205.

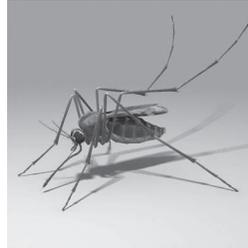
Water Main Project at Winnetka Avenue

On June 7, the Village's Water & Electric Department began installation of a 10-inch water main on Winnetka Avenue from Wilson across Green Bay to High Street. Construction work is expected to last 6 weeks.

The Village appreciates your patience during the construction of this infrastructure project. If you have questions, please contact Rich Ciesla at 716-3554 or rciesla@winnetka.org.

Take Steps to Reduce Mosquito Population

The North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) works to reduce the mosquito population in order to minimize exposure to mosquitoes and therefore lower the incidence of mosquito-borne diseases.



Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that is present for more than five days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris. Some spots where water can collect are:

- a pool cover that collects water
- birdbath (clean weekly)
- ornamental pond (stock with fish)
- toys, garden equipment or other containers that hold water
- uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water
- clogged gutters

If you must be outdoors when mosquito activity is heaviest (dusk through dawn), keep skin covered or use insect repellent to reduce the chance of a mosquito bite. Use repellent containing DEET primarily on clothing – concentrations of 10% or less are recommended for children. A biopesticide, such as Eucalyptus oil, may be used in place of chemical pesticides.

For more information and a schedule of the NSMAD's mosquito spraying, visit the NSMAD's website at: nsmad.com, or call 847-446-9434.

Document Shredding

**Saturday, July 24
9AM – 11AM**

**Public Works Yards
1390 Willow**

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is providing document shredding services for Winnetka residents at the Public Works Department Yards on Saturday, July 24th from 9AM to 11AM.

Proof of residency will be required. Staples and binder clips do not need to be removed – but please take papers out of binders.

For more information call the Public Works Yards, 1390 Willow, at 716-3261, or contact Bill Willing at bwilling@winnetka.org.

Trustees to Ride Unimog in July 4th Parade

Last Fourth of July parade, Winnetka's Trustees greeted residents from the Village's Unimog truck – which was transformed temporarily into the Village Council's parade float!

What is a Unimog? It's a versatile 4-wheel drive truck manufactured by Mercedes-Benz, which features interchangeable rear bodies and front attachments. The Unimog is central to the Village's snow removal operations, since it can be used as a dump/plow truck, and is also equipped with a snow blower for use in the business districts. In addition, the Unimog performs a critical function



powering the pumps at the Winnetka Avenue stormwater pumping facility in the event of a power outage.

This valuable piece of equipment can be driven on and off the road, in all terrains and conditions.



Backyard Water Safety



With warmer temperatures upon us, families will be jumping into the pool for summer heat relief.

Practice basic safety precautions in and around pools and spas to help avoid injuries and safely enjoy your poolside gatherings.

The Winnetka Fire Department recommends the following basic safety steps.

Constant adult supervision when children are around any body of water. Adults must stay within arm's reach of young children when they are near water.

Never leave older children in charge of younger children in the pool area.

Install four-sided fencing that isolates the pool and spa from the home. Four-sided pool fencing is proven effective in drowning prevention. Pool fencing should be at least five feet high and have self-locking and self-closing gates.

Position gate latches out of the reach of young children and never prop the gate open or disable the latch.

Enroll non-swimmers in swimming lessons.

Clear debris, clutter and pool toys from the pool deck and adjoining

pathways to prevent slips and falls.

Keep a water-resistant telephone in the pool area; post emergency phone numbers nearby.

Never swim alone. Even experienced swimmers and adults should swim with a buddy.

Learn and practice lifesaving techniques, including First Aid and CPR. Require that anyone who cares for your children learn CPR.

Keep poolside rescue equipment close to the pool area.

trees with EAB.

Due to quarantine restrictions, anyone performing removals or other work on Ash trees in the Village must be an Illinois Department of Agriculture EAB Compliant Contractor and must obey all quarantine constraints.

Contact the Winnetka Forestry Department at 716-3568 with any questions.



Ash tree infested with EAB.

Emerald Ash Borer Spreading in Winnetka

Sightings of Ash trees infested with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within all areas of Winnetka

have increased significantly in 2010. The Village has been removing infested or poor quality public Ash trees and is treating certain specimen-quality public Ash trees with insecticide; however treatments do not always offer guaranteed results.

Homeowners are strongly encouraged to monitor their Ash trees and to consider treating healthy Ash trees with insecticide labeled for control of EAB or removing poor quality Ash trees to help slow the spread of infestations. There are several products that are available for professional or home use. The best time to treat is April-June and an additional treatment can be done in the Fall before the ground freezes.

A tree removal permit is required to remove any private tree 8 inches or larger regardless of condition. No replacement or deposit is required for Ash



Village Council's Manager Search

The Village Council is moving forward with the selection of a new Village Manager. Over 100 applications from around the country were received, and a pool of highly qualified candidates is under consideration. The Council has narrowed the field and has scheduled a series of interviews with the candidates it feels best meet the established criteria.

The initial round of interviews will be complete by the end of June. The finalists identified by the Council will be invited back for another round of interviews.

President Tucker anticipates that a Blue Ribbon Committee of former Village Presidents will be included in the final screening process, along with the Village's Department Heads.

The Council's goal, of course, is to find the candidate who it feels is most able to assure that the Village continues to provide the high quality of service that all Winnetkans have come to expect.

Periodic updates on the status of the Manager search will be posted on the homepage of the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org.



The Winnetka Water Plant 2009 Annual Consumer Report on the

The Winnetka Water Plant is committed to providing residents with a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water. We test our water using sophisticated equipment and advanced procedures. Winnetka water exceeds both State and Federal standards.

This annual consumer confidence report, required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), tells you where your water comes from, what our tests show about it, and other things that you should know about our drinking water. The Winnetka Water Plant is supplied by surface water from Lake Michigan.

How to Read This Table

The table shows the results of our water-quality analyses. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even in the minutest traces, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings and a key to units of measurement. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed

in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm = Parts Per Million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppt = Parts per trillion

CDC = Center for Disease Control

EPA = Environmental Protection Agency

FDA = Food and Drug Administration

ppb = Parts Per Billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

pCi/l = Picocuries Per Liter (measurement of radioactivity)

MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfection Level

n/a = Not Applicable

Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2009

Inorganic Contaminants

	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Arsenic 10/5/2009	1	Not Applicable	ppb	0	10	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass, and electronics production wastes.
Barium 10/5/2009	0.021	Not Applicable	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride 9/9/2009	1.07	Not Applicable	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; fertilizer discharge.
Nitrate-Nitrite 10/5/2009	0.1	Not Applicable	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (As N) 4/6/2009	.26	Not Applicable	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products Date Sampled: 7/6/2009

Chlorine	1.2	.3 – 1.2	ppm	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	11	5.1 – 10.5	ppb	n/a	60	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TThm (Total Trihalomethanes)	32	19.1 - 44	ppb	n/a	80	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

State Regulated Contaminates Date Sampled: 10/5/2009

Sodium	7	Not Applicable	ppm	n/a	n/a	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration.
Selenium	1	Not Applicable	ppb	50	50	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
Zinc	.009	Not Applicable	ppm	5	5	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.

Radioactive Contaminants Date Sampled: 1/14/2008

Combined Radium	.9	Not Applicable	pCi/L	0	5	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
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Lead and Copper Year Sampled: 2008

Lead MCLG	0 ppb	Lead Action Level (AL)	15 ppb	Lead 90 th Percentile	7.72 ppb	# Sites Over Lead AL	1	Copper MCLG	1.3 ppm	Copper Action Level (AL)	1.3 ppm	Copper 90 th Percentile	0.216 ppm	# Sites Over Copper (AL)	0	Likely source of contamination corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
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Turbidity

Limit (Treatment Technique)	0.3 NTU	Lowest Monthly % meeting limit	100	Violation	No	Source	Soil runoff.
Limit (Treatment Technique)	1 NTU	Highest Single Measurement	0.13	Violation	No	Source	Soil runoff.

Total Organic Carbon The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations act.



Quality of Tap Water for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009

Lead is an issue for infants and young children who are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than in other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may want to have it tested by an independent lab of your choice or you can flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

NOTE: Illinois requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old. Sodium does not have a State or Federal MCL. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials who are concerned about sodium intake due to a need to observe dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about the level of sodium in the water. Turbidity (recorded as NTU) is a measure of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Required Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that may pose a health risk when the gas is released from the water into the air, as occurs during showering, bathing, or washing dishes and clothes. Radon gas released from drinking water is a relatively small part of the total radon in air. If you are concerned about radon in your home tests are available to determine the total exposure level contact 800-767-7236.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(a) microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock

operations, and wildlife; **(b) inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic waste water discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming; **(c) pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, stormwater runoff and residential uses; **(d) organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems; and **(e) radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

A Source Water Assessment summary is included for your information.

Susceptibility is defined as the likelihood for the source water(s) of a public water system to be contaminated at concentrations that would pose a concern. The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of a community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution, which is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. With this in mind, a workgroup from the Great Lakes States was organized to develop a protocol for assessing the Great Lakes. The mission of the Great Lakes Protocol was to develop a consistent procedure allowing the flexibility necessary to properly conduct source water assessments of our Great Lakes drinking water sources. This flexibility will take into account the variability of these sources and site-specific concerns for determination of source sensitivity and susceptibility (Illinois EPA 1999). Sensitivity is defined as the intrinsic ability of surface water to be isolated from contaminants by the physical attributes of the hydrologic or geologic setting (Illinois EPA, 1999). The two factors used for this zone that affect the sensitivity of Great Lakes intakes are the length of the intake pipeline and the water depth of the intake. The shallower, near shore intakes are more sensitive to shoreline influences than the off shore, deep intakes. Using the Sensitivity Analysis from the Great Lakes Protocol and the

Winnetka water supply information, the sensitivity for both Winnetka's active intakes is considered moderate. Because of this, the critical assessment zones have been determined to be the area within 2,000 feet around each of the intakes. As indicated by the sensitivity analysis, Winnetka's primary intake (IEPA# 01299) is located far enough offshore that shoreline impacts are not considered a significant factor on water quality. However, the secondary intake (IEPA# 0109) is close to shore and may be influenced by potential sources of contamination including the boat launch located within the property of the water treatment plant. In addition, the combination of the land use, storm sewer outfalls and the proximity to the North Shore Channel would add to the susceptibility of both intakes.

At certain times of the year the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows from the North Shore Channel. If the near shore currents are flowing in a northerly direction, contaminants from these flows could migrate to Winnetka's intakes and compromise water quality. However, it should be stressed that treatment employed by Winnetka's water treatment plant is protective of its consumers, as noted by the facility's finished water quality history. The best way to ensure a safe source of drinking water for a water supply is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of the watershed is urban, a majority of watershed protection activities described in this document are aimed at this purpose.

Citizens must be aware that activities around their houses may have a negative impact on their source water. The main efforts in the immediate community should be an awareness of storm water drains and the direct link to the Lake within the identified Lake Michigan watershed. A proven best management practice for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling, along with an educational component that relates the proper storage, disposal and use of potential contaminants is necessary to keep the Lake a safe reliable source of drinking water. Also, water supply officials from Winnetka are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination regarding water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc.) is frequently discussed during the associations quarterly meetings. Lake Michigan, as well as all the Great Lakes, also has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance. The Winnetka Water Plant staff prepared this report. Laboratory test results were supplied by the Winnetka Water Plant and the Illinois EPA. For more information, call Brian Curley at 716-3644, or attend a Council Meeting, held the first & third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.



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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
Water & Electric Billing Services	847.446.9550
Community Development Department	847.716.3576

Winnetka Village Council

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HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

JULY 4th (Monday Holiday) **Week of July 5 - 9**

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

LABOR DAY (Monday Holiday) **Week of Sept. 6 – 10**

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