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THE WINNETKA REPORT



A Message from E. Gene Greable, the Village President



As Winnetka emerges from one of the coldest, snowiest winters on record, I ask the community to join me in thanking those Village employees who worked long hours to clear snow from the streets, as well as those who responded to emergency calls. A big “thank you” also goes out to residents who cleared snow away from fire hydrants and storm sewer basins – the help of conscientious citizens is needed and appreciated.

Now that the arctic cold is giving way to gentler temperatures, our thoughts turn to spring, and efforts of cleanup and beautification that will soon be underway. The Village will once again enhance the business districts with hanging floral baskets, and the program this year promises to be bigger and better than last year, thanks to input from Winnetka’s business community and garden clubs. In addition to the baskets, flowers will again appear in the planters in the Hubbard Woods District and the brick paver crosswalks will receive much needed care in the Elm Street District.

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2014 Annual Spring Clean-up: April 28 - May 1

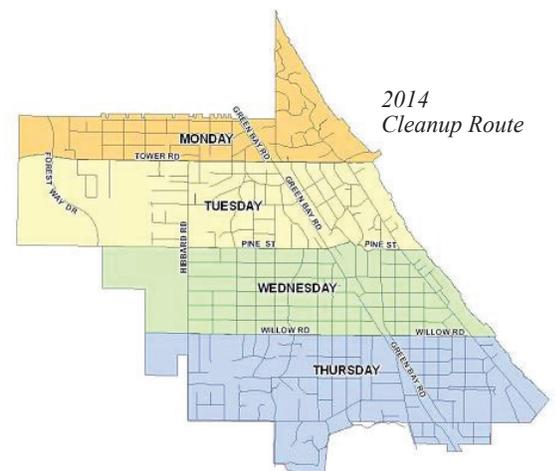
Winnetka’s Annual Spring Clean-up will be held April 28 – May 1. Scheduled pickups are:

Monday, April 28:
north of Tower Road

Tuesday, April 29:
Tower Road to Pine Street

Wednesday, April 30:
Pine Street to Willow Road

Thursday, May 1:
south of Willow Road.



The main purpose of this annual rubbish pickup is to reduce fire hazards in the home. Public Works employees will remove from the parkway anything that two men can reasonably lift into a truck. Banned electronics, construction materials/debris, yard waste, logs, dirt, stone, and liquids such as paint will not be picked up. The rubbish should be placed on residential parkways the evening before the scheduled pickup, or no later than 7:00 AM the day of the pickup.

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Urban Land Institute (ULI) Implementation Continues



Spring in the Elm Street Business District

In August, 2012, the Village Council engaged the Urban Land Institute (Chicago) to conduct a two-part Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) process, assessing the Village’s commercial health and creating a long-term commercial strategy. The TAP process focused on the revitalization of Winnetka’s three commercial districts: Indian Hill, East/West Elm, and Hubbard Woods.

TAP 1 was conducted in February, 2013 and initial recommendations were presented to the Council in March, 2013 — exploring areas such as the Village’s permit and approval process, the regulatory environment, parking, and marketing/branding. TAP 2, conducted in June, 2013, examined several “opportunity sites” within Winnetka. This second Panel studied the area around the Land Rover dealership in the Indian Hill district, the existing Post Office site in the Elm Street District, and the park and surrounding commercial area in the Hubbard Woods district. ULI made its final report to the Village Council in August, 2013.

Since that time, the Village Council has prioritized a series of ULI recommendations for early implementation. The Council directed Staff to focus on the revitalization of the three

business districts by: 1) looking at branding and promotional opportunities; 2) evaluating zoning requirements and the regulatory environment; 3) assessing parking needs and requirements; and 4) advancing physical improvements to beautify the area. Identifying the best use of the Post Office site is also a key Council priority.

Village Staff continues to review the regulatory environment, in line with ULI’s focus on the local fire sprinkler ordinance and liquor license requirements. The Village Council considered ordinance modifications and amendments to the Village Code in March and April.

The Village’s lower boards and commissions continue to work hard to bring ULI’s recommendations to practical solutions. In February, the Business Community Development Commission (BCDC) made six recommendations to the Council on commercial parking district and building height regulations. Some of these recommendations were referred to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for further evaluation. The BCDC also continues to study the Retail Overlay District. The products of the lower board reviews are expected to be addressed by the Village Council in April.

Residents will notice a number of physical improvements around the community starting this spring, many recommended in the ULI report. The Business District Floral Program will return with a new and improved floral planting design. Work to update and repair the Hubbard Woods parking deck is also scheduled to begin. Deteriorated crosswalk pavers will be replaced in the Elm Street Business District, and traffic signals and utility poles throughout the community will be cleaned and coated with fresh paint. All of these items will help to modernize and freshen-up Winnetka’s three business districts.

Administrative Adjudication

On February 18, after significant Staff research and Council deliberation, the Village Council passed Ordinance MC-1-2014, establishing an Administrative Adjudication System. The Administrative Adjudication System will result in two important changes in the legal process for Village Code violations. First, most citations issued by the Police Department will include a fixed fine and be payable by mail – with no required appearance at Cook County Circuit Court in Skokie. Second, the ordinance establishes a process allowing persons who are issued citations for parking and other minor Code violations to use a local venue to challenge such tickets.

The new system will not affect the enforcement of criminal laws or moving vehicle violations. Those matters will still be adjudicated at the Circuit Court in Skokie. The Ordinance also does not add prohibitions on conduct that is not already restricted by Village Code or State Law.

The new Administrative Adjudication System will simplify the judicial procedure not only for persons receiving a citation,



Winnetka Police Department Vehicles

but also for complaining witnesses and police staff. Under the current system, most persons who receive a citation for a Village Code violation (other than parking) are required to appear in court, even if they do not wish to contest the ticket.

A Message from E. Gene Greable, the Village President...*cont. from cover*

On page 2 of this newsletter, you will find a progress report on the Village's implementation of the Urban Land Institute's recommendations from two Technical Assistance Panels they convened last year. I encourage the community to stay informed on the steps being taken to improve our business districts. Business district revitalization will entice shoppers to spend in Winnetka, ensuring the health of our merchants and adding revenue in the form of tax dollars.

Also in this Winnetka Report is a description of the Village's new administrative adjudication process, to simplify the disposition of citations received for parking violations, vehicle compliance and other minor Village Code infractions. The Village Council recently approved the new administrative hearing process. Building code violations will continue to be heard in the courts, but residents will soon have the convenience of dealing with minor violations locally.

The Council continues to make progress on flood risk reduction. In March, the Council established a stormwater utility by ordinance and also approved the utility rate structure. Much more detail is presented in March's Special Stormwater Management Program newsletter that was mailed to all Winnetkans. I encourage residents to use the Village's utility fee tool to estimate the stormwater utility that becomes active July 1; visit winnetkastormwaterplan.com for more information.

Progress on all of the Village's priority initiatives has continued through this trying winter, and the Village Council and I look forward to a productive spring and more activity throughout the next few months. I am privileged to serve you.

Warm regards,



E. Gene Greable
Village President

A court appearance comes with a minimum fee of \$194, paid to Cook County, as well as any fine imposed. Under the Village's Administrative Adjudication System, most people will be able to pay a set fine without having to appear at a hearing. Persons wishing to contest a citation, or who otherwise require an appearance, will attend a hearing at the Village Hall for a \$40 fee. Citizens pay no fine if not found responsible, at either Court or an Administrative Hearing.

The Village is in the process of implementing the Administrative Adjudication System and hiring a Hearing Officer, and the new system is expected to be implemented later this spring. More specific information will be provided to the public through the Village's website, E-Winnetka electronic newsletter, and local newspapers prior to the issuance of any citations under the new system.



Winnetka Police Department

More details about the ordinance can be found on the Village website: villageofwinnetka.org. Simply click on the "Meetings & Agendas" icon on the homepage, and view the Village Council's agenda packet for February 18, 2014. The Administrative Adjudication report begins on page 73.

Council Action Summary

Below is a summary of key actions recently taken by the Village Council. To learn more about agenda items, visit the Village website: villageofwinnetka.org.

November 14, 2013: As part of the development of the Stormwater Master Plan, the Village sought recommendations from Baxter & Woodman (B&W) to update its stormwater management regulations. The Council directed that the Village should take steps to become an authorized municipality under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's new Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO), to ease local administration and enforcement. The Council also agreed that the Village should re-write its current stormwater management regulations to better fit with the new WMO.

November 19, 2013: The 2014 Budget was adopted — completing the Village's transition to a new January 1 fiscal year. The impact of the 2014 Budget on residents includes: i) a 1.7% increase in property taxes; ii) a 4% increase in water rates; iii) a sanitary sewer rate increase of 10%; and iv) half of the annual stormwater utility fee which will be implemented in July. This adds up to a total increase of \$250 for Village services on the Village's portion of a typical property tax bill.

December 3, 2013: The 2013 property tax levy was adopted. The levy provides for funds for Village operations. A 1.7% increase was adopted for the 2013 tax levy. On this date, the Village Council also amended and adopted Ordinance M-16-2013 for the Series 2014 General

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Do I Need a Building Permit?

It's the time of year to start thinking about home improvement projects. When considering a new deck, or replacing an old patio or fence, please be sure to check with the Community Development Department to see if a building permit is necessary. Following is a list of commonly made improvements and the associated permit requirements. Regardless of the type of permit, a current scaled plat of survey must be submitted with the documents listed below.

Fence

Fence Application. Required fence plans may consist of a marked-up plat of survey showing the location of the proposed fence. Fee: \$65.

Deck

Building Permit Application. Two sets of plans must be submitted. Fee based on value of proposed deck.

Driveway and Patio

Impermeable Surface/Driveway Application. Two-dimension site plans showing the proposed location of the driveway, patio or other hard surface. Fee base of \$75.

Garage

Building Permit Application. Two-dimension site plans showing location of the garage and five sets of building plans. Fee based on value of proposed garage.

Shed

Building Permit Application. Two sets of plans, including site plan, showing size of shed and proposed location. Fee: \$140.

Construction Hours

Monday – Friday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Work is not permitted on Sundays or holidays.

Please contact the Community Development Department with questions, at 847-716-3520. Additional details and permit application forms are available on Winnetka's website: villageofwinnetka.org.

Winnetka Welcomes New Businesses

Tech Mamma Lounge
588 Lincoln Avenue

A to Z Chiropractic
575 Lincoln Avenue

Get Dwell
1046 Gage Street

Change of Address:

Bedside Manor
920 Green Bay Road



Ribbon Cutting for Get Dwell

Replace Your Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors Every Seven Years

Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors only last between seven and ten years, meaning that many detectors in homes today have outlived their factory lifespan. Simply testing the detector using the button on the device only checks the alarm and the circuitry; it does not verify that the sensor is working. The sensor is a consumable component of the device that wears out over time. Most CO detectors will have a date on the back of the unit to help you determine their age.

New CO detectors are readily available and inexpensive. Most hardware stores carry a variety of different models. If possible, it is recommended that detectors are able to use two power sources: household current and battery. This way, if one of the power sources is disrupted, you and your family are still protected.

If at any time your CO detector activates due to an unknown cause, please call "911" so Fire Department personnel can come and investigate. Remember, CO is a "silent killer" that can cause very subtle, flu-like symptoms. If an alarm activates and individuals in your household are showing these symptoms, get to fresh air immediately.

Stay Away from Downed Wires

During storms, high winds, and other emergencies, power lines may come down onto the ground. It is best to assume that all lines are live. Always maintain a safe distance (10 feet or greater) from power lines. Many of these lines are not insulated, and any contact with them, direct or indirect, can cause harm.

Never let children climb trees near power lines. Hire a qualified contractor to perform any tree trimming near power lines. If you have questions about removing limbs near power

lines, call the Water & Electric Department at 847-716-3558.

To report a downed power line, power outage, or electric emergency, contact the Water & Electric Department's emergency number at 847-501-2531.



Winnetka Linemen at Work

2014 Annual Spring Clean-up: April 28 - May 1...cont. from cover

There will be no call-backs if the material is not on the parkway by the scheduled time. Trucks may collect areas in advance of the posted schedule if time permits. Should an area be collected in advance, the truck will return as scheduled.

Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers, all computer peripherals and mobile phones are banned by law from landfills, and must be recycled. They are accepted for drop-off on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Thursdays from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Winnetka Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow Road.

This is an excellent opportunity to clean out your attic, basement, and garage – especially of combustible materials – in order to make a significant contribution to community fire safety. If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Celebrate Arbor Day – April 25

Arbor Day has been celebrated since the tradition first began in 1872 in Nebraska. Today Arbor Day is recognized and celebrated in over 40-countries around the world. The Village of Winnetka invites residents to participate on April 25 at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road. Free tree seedlings, information and free tree raffles will be on display and available. If you have questions, please call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.

Spring Clean to Reduce Fire Risk

Spring is the perfect time of year to get organized, reduce winter clutter, and reduce the risk of a stray combustible catching fire. Some things to keep in mind during a “spring clean-up” session:

- To reduce items stored in the basement, crawl space, attic or garage, take advantage of the Village’s “Annual Spring Clean” refuse pick-up the week of April 28.
- All items stored in basements should be kept on shelves that are properly anchored to the wall to both reduce the amount of items stored on the floor, and mitigate the risk of falling furniture.
- Household hazardous materials or chemicals that are no longer being used should be properly disposed of. Check the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County’s Website: swancc.org or “Useful Links” under the Village’s Public Work’s webpage for upcoming free household chemical disposal dates. Do not throw household chemicals into the normal trash, as this contaminates landfills. Reducing the storage of unused household chemicals reduces the chance of a spill or accidental poisoning.
- After a long winter, it is a good precaution to examine dryer vents for lint obstructions. Excess lint in a dryer exhaust vent can reduce the efficiency of your dryer, and is a fire hazard.
- Check that smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are in working order. Make sure you and your family know the sound that each of these devices emits.
- Flammable products stored in garages should be kept in approved fireproof cabinets.
- As barbeque grills are de-winterized, be sure to check for damage to the fuel source and have a qualified service company make all necessary repairs before using it.
- If your home is equipped with a fire extinguisher, make sure each member of your family is familiar with its use.

Council Action Summary

Obligation Bonds. \$7.5 million in bonds were issued, secured with an interest rate of 4.59%, the proceeds of which are to be used for stormwater improvements.

December 10, 2013: Having revised the draft Stormwater Master Plan with input received from the Council in July, B&W sought final Council review and comment. The Master Plan was then published for public comment.

January 21, 2014: At its Study Session, the Council had reviewed the scopes of service, fee proposals, and summaries of team interviews and reference checks for the two firms (a team led by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. and MWH Global) proposing to undertake the permitting and design engineering for the Willow Road Stormwater Tunnel Project. Council agreed with the recommendation to develop and award a contract to MWH for the project. The contract, which importantly contains intermediate decision and review points for phased engineering, has a not-to-exceed fee of \$2,023,818.

February 18, 2014: The Village of Winnetka provides water and fire suppression service to some unincorporated areas adjacent to the Village. In addition to paying for water, those customers also pay for the fire suppression service, as they benefit from the fire hydrants in the area. The Village also provides fire service to the Village of Kenilworth. The Council adopted a Resolution to set the fees for these services.

March 4, 2014: Under an intergovernmental agreement approved by the Village Council, Winnetka will provide fire inspection services to Northfield based on a fee model outlined in the agreement. The Village adopted Ordinance MC-2-2014 to establish the stormwater utility in the Village code. The ordinance includes the credit provisions previously set-out by the Council. In addition, Resolution R-4-2014 was adopted to provide the basis for charges, which are tied to the amount of impervious surface on any given parcel, measured in Equivalent Runoff Units (ERUs).

Bicycle Theft Prevention Tips



Unattended bikes are a risk for theft

The Winnetka Police Department is vigilant in its efforts to prevent Bicycle Theft throughout the Village. To further enhance this effort, the Department asks all cyclists to practice the following crime prevention tips:

- The most common theft occurs when a bicycle is left unattended and unlocked. Always lock your bicycle, preferably in a well-lit and visible area. Secure the lock around the frame of the bicycle, not the wheels, and lock your bicycle to a fixed, immovable object such as an anchored bicycle rack.
- Don't leave your bicycle unattended on a driveway, porch or yard. Be sure you close overhead garage doors and lock passage doors.
- To ensure the best chance of having a lost or stolen bicycle returned if recovered, register your bicycle with the Winnetka Police Department free of charge. Simply bring your bike or its identifying information (make, model, size and serial number) to the Police Station (410 Green Bay Road) for a registration sticker.

Website + E-Winnetka

Over the last several months, visitors to the Village of Winnetka's primary website, villageofwinnetka.org, have discovered a fresh looking and much improved online resource. The website features up-to-date content, easy to navigate pages, and new tools for contacting the Village and accessing information about meetings, events, and services.

The Village hired web developer Americaneagle.com to redesign Winnetka's site — making it more modern, user-friendly, and interactive. Americaneagle.com worked closely with Village Staff and received input along the way from the Village Council, and a number of other stakeholders. Residents and staff were surveyed about features, and offered direct feedback on design elements. Once a homepage design was selected, new templates and tools were created to produce a consistent feel throughout the site.

Most notably, the new design makes it easier for users to locate important news stories and upcoming events. It is also easier to review Council and Lower Board/Commission meeting information, via an advanced archiving system. Visitors to the site will enjoy improved search functionality and will be better able to access the full site from both mobile electronic devices and desktop computers. Some new features include a Meetings & Events Calendar, a searchable Documents & Forms Tool, and an online FOIA request form.

Hydrant Flow Testing

Beginning in the spring, the Fire Department will be conducting fire hydrant flow testing. This process is designed to measure the amount of water pressure in the Village's fire hydrants. Once a hydrant has been tested, its pressure reading is recorded on the hydrant itself and also recorded in the Department's computer system. This process ensures that firefighters have access to properly functioning hydrants in the event of a fire.

Flow testing is typically conducted during the week while many residents are at work. During the test, water to homes and buildings may become temporarily discolored. This is a normal part of the process, and any discoloration is safe and temporary.

In order to allow the Fire Department to complete the testing as quickly as possible, please ensure that there is adequate street space around the fire hydrants.

While the Department attempts to complete testing for as many hydrants as possible during the spring, it typically does become necessary to continue the process throughout the summer and into the autumn season due to calls and other Department obligations.

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Department at 847-501-6029.



In line with the launch of the newly designed website, the Village's weekly electronic newsletter, E-Winnetka, also has a new look. The e-newsletter still has the same up-to-date news and service information, but in a cleaner, easier-to-read format. Users can still sign-up for E-Winnetka from the Village website; see the "Subscribe" button in the homepage footer.

The Village encourages everyone to visit the site (villageofwinnetka.org) and investigate the many new features. Please note that the Village will continue to maintain the separate Stormwater Management Program website as the repository for all stormwater information at winnetkastormwaterplan.com.

Sprinkler Regulations: May 15 - September 15

During the warm weather months, water restrictions are in effect, as required by the State of Illinois. Sprinkling is allowed only between the hours of 5:00 – 11:00 AM, and 5:00 – 11:00 PM.

Sprinkling during otherwise prohibited hours may be permitted for a limited time with special approval by the Director of the Water & Electric Department, for newly seeded or sodded areas, and for the annual activation or repair of sprinkler systems.

To obtain the special approval, or if you have questions, call 847-716-3558, or email: bkeys@winnetka.org.

Select Electronics No Longer Collected With Residential Waste

In 2012 Illinois passed legislation that banned certain electronics from landfills. The following electronics are currently banned from disposal and must be recycled: Computers (PCs, Laptops + Monitors); Computer Peripherals (Mice, Keyboards, Zip Drives); Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines; TVs, VHS Players, DVD Players; DVR/Cable Boxes/Satellite Receivers; Video Game Consoles; Mobile Phones; MP3 Players, PDAs.

Winnetka refuse workers are no longer able to collect these items. To provide a convenient and environmentally sound recycling alternative for all banned electronics, the Village – in partnership with Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) – established an electronics recycling drop-off site at the Winnetka Public Works Yards (1390 Willow Road).

Items are accepted Tuesdays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Only residential items on the above list will be accepted. **Do not bring household hazardous waste or home appliances such as microwaves, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, air conditioners or other unlisted items.**

Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Please do not drop off electronics other than during the posted dates and times. Thank you for your cooperation!

For further information and additional recycling opportunities, visit SWANCC's Green Pages directory at www.swancc.org.

Winnetka Landmark Preservation Commission Preservation Award Nominations Deadline is April 25

The Winnetka Landmark Preservation Commission will sponsor its popular Preservation Awards Program again this year. Nominate your house! Nominate your neighbor's house! Award categories include Restoration, Rehabilitation, and New Construction, for a project that has been completed during the last five years. For nomination forms and contest rules, visit the Community Development Department at Village Hall, or check the Village website at villageofwinnetka.org.

Nominations must be received by Friday, April 25. Award winners will likely be announced in September. An awards ceremony will be conducted at Village Hall and award winners will receive custom display tiles and certificates to commemorate their winning projects.



2012 Rehabilitation award recipient

Spring Public and Private Tree Planting Program

Deadline to apply is April 25

The Village is taking requests for the parkway tree planting program on public streets. The Village plants 2" – 2 ½" trunk diameter size street trees where voids exist, at no cost to residents. Larger trees are available, but residents are responsible for cost differences.



The Village also offers a private tree planting program to residents for front yards only. Several shade and ornamental tree species are offered from 1" – 2" diameter size. Residents are responsible for the total cost of the private tree and planting.

Contact the Village Forester at 847-716-3535 to request an application, or for more information. The deadline for all spring tree requests is April 25.

Plant a tree today for a greener tomorrow!





The Winnetka Report

Village of Winnetka
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Winnetka, Illinois 60093

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60093

Postal Customer
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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 Department	847-501-6000
Public Works Department	847-716-3568
Water & Electric Department	847-716-3558
Water & Electric Billing Services	847-446-9550
Community Development Department	847-716-3576

Winnetka Village Council

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Upcoming Village Council Meetings

- May 6 - Regular Meeting
- May 13 - Study Session
- May 20 - Regular Meeting
- June 3 - Regular Meeting
- June 10 - Study Session
- June 17 - Regular Meeting

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

All agenda materials are available at the Reference Desk at the Winnetka Library, in the Manager's Office at Village Hall (2nd floor), or on the Village's website: villageofwinnetka.org (click on the "Meetings & Agendas" button).

Meetings are televised on Comcast Channel 10 and AT&T Uverse Channel 99 every night at 7 PM. Webcasts of the meeting may also be viewed on the Village's web site: villageofwinnetka.org (click "Watch Council Meetings Online")

Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day.



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