



The WINNETKA REPORT

A Message from the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. By the time you read this, fall will be well underway as we look forward to autumn events and the holiday season. I'm happy to provide you with a few updates on important topics for us in the Village:

Over the summer, I had the pleasure of participating in the groundbreaking ceremony for our Stormwater Improvements Project, which was a monumental occasion, as solutions to stormwater problems on the west side of the Village have been a topic of conversation for decades and a priority for Council since 2008. The solutions we have identified, which have been thoroughly discussed and approved by multiple government entities, will be implemented through a multi-phase construction project, and relief will be incremental, so I ask for your patience as we work through various phases. You can read the most recent project update on page 3.

Later this year, I will be convening an ad hoc committee to begin identifying and studying the various desired components for a new town square, to be created on the site that currently houses the Post Office (the past issue of the Winnetka Report mentioned that the Post Office will be moving to a new location in the Village, which is still being determined). If you are interested in participating, you are welcome to attend meetings and join in on conversations. These will be advertised in the weekly email newsletter to residents: if you are not currently a subscriber, please use the QR code below to sign up to receive them.

Following the events in Highland Park on the Fourth of July, Village Council held a listening session on firearm safety. For those of you unable to attend this meeting, I encourage you to watch it.

You may do so by visiting the Governance section of villageofwinnetka.org, where you can find Village Council videos. Conversations on firearm safety will continue, but I would like to make one strong statement: safe storage is the responsibility and obligation of everyone who chooses to own firearms. Statistics surrounding improperly stored firearms are terrifying: devastating events occur when guns wind up in the wrong hands, whether those are the hands of a criminal, a distraught human being, or a child.

A reminder for when winter is upon us: while the Village takes a pass at clearing sidewalks after heavy snowfalls, it is the responsibility of each homeowner to make sure sidewalks are clear of snow and ice. Please do your part in keeping our community safe and walkable.

Finally, I would like to thank Chuck Dowding who has retired from the Environmental and Forestry Commission after any years of service to the Village. His commitment and dedication to the health of our community is laudable.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and especially at our annual holiday Tree Lighting, which will take place on Friday, December 2 in Dwyer Park.

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz
Village President



Chris Rintz

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Council Action Summary

June 6, 2022: Lifesaving awards were presented to Police Officers Dan Timmers and Logan Jernigan, as well as Firemedic Katie Schmidly. Comments were heard regarding the Park District's plan for a wall on Elder and Centennial Beaches. Approval was given for the purchase of a line truck for the Water & Electric Department, and Streetscape Phase 5 designs were discussed.

June 14, 2022: A discussion on automatic license plate readers was held, during which Police Chief Marc Hornstein detailed their use in neighboring municipalities, their success rate, and privacy concerns related to the public. Council instructed staff to move forward with the purchase of the automated license plate readers and create an updated Village policy on the use of the data collected by the devices and the service provider maintaining the devices.

June 21, 2022: A security monitoring agreement Memorandum of Understanding with the Park District was discussed and approved. A contract to design the 2023 Streetscape Phase 5 project was approved. The North of Willow Road Stormwater Project was discussed, including an itemized breakdown of cost estimates for the project, for both engineering services and construction, which were approved.

July 12, 2022: A review of the work on the Comprehensive Plan to date was presented at a joint meeting between Village Council and the Plan Commission, detailing the various pillars of the plan, the work done to provide background and community input on each of the pillars, and next steps as the Lakota Group moves toward writing the Comprehensive Plan.

July 19, 2022: A Village Code amendment was discussed and approved to add a definition for "recycling," resident maintenance of receptacles, storage of receptacles on non-collection days, prohibition of burning yard waste or other rubbish, receptacle placement, the special collections process, and the special collections fee. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was presented and discussed. A closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was held.



August 2, 2022: Trustee Mancini resigned her position. Election results were presented, and oaths of office were sworn by Trustee Apatoff, Trustee Dalman, Trustee Handler, and Trustee Swierk. A special use and zoning variation for 564 Green Bay Road was discussed and approved. A contract for a new HVAC system at the Police Station was discussed.

August 9, 2022: A listening session was held in which residents and community members gave feedback to Council on firearm safety.

August 16, 2022: A wetland mitigation agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Cook County Forest Preserve related to the stormwater project was discussed and approved. A lease with Tala Coffee Roasters for 93 Green Bay Road was discussed and approved, along with a construction design services contract and an agreement to install a water service line at that location. The Police Department's new HVAC system contract was discussed and approved.

Construction Begins on Stormwater Improvements Projects

Village consultants Strand Associates and Jacobson Golf Course Design completed design for the first phase of the Stormwater Improvements Project, which takes place north of Willow Road. In June, the Village awarded a contract to DiMeo Brothers, Inc. for construction of this first phase to include new underground stormwater storage facilities at Duke Childs and Little Duke Fields and new ponds and water features on the Par 3 and the 18-hole golf courses. These projects will provide over 25 million gallons of stormwater storage.

Construction began in August, following a July groundbreaking for the project, with the new pond on the Par-3 golf course. Construction of the underground storage facilities at Duke Childs and Little Duke Fields is anticipated to begin in October and construction on the 18-hole golf course will begin in November. Construction work, including improvements to storm sewers and water main along Hibbard Road between Ash Street and Oak Street, will continue through the winter and spring with substantial completion of this segment of the project in summer 2023. Final restoration and seeding will be performed in late summer to early fall 2023.



Design of the second phase of the project for the Cook County Forest Preserve south of Willow Road is near complete, pending final permit approvals from the US Army Corps of Engineers and final agreements with the Forest Preserve District. Construction for this phase of stormwater improvements is currently anticipated to begin near the end of 2022 and will run through the end of 2023.

In June, Strand Associates began the design for the third phase of stormwater storage improvements at Crow Island Woods. This part of the project is in partnership with Winnetka Park District and Winnetka Public Schools District 36 and is anticipated for construction some time in 2023.

The Village will update residents on the progress of this project in future communications.



2022 Pumpkin Composting Event

To keep pumpkins from being sent to the landfill as waste, the Village is hosting a one-day pumpkin collection event from 9AM to 1PM on Wednesday, November 2 at the Public Works Yards, 1390 Willow Road. There will be a designated area for pumpkin drop off. Please remove any solid waste from pumpkins (candles, bags, etc.) before bringing them to be composted. Garbage, food scraps, or other landscape waste will not be accepted.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 with questions.

Curbside Leaf Collection Reminder

The Village's annual curbside leaf collection will begin October 17 and will run through November 28. The last day to place leaves on your parkway for collection is by 7 AM on Monday, November 28. Leaves placed on the parkway after 7 AM on November 28 may not be collected.

Please do not rake leaves into the street, as leaves clog storm sewers, leading to flooded streets and yards. If you employ contractors to manage your leaves, please share this information with them. Also, please do not park in front of leaf piles, when possible, to enable the Village to easily access them.

Please call the Public Works Department with questions about this program at 847-716-3568.



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Changes to Refuse Village Code

On August 16, 2022, Village Council approved proposed amendments to the Village Code, Chapter 8.16 concerning Garbage and Refuse Regulations. Please keep the following in mind as you place refuse out to be collected:

Back Door Service

- Residents may use two galvanized metal or heavy-duty plastic refuse receptacles, but they must not exceed 37 gallons in size or 60 pounds when full.
- Residents should ensure receptacles are accessible by 7 AM on the day of collection.
- On the day of service, all receptacles must be placed outside of the residence or in front of the garage at ground level, in an area free of enclosures, or at the edge of the pavement along the alley, if applicable.

Curbside Service

- Residents may only use Village-approved and issued receptacles and must keep receptacles in a clean condition.
- Residents are responsible for placing their refuse, recycling, and yard waste bags (with Village stickers affixed) at the curb or on the edge of the pavement of their property for collection (or at the edge of the pavement along their alley, if applicable), no earlier than 7 PM on the day before collection and by 7 AM on the day of collection. Receptacles should be oriented so the lid opens on the street or alley side with the handle facing the residence/property
- Receptacles should be removed from the curb or edge of pavement by 7 AM the day following their collection unless a missed collection has been reported.

Special Collections

- Special collections for items deemed large/bulk must be coordinated with the Public Works department prior to placing items on the curb or parkway. Items must be of manageable size for two persons to lift without risk of injury, be placed on the curb, parkway, or in the alley no earlier than 7 PM the evening before a confirmed special collection and by 7 AM on the day of the scheduled collection, and there must be a clear path free of snow for Public Works employees to utilize to access the item(s). Call 847-716-3531 to schedule a special collection.

Letter from the Police Chief

The National Traffic Safety Administration released a report last month with preliminary data showing an estimated 9,560 fatalities in motor vehicle crashes nationwide in the first quarter of 2022. This is a seven percent increase from the first quarter of 2021 and represents the highest number of fatalities during the first three months of any year since 2002. Fatalities in Illinois rose over 24 percent to 280 persons in the same period. Please drive carefully, and do not text and drive!



Pedestrian safety is especially critical for school-aged children in light of the recent motor vehicle statistics:

- Texting/looking at your phone while crossing the street is discouraged. Parents, please be sure to remind your children to pay attention to their surroundings as they cross streets and tell them not to assume that oncoming cars will stop for them.
- Children under 10 years of age should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling to ensure a safe walk to school.
- Use the sidewalk and marked crosswalks whenever possible.
- Last year, the Village installed a pedestrian crossing signal at Willow Road and Provident Ave. Please have your children take advantage of this optimal location to cross Willow Road if they attend Crow Island School.

Everyone has a responsibility to ensure a safe Halloween. Halloween is Monday, October 31, and "Trick-or-Treat" hours will be from 3 – 7 PM. Residents who choose to participate are encouraged to illuminate the outside of their home to let children know they are welcome, and parents are encouraged to walk with their children as they trick-or-treat. Motorists should be cautious of increased pedestrian traffic along side streets, as dark costumes and low light conditions can create visibility challenges. Please slow down and be aware of your surroundings when driving throughout the Village.

Please remember to stay vigilant when it comes to the security of your vehicles. Auto burglary prevention continues to be a priority for our officers. If you have vehicles parked in your driveway, please do your part by removing any valuables, including keys and fobs, and lock your vehicle. Illuminate the outside of your home and keep the overhead garage door closed. If you see or hear something suspicious, call 911 immediately.

Letter from the Fire Chief

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. In 1925, President Coolidge signed a proclamation declaring a national recognition of fire safety each year. Fire Prevention Week is observed during the week of October 9 each year to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred from October 8 – 10 in 1871 and caused devastating damage.



During Fire Prevention Week in Winnetka, public, private, and parochial students are given fire safety presentations by our firefighters/paramedics. The NFPA announced this year's theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape!"

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different. Include everyone in your home in your fire escape plan. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that helping them is part of your plan. *(continued on page 6)*



Letter from the Fire Chief (Continued)

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can and will alert you to danger. They should be placed in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms. Choose an alarm that is certified by a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where the alarm originates.

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, October 15** from **10 AM to 1 PM**, the Winnetka Fire Department will be hosting their annual Public Safety Building Open House in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. This event is for the whole family. You will have the opportunity to explore the fire engine, ambulance, police vehicles up-close, watch a real vehicle extrication, and use a real fire hose to put out a pretend fire. While the police department will not be available for tours, select police personnel will be on hand to conduct child safety seat inspections and installations. We hope to see you there!

Green Bay Trail Master Plan Process Underway

The Village is working with the Lakota Group on a master plan for the Green Bay Trail that runs through Winnetka to examine current usage and long-range goals for the resource many residents enjoy. Focus groups were held over the summer to engage with frequent users of the trail. If you have comments or ideas about the Trail, email them to communications@winnetka.org to make your voice heard.



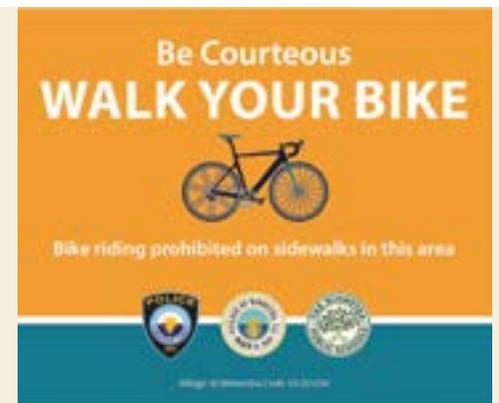
Tala Coffee and the Village Finalize Agreement for 93 Green Bay Road

The Village has signed a lease with Tala Coffee Roasters, which will renovate and occupy the space at 93 Green Bay Road for the next ten years, followed by two additional ten-year renewal options. The Village will also provide improvements to the site and the area surrounding the site, enhancing the gateway into the Village and providing a public gathering space for the Indian Hill Business District. We are pleased to work with Tala to create a welcoming space for residents and visitors to gather, which will help to re-invigorate a site that has been vacant for many years.

The timeline for these renovations is still being determined and will be conveyed in future communications.

Bicycle Courtesy and Safety Initiative

The Village launched a Bicycle Courtesy and Safety Initiative over the summer as part of its "Walk Your Bike" campaign. The Winnetka Police Department's Community Service Officers have been handing out coupons from Fizz and Pop, located at 566 Chestnut Street, to bicyclists they observe walking their bicycles through Winnetka's business districts. The program is intended to remind riders that bike riding is prohibited on sidewalks in East and West Elm business districts where signage is posted.



Holiday Events in the Village

Shop local and support Winnetka businesses during Small Business Saturday on **Saturday, November 26 from 10 AM – 4 PM**. Bring the kids and participate in a scavenger hunt at participating Winnetka businesses while you do your holiday shopping. Enter a raffle for gift certificates to local restaurants and retailers. The Village of Winnetka and Winnetka Park District are co-hosting the event, and you may sign up for the scavenger hunt at winpark.org.

Join your friends and neighbors at the Holiday Tree Lighting in Dwyer Park on Friday, December 2 from 5 – 6:30 PM. Take your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus who will arrive at the tree lighting on a fire engine. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. The Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, Winnetka Park District, and Village of Winnetka co-host this event.

Find the best sales of the holiday season during the 46th Annual Red Invitation Holiday Shopping Spree hosted by the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, December 4. Dozens of Winnetka businesses participate in this annual event.

Vote for your favorite storefront decorations during the Chamber's Business Window Decorating Contest running from **November 23 through January 4**. Learn more at wngchamber.com.



Winnetka Futures 2040 Plan Process Continues



The Village has completed the second phase of creating the Village's new comprehensive plan, which will be called The Winnetka Futures 2040 Plan. A comprehensive plan is a long-term vision for the community that serves as an official policy statement to guide the community's future.

During the second phase of the plan's development, Village staff and the consultant team, headed by The Lakota Group, worked with the Plan Commission and the Village Council to develop a vision for the Village, goals to help create that vision, and initiatives that can be undertaken to achieve those goals. This work is based on community input received over many months. On September 22, community members were invited to attend a community open house to provide their thoughts on the draft vision statements, goals, and initiatives.

In the next phase, the consultant will begin drafting the actual comprehensive plan document for the Plan Commission and Village Council's consideration. Keep an eye out for the opportunities to engage in the process, as your feedback is critical to a plan that accurately represents the views of our residents.

Visit the project website at winnetkafutures.org to learn more and sign up for email updates.



Upcoming Events:

October 15:

Fire Department Open House

October 31:

Halloween trick or treat hours are from 3-7 PM

November 3-6:

Antiques and Modernism Show

November 23-January 4:

Holiday window decorating contest at participating businesses

November 26:

Small Business Saturday

December 2:

Tree Lighting

December 4:

Red Invitation Sale

For more information visit villageofwinnetka.org



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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
Utility Department	847-716-3558
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Village Council Meetings

Meetings are held at 7 PM on Tuesdays. Agenda materials and videos of previous meetings are available at **villageofwinnetka.org** at "Agendas," or from the Village Manager's Office. Agendas will include the meeting's location and/or meeting access instructions.

Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection:

Week of November 21:

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday collections will be as usual. Thursday collection will be Wednesday.

Week of December 26:

Monday collection will be on Tuesday. Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday collections will be as usual.

Week of January 2:

Monday collection will be Tuesday. Tuesday collection will be Wednesday. Thursday and Friday collections will be as usual.