



# The WINNETKA REPORT

## A Message from the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

The last three years have been challenging for a number of reasons, and I am very much looking forward to a “normal” summer filled with the events that Winnetkans and neighbors treasure: the Farmers’ Market, the Memorial Day observance, the Children’s Fair, Art in the Village, Wednesdays in the Woods concerts, Tower Road Beach events, Movies in the Park, the 4th of July, the Winnetka Music Festival, and the Sidewalk Sale, to name a few. These each offer us opportunities to gather and reconnect with our friends and neighbors.

The Village keeps a calendar of events on its home page ([villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org)) with opportunities to participate in public meetings and a listing of events, including those listed above, that is as up-to-date as possible. We also include upcoming events in our weekly newsletter to residents. If you’re not currently subscribed, please use the QR code below to sign up, as we do our best to keep residents informed of pertinent news and updates each week.

The Village has a number of important projects underway, and one I hope you’ll continue to engage with us on is the strategic vision for the Green Bay Trail: a project that has been underway with our consultant team, The Lakota Group, for the past few months. Through resident feedback and open houses, The Lakota Group has developed preliminary thoughts about possible future visions for the trail, and we remain interested in your input on this resource, which is treasured by so many residents and community members, as we move toward finalizing the plan. Please watch our website and weekly emails to residents for more information.

We continue to invest in our business districts to support them in the long term, and create additional places for residents to congregate and enjoy, which you have no doubt noticed if you have visited our Elm Street business district.

The related construction work in our business districts is primarily necessary to address aging utilities and create infrastructure that will support all of our businesses for years to come. Phase 5 of our Streetscape Improvements Project will begin this summer on Elm Street following the Sidewalk Sale, and you can read more about it on page 9.

We continue to discuss the site currently occupied by the Post Office, which we also envision as a future space where residents can enjoy music, art, markets, and other similar events. If you think you might enjoy contributing some of your personal time to your community, I am currently filling slots on the ad hoc committee which will help complete the vision I shared with you in early 2022. Send me a note at [contactus@winnetka.org](mailto:contactus@winnetka.org) if you would like more information. Experience in disciplines relating to the built environment (architecture, engineering, construction, landscaping, design) would be particularly helpful.

Council is continuing conversations about lakefront zoning, development, and engineering regulations. If you’re interested in providing input or staying informed about the discussion, we’ve created a web page with details: [villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront](http://villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront).

I look forward to seeing you around town and at events around the Village this spring and summer.

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz  
Village President



Chris Rintz

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newsletter to residents**



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## Council Action Summary

**December 6, 2022:** A plat of consolidation was discussed for 195 and 203 – 209 Sheridan Road, and public comment was heard on this matter. Revisions were suggested to the plat of consolidation, and it was approved. A tree removal contract was approved as part of the Stormwater Improvements Project. New trees will be planted following construction. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing probable or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

**December 13, 2022:** A follow-up meeting discussing firearm safety was held, continuing discussion from the August 9, 2022, meeting, covering the Village Code, possible amendments to the code, matters relating to businesses, parental responsibility limitations, and Village and County enforcement pertaining to firearms.

**January 3, 2023:** Amendments to the sign code were discussed and approved, allowing staff to administratively review and approve certain window signs. The disposal of surplus Village property was approved. A presentation on the design plans for the fifth phase of the Streetscape Improvements project was made and discussed. Appointments were made to boards and commissions. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing the compensation of specific employees of the Village pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act and collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act and approval of closed session minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

**January 10, 2023:** A discussion was held regarding lakefront regulations relating to private and public land, with presentations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, discussing shoreline protection measures, permitting processes of both entities, overall lakefront maintenance, and the statutory authorities of each agency. Village staff provided information on current zoning ordinances, permitting processes, shoreline protection projects currently allowed, and benchmarking related to other communities along the North Shore.

**January 17, 2023:** The license agreement for 2023's Winnetka Music Festival was discussed and approved. A subdivision and variation for 1303 Scott Avenue was discussed and approved. A contract to make repairs to a boiler at the Water & Electric plant was discussed and approved. A concept plan for the property known as "One Winnetka" was presented and discussed to identify concerns council may have before the design for the site is finalized.

**January 31, 2023:** A special meeting was held to continue the discussion on matters regarding existing zoning, development, and engineering regulations for property on the lakefront. Council found a lack of clarity regarding current regulations and will work to implement clarification and guidance, continuing to be proactive with constructive conversations regarding the lakefront. A special closed session meeting was held to discuss probable or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

**February 7, 2023:** A plat of consolidation for 484 & 488 Elder Lane was discussed and approved. The Streetscape Phase 5 construction contract was awarded to A-Lamp Concrete Contractors. The annual street rehabilitation contract was awarded to A-Lamp Contractors, and water service line impacts to residents were discussed. The Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Improvements Project construction contract was approved. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.



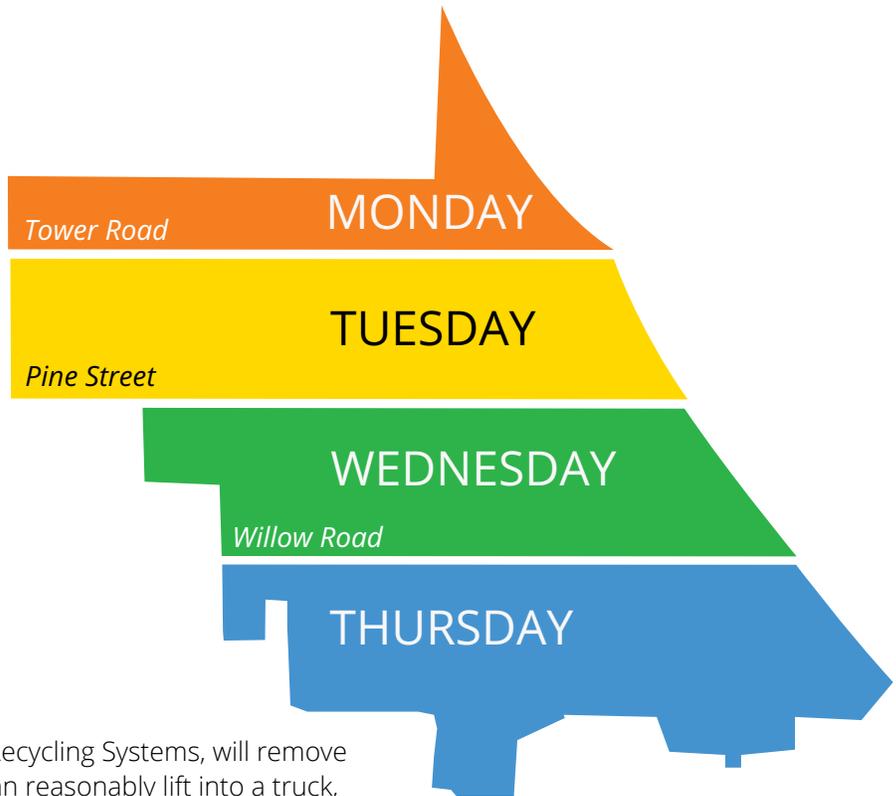
## Spring Clean-Up Week:

April 17 – April 20, 2023

Winnetka's annual Spring Clean-Up week will be held from April 17 – 20.

Scheduled pickups are as follows:

- **Monday, April 17:**  
North of Tower Road
- **Tuesday, April 18:**  
Tower Road to Pine Street
- **Wednesday, April 19:**  
Pine Street to Willow Road
- **Thursday, April 20:**  
South of Willow Road



The Village's recycling contractor, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, will remove from the parkway anything that two people can reasonably lift into a truck, except electronics, yard waste, dirt, stone, logs, construction materials/debris, batteries, paint, and other liquids. To minimize litter problems, all items should be placed on residential parkways no earlier than the evening before the scheduled pickup. There will be no call-backs if the material is not on the parkway by 7 AM the day of your scheduled pick-up.

This is an excellent opportunity to clean out your attic, basement, and garage - especially of combustible materials - thereby making a significant contribution to community fire safety. Residents are encouraged to recycle items such as cardboard boxes, Styrofoam, and plastic bags before putting them out for Spring Clean-Up Week. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at **847-716-3568**.



## Lakefront Regulations Information

Due to significant public interest in Village Council's discussions of zoning, development, and engineering regulations that apply to properties within the Village that abut the lakefront of Lake Michigan, the Village has created a webpage devoted to the conversations to date, with supporting materials from these meetings. View it at: [villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront](http://villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront).

## Letter from the Police Chief

Keep your home safe and secure: As warmer weather approaches and more people head outdoors, it's important to remember to secure your home and property (including locking doors and windows before leaving home) to prevent residential burglaries. Would-be burglars canvass neighborhoods looking for unsecured homes and property, and offenders act very quickly: they are often in and out of a residence within moments.

Knowing the signs of ruse-style burglaries is important for your safety: offenders disguise themselves with face coverings or uniforms, claiming they have been assigned work or maintenance related to your residence. Some offenders have even identified themselves as Village employees in the past. Their goal is to remove you from your home while additional offenders enter your home with the intent to steal property. If workers appear on your property without prior scheduling or notification, contact the police immediately.

**Leaf Blowers:** The Village prohibits the use of gasoline-powered and electric leaf blowers plugged into gasoline-powered generators between June 1 and September 30 of each year. The Winnetka Police Department will continue to proactively notify area landscaping companies of our prohibitions and seek their compliance. If you hire a landscaper, we respectfully ask that you do the same. If violations are observed occurring on your property, the police department will notify you in person or via a door tag notification.



**Pedestrian safety:** Pedestrian safety continues to be a priority. Motorists, please remain aware of school-aged children walking to and from school. Pedestrians, minimize distractions while walking, such as texting, to remain aware of your surroundings. If feasible, use pedestrian crossing signals that provide an illuminated warning to motorists. Otherwise, utilize sidewalks and marked crosswalks, like the crosswalk pictured below.

**Walk Your Bike:** Bicyclists' awareness of pedestrians will be emphasized this spring and summer: our focus will be on enforcing the prohibition of bicycle riding on business district sidewalks. There were a series of close calls last year in which bicyclists nearly struck pedestrians who were exiting a business or walking on sidewalks. Please help us keep the business districts safe for everyone by walking your bicycle and reminding others to do the same.



## Be Aware of Check "Washing"

There has been a recent increase in the number of incidents regarding checks stolen from the mail. Stolen checks are "washed": this is a type of fraud that occurs when the check is treated to remove its ink. The check is then rewritten with a higher amount, addressed to a new payee, and deposited or cashed. Often, victims do not detect check washing until much later, when they review their bank statement or if/when their bank calls to confirm a suspicious-looking check.

The Winnetka Police Department has been sharing information about these cases with the U.S. Postal Service, which ultimately has jurisdiction over these matters. Check thefts and check washing are not unique to Winnetka: they occur throughout the country. Mailed checks can be stolen at any point between post office drop boxes and the intended delivery destination.

To prevent this type of crime, the Police Department recommends delivering payment via alternate means instead of mailing checks. Other options could include online bank transfers, cash payment applications, phone payments, etc.

If you have been a victim of a washed check incident or have questions, please contact the Winnetka Police Department: 847-501-6034.



## Firearms Regulations Updated

Firearms are discussed in Village Code (Section 9.12) and several of the regulations are as follows: assault weapons must be secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant lock or safety device to render the weapon inoperable by any person other than the owner. Assault weapons may not be carried or possessed except on a resident's own land, legal dwelling, or place of business, or in the legal dwelling of another person, with their permission. Firing or discharging of any firearm is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village, except in a firing or shooting range under the supervision of the Police Department, at a civic ceremony under the supervision of the Police Department, or by a peace officer in the line of duty. Firearms may not be sold, lent, or furnished to any minor.

In March, Village Council discussed and approved amendments to the Village Code concerning firearms regulations. The code changes cleared up language in the existing code to discuss gun storage and transportation separately, when previously they had been discussed together. Another code change clarified that the surrender of any handgun will not affect any investigation regarding that weapon. Penalties for the discharge of firearms increased from \$150 to \$300, and other firearm violations doubled from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$2,000.

Village Council remains attentive to state and regional legislative discussions regarding firearms regulations.

As a reminder, handguns and ammunition can be surrendered at the police station (410 Green Bay Road), and free gun locks are available for pickup there, as well.

## Lead Service Line Replacements in the Village

In August 2021, the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (415 ILCS 5/17.12) was signed into law. Effective January 1, 2022, this act requires the eventual replacement of all lead service lines in the State of Illinois. The statute dictates various timelines for complete lead replacement according to the size of a given jurisdiction. The Village's potable water system contains 4,494 service connections. Of these service connections, approximately one-third of service lines are lead and/or partially lead. In Winnetka's case, all lead water services must be replaced by 2038. When a lead water service line is repaired or upgraded, the entirety of the lead service must be replaced. Partial service replacements are no longer permitted, and, although emergency repairs to a lead service are permitted, they will require the entire replacement of the lead service line.

Impacted residents have received a communication from the Village about their options to replace their existing lead service line. To learn more, view an inventory of service connections by type, or view letters sent to impacted residents, visit [villageofwinnetka.org/leadservice](https://villageofwinnetka.org/leadservice). Please email [isl@winnetka.org](mailto:isl@winnetka.org) or call 847-716-3558 with questions.

## Fire Safety

The Illinois Smoke Detector Act was updated January 1, 2023. This new law requires residents to replace their old smoke alarms that have removable batteries with an alarm that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery.

Any new smoke alarms being installed in a single or multi-family home are required to contain a 10-year sealed battery. Existing smoke alarms that do not meet the current requirement may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufacture date, fail to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunction. Exemptions include homes built after 1988 that already contain functioning hardwired smoke alarms and homes with functioning wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, wi-fi, or other wireless local area networking capabilities.

Sealed 10-year battery smoke alarms provide several benefits over replaceable battery alarms. They offer cost savings by avoiding battery replacements for the life of the alarm and provide hassle-free protection for a decade. You will no longer need to get the ladder out to replace the battery and there will be no more late-night low battery chirps to contend with.

**Fire Safety**  
**3 out of 5**  
**home fire deaths**  
**result from fires**  
**in homes with**  
**no working**  
**smoke alarms!**

## Smoke Alarm Safety Tips:

- Choose a smoke alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Follow manufacturer's instructions for placement and consider installing a combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarm when placement considerations between the two types overlap.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace them every ten years, regardless of the type.
- Have a fire escape plan for your household and practice it at least twice a year.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, leave the home immediately and call 911.

Visit [ifsa.org/prevention-resources/smoke-alarm-law](https://ifsa.org/prevention-resources/smoke-alarm-law) for more information about the Smoke Detector Act. Visit [nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Escape-planning](https://nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Escape-planning) for fire safety and home fire escape planning resources.

## Call JULIE Before You Dig

To avoid damaging underground utilities, residents are encouraged to call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) number prior to any digging. JULIE provides callers with a continuously-improving, one-call message handling and delivery service committed to protecting underground utilities and the safety of people working or living near them.

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because most electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. State law requires you to notify JULIE at least two business days (excludes weekends and holidays) before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth. Even if you are digging in the same location as a previous project, notify JULIE. This is a free service.

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these five important steps:

- **Pre-mark or outline the proposed dig area using white paint or flags**
- **Call JULIE at 811 or 1-800-892-0123, or visit [www.illinois1call.com](https://www.illinois1call.com)**
- **Wait two business days**
- **Respect the marks**
- **Dig with care**

Examples of common projects requiring a call to JULIE include: planting trees, shrubs, or gardens; building decks, patios, or room additions; installing swing sets, signs, tents, fencing, or mailbox posts; or digging to place fountains or swimming pools.



## Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Know the Signs

Sudden cardiac arrest is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating; the person collapses and is unable to respond or breathe normally. Sudden cardiac arrest can take a person's life in minutes if they do not receive immediate care. Emergency treatment includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and electrical shocks to the heart to regain normal rhythm with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Sudden cardiac arrest differs from a heart attack in many ways. Heart attacks are caused when blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked. Sudden cardiac arrest can strike people of any age, even those who seem to be healthy. It is not caused by blockage, but by a change in the heart's electrical activity. It can be possible for a heart attack to change the heart's electrical activity and lead to a sudden cardiac arrest.



### Symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest are immediate and severe:

- Sudden collapse
- No pulse
- No breathing
- Loss of consciousness

### Some symptoms that might occur before a sudden cardiac arrest:

- Chest discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Weakness
- Palpitations - Fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart

### Risk Factors:

- Family history of heart disease
- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- An inactive lifestyle

If you see someone who is unconscious and not breathing, call 911, start CPR, and use an AED, if available. You can triple a person's chances of survival by starting CPR immediately.

The Winnetka Fire Department has paramedics that are trained in CPR/ AED instruction. If you're interested in this training, please contact Captain Andy MacArthur at [amacarthur@winnetka.org](mailto:amacarthur@winnetka.org) or 847-501-6029 for more information about class availability.

Visit [sca-aware.org/](http://sca-aware.org/) to learn more about sudden cardiac arrest.



## Annual Street Rehabilitation Program

The Village will continue infrastructure maintenance on various streets this spring and summer, including asphalt and concrete patching in multiple locations. This year's construction contract was awarded to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., after a competitive bidding process. The roads listed below will be under construction.

This work will consist of milling the existing road surface, repairing curbs as necessary, replacing damaged public sidewalk, performing minor storm/sanitary sewer structure repairs, replacing water mains and related water services,

and resurfacing. Residents impacted by the installation of new water mains and water services will be notified prior to work taking place, and will be informed a minimum of 48 hours before any water service interruptions.

Construction is scheduled to begin in April. Residents living on impacted streets will receive additional notices from the Village with construction and scheduling details before construction starts.

| Street           | Limits                             | Scope of Work        |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Elm Street       | Maple Street to Sheridan Road      | Water Main/Rehab     |
| Spruce Street    | Glendale Avenue to Locust Street   | Water Main/Rehab     |
| Cherry Street    | Maple Street to Sheridan Road      | Water Main/Rehab     |
| Scott Avenue     | Green Bay Road to Sheridan Road    | Water Main/Rehab     |
| Randolph Street  | Scott Avenue to Asbury Avenue      | Road Resurface       |
| Birch Street     | Hill Road to North End             | Road Resurface       |
| Berkeley Ave     | Pine Street to Spruce Street       | Road Resurface       |
| Provident Street | Spruce Street to Oak Street        | Road Resurface       |
| Tower Road       | Hibbard Street to Forest Way Drive | Pavement Patching    |
| Village Alley    | at 38-50 Green Bay Road            | Reconstruction       |
| Willow/Rosewood  | Intersection of Willow /Rosewood   | Sidewalk Improvement |



## Sidewalk Replacement Program

Each year, the Village performs sidewalk and curb maintenance. These repairs ensure safety and reduce liability for property owners and the Village. Sidewalk construction is scheduled to begin in mid-June and be completed by the end of August. Residents in areas where work will be performed will be notified before work begins.

## Coal Tar Sealant Ban Reminder

The Village of Winnetka bans the use of coal tar-based sealing agents on all public and private driveways, parking lots, and other roadway surfaces with Village limits. Coal tar is a waste material generated during coal processing that contains high levels of chemical compounds shown to be harmful to aquatic life and pose a potential risk to humans. This initiative was studied by the Village's Environmental and Forestry Commission as an effort to benefit water quality. As required by this ban, all contractors and multi-family property owners must obtain a Pavement Sealant Applicators License through the Public Works Department. Property owners of single family lots applying sealant themselves do not need a Pavement Sealant Applicators License.

As an alternative to coal tar-based sealants, the Village recommends using asphalt-based sealants (sold in most home improvement stores), replacing asphalt with concrete driveways, or leaving driveways unsealed. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

## Summer Downtown Streetscape Construction

This year's Downtown Streetscape Project continues work in the East Elm Business District. The majority of improvements will be made along the north side of Elm Street, beginning at the intersection of Lincoln and Elm and continuing to Arbor Vitae Road. Additionally, there will be construction on the southwest corner of Lincoln and Elm Streets. The south side of Elm Street (the site of the future One Winnetka development) will not be part of this project, due to the high likelihood of future construction in that area. Enhancements will include reconstructed sidewalks, water main work, utility work, installation of new light fixtures, trees, streetscape furnishings, and amenities.

This construction and the annual street rehabilitation project will be coordinated, and the water main work on Elm Street will continue outside the bounds of the Downtown Streetscape Project to Sheridan Road.

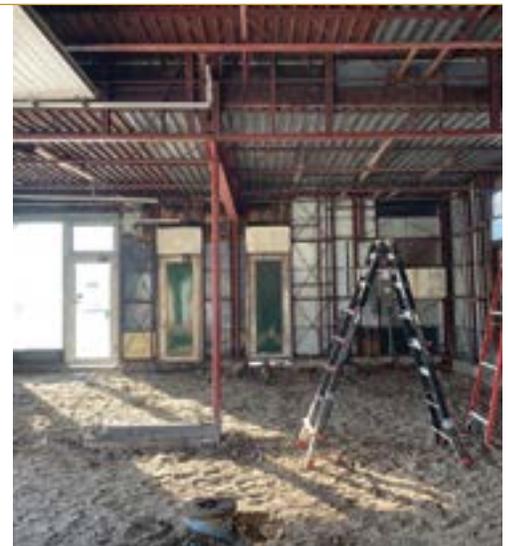
The project will commence work later in the summer to avoid activities that happen on Elm Street, including the Memorial Day Parade, the 4th of July Parade, and the Sidewalk Sale. Work will begin on July 17, weather permitting and the project is expected to be completed by early fall.

## Tala Coffee Roasters Coming Soon

Tala Coffee continues to make progress on the renovation of the building they are leasing from the Village at 93 Green Bay Road, including internal demolition and electrical work. They are rehabbing the interior of the 1,370 square-foot former automobile service station to serve as a coffee shop and community gathering space. Their plan includes updating the existing garage doors with glass and restoring the porcelain tile exterior to retain the charm and character of the site.

The Village Council recently approved a contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., to build an outdoor public gathering space, which will include new seating, lighting, bike racks, and landscaping. In addition, Tala will be installing a canopy over a small portion of the patio to create a covered seating area. The corner will become a gateway entrance into Winnetka and will revitalize a property in Indian Hill that has been vacant for many years.

Tala Coffee currently has two locations, a café in Highwood and a roastery in Libertyville. They roast their own brand of coffee, feature a variety of original specialty drinks, and offer a light lunch menu. Tala is currently scheduled to open in late summer.



*Brittany's Butters ribbon cutting, hosted by the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce*

## New Businesses in the Village

Three new businesses opened recently in Winnetka, with more planning to open soon.

In the Elm Street District, **Brittany's Butters and Gourmet Bakery** opened at 544 Lincoln Avenue in January. Interior designer **Elizabeth Stamos Design** will open this spring at 558 Green Bay Road. Women's clothing store **Evereve** is planning to open this summer in the former Kaehler Luggage and Travel Good store at 551-53 Chestnut Street.

After 29 years in operation in Winnetka, Bleachers Sports Music and Framing at 557 Chestnut Street has closed and relocated to Evanston. The Village thanks them for being a great addition to the Winnetka business community and wishes them well in their new location.

In Indian Hill, two new businesses opened, including photo-digitizing company **Memorable** at 22 Green Bay Road, and spa **Aesthetic Skin** at 44 Green Bay Road. In Hubbard Woods, **Selleria Veneta** will open their permanent location at 986 Green Bay Road this spring, and **Lana Jewelry** will open this summer at 912 Green Bay Road.



## Arbor Day

Arbor Day is internationally celebrated around the world as a way to recognize the many social, ecological and economic benefits trees provide. The Village of Winnetka invites residents to participate in Arbor Day on **Friday, April 28** at the Public Works Yards, 1390 Willow Road. Seasonal tree information displays, along with free tree seedlings, will be available.

If you have any questions or need an inspection of your own trees, please call the Village Forester at 847-716-3289.

## Moffat Mall Improvements

Landscaping improvements will be planted on Moffat Mall this spring. Perennial plants such as small shrubs and grasses will be installed that are native to Northeastern Illinois, along with other species that are known to do well in heavy-traffic areas. Many of the previously existing plants were removed as part of the Streetscape Improvements Project in 2022, as these plants were in poor condition. The new plants should be in place by early May. The Winnetka Garden Club will also plant and maintain perennials on the mall. New irrigation will also be installed to help ensure the success of the new plantings. The Village is working with the Winnetka Garden Club on future improvements to the water fountain.



## Winnetka Music Festival June 16 & 17

The Winnetka Music Festival will return to downtown Winnetka on **June 16 & 17**. This award-winning festival is consistently recognized as a premier suburban music experience, showcasing top emerging artists and national acts in a comfortable neighborhood setting. Tickets are on sale now. Follow [@winnetkamusicfestival](https://twitter.com/winnetkamusicfestival) on social media or visit [winnetkamusicfestival.com](https://winnetkamusicfestival.com) for more information, artist announcements, and ticket information.

## Electronics Recycling Program Resuming in April

The Electronics Recycling Program, offered in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), takes place at the Winnetka Public Works Yards (1390 Willow Road) every Thursday from 1 – 3 PM, from April - November, starting on Thursday, April 6. The Village will continue its other recycling programs year-round, which includes recycling of items such as Styrofoam (Mondays from 1 – 3 PM, weather permitting), CFL bulbs, handheld electronics, holiday lights, and gym shoes. Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 with any questions.





The Landmark Preservation Commission will be accepting nominations for this year, due by **Friday, May 26**

## Landmark Preservation Awards Accepted through May 26

The Village of Winnetka's Landmark Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for its Preservation Awards program: an annual initiative seeking to recognize exterior construction projects that have helped preserve the history and character of our community. Award categories include Restoration, Rehabilitation, and New Construction for projects that have been completed during the last five years. Single-family residential, commercial/multi-family residential, and public/institutional properties are eligible. Residents may nominate their own home.

Nomination forms for this year's program are due by **Friday, May 26**. Forms can be picked up at Village Hall or by visiting the Village's website. Award winners will be named at a Village Council meeting later this year. Entries, inquiries, or questions can be sent to Christopher Marx in the Village's Community Development Department at [cmarx@winnetka.org](mailto:cmarx@winnetka.org) or 847-716-3587.

## Test Backflow Assemblies Before Starting Lawn Sprinkler Systems

State Statute and the Village Code require backflow prevention assemblies on all in-ground lawn sprinkler systems, and each system must be tested annually. Backflow devices protect the public water supply in the event of a reversal of the flow of water from irrigation lines. Lawn chemicals and other materials can seep into lawn sprinkler lines through sprinkler heads and other openings, potentially contaminating water in the irrigation lines. Without a properly operating backflow prevention assembly in place, the water could be siphoned into your home and the public water supply.

Since many backflow prevention assemblies are located outdoors, they are susceptible to freezing and bursting over the winter, so backflow prevention assemblies need to be tested each year when starting up a lawn irrigation system. The tester should forward the results to the Village's Water & Electric Department email: [rpz@winnetka.org](mailto:rpz@winnetka.org). Please direct any questions to the Water & Electric Department at 847-716-3558.

## Sprinkler Restrictions Start May 15: No Sprinkling Permitted on Consecutive Days or between 12 PM - 6 PM

Winnetka is required to observe Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) lawn sprinkling restrictions, which go into effect on May 15 each year. Sprinkling is prohibited between the hours of 12 PM and 6 PM, and lawn sprinkling is not allowed on consecutive days. The restricted sprinkling hours are effective until September 15.



Special approval to water during prohibited hours may be requested from the Director of the Water & Electric Department for special cases, such as newly seeded or sodded areas, and for the annual activation or repair of sprinkler systems. To request a special approval, or if you have questions, call 847-716-3558, or email [bkeys@winnetka.org](mailto:bkeys@winnetka.org).

## Does Your Spring Construction Project Require a Building Permit?

With spring just around the corner, you may have some construction projects in mind for your home and yard. Whether it is an addition onto your home, expanding your patio, installing a shed, or building a playhouse for your children, please remember to visit the Village's website at [villageofwinnetka.org/buildingpermits](http://villageofwinnetka.org/buildingpermits) to determine whether your project requires a permit. If you have questions, please contact the Village's permit coordinator at 847-716-3520 or [buildingpermit@winnetka.org](mailto:buildingpermit@winnetka.org)



## The Winnetka Report

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Permit No. 7  
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Postal Customer

Winnetka, Illinois 60093

### 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 |
| Utility Department               | 847-716-3558 |
| Utility Billing Services         | 847-446-9550 |
| Community Development Department | 847-716-3576 |

### Village Council Emails

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|--------------------------|---|
| Contact Village Council: | <a href="mailto:ContactCouncil@Winnetka.org"><b>ContactCouncil@Winnetka.org</b></a> |
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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](http://villageofwinnetka.org) at "Agendas," or from the Village Manager's Office. Agendas will include the meeting's location and/or meeting access instructions.

### Memorial Day Refuse and Recycling Collection

**For the week of May 29 – June 2, 2023:**

**Monday collection will be on Tuesday.**

**Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.**

**Wednesday collection will be on Thursday**

**Thursday & Friday collection will be on Friday.**

Styrofoam collection will *not take place* the week of Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Parade step-off will be at 10 AM on Monday, May 29 at Elm Street and Glendale Avenue. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10:30 AM on the Village Green.