



The WINNETKA REPORT

A Message from the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

As always, I am pleased to write to you and update you on the progress we are making on a number of our critical projects:

- Our Stormwater Management Initiative work is well underway at Duke Childs Field, the golf courses, and the forest preserve. This project has multiple different phases, and residents will begin to realize its benefits as we build the infrastructure to detain and convey water following heavy rains.
- Council continues to discuss the One Winnetka site, and has seen proposals for the planned development at Lincoln and Elm Streets, and village staff work with the developer to fine-tune designs to meet Village code and utility requirements as the project moves through the planned development approval process. You can read more about the planned development on page 3.
- This summer, the fifth phase of the Streetscape Improvements Project will take place on Elm Street, east of Lincoln Avenue, along with water main work further down Elm Street. The One Winnetka site area will not be part of this project, as these Streetscape improvements will be made once the project is approved and construction commences.
- We will continue discussions about permitting for lakefront construction projects and the future of the site the post office currently occupies in upcoming Village Council meetings. Each meeting is promoted in our weekly email to residents: if you don't currently receive these updates, please use the QR code below to sign up to stay informed about Village news and events.

After the events on the Fourth of July last year, special attention has been paid to our own summer celebrations, with an increased police and security presence to make sure that we can continue to enjoy our holidays and special events as safely as possible. As close neighbors to the tragedy in Highland Park, we are acutely aware how close to home these senseless acts of violence can be, and security this year is a top priority for us. An important note: calling 911 is appropriate if you see suspicious activity. 911 is intended for any situation that requires immediate, time-sensitive public safety attention. Many hesitate to call because they are unsure what warrants an emergency response, but when it comes to our community's security, please err on the side of caution. You can read more about our safety preparations this year in the letter from our police chief on page 5.

I wish all of you a safe, happy, and restful summer season. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz
Village President



Chris Rintz

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Council Action Summary

February 21, 2023: Outdoor seating permits for Tocco and Good Grapes were discussed and approved. Zoning variations were discussed at 232 Sheridan Road. Changes to the Village Code concerning renewable energy sources were discussed, and the method used to calculate renewable energy production credits was discussed. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

March 7, 2023: A change to an existing contract to enable asbestos abatement in and make a critical repair to one of the boilers at the Water & Electric plant was discussed and approved. Changes to the Village Code concerning firearm regulations were approved: the 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. Amendments to the Village Code regarding lakefront regulations were discussed, providing a more detailed permit process for lakefront properties than those that previously existed in the Village Code, requiring a Village permit for any construction in or adjacent to Lake Michigan that also requires a permit from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Midwest Water Reclamation District, or the Army Corps of Engineers. No Village permit could be issued unless all other permits have been received, and the applicant would need to provide the Village with the permit applications submitted to the permitting agencies and consult with the Village during the permitting process.

March 14, 2023: A joint meeting of Village Council and the Plan Commission was held to discuss the draft of the Winnetka Futures 2040 Comprehensive Plan, a document that serves as an official policy statement to guide Village decision-making through 2040. The document was discussed and public comment was heard.

March 21, 2023: Amendments to the Village Code regarding the Class X Special Use Liquor License were discussed, allowing vendors at the Farmers' Market to obtain liquor licenses for the duration of the market season. The lakefront regulations discussed at the March 7th meeting were discussed and adopted. An appointment was made to the Design Review Board. A closed session was held for the purposes of discussing

personnel, collective bargaining, and minutes of meetings pursuant to sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

April 3, 2023: A proclamation honoring the 100th anniversary of the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce's establishment was read and presented. A zoning variation was discussed and approved, granting a Certificate of Appropriateness to North Shore Country Day School for renovations to their gymnasium. The Winnetka Futures 2040 Comprehensive Plan was adopted. A grant agreement was adopted between the Village and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to partially fund the Stormwater Improvements Project.

April 11, 2023: The Village's gas-powered leaf blower ban was discussed following the report of a regional working group on the environmental and sound impacts of gas-powered leaf blowers and a comparison to battery-powered leaf blowers. The recommendation from Council was to consider a nine-month ban of gas-powered leaf blowers, similar to what other municipalities along the North Shore are considering, but without exemptions, a move which distinguishes Winnetka. Gas-powered leaf blowers would be allowed under the new ordinance only during the months of October, November, and April. Under the proposed changes, landscapers working in the Village would be licensed each year.

April 18, 2023: A special use permit at Hubbard Woods School was discussed and approved, allowing for a new building addition.

May 2, 2023: Election results were read and new council members were seated. Commendations were issued for former Trustees John Swierk and Andrew Cripe. A contract was approved for the installation of conduits for the electrical distribution system. Appointments were made to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County board, the Environmental and Forestry Commission, and the Plan Commission, and Council organizational assignments were established.

May 9, 2023: The Council discussed the advanced metering infrastructure project, which would provide improvements to the water and electrical distribution system and automate water and electrical meter readings. This new system would provide the Village with high-quality data, allowing it to more rapidly address outages and system issues.

May 16, 2023: A special use permit, zoning variation, and Certificate of Appropriateness was discussed for 564 Green Bay Road, occupied by Engel & Volkers.

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, which will grow as conversations continue. View it at villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront.

“One Winnetka” Property Update

The Murphy Development Group, which has been working on plans to redevelop the site at Lincoln and Elm Streets, has filed a preliminary planned development plan application, as the designee of the property owner, RIC (Winnetka Lincoln) LLC, who owns 714-16 Elm Street, 718-732 Elm Street, 740 Elm Street, 511 Lincoln Avenue, and 515 Lincoln Avenue. The property owner also has 736 Elm Street under contract (the former Conney’s Pharmacy site), which, together with the other properties, make up the subject property.



The preliminary plan includes a four-story mixed use planned development for the property, consisting of:

- Approximately 59 residential rental units with 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units,
- 19,478 square feet of commercial space, and
- A total of 154 parking spaces consisting of 38 spaces at ground level for commercial uses and 116 spaces on the lower level for residential uses.

On April 20, the Design Review Board reviewed the design of the proposed building and streetscape. The board asked the applicant to consider changes to the architectural design of the building and continued the application to its June 15 meeting to provide the applicant time to respond to the Board’s comments. The materials for the June meeting are posted on the Village’s website.

The Planned Development Commission will hold a separate public hearing on approvals for a plat of consolidation, the preliminary planned development plan, and associated zoning exceptions and special uses. The date of that public hearing will be set after the Design Review Board has made its recommendation on the project. Once the Design Review Board and Planned Development Commission have made their recommendations, the Village Council will consider the planned development for approval.



93 Green Bay Road: Tala Coffee Roasters

Redevelopment of the Village-owned site on the southeast corner of Green Bay Road and Winnetka Avenue continues. Tala Coffee Roasters, which the Village



Council selected to repurpose the site to create a gathering space for the Indian Hill neighborhood and the community as a whole, continues to work on improvements to the building. The Village’s Streetscape Improvements Project

contractor is constructing part of the site to create a public gathering space. If construction continues to proceed as planned, Tala will likely open in the fall.

Paper Shredding Event August 19

Winnetka’s Document Destruction event will be held on Saturday, August 19, from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow Road. This program is provided by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), and is a one-day document destruction event for sensitive residentially-generated paper, including medical forms, bank statements, personal files, old tax forms, etc. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please do not recycle binders. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags. Please do not bring documents in plastic bags.

There is no cost to participate, though residents must live in one of SWANCC’s member communities and identification will be checked for proof of residency. As residents drive up in their vehicles, workers will unload the paper documents into large carts. When full, the carts of paper are emptied into the truck’s cross-shredding machine.

Update on Businesses in the Village

The Village is pleased to welcome new businesses to our community:

- In Hubbard Woods, **Lana Jewelry** opened their flagship store at 906 Green Bay Road.
- **Selleria Veneta** opened their new location at 986 Green Bay Road.
- In the Elm Street District, **Evereve** opened at 551 Chestnut Street in the former Kaehler Luggage and Travel Goods store.
- **Kay's Barber Shop** opened at 556 Green Bay Road in the former Londo Mondo store.
- Smoothie restaurant **Deep Purpl / Fons Empanada** opened at 552 Lincoln Avenue.
- Winnetka's first Vietnamese restaurant, **Little Saigon**, will open soon at 561 Lincoln Avenue.

After 68 years in operation in Winnetka, TJ Cullen Jewelers at 562 Lincoln Avenue has closed. We will miss this family-owned and operated business.

The **Winnetka Sidewalk Sale** will take place on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 in business districts around the Village from 9 AM – 5 PM. Businesses will feature some of their biggest sales of the year at this open-air shopping and services spree. The Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce hosts this event.

First Fridays in Hubbard Woods are underway on the first Friday of every month along Green Bay Road from Tower Road to Scott Street from 5 – 7 PM between April – December. Bring friends and neighbors to visit participating businesses for live music, appetizers, and after-hours shopping. There is a different theme each month: On August 4, say "Au Revoir L'été" and celebrate the transition from summer to fall. On September 1, "Fall in Love" will revel in a wedding planning and celebrations theme. The Hubbard Woods Design District is the host.

The Winnetka Farmers' Market is bigger than ever this year! The market is open at the Elm Street Station parking lot and Station Park at 754 Elm Street every Saturday, from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM, until October 28. The Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce is co-hosts the market with the Village and the Winnetka Park District. It features many local farmers, vendors, and businesses. Weekly programs at the market include music, yoga, composting, and chef demonstrations. Stay for the "After Market" event on Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, August 26 from 11 AM – 2 PM for live music, food, and beverages.



Chamber Director Terry Dason and Village President Chris Rintz with the proclamation honoring the Chamber at the Chamber Luncheon in April.

Chamber's 100th Anniversary

Congratulations to the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary! The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce was founded on April 11, 1923, by 80 Winnetka businesses that first gathered at the Winnetka Community House. Present at the meeting were prominent Winnetka business owners Gustaf Nelson, founder of the North Shore Laundry (later the Laundry Mall); B. W. Blow of road excavation and teaming company Building Materials, who was also the co-founder of The Winnetka Rotary Club; and E. C. Wiessenberg, owner of coal retailer Wiessenberg Fuel & Materials. Together, these leaders pledged \$3,000 to found the Chamber.

The Village recognized the Chamber for their advocacy for the business community, their work to foster economic growth, and their promotion of Winnetka as a destination for shopping, recreation, and living. The Village Council presented a resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Chamber at the April 4 Council meeting, and President Rintz presented the framed resolution at the Chamber's Annual Recognition Luncheon, held on April 26.



Letter from the Police Chief

As we approach the 4th of July, one year since the tragic events in Highland Park, it is important we honor and remember every victim who lost their lives, who was injured, or who was impacted by the events of

that day, while at the same time, recognizing the brave spectators who tended to people in need and the law enforcement professionals who rushed toward danger to protect others.

When the Winnetka Police were informed of the developing incident that day, we immediately responded to assist our neighboring community: five Winnetka Police Officers rushed to the scene to assist with efforts to locate the offender, as well as care for and safely evacuate dozens of people who took protective shelter. I could not be more proud of the courage, strength, and the willingness to act without hesitation of law enforcement, including our officers, on that day. In the weeks afterward, our department supplied eleven officers to assist Highland Park in whatever capacity necessary as they conducted their investigation.

In preparation for this year's summer events, our department is dedicated to providing the safest possible environment for celebrations. The law enforcement community learned valuable lessons last year, and we have applied them to our preparations, training, and communication.

Our emphasis continues to be on training for critical incident responses and tactical medical care. We maintain relationships with surrounding police agencies, providing mutual assistance to one another during events: this additional support will noticeably enhance police presence this summer at our observances and celebrations.

We are also prioritizing timely communication to our community, and we encourage every resident to subscribe to Smart911 (visit Smart911.com to sign up or reactivate your account). This will allow you to receive immediate messaging to your mobile phone in an emergency. Our Village's website and social media will also be updated in evolving situations.

Finally, we consider each of you a partner in keeping Winnetka secure and providing thoughtful discussion about safety in our community. As we set the intention to enjoy a happy and safe summer, I encourage you to call 911 if you see something concerning or that might put the safety of friends, family, or neighbors at risk. We would rather check and verify everything is safe than respond later to an unreported concern that became an unfortunate incident.

Everyone has the right to feel safe. As we continue to reflect upon last year's tragedy, our hope is we can become stronger and safer together.

Always call 911 in an emergency.

**If you see something
say something.**



Letter from the Fire Chief

Backyard barbecues, roasting marshmallows, and conversations around an outdoor fire are popular summertime activities. Keep these safety tips in mind as you use your outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and barbecue grills this summer season:

Grilling Safety:

- Use barbecue grills outside only.
- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from structures and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away.
- Be sure to clean your grill after each use.
- Do not leave grills unattended when in use.
- Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.
- Always ensure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Place coals from your charcoal grill outside in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Outdoor fireplace & fire pit safety:

- Use portable fire pits outdoors and at least 15 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.
- Closely watch kids and pets around outdoor fires. Store matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to prevent sparks from floating out.
- Fully extinguish all fires before leaving the area. Fires should always be under constant competent supervision.

As a reminder, per Section 8.16.090 of the Village Code, "open burning is prohibited anywhere in the Village, whether on public or private property, unless such burning is in connection with outdoor grills, barbecues, small recreational fires or fireplaces and such burning is not otherwise prohibited by law; provided, however, that no garbage (other than logs or untreated wood products) shall be burned in such cases."



Be Aware of Heat-Related Illness this Summer

As temperatures begin to climb, be aware of the dangers of heat-related illness: heat exhaustion and heatstroke can be life threatening and are often preventable. Heat exhaustion can happen when your body becomes dehydrated during high temperatures and humidity. Heatstroke is caused by your body overheating, typically a result of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures.

Older adults, those with high blood pressure, and those working outside are the most at risk for heat exhaustion. When left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heatstroke, which is the most serious form of heat-related illness. Heatstroke can quickly damage your heart, brain, kidneys, and muscles. Delayed treatment worsens the damage and increases your risk of serious complications or death.

Preventing Heat-Related Illness:

- Stay cool. Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible. Do not rely solely on fans during extreme temperatures. If you do not have air conditioning, consider visiting a shopping mall or a Cook County cooling shelter (<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/cooling-centers>).
- Adults over the age of 65 may not tolerate sudden changes in temperature as well as younger people. Check on them more frequently and ensure they are drinking enough water.
- Stay hydrated. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Water and electrolyte sports drinks are the most effective warm-weather drinks.
- Avoid alcohol, as it can cause you to become more dehydrated.
- Eat lighter meals.
- Wear light-weight clothing or loose-fitting clothes.
- Protect yourself from the sun. Sunburn impacts your body's ability to cool itself.
- Wear sunscreen and sunglasses to protect your skin and eyes.
- Avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day, usually between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Make sure your pets have plenty of water.
- Do not leave people or pets alone in a vehicle. Each year, multiple children die after being left in hot cars. This is never a safe practice, even if you crack the windows.
- Stay informed. Watch your local news for weather alerts and updates.

Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools

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. De-chlorination 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.

Contact the Village of Winnetka's Engineering Department with questions at 847-716-3568.



Please Walk Bikes in Business Districts

In order to make our business districts safer for everyone, the Village asks bicycle riders to walk their bikes on sidewalks in the business districts. The Village posted signs along Elm Street, Chestnut Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Green Bay Road, asking riders for compliance. Please communicate to bicycle riders in your household to use caution while biking and walk bikes in the business districts and in other crowded areas.



Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Prohibited June 1-September 30

Between June 1 and September 30, gasoline-powered blowers are prohibited entirely in the Village of Winnetka. Violation of the ordinance is subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. These restrictions also apply to the use of electric leaf blowers plugged into portable gasoline generators. If you employ landscapers, please make sure that they are aware of Winnetka's leaf blower ordinance. Between October 1 and May 31, gasoline-powered blowers may not be used between 7 PM - 8 AM, Monday through Friday, or 6 PM - 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The leaf blower restrictions do not apply to golf course lawn upkeep, employees of the Village performing road maintenance, or electric leaf blowers plugged into normal electrical outlets.

New Trier Township High School Recognized for Sustainability Efforts

The winner the Environmental and Forestry Commission's (EFC) Green Award in 2023 is New Trier Township High School, which was selected for its efforts in the categories of Climate, Energy, Leadership, and Sustainable Communities. New Trier's Winnetka campus received LEED Gold certification by the U.S Green Building Council, showcasing the campus as an example of sustainability. New Trier has also improved energy efficiency through construction, and has implemented other green initiatives, including composting. The school's student, staff, and parent community has demonstrated a commitment to green efforts, resulting in this award.

Each year, the Village of Winnetka's Environmental and Forestry Commission (EFC) invites residents to participate in its Green Awards Program, which recognizes properties and households within Winnetka that demonstrate exceptional commitment to sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices.



New Trier High School's Winnetka Campus



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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: For the week of July 3 - July 7, 2023:

Monday collection will be as usual.
Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.
Wednesday collection will be on Thursday.
Thursday & Friday will be collected on Friday.

July 4th Events



Parade steps off at **10AM** at Elm Street and Glendale Avenue. Events on the Village Green follow the parade, concluding at **1:30 PM**. Fourthfest is on the Skokie Playfield from **5:30 - 8:30 PM**, followed by fireworks at **9:20 PM**.
For more information visit **villageofwinnetka.org**