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THE WINNETKA REPORT

Fire and Police Open House



Firefighters perform a demonstration at the 2013 Open House

On Saturday, October 11, between 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM, the Winnetka Fire and Police Departments will host their annual Open House, which coincides with the end of Fire Prevention Week. This well-attended event affords the opportunity to tour the headquarters of both Departments, view equipment demonstrations, and sit in public safety vehicles like fire engines and police cars. Please visit the Village's website (villageofwinnetka.org) during the month of September for further information. We hope to see you there!

Curbside Leaf Collection

*Begins Monday, October 20, ends Monday, December 1;
Place leaves on curb by 7:00 AM*

The Village's annual curbside leaf collection program will run from Monday, October 20 until Monday, December 1. Under this program, residents may rake their leaves to the parkway just inside the edge of the curb for collection by the Village.

Please do not rake leaves into the streets for collection. This creates a hazard, as leaves become very slippery when wet. In addition, leaves piled in the street may clog storm sewers, leading to flooded streets and yards.

Village collection crews will begin in the northwest corner of town along Scott Avenue, and work their way south, between Green Bay Road and the west Village limits. When the west side of town is completed, collection will begin in the southeast portion of town and work north, between Green Bay Road and Lake Michigan. When one such round



Please rake leaves to the parkway for safe and efficient collection

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A Message from E. Gene Greable, the Village President



While the cool summer temperatures have not been the best for days at the beach, the number of cool, dry days facilitated the progress of numerous construction projects throughout Winnetka. Resurfaced roads, replacement water mains, and new storm sewer systems are all investments in our long-term infrastructure and benefit the whole community. Our staff and contractors appreciate the patience of residents as we continue to work

through numerous neighborhoods on these improvements. This newsletter provides recent construction progress, including a feature on the completion of the Winnetka Avenue Pump Station—a significant component of our Stormwater Management Program.

To keep abreast of the latest in construction information, I again encourage everyone to visit our website, where you can view current updates on all ongoing construction projects. Visit the homepage (villageofwinnetka.org) and click the “Construction Updates” button in the right corner under the picture slideshow. Signing-up for E-Winnetka will also deliver weekly, time sensitive information right to your email inbox. Register today by visiting the homepage and clicking “Subscribe” in the bottom left corner.

In June, the Village’s engineers for the Willow Road Tunnel Project, MWH Global, made a presentation on Review Point #1. Hearing that the Village’s proposed improvements could achieve the desired flood reduction risks, the Council authorized MWH to proceed in the preliminary design and engineering tasks—advancing toward submittal of project permits in 2015. The Council also authorized a supplemental water quality sampling program that MWH will launch this fall. You may read more about the Village’s stewardship of our natural assets, including our waters, in the article “Monitoring Winnetka’s Stormwater Quality.”

The Council remains committed to its strategic planning process and regularly evaluates the highest priority projects. Our upcoming budget discussions for fiscal year 2015 will be influenced by our strategic goals. As summer is winding down, many will be returning from vacations and getting back to school. Despite busy schedules, I encourage you to stay engaged in our strategic planning discussions and the 2015 budget process. The Village Council conducts a budget meeting with each operating department, and then holds a public budget hearing. We would welcome your participation.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Gene Greable". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Gene Greable
Village President

Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools

With the end of the summer comes the end of outdoor swimming for the year, and many residents will be draining their pools in the coming weeks. As you plan to empty out your pool, please remember that it is filled with chlorinated water. Chlorinated water discharged directly to surface waters (wetlands, lakes, streams and rivers), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine are toxic to wildlife and fish. To help protect the environment when draining your pool, it is recommended you abide by one of the following measures:

- De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining. This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores.
- Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn using the following additional guidelines:
 - Allow pool water to sit at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. It is recommended that the chlorine level be tested after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l).
 - Pool discharge should be directed across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Visit epa.state.il.us/water for additional information.

You may also contact the Village of Winnetka Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 with questions.

Please do your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.



Please be cognizant of draining chlorinated water from pools

Curbside Leaf Collection

is complete, crews begin again in the northwest section of town and continue in a like manner. The time needed to complete a round varies, depending on the volume of leaves and whether they are wet or dry; however, the Village aims to complete 6 to 8 rounds during the length of the program.

Leaves must be placed on the parkway no later than 7:00 AM daily and by the last day of collection. Leaves placed out after this time must be placed in Winnetka yard waste bags or in plain paper yard waste bags with a Village yard waste sticker affixed. Winnetka bags and stickers are available for purchase at Grand Foods and Lakeside for \$2.00 each. These bags should weigh no more than 70 pounds each when filled and will be collected as part of the regular curbside yard waste program.

Please follow these guidelines to ensure safe and efficient service:

Rake leaves into a pile(s) in the parkway adjacent to the back of the curb and not in the street to reduce hazards and enable crews to move quickly and collect leaves more efficiently.

Remove stones, litter, branches or other landscape debris. Piles containing these items will not be collected as they can damage equipment and injure workers.

- Avoid placing leaves in front of storm drains or utility covers.
- Avoid piling leaves around cars, boulders, fire hydrants, trees or posts.
- Avoid parking on top or adjacent to the leaf piles.
- Do not rake to alleys or service roads.

Leaf piles that are mixed with grass trimmings, branches, brush or other yard waste will not be collected under the leaf collection program. They must be bagged and collected as part of the regular curbside yard waste program.

Beware of Garage Fire Dangers

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), there are approximately 6,600 garage fires in the United States each year that result in dozens of deaths, hundreds of injuries, and hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss. The following tips can help you keep your garage a safe area and also reduce the likelihood of a fire:



Make your garage safe from fire

- Store oil, gasoline, paints, propane and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet.
- Don't use an extension cord when charging an appliance.

Experts estimate that most garage fires occur due to electrical malfunctions.

If wiring problems are discovered in a

garage, please contact a qualified electrician right away. Additionally, please take care when constructing new garages and be sure to utilize appropriate construction materials such as fire-rated doors and fire resistant drywall. Above all, conduct regular safety inspections of your garage and home to identify fire hazards before they become catastrophic.

Council Action Summary

Below is a summary of key actions taken by the Village Council between June and August, including agenda items related to the Stormwater Management Program. To learn more about agenda items, visit the Village website: villageofwinnetka.org.

June 3, 2014: The Council awarded a contract for the traffic signal modernization project which is currently underway at Oak Street and Green Bay Road. The Council also authorized the purchase of a standby generator for Village Hall, to help ensure the Hall remains open to the public during emergency events, and that the phone system and computer network remain functional. Finally, the Council awarded the contract for the 2014 Street Rehabilitation Program, and residents may have seen work underway on some of the scheduled streets, including: Elder Lane, and Elm, Myrtle, and Spruce Streets.

June 24, 2014: The Council adopted a Resolution approving an amendment that adds Kenilworth to the intergovernmental agreement between Wilmette and Winnetka for the operation of the Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The Council also adopted an Ordinance granting an extension of the Special Use Permit and variation for the site at 925 – 931 Green Bay Road, to allow extended time to begin construction of a proposed parking lot.

Also on June 24, the Council adopted a Resolution recognizing Village Attorney Katherine Janega for 21 years of service. Janega became Village Attorney in 1993 and retired on June 30 after distinguished service to the Village. On the same evening, the



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Monitoring Winnetka's Stormwater Quality

In April, the Village Council reviewed research on the nature and use of coal-tar based sealants and potential local environmental regulations. Sealants are used on asphalt driveways and parking lots as a means of protecting the asphalt surface from weathering. Generally, sealcoats come in two basic varieties: coal tar-based and asphalt-based. While coal-tar based sealants are more resilient, they contain much higher levels of a class of chemical compounds known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which can harm fish, and with prolonged exposure, pose a risk of cancer in humans.

The Council expressed concern about the impact of PAHs on the environment, and in particular, stormwater quality. Over time, as sealant wear and weather, flakes become dislodged from the surface and are not only carried away by stormwater runoff or wind, but are also tracked into homes. Asphalt-based sealant products contain significantly less PAHs than coal tar-based sealants. While not as resistant to fuel spills and more sensitive to application temperatures, asphalt-based sealers are widely available and can be applied by local contractors.

That discussion led the Council to ask the Environmental & Forestry Commission (EFC) to further study the matter and make recommendations. The EFC researched actions taken by other jurisdictions in prohibiting the use of coal tar-based sealants. They concluded that the relatively high concentrations of carcinogenic and toxic PAHs in coal tar is detrimental to the environment, and ultimately recommended a local ban on coal tar.

In July, the Council heard the EFC's recommendation to enforce the ban through a combination of fines, a licensing process, material testing, and education. They suggested applicators be required to obtain a license from the Village; applicators working without a license would be given a citation. The EFC also stressed



The Village continues its stewardship of water resources such as Lake Michigan

the need for a robust education program. The Council discussed and concurred with the EFC's recommendation, but also desired to expand the ban to apply to homeowners performing sealcoating work themselves.

On August 19, the Council adopted Ordinance MC-7-2014, implementing a ban on coal tar-based pavement sealants, via a commercial application requirement as well as a definition of sealers as a Public Nuisance under Village Code. It is anticipated public education will begin later in 2014, while the licensing program will be formally implemented for the 2015 construction season.

At the same time, the Village is beginning its water quality sampling program that is part of the Willow Road Tunnel preliminary design and engineering work by consultant MWH. A robust sampling program will create a baseline for establishing current water quality, especially during rain events, which will assist in designing systems that will continue to safeguard Winnetka's water assets now and in the future.

Construction Update



The freshly painted Hubbard Woods Parking Deck

Hubbard Woods Parking Structure: The Hubbard Woods Parking Structure has undergone many improvements over the past few months. In the spring, structural repairs and drainage improvements were made to the second level parking deck. Rehabilitation activities included maintenance patching to the parking deck, joint

sealing to seal up the deck, and installation of additional drainage. In addition to these improvements to the upper deck, the lower parking level was entirely repainted, including both the north and south stairwells.

Improved lighting throughout the parking structure is scheduled for this fall. The new lighting design will enhance the visibility and safety of the parking structure, as well as make use of more energy-efficient LED lighting. The Village will use color softening LED bulbs and perform a lighting photometric analysis, to ensure that these lighting improvements maintain the aesthetic appearance of the parking structure and do not illuminate the surrounding area.

Storm Sewer Improvements to Old Green Bay Road and Tower Road: The Village is committed to improved stormwater management. To further that goal, construction of a project to replace and enhance the storm sewer on Old Green Bay Road continues. The construction area runs from Tower Road north to the intersection of Hubbard Place; and east of Green Bay Road, from Tower Road to Lincoln Avenue.



Crews at work on Tower Road over the summer

The goal of this project was to address flooding issues that included overland flooding along Tower Road east of Old Green Bay Road. Flooding in this area is primarily caused by three factors: 1) insufficient capacity in the storm sewer system for larger storms; 2) insufficient inlet grate

capacity to capture water draining from Foxdale and Lincoln Avenues; and 3) uneven topography, wherein properties along the north side of Tower Road are lower than the roadway, so that any significant flooding occurring in the road spills onto these

Pump Stations' Improvements Increasing Village Capacity

In July, 2013, the Village Council authorized bidding for improvements to the Winnetka Avenue Pump Station. The existing Station, located where a ditch on Cook County Forest Preserve property enters the Skokie River, was constructed in 1995. It provides drainage for over 900 acres in the Village and allows the Village to pump out flood waters that occur when the Skokie River is higher than the ditch. The Village engaged consulting engineer Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) to design improvements that would increase the capacity of the Pump Station, thereby improving flow in upstream storm sewers.

The project was awarded to Boller Construction Company in September, 2013, for \$1,038,300. Work began over the winter, and despite harsh weather conditions, work progressed fairly steadily. Construction was coordinated so that at least two of the Station's four pumps would remain operational at all times, in case of a large rain event.

New pumps increase the Station's pumping capacity from approximately 40,000 gallons per minute to 60,000 gallons per minute. CBBEL also designed new intake structures and an automatic cleaning system that will remove debris from intake grates. Most notably, passers-by will notice the new intake grates (pictured here) which rise above ground surface. This improvement will also make the Station more reliable, which will release manpower to other operations during flood events.

All four pumps were installed in July and testing was completed in August.



Winter work on the Pump Station



New Station intake and trash racks

In July, further pump station improvements got underway, with the Council authorizing a contract to design and construct replacement pumps for the Ash Street Pump Station. This Station is located at the southeast corner of Ash Street and Hibbard Road, and has reached the end of its design life. The replacement was designed to maximize outflow to match the outlet's limited capacity.

This is a complete replacement project—meaning a new below-grade pump station will be installed which will increase the level of flood protection for the “tree street” area to approximately a 2-year storm. The Village is using the design-build delivery method for this project to minimize the risk and compress the project schedule. The contract was awarded to CBBEL for \$255,150. It is anticipated this project will be completed in the Fall.

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properties. Based on an engineering study of this area, improvements were designed that include: (i) increased inlet capacity at key locations; and (ii) a new storm sewer to convey stormwater to an existing storm sewer beneath the ravine which drains to Lake Michigan. The existing storm sewer primarily drains to the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, and also to a small drainage area west of the railroad tracks. The project does not include a discharge to the ravine system, and erosion repair and protection at the head of the ravine adjacent to Old Green Bay Road will take place.

This project included the replacement and upsizing of the current storm sewer, replacement of curbs and sidewalks, grinding and resurfacing of the roadway, and restoration to disturbed areas. The project will help alleviate current drainage and flooding issues in the area, and also ensure that during normal and more severe rainfall events, residential properties will not be affected by flooding caused by storm sewer capacity issues.

Council Action Summary

Council appointed the new Village Attorney, Peter M. Friedman of Holland & Knight, LLP.

Lastly, MWH Americas presented a report on the Willow Road Stormwater Tunnel Engineering Review Point #1. After reporting on the three deliverables that comprised the first Review Point, which included a Concept Review Memo, an Alternative Sizing Memo, and a Permitting Action Plan, MWH stated that the designed improvements are capable of achieving the desired flood reduction risks. The Council authorized MWH to proceed with the preliminary engineering and permitting tasks remaining in Phase 1, and to develop and implement a supplemental water quality sampling and analysis program.

July 1, 2014: The Council authorized Staff to solicit construction bids for the Northwest Winnetka project, pending approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for approximately 50% grant funding. This area will have increased capacity to the sewer pipe network and a new box culvert discharge to utilize available flood storage in the pond.

Also on July 1, the Council discussed fire sprinkler requirements for commercial properties. The existing requirements were enacted in 1977, and modification was proposed that would require a sprinkler retrofit of all commercial buildings within a specified timeframe. The Council directed Staff to gather the input of commercial property owners and tenants to determine the appropriate policy direction.

August 5, 2014: Annually, the Council hears reports from the advisory Boards and Commissions—providing an update on their significant policy considerations, top three to five projects, and any recommendations to the Council. Those presenting were the Chairs of the Business Community Development Commission, Design Review Board, Environmental & Forestry Commission, Landmark Preservation Commission, Plan Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Time to Trim Your Trees and Bushes

With all the rain we experienced this spring, the Winnetka flora has been thriving and growing vigorously. Unfortunately, some of this plant life has been growing over public areas and is causing a hazard to streets, sidewalks, intersections, etc. It's time for residents to check their yards and trim back any bushes that are overgrowing the sidewalks, trim any privately owned trees that are too low over the sidewalk, and help to keep intersections free from sight obstruction caused by overgrown plants.

Fall Back!

Don't Forget to Change Clocks

Daylight Savings Time will end the morning of Sunday, November 2. At 2:00 AM, clocks should be set back to 1:00 AM. Many choose to do this before bed so no clocks are forgotten. The time change is a great opportunity to change the batteries in your home's smoke detectors. Most smoke detectors that utilize batteries need to have new ones installed periodically. This keeps the detector fully charged and ready to protect your family in the event of smoke or fire.

Fire Prevention Week

It's Fire Prevention Week – this year's theme is: "Working smoke alarms save lives."

Many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast – you need working smoke alarms to give you and your family time to get to safety. Test your smoke alarm every month!

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries.

Smoke alarms save lives. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire by 50%. Homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms account for almost two-thirds of home fire fatalities.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. When a smoke alarm sounds, leave the home



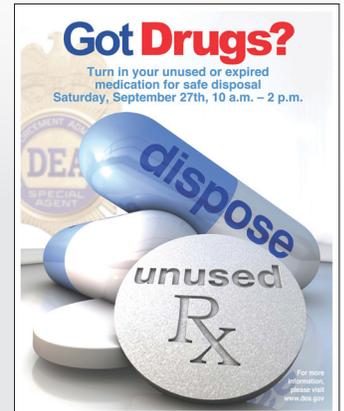
Winnetka's ladder truck assisting in a 2014 fire

and stay outside until it is safe to go back in. Smoke alarms need to be replaced every ten years. From 2007 – 2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments.

A Message from the Police Chief



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day: The Winnetka Police Department is again partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This is an opportunity for the public to safely discard unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs, including controlled substances. The event is Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Simply come to the Police Department lobby, 410 Green Bay Road, and drop unwanted prescription drugs in the disposal box with no questions asked.



Additional information about the program can be found at the DEA website: dea.gov.

Beware of New Telemarketing Tactic: Some Residents have reported receiving telemarketing calls which display the Caller ID as "Village of Winnetka." The Village of Winnetka is not associated with these calls, and the number displayed by Caller ID is fabricated. Some telemarketers use technology to falsify their Caller ID. This tactic makes it appear that a call is coming from a local number or official source – but in reality the caller is from a remote call center.

If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately. Do not under any circumstances provide any personal or financial information. Reduce solicitation calls by registering your phone number with the national Do Not Call Registry: at 888-382-1222 or donotcall.gov.

Village Solicitor Regulations: Solicitors in Winnetka are required to be permitted by the Village. Solicitation refers to persons selling merchandise, services, taking orders or subscriptions or requesting donations, gifts and pledges. Certain exceptions are allowed to include persons merely discussing political or religious matters and not requesting funds.

Residents can post "No Soliciting" signs to disallow even permitted solicitors from making such inquires. Residents can also have their address added to the "Do Not Solicit" registry by sending an email to police@winnetka.org or submitting their information on a form available at the police station and website.

Residents who observe solicitor violations are asked to call 9-1-1 to report the matter.

November 4, 2014 Election News



The Cook County Clerk's website is your best source of election information. Below is some information for the upcoming Gubernatorial Election.

Voting by Mail

Persons who cannot vote at their polling place on Election Day or in person during early voting may vote by mail. The Cook County Clerk's office is now accepting applications for mail-in ballots; however, the first day that ballots will be sent out is September 25. Visit the Clerk's election website: cookcountyclerk.com/elections/mailvoting/Pages/default.aspx to apply electronically or download an application to mail in. Mail ballot applications are also available in the Village Manager's Office, 510 Green Bay Road, 2nd floor.

Register to Vote Before the Election

Persons wishing to register to vote may do so at Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, until October 7. Two forms of identification are necessary and at least one of them must have the person's current address. A list of acceptable forms of ID can be found on the "Register to Vote" page of the Cook County Clerk's website.

Grace Period Registration and Voting:

From October 8 to November 3, the Cook County Clerk's office allows Grace Period Registration at any Cook County Clerk location, but not in Winnetka. The closest Clerk location for Winnetka residents is the Skokie Court House, 5600 W. Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. Persons registering to vote during Grace Period Registration must vote immediately after completing registration.

Regular voter registration will re-open two days after the November 4 General Election. Persons wishing to check their voter registration may do so by following the instructions on the "Elections" page of the Clerk's website.

Early Voting:

Early Voting begins October 20 and ends November 2, and must be done in person. Persons wishing to vote early may do so at any of the locations listed on the "Early Voting" page of the Cook County Clerk's website. Winnetka Village Hall is not an early voting location. To vote early, you must bring a photo ID with you to the early voting location.

Key Dates

- September 25:** First day mail ballots will be sent out
- October 7:** Last day to register to vote
- October 8:** First day of grace period registration and voting
- October 20:** First day of early voting
- October 30:** Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
- November 2:** Last day of early voting
- November 3:** Last day of grace period registration and voting*
- November 3:** Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
- November 4:** Election Day

* Election Day registration and voting offered at limited sites

Fall Tree Planting Program

The Village is currently taking requests for the Fall Parkway and Private Tree Planting Programs. Deadline for planting requests is September 15, 2014. A variety of tree species are available. The 2½" trunk diameter parkway trees are planted at no cost to residents. Larger diameter-sized trees are available, but residents are responsible for the difference in cost. Planting trees increases the wonderful aesthetics of Winnetka and improves the health of the urban forest for future generations. Plant a tree today for a greener tomorrow. For more information, call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



Winnetka's tree lined streets

Holiday Refuse/Recycling for Thanksgiving Week

Week of November 24 - 28

Monday & Tuesday collections will be as usual

Thursday collections will be on Wednesday, November 26

Friday collections will be as usual



Be aware of the holiday collection schedules



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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

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Upcoming Village Council Meetings

- October 7 - Regular Meeting
- October 14 - Study Session
- October 21 - Regular Meeting
- November 6 - Rescheduled Regular Meeting
- November 11 - Study Session
- November 18 - Regular Meeting
- December 2 - Regular Meeting
- December 9 - Study Session
- December 16 - 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").



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Village Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.