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## VILLAGE MANAGER DOUG WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Winnetka Village Manager Doug Williams officially announced to the Village Council that he will retire June 1, 2010, after serving for more than 18 years as Winnetka's Manager. During that time, he served under six Village Presidents: Jeanne Bradner, Pete Cruikshank, Louise Holland, Mike Duhl, Ed Woodbury, and currently, Jessica Tucker. Prior to coming to Winnetka, Mr. Williams served as the Village Manager of Ellensburg, Washington, and Highland, Illinois. He began his career in municipal management in 1974 as the Assistant to Village Manager in Winnetka.

Under the management practices and increased efficiencies put into place during Mr. Williams' tenure, Winnetka has rebuilt its infrastructure without issuing debt and without exceeding the limits of tax caps. In addition, it has continued to provide high quality services with fewer employees, while

maintaining the Village's AAA bond rating, improving its balance sheet and strengthening its financial reserves.

Saying that it has been "a sincere honor and privilege to serve as Winnetka's Manager," Mr. Williams told the Council that the time has come for him to retire in order to pursue numerous personal goals that he has set aside due to the time demands of his profession. He thanked the community for their support throughout the years and for being an ideal community in which to raise his family. He pledged to devote the rest of his time as Village Manager to maintaining Winnetka's high standards of service and assuring a smooth transition to his successor.



## Village Trustees to be Elected at February 2, 2010, Gubernatorial Primary

Three candidates for the office of Village Trustee will be on the ballot at the February 2, 2010, primary election. Other offices up for election include: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives, Governor, Lt. Governor, Atty. General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, State senators and representatives, and other county and local officials. The general election will be held on November 2, 2010.

### Voting Dates & Deadlines

Voters can request absentee ballot applications beginning on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Cook County Clerk must receive your absentee ballot application at least five days before the election, and absentee ballots received through the mail must be postmarked before Election Day to be recorded.

Here are some other important dates to remember:

- 12/24/09** -- First day absentee ballot applications accepted.
- 1/5/2010** -- Last day to register to vote.
- 1/6/2010** -- First day of grace-period registration and voting.
- 1/11/2010** -- First day of early voting.
- 1/26/2010** - Last day of grace-period registration and voting.
- 1/28/2010** -- Last day of early voting.
- 1/29/2010** -- 2/1/2010 In-person absentee voting at Clerk's downtown Chicago office only, 69 W. Washington.
- 2/1/2010** -- Last day mailed absentee ballots can be postmarked.

## Cook County Clerk to Save \$750,000 Annually by Reducing Precincts

In an effort to improve efficiency and save money, the number of suburban Cook County election precincts will be reduced by 353, starting with the February 2<sup>nd</sup> gubernatorial primary. The reduction will have little to no impact on voters, no precincts will be split between two municipalities, and no district boundaries have been changed.

More voters are choosing to take advantage of the opportunity to cast a ballot early or absentee, which means the number of voters on the rolls in the precincts can be increased, because many of them will not appear in the precinct on Election Day.

Cook County households will be mailed information regarding their polling place, location and precinct number prior to the Feb. 2, 2010 Gubernatorial Primary Election. New precinct information is also available to voters using the precinct search function at [voterinfonet.com](http://voterinfonet.com). Visitors to the website can enter their address into the **Voter Toolkit**, located on the site's homepage, to see if their precinct has moved to a different polling location. Lists and maps of precincts by township are also available on the web.

For more information, contact Courtney Greve at 312.603.0931 or email [cgreve@cookcountygov.com](mailto:cgreve@cookcountygov.com).



## Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Proposed Countywide Watershed Management Ordinance to Affect Winnetka Properties in the Floodplain

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) collects and treats wastewater from Chicago and suburban Cook County. The MWRD has been given authority by the State to regulate and manage stormwater within its service area, and to establish regulations for accomplishing this.

Last September, the MWRD released a draft of their proposed countywide Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). The ordinance establishes the MWRD as the stormwater permitting authority for Cook County and would require landowners and developers to obtain permits from the MWRD for residential and commercial development that takes place in or adjacent to sensitive areas such as floodplains, riparian areas, or wetlands. Permits would also be required for development that exceeds certain development thresholds. The draft ordinance establishes regulations for stormwater management; soil erosion and sediment control; floodplain, riparian and wetland development; and also contains provisions for enforcement, penalties, variances and appeals.

The watershed management permit requirements will be in addition to current stormwater management and floodplain reviews of applications for development that are performed by the Village's engineering staff to assure compliance with the Village's codes.

The most significant impact the proposed ordinance will have on the Village is in the area of floodplain management, where the proposed WMO affects Winnetka in four major ways.

First, while the WMO makes clear that individual communities will still be responsible for floodplain management and compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, the WMO specifies that the MWRD will also review development applications for compliance with the floodplain provisions of the WMO. This double review will add time

and cost to development while adding no value to overall stormwater management for Winnetka or Cook County.

Second, the proposed WMO contains some floodplain development standards that are more strict than the Village's standards, which, while providing some level of additional flood protection, will also increase the cost of development in the floodplain.

Third, an element of the proposed WMO will drastically limit the ability to construct new residences or make substantial improvements or additions to existing buildings in the floodplain unless they are protected from flooding by the use of floodable crawlspaces. Specifically, any structure protected by the use of fill must be designed so that the fill elevation remains above the Base Flood Elevation for a minimum distance of 10 feet beyond the outside face of the structure. This greatly increases the amount of fill and offsetting compensatory storage required, and in the case of narrow lots, may render certain improvements, such as construction of a new home with a basement, impossible.

Finally, the MWRD has re-evaluated the floodplain for each major watershed in Cook County, including the North Branch of the Chicago River, which borders western Winnetka. The Detailed Watershed Plan that affects Winnetka is still in draft form, but upon initial review it appears to expand the floodplain beyond the current boundaries, putting additional Winnetka properties in the floodplain. Under the proposed WMO, the most restrictive floodplain boundary will be used for determining if properties are subject to following the requirements for construction in the floodplain. This use of multiple sets of maps will result in confusion for homeowners, real estate agents, builders, lenders, and regulators in determining what is or is not possible.

These four elements of the proposed WMO alone pose a significant threat

to the future development of the nearly 550 existing Winnetka properties within the floodplain. There are many other requirements contained in the WMO pertaining to stormwater runoff management, stormwater quality, wetland/riparian property development, and soil erosion/sediment control that will impact the cost of development, as well as the time associated with obtaining permits.

Public comments will be taken on the proposed ordinance until December 31, 2009. MWRD has scheduled several public hearings on the proposed ordinance, the first of which was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Northbrook. The remaining hearing dates are:

### **December 9, 2009**

**7:00pm -- Streamwood High School**  
701 West Schaumburg Road  
Streamwood, IL 60107

### **December 16, 2009**

**7:00pm -- Reavis High School**  
6034 W. 77th Street  
Burbank, IL 60459

Village staff has met with technical staff from other affected communities in the area to develop a joint set of comments to submit to the MWRD concerning the draft ordinance. Village staff has also brought this issue to the attention of the Northwest Municipal Conference so that other communities are notified of the potential impacts of this sweeping new set of regulations.

It is important that Winnetka's citizens be aware of this new legislation proposed by the MWRD. Find out how you can make your views known to the MWRD's Board of Commissioners by visiting the Village's website at [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org), or by contacting the Village Engineer's office at 716-3568, or [ssaunders@winnetka.org](mailto:ssaunders@winnetka.org).

The draft ordinance is available for review at the MWRD's website, [mwrld.org](http://mwrld.org), or through a link at the Village's website, [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org).



## Temporary Suspension of Council Meeting Rebroadcasts on Cable TV

Due to Comcast's closure of its existing Highland Park studio, both the rebroadcast of the Council meetings and the Bulletin Board on Channel 10 will be suspended on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that video playback of the Council meetings and the Bulletin Board will resume on Channel 10 by mid-December.

Winnetka viewers with Comcast service will find the Winnetka Village Council regular meetings televised on Channel 18 on Monday, Friday, and Sunday at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Meeting videos may also be viewed on demand on the Village's website, by clicking "Council Meetings Webcast" under the "Quick Links" tab.

## Start of Elm Street Metra Station Rehabilitation Project Rescheduled for Spring 2010

Metra and Union Pacific officials have postponed the commencement of the Metra Station rehabilitation project until next spring due to the early inclement weather.

Deferment of the project will allow the use of the depot building and adjacent parking lot for most of the cold weather months. Contractors are expected to begin moving supplies onto the work site in mid-February, with the work to begin as soon as weather permits in March. It is anticipated that the \$4.9 million project will be completed by late fall of 2010.

The rehabilitation will include new platforms and shelters; new stairways, elevators and lighting; rehabilitation of the pedestrian bridge; and renovation of the interior of the depot. The work will be done in stages to help keep commuter inconvenience to a minimum.

## Village Licenses and Commuter Parking Permits Expire December 31

Village licenses and commuter parking permits 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 Saturday from 8:30 AM - Noon.

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.

All dogs over the age of six months must be licensed. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be provided to the Cashier's office along with the license application. The original 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.



## Holiday Light Recycling Village of Winnetka Public Works 1390 Willow Rd.

The Village is pleased to announce it will again be offering a **Holiday Lights Recycling Program**. All types of holiday string-type lights will be accepted free of charge at the drop-off location at the Public Works building, 1390 Willow, during regular business hours - 7:00AM. to 5:00PM.

Accepted for recycling will be: Mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 & C9, rope, and LED lights; and extension cords. **The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables.**

Residents and businesses from any town may drop off accepted lights.

The last day for Holiday Light Recycling drop off is February 5, 2010. Contact the Public Works Department at 716-3568 with any questions.

## Skokie Schedules H1N1 Community Vaccination Clinics for Those in Nationally Established H1N1 Priority Groups

In December, the Village of Skokie will hold four community H1N1 vaccination clinics that will be open to individuals in the priority groups, which include pregnant women, anyone between 6 months to 24 years of age, people age 25 to 64 with underlying medical conditions (such as asthma or diabetes), healthcare workers and caregivers of children under 6 months of age.

The clinics are **by appointment only**, and are open to any Illinois resident in the priority group. The clinics will be held at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, according to the following schedule:

**Thurs. Dec. 3 & Wed., Dec. 9  
Noon to 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, Dec. 6 & Saturday, Dec. 12  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Vaccinations are free of charge and will be given by appointment only. A total of 5,000 vaccinations will be given at each clinic.

Appointments can be made at **skokie.org**. **No walk-ins will be accommodated** - you must have an appointment. To gain entry to the clinic, participants must show the printed confirmation or the identification code they will receive when registering for an appointment.

All participants under age 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Village of Skokie expects that there will soon be adequate H1N1 vaccine supplies to offer vaccinations to people who are not in the national priority groups. For updates, check **skokie.org** or listen to **1660 AM**



## Carbon Monoxide Warning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless gas that can be dangerous and potentially deadly.

**Take the following steps to protect against the dangers of CO poisoning:**

Have your heating system and all household gas appliances inspected by a qualified service technician every year.

Check chimneys, flue pipes and vents for rust, cracks or blockage.

Make sure gas appliance burner flames are blue (not yellow) and are properly adjusted.

Recognize the flu-like symptoms associated with CO poisoning, such as dizziness, headaches, nausea and drowsiness.

Install and properly maintain an Underwriters Laboratory-listed or Factory Mutual- tested CO detector for added protection.

For more information and/or a brochure on carbon monoxide poisoning, contact the Winnetka Fire Department at 501-6029.

## Sharps & Prescription Drug Disposal at the Winnetka Fire Department

The Village of Winnetka is participating in a program affiliated with The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), for the disposal of hazardous medical waste (prescription and non-prescription drugs and medical “sharps” (needles). Winnetka residents may drop off expired prescription medications and used “sharps” at the Winnetka Fire Department, 428 Green Bay Road. The program is for residentially-generated material **only**.



Medication drop-off dates and times are limited, due to storage restrictions. The Fire Department will accept the disposal of these medical waste items at the following times:

### Medications:

**Every Weekday** from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Keep pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify the contents (patient names are NOT required and may be obliterated).

### Sharps:

**Any weekday** from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sharps must be placed in a rigid container; empty containers are available upon request.

**NO** commercial or institutional waste will be accepted.

This drop-off location is for Winnetka residents only. Identification will be checked for verification of residency.

If you have any questions about the program, please call the Winnetka Fire Department at 501-6029.

Additional participating communities and “drop-off” locations can be found at the SWANCC website [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org), or call 847-724-9205.

## Winnetka Police to Conduct Holiday Traffic Enforcement

The Winnetka Police Department will be conducting additional traffic enforcement over the holidays, using funds that were awarded from a grant issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation to promote traffic safety during the holidays. Funds from this grant will be used to pay for officers to conduct traffic enforcement and reimburse the village for vehicle and fuel related costs associated with the extra traffic enforcement.

National statistics indicate that the holidays are the most deadly time for motorists to drive. Many of the accidents that occur are the result of motorists driving under the influence of alcohol and/or speeding. In addition, injuries and fatalities can result from drivers or

passengers failing to wear their seatbelts. Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 3 through 24.

The Winnetka Police will be conducting additional traffic enforcement in 2009 during the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year holiday periods; and the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holiday periods in 2010.

The Winnetka Police hope to save lives by using enforcement to help to change public attitudes regarding motorists driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and the non-use of safety belts and child safety seats. It has been shown that visible enforcement programs offer the greatest potential for changing these behaviors and saving lives.

## Winnetka Police Produce Crime Prevention Videos

The Winnetka Police Department has produced three crime prevention videos, in an effort to enhance safety and help educate the public about precautions they can take to reduce the chance of becoming a crime victim.

Police Chief Joseph DeLopez indicates that “many property crimes that occur within the village can be prevented through simple safeguards such as locking doors and removing valuables from vehicles.” The videos provide helpful tips on residential and auto burglary prevention as well as suggestions on how to respond when contractors ask to gain access to the inside of your home. To view the videos, visit the Village’s website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org).



## Support Winnetka's Lighting Fund

### Light up Winnetka for the Holidays!

#### Treat Yourself or a Loved One to a Set of Commemorative Plates

Each holiday season, the Village of Winnetka "lights up" and decorates Winnetka's business districts. In support of this beautiful tradition, the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce had a series of commemorative porcelain plates produced by local artist Kaylyn Shelby. The designs are: Village Hall, Moffat Mall, the Schmidt-Burnham Log House, the Hubbard Woods Gazebo, and New Trier High School.



Each 6" plate is lead-free and dishwasher safe, and they are perfect to use as appetizer or dessert plates. Boxed for gift-giving or mailing, they make thoughtful gifts for anyone, especially for those with fond memories of Winnetka.

Too see the plates, drop by **Phototronics** at 740 Elm; the **Village Hall** at 510 Green Bay Road; or the **Chamber** office at 841 Spruce.

Limited quantities are available either separately for a donation of \$20 each (\$5 is tax deductible) or \$75 for a full a set (\$25 is tax deductible). All donations go to Winnetka's Holiday Lighting Fund and are appreciated!

For more information -- or to place your order -- contact the Winnetka Chamber at 446-4451 or email at [wcc@winnetkachamber.com](mailto:wcc@winnetkachamber.com).

[www.villageofwinnetka.org](http://www.villageofwinnetka.org)

#### 2009 Holiday Ornament Features Sacred Heart Church

The 2009 Holiday Ornament will feature Sacred Heart Church in Winnetka. Each year since 1992, a special handcrafted Christmas tree ornament has been created to help fund the festive holiday lighting of trees in Winnetka.

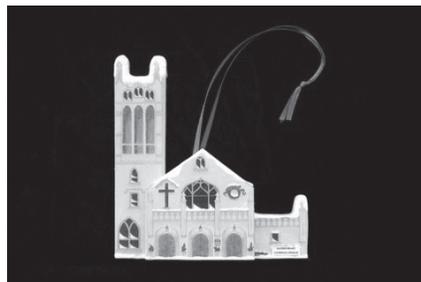
Over the years, thousands of dollars have been donated by generous residents in order to brighten the Village throughout the holiday season. The 2009 ornament depicts the Sacred Heart Church in Winnetka, founded in 1897.

This is the third in a series of churches in Winnetka to be featured: the 2008 ornament was the Congregational Church and the 2007 ornament was Christ Church on Sheridan Road.

There are a limited number of these and previous ornaments available. The Lloyd House was Winnetka's first building to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 2006 was the second Winnetka home to be featured on an ornament, following the 1992 "Home Alone House," ornament released the same year as the movie that made the house the most photographed home in Winnetka. In addition, there are a limited number of New Trier High School ornaments available.

For a \$40.00 donation, \$25.00 of which is tax deductible, the ornaments are available at Phototronics, 740 Elm Street; and Ellen's on Elm, (formerly Multiple Choices) 841 Elm Street.

For further information, contact Betty Skalski of Phototronics at 446-7510.



#### Welcome to Winnetka!

Winnetka Chamber of Commerce sends its warm welcome to you – especially at this time of year. Come and celebrate the season in WINNETKA!



Come with friends and family to our four business districts: East Elm, West Elm, Indian Hill and Hubbard Woods. Our local merchants are eager to enhance your visit, adding joy back to your holiday experience!



Winnetka is the perfect place. Not only is parking free, it's convenient – unlike crowded malls! Stores are filled with a wonderland of unique gifts, and gift-wrapping is usually included. Treat yourself to unparalleled customer service from friendly, helpful salespeople. Take time out to relax and enjoy a special taste-treat at one of our inviting restaurants.

With a dedicated commitment to serving this community, Winnetka businesses appreciate the loyal patronage they work hard to earn. They extend their THANKS and send wishes to you and your family and friends, today and in the years to come!

For more information and a full list of businesses, call the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce (847) 446-4451 or visit their website at [winnetkachamber.com](http://winnetkachamber.com).



## Winter Parking Restrictions

Village Code prohibits parking on Village streets during a snow emergency. A snow emergency 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.

A snow emergency remains in effect on residential streets until snow has been cleared from the streets; and in the business districts until the removal of the snow emergency signs.

## Snow & Ice Control Operations

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

To ensure streets and sidewalks are free from snow and ice and to maximize department snow and ice control resources, priority is given to main streets 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 & churches, residential streets, alleys, and public parking lots & decks.

After larger snows, typically over 3 to 4 inches, the Village also plows snow from residential sidewalks.

In order to prevent ice buildup on the sidewalks, residents should remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their homes after slushy events or smaller snowstorms. This will go a long way towards helping keep our sidewalks free from ice and easier for pedestrians to navigate.



*Shovelling snow in front of your home will prevent slushy buildup that later turns to ice.*

Air temperature, type of precipitation, and road surfaces all influence the method for applying salt and other snow fighting applications. 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 liquid known as Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) is used on bridges and the Hubbard Woods Parking Deck. CMA enables the Public Works Department to control ice build up in an environmentally friendly manner, while preventing premature deterioration of the bridges and parking deck.

The Public Works Department's snow and ice fighting team is comprised of highly skilled and well trained individuals determined to provide motorists and pedestrians the highest level of snow and ice control services possible to ensure a safe and

enjoyable winter season. The Public Works Department will work around the clock when necessary, to provide the maximum level of service possible.



## Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

With 647 fire hydrants in Winnetka, it is not possible for Village staff to clear off all of them after a major snow storm. 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 to the Fire Department 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.



## “Green” Tips for the Holiday Season

As you prepare for the holiday season, consider switching your light strings from the traditional bulbs to LED holiday lights. Light Emitting Diodes, or LED’s, can save a tremendous amount of electricity – and money! The traditional bulb used for holiday lighting uses 6 watts per bulb. Compare this to the .08



watts used per LED bulb, and you can see how much energy is saved.

Although they initially cost more money, the LED lights last 25 times longer than conventional lights, so you save money in the long run. They are also cool to the touch, which greatly reduces the safety hazards associated with traditional lights. Turn off your holiday lights when you go to bed and save an additional eight hours of energy usage! The savings add up!!

The chart below illustrates the cost savings, using the Winnetka winter rate of approximately 10¢ per kWh.

ENERGY CONSUMPTION	TRADITIONAL LIGHTS	LED LIGHTS
One light	6 watts	.08 watts
One string/50 lights	300 watts	4 watts
<b>COSTS</b>		
1 string of 50 lights/5 hours per day for 30 days	\$4.50	6 cents
10 Strings of 50 lights/5 hours per day for 30 days	\$45.00	60 cents

### It’s in the Bag!! – reusable bags vs. plastic bags

As you go shopping for your new LED holiday lights, take a reusable shopping bag with you and leave the plastic bags at the stores.

If you save six bags per week, or 24 bags per month, you will save 288 bags per year. If one out of five people did this simple thing,



1,330,560,000,000 bags per year would be saved.

The environment would benefit, because the energy would not be used to manufacture or ship these bags, nor would energy be spent to recycle them. Please take your reusable bags with you this holiday season!

### Holiday Cards

Avoid buying the fancy envelopes with the foil lining, as they are not recyclable.



## Someone You Should Know

Chris Kipka, Water & Electric Distribution Supervisor, has worked for our village for **41 years!**



Chris joined village staff on June 25, 1968, as an apprentice lineman, climbing poles and restoring electricity to village homes. With his talent and personality, he worked his way up to the position overseeing our **11 cross-trained technical specialists** and **2 water specialists** in 1985.

Raised in Bochum, Germany, and trained as an electrical engineer, Chris’ lively accent and delightful sense of humor are welcome additions to the many demanding situations our village staff faces day to day overseeing new construction, replacing aged infrastructure and helping residents with challenges such as the wind storm in August, 2007 and the flooding in September, 2008. When Chris was asked “What has changed the most since you first began your career in Winnetka?” he replied: “We didn’t have bucket trucks - we had to climb every pole and rooftop; the electrical infrastructure was old and unreliable. We wore our own clothes - no uniforms; we didn’t have the safety equipment and technology we have today - just a hard hat! We have lost many of the beautiful older elm trees we used to trim, too.”

Chris feels Winnetka is a very special village -- he loves the old country charm; and he splurges from time to time with a meal at **Boris’ Café** or **O’Neil’s**. Chris wanted to be sure to mention that his crews really appreciate the respect and understanding they are shown by village residents - especially when they are repairing a water main break at 3AM! He also mentioned the great benefits for the environment and the savings on the cost of electricity which would be realized if all Winnetka’s residents would choose to use **CFL bulbs!** Chris is truly “Someone you should know”!



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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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## HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday Holiday) *Week of December 21-25*

Monday & Tuesday Refuse/Recycling Collection  
will be as usual.

Thursday Refuse/Recycling Collection  
will be on Wednesday.

Friday Refuse/Recycling Collection will be on Thursday.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY (Friday Holiday) *Week of December 28 – January 1*

Monday & Tuesday Refuse/Recycling Collection  
will be as usual.

Thursday Refuse/Recycling Collection  
will be on Wednesday.

Friday Refuse/Recycling Collection will be on Thursday.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP BEGINS DECEMBER 28

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for shredding, chipping, and composting starting December 28, 2009, and ending on January 20, 2010. After January 20, 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.

