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PUBLIC HEARING ON LEASH LAW

September 18, 2007 -- 7:30 PM

Council Chambers, 510 Green Bay Rd.

In the Fall of 2006, the Winnetka Village Caucus conducted a community survey to determine the demand for enactment of a Village Ordinance requiring that dogs be kept on leashes at all times, and that no dog be left unattended.

In the survey, Winnetkans were asked if they favor “an ordinance that would require dogs to be kept on a leash at all times while on public property other than the dog beach.” 59% of the respondents answered “yes.” The Caucus has recommended that the Village study the adoption of a leash law.

In order to collect as much information as possible about the concerns and desires of the

Winnetka community, the Village Council will be conducting a Public Hearing on this issue on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 7:30 PM in the Village Council Chambers, 510 Green Bay Road.



Please plan on attending. This public hearing provides an opportunity for you to voice your opinion, and in so doing, contribute to the process.

Council to Discuss Redevelopment of the Post Office Site



On Tuesday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m., the Village Council will meet with the Ad Hoc Post Office Committee at Village Hall to review the Committee’s recommendations for the redevelopment of the 1.9 acre Post Office site.

The Council will review the Post Office Committee’s report, ask questions, and listen to comments from Winnetkans.

The Council will not be making any strategic decisions regarding the future of the Post Office site until a later date. Additional time is necessary to allow the Council to review various redevelopment alternatives and to understand how the Post Office project impacts other pending capital investment decisions.

For the last two-and-a-half years, eight Winnetkans volunteered countless hours to serve on the Post Office Committee. They carefully reviewed various redevelopment options for the Post Office site, listened to the views of all interested Winnetkans, and consulted with development, parking and financial experts.

The Post Office Committee’s report can be found on the Village’s web site: www.villageofwinnetka.org.



Aerial view of the Post Office site



Protect Your Elms From Dutch Elm Disease

In 2006 and 2007, American Elm tree losses to Dutch Elm Disease in Winnetka increased significantly. Asian Elms such as Chinese or Siberian and Lacebark Elms have shown resistance to the disease, which can spread

two ways; either through the Elm Bark Beetle, or root-to-root contact (grafts).

Symptoms of the disease, such as yellow-brown leaves and dieback within a tree's canopy, can be detected in summer months. To positively identify the disease, collect dying branches and peel away bark to check for brown streaking in the wood.

The best control method is quick removal of diseased or dead Elm trees. Injecting Elms with fungicides such as Arbortect or Alamo has been shown to be effective, especially as a preventative measure, but treatment is costly and injections need to be repeated.

Proper pruning, tree care, and stress reduction are also believed to be beneficial to Elms. If the disease affects a 10% or less portion of a tree, branch removal or pruning of infected portions may control the spread of the disease.

The Village Forester inspects parkway and visible private Elm trees regularly throughout the growing season. The Village also plants several hybrid cultivars that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. The hybrid elms are available for parkway and private planting. For more information, call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



2007 Fall Tree Planting

The deadline for planting requests for the Fall Tree-Planting Program is September 15, 2007. Various tree species with 2 ½" trunk diameters are planted at no cost to residents. Larger diameter sizes are available for residents who wish to pay for the cost difference.

The Village also offers a private tree planting program. For more information call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



Care of Parkway and Village Rights-of-Way

It is illegal to attach address signs, ropes, swings, wire, hanging baskets, outdoor lighting or any other device to parkway trees. Nails, screws and other fasteners cause injury and serve as entry points for decay and insects to spread internally within the trees. The Village requires permits to plant within parkway areas other than grass or to plant Village-approved tree species. For more information contact the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.

Village Combats Spread of Emerald Ash Borer

In continuing response to the threat posed to the Village's Ash trees by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the Village will continue selective removals of public Ash trees this fall. These removals are part of the Village management plan to combat the spread of the EAB. The removals will be limited to Ash trees that are in poor health or are structurally unsound. The Village will replace these trees with suitable tree species. If you have questions or concerns about either public or private Ash trees, please contact the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



KEEP INTERSECTIONS SAFE FOR MOTORISTS, PEDESTRIANS & BICYCLISTS

Each spring and summer, trees and shrubs located at street intersections grow in such a manner as to obstruct sight distances for vehicles and pedestrians approaching the intersections.

Tall shrubs near street corners should be trimmed so as not to exceed 24-inches in height, and low hanging tree branches should be thinned to a height of seven feet above ground.

The Village has guidelines for private plant maintenance near intersections at the Public Works Department, 1390 Willow Road or call the Village Forester 847-716-3535 if you have questions.





Pine & Eldorado Bridge Construction to be Completed in Fall of 2007

The Village of Winnetka is currently rehabilitating the Pine Street and Eldorado Street Bridges. These projects consist of complete removal and reconstruction of the bridge decks, sidewalks, and railings.

The project continues to be on schedule, with the Eldorado Street Bridge scheduled to be open by the end of September, and the Pine Street Bridge by mid-November.



These projects mark the completion of the rehabilitation of all of the Village's bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad, begun in 1995.

CHECK TO SEE THAT YOUR ADDRESS NUMBERS ARE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET

Your address is very important to the Winnetka Fire and Police Departments. It is imperative that fire and police department staff can find your home quickly in an emergency situation.

In addition, delivery and service personnel need to be able to locate the correct address when making calls and deliveries. To make their job easier, be sure that your house numbers are clearly visible from the street.

Numbers should be at least three inches high (but not to exceed 1 1/2 square feet in area) and mounted on a contrasting background.

Exercise Caution when driving near schools

As children return to school, watch out for youngsters especially those walking or biking to school. Motorists have a responsibility to assure the safety of our youngest and most vulnerable citizens.



Be prepared to stop at the direction of crossing guards, and watch for school buses. When a school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading students, and its "stop-signal arm" is extended, **the law requires that motorists traveling in both directions stop and wait.**

School speed zones and stop sign violations are strictly enforced by the Winnetka police.

Watch for Blinking Streetlights

The Winnetka Electric Department needs your help to keep streetlights burning.

Have you ever noticed a streetlight that is on for a while, then goes off, and then comes back on? You're not seeing things. When a street light bulb is at the end of its life, it will do just that: blink on and off.

If you notice a street light not working properly, please call 847-716-3558 to let the Electric Department know. If you are prompted by voice mail, please leave a message. Be sure to include the location of the malfunctioning light.

Village Licenses and Commuter Parking Permits Expire December 31

2008 Village Sticker and Dog Licenses go on Sale October 1st Zone C 6-month Parking permits will be available December 1st

Village licenses and parking stickers for the coming year will go on sale at the Cashier's Counter at Village Hall beginning Monday, October 1. The counter is open from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and from 8:30 until noon on most Saturdays.

Trick or Treat Hours

In Winnetka, children should "trick or treat" only between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31.

Homeowners:

Please leave a front light on so that children will know that they are welcome to trick or treat there.

Motorists:

Watch for children out "trick or treating."





Theme for 2007 Fire Prevention Week is: "Practice Your Escape Plan."

The week of October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week. The Winnetka Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to "Practice Your Escape Plan".



During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the importance escape planning.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Please review and practice your escape plan with all family members. If you have any questions on how to develop your family's fire escape plan, please call the Winnetka Fire Department at 847-501-6029.



Fire Prevention Week 2007 Open House Saturday, October 13th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Winnetka Fire Department invites Winnetka and Kenilworth residents to attend its Fire Prevention Week 2007 Open House.



Residents enjoy last year's Fire Department Open House

Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Practice Your Escape Plan."

In addition, fire apparatus and equipment will be on display while members of the Fire Department show youngsters how to have fun while learning about fire safety.

There will be balloons and refreshments for all attendees. Plan on coming with your family to visit the Winnetka Fire Department!

2007 Autumn Art Walk to Feature Ceramic Art at "Key" Businesses

Each October, the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce sponsors a walk through its business districts featuring local artists whose art reflects their impressions of the autumn season. A yellow key hanging in the window will announce the participating Winnetka "KEY" business locations.

This year's "Hands On" event will highlight talented artists selected from the ceramics studio at the Winnetka Community House. Their pieces will include creations from students, both kids and adults, along with professional art from their instructor, Wyatt Lane.

Plan on attending the opening receptions on October 11 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, at each participating location where art is on display, to meet these artists and enjoy their sculptures. Walk around town and see them all! The show will continue until its closing on Saturday, October 20.

Mark your calendars now for an opportunity to experience unique AUTUMN ART interpretations in clay and WALK to Winnetka's stores, banks, offices, and restaurants. After the first of October, contact the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce for specific locations and detailed information at 847-446-4451 or www.winnetkachamber.com.



Wilmette Artist Sharon Conklin hangs a key for this year's Winnetka Autumn Art Walk



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION -- PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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 the following:

Cleaning Products:

Oven cleaner, floor wax,

Car Care and Maintenance:

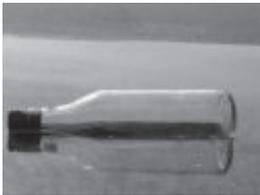
Motor oil, battery acid, gasoline, car wax, engine cleaner, antifreeze, degreaser, radiator flush and rust preventative

Home Improvement Products:

Paints, preservatives, strippers, brush cleaners and solvents

Other Products:

Products labeled toxic, flammable, corrosive. Products containing lye, phenols, petroleum distillates, or trichlorobenzene



None of the types of products noted above should ever 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 contaminates 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. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has developed an Alternative Cleaning Method Guide for household uses that is also available on their website.

Although the Village of Winnetka does not provide for hazardous waste pick-up, 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 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The second location is in Rockford at the Rock River

Reclamation District, 3333 Kishwaukee (217-782-6762). This facility is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. on Saturdays and from noon to 4:00 PM on Sundays.

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 <http://swancc.org>. The Village will also provide this information when available in the *Winnetka Report*.

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, hazardous materials are required to be stored a minimum of one foot above the base flood elevation.





Prevent Pollution -- Conserve Water

The Village of Winnetka has separate storm and sanitary sewer systems. The Village's sanitary sewage is treated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Once treated, it is returned into Lake Michigan and the Chicago River system.

To minimize the strain on the system and improve pollutant removal performance, it is imperative to reduce the amount of storm water 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, you can check the water meter when no water is being used. For example, record the number on the meter prior to leaving your home, and then check the meter again upon returning. If there is a change in the reading, there is a leak in the system.

Some other ways to practice water conservation: (1) run dishwashers or washing machines only for full loads; (2) when hand washing dishes or when shaving or brushing teeth, do not let the water run continuously; (3) 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 excessive evaporation.

Use Energy Star Reduce Greenhouse Emissions and Save Money

If a journey of 1,000 miles starts with a single step, then changing the world starts with a few easy measures. Reducing your carbon footprint is as easy as replacing your conventional light bulbs and fixtures with Energy Star-qualified lighting. You help reduce carbon emissions and save money at the same time.



When buying household products look for ones that have earned the Energy Star. They meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and U.S. Dept. of Energy.

When buying a new home, or making improvements to your home, the EPA offers tools and resources to help you plan and undertake projects to reduce your energy bills and improve home comfort.

Energy Star is a joint program of the EPA and U.S. Dept. of Energy dedicated to helping protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. In 2006, Energy Star helped Americans save enough energy to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to equal removing 25 million cars from the roads, while at the same time saving \$14 billion on their utility bills.

The smallest things add up to make a big difference. If every American home replaced their five most frequently used light fixtures, or the bulbs in them, with ones that have earned the Energy Star, it would save close to \$8 billion each year in energy costs and reduce greenhouse gasses equivalent to removing nearly 10 million cars from our roads. To learn more about Energy Star, visit their website at www.energystar.gov.

Mercury and Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing – an average of 5 milligrams, or about the amount that would cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.

By comparison, older thermometers contain about 500 milligrams of mercury. It would take 100 CFL's to equal that amount.

Mercury currently is an essential component of CFLs -- it allows the bulb to be an efficient light source. No mercury is released when the bulbs are intact or in use.

The EPA recommends that consumers take advantage of available local recycling options for CFLs. The EPA is working the CFL manufacturers and major U.S. retailers to expand recycling and disposal options.

Consumers can visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling to identify local recycling options.



To put a used CFL in the garbage, seal the bulb in two plastic bags and put it into the outside trash. For clean-up recommendations and more information about CFLs, visit the Energy Star website at www.energystar.gov, click on the link for "lighting" and then click on "CFLs."

In addition, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is working on developing a program to dispose of used CFLs. Information will be made available once the program is launched.



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

“THANK YOU!”

By serving on Village boards, commissions and committees, your fellow Winnetkans help to ensure that our community’s charm and beauty are preserved. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their

willingness to give so generously of their time and energy. Below is a list of Winnetka residents who volunteer to serve the Village.

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Annual Leaf Collection Program -- October 15 Thru November 26

LAST day to place leaves on the parkway for pickup is 11/26

Winnetka's annual leaf collection program will begin on October 15 and continue through November 26. To be assured that they will be picked up, leaves need to be on the parkway by 7AM.

There will be no callbacks if leaves are not on the parkway when collection crews pass through.

Collections begin on Scott Avenue west of Green Bay Road and continue south in a counterclockwise direction, ending at Whitebridge Hill Road east of Green Bay Road. Depending on the weather, it takes up to seven working days to complete one leaf collection trip through the Village.

After November 26, leaves need to be bagged in Village yardwaste bags or in bags with Village stickers attached to them in order to be picked

up. Yardwaste bags and stickers can be purchased at the Cashier's Counter at Village Hall for \$2 each.

Please rake leaves one foot back from the curb. Leaves piled on the street are a hazard to small children who may be tempted to play in them and may not be seen by motorists; cars that park on them can catch fire due to heat from exhaust pipes, and vehicles driving over them may lose traction due to the slippery condition that leaves create.

Drivers: be alert to these concerns during the autumn leaf collection period.

In addition, leaves raked one foot onto the parkway will not clog sewer drains or reduce the width of traffic lanes.

The Public Works Department asks that you --

Avoid putting branches, plants or any

material other than leaves in the piles;

Avoid piling leaves around boulders, mailbox posts, trees, and any other objects;

Avoid parking on top of or adjacent to piles of leaves. Vehicles can ignite dry leaves.

Call the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 for more information about the Leaf Collection Program.



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Fire (Non-Emergency)	847.501.6029
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Refuse and Recycling Collection	847.716.3568
Manager/Finance Offices	847.501.6000
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