



The WINNETKA REPORT

A Message from the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to invite you to the grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration for Tala Coffee Roasters at 93 Green Bay Road on Thursday, May 9 at 1 PM. This event is the culmination of a project that the Village undertook to reimagine a space that was formerly a service station and sat unoccupied in the Indian Hill business district for years. We issued a request for proposals to businesses interested in occupying the space in 2021, and ultimately selected Tala due to their vision for the space and their fit in our community. Their Winnetka location is a space that I know residents will enjoy for years to come. Please join us if you are able.

We are again inviting young residents under the age of 12 to visit Village offices during the month of June to locate a stuffed bunny, pictured here, that lives in an employee's office in a Village building, and send a selfie with the bunny to



contactus@winnetka.org to be entered to win a ride on a Village fire truck. Please include a phone number where we can reach you as part of your submission.

I look forward to seeing you around town!

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz
Village President



Chris Rintz

Spring Clean-Up Week: May 6 - 9

Winnetka's Annual Spring Clean-Up week will be held from **May 6 - 9**. Scheduled pickups are as follows:



- Monday, May 6: north of Tower Road
- Tuesday, May 7: Tower Road to Pine Street
- Wednesday, May 8: Pine Street to Willow Road
- Thursday, May 9: 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 fire safety. Residents are encouraged to recycle items such as cardboard boxes, Styrofoam, and plastic bags instead of putting them out for Spring Clean-Up Week. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at **847-716-3568**.

Sign up for the weekly newsletter to residents



It only takes seconds and will keep you in-the-know about Village events and updates.

Steep Slope Regulations

On February 6, the Village Council adopted an ordinance establishing bluff regulations for development in the steep slope area along Lake Michigan and amending the definitions for the lot line and the front yard setback along Lake Michigan. The ordinance is now in effect.

A copy can be found on the Village website:

villageofwinnetka.org/lakefront

Preserving and enhancing natural features such as woodlands, bluffs, beaches, and the Lake Michigan shoreline has been identified by the Village as an objective for decades. Over a year ago, the Village Council began to study and consider regulations to protect and maintain the lakefront and its bluffs while continuing to respect private property rights. The Council held four study sessions and three public meetings to discuss the issues. At each study session and public meeting, public comments were heard.

To assist with the development of the new regulations, the Village engaged outside expertise and worked with a coastal engineering firm to analyze the bluffs and related regulations. The Village also studied the steep slope regulations of neighboring communities including Lake Bluff, Highland Park, Glencoe, and Kenilworth, and consulted with these municipalities on their regulations. At the public hearings and meetings held by the Village on lakefront and steep slope regulations, the Village received extensive public comment both in person and via written submissions. The regulations ultimately adopted by the Village were tailored to our Village and to the comments and input the Village received from numerous stakeholders throughout the public process.

Flood Protection Assistance

The Village of Winnetka is a designated National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) community. The Engineering Department and Sewer Division of the Public Works Department provide the community with one-on-one advice about property protection, with respect to drainage issues, flooding, sanitary sewer back-up, sewer management and maintenance issues, and any available funding for making necessary repairs. If you have any questions regarding drainage issues, flooding, floodplain, sanitary sewer back-up, sewer management or sewer maintenance, or would like to schedule an on-site visit, please contact Village staff for assistance.

Engineering, Floodplain Questions, Drainage and Flooding Issues:

James Bernahl, P.E., CFM, Dir. Of Engineering and Village Engineer; jbernahl@winnetka.org, 847-716-3261

Obaid Khalid, P.E., CFM, Assistant Village Engineer and Stormwater Manager; okhalid@winnetka.org, 847-716-3532

Sewer Maintenance, Sanitary Sewer Back-Up, Sewer Management:

Erik Jensen, Assistant Director of Public Works; ejensen@winnetka.org, 847-716-3534

To Protect Your Property from Flood Damage:

Different measures are appropriate for different flood hazards, building types, and building conditions. The protection of your home and property could include the following methods:

- Elevate the building above the Flood Protection Elevation, which is 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation.
- Elevate damage-prone components, such as the furnace, air conditioning units, or other attendant utilities.
- Raise window wells and exterior stairwells to provide a barrier from overland flooding and keep well drains free of debris.
- Dry flood-proof the building so that water cannot get in.
- Wet flood-proof the building by providing a flood vent opening so water does not cause damage to the structure.
- Construct a berm or redirect drainage away from the building.
- Notify the Village of any observed maintenance issues relating to streams, ditches, and public storm drains. Maintain all privately-owned storm drains so that debris does not obstruct them.
- Install a sanitary sewer back-up protection system.

All methods must comply with the Village's Flood Hazard Protection Ordinance and applicable building codes.

Please check to see what permits are necessary from the Village by calling 857-716-3520 or emailing buildingpermit@winnetka.org.

Council Action Summary

December 12, 2023: A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act and to review minutes of closed session meetings pursuant Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

December 19, 2023: An ordinance amending the Village Code regarding lot consolidation was approved. The disposal of surplus Village property was authorized. A resolution to amend the text of the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance was discussed regarding residential uses in the C-2 General Retail Commercial Zoning District and a special use permit for 808 Oak Street was introduced. A special use permit for the operation of an event planning business within the C-2 Commercial Overlay District was discussed and approved. Appointments were made to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, the Landmark Preservation Commission representative to the Plan Commission, and the Plan Commission representative to the Planned Development Commission.

January 9, 2024: The Village Code was amended to prohibit unscheduled and unannounced one-way bus traffic. A public hearing was held to discuss the amendment of the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to establish bluff development regulations for the steep slope area along Lake Michigan. Council discussed key concerns on behalf of the public related to restoration, construction, and development along the lakefront, including the process for granting variances and exceptions, and the process for appeals. Appointments were made to the Plan Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Design Review Board.

January 16, 2024: A study session was held to discuss policy matters for future agendas. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing specific personnel, pending litigation, and the review of closed session minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(11) and Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.



January 23, 2024: A variation was discussed at 899 Sheridan Road to allow for the construction of a pickleball court. The owner was asked to consider revisions to their proposed plan for the location. An amendment to the Village Code was discussed and approved which allows Council members to remotely/electronically attend up to six meetings per year, provided they are unable to attend due to illness, work related travel, family emergency, or unexpected childcare obligations. Members of subsidiary committees/commissions may remotely/electronically attend up to two meetings per term of office. The purchase of a fire engine was reviewed and approved.

February 6, 2024: The proposed pickleball court at 899 Sheridan Road was discussed: the applicant updated the proposed location after the January 23 meeting, and Council approved the variation to the zoning ordinance to allow for its construction. The zoning ordinance amendment to establish bluff regulations for development in the steep slope area along Lake Michigan was approved after public comment was heard. Fees for the processing of lakefront construction permit applications and steep slope regulation permit applications were discussed and approved. An agreement with DiMeo Brothers, Inc. for construction services for the Crow Island Stormwater Storage and Conveyance project was discussed and approved. A contract with Christy Webber Landscaping was discussed and approved as part of the Crow Island Stormwater project. A closed session special meeting was held for the purpose of discussing probable or imminent or pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

February 13, 2024: The electric plant was discussed to plan for the future of steam generation, providing an overview of the current equipment, necessary repairs to turbine #4, and financial planning for the future of the plant, both in the short and long term. Council provided policy direction to retire turbine #4 due to the age of the equipment and the extensive cost of the necessary repairs. In addition, Council determined that steam generation operations will be discontinued as of January 1, 2027. A closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

February 20, 2024: A number of contracts were approved, including for the purchase of underground cable, pad mount transformers, a police vehicle, sanitary sewer inspection services, and sewer relining services. A closed session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.



Village Stormwater Management Program Moves into its Next Phase

The next stage of Winnetka's Stormwater Management Program has begun at Crow Island Woods.

This project joins the Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Management Wetland project, which is nearly complete, and the North of Willow Stormwater Management project completed last year.

The Crow Island Stormwater Management and Conveyance project began construction at the beginning of March 2024. This project is the result of a partnership between the Village, Winnetka Park District, and School District 36 to provide stormwater management and flood relief to the neighborhoods south of Willow Road. The Crow Island project will include underground stormwater storage facilities and a large box storm sewer connecting the underground storage to the Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Management Wetland. This is the third and final storage project providing an additional 3 million gallons of storage for a total of 53.4 million gallons of stormwater storage and water quality improvements. That's equivalent to filling the entire lower bowl of Soldier Field with stormwater!



Most of the earthwork for the Hibbard Preserve Stormwater Management Wetland project was substantially completed last fall. Temporary seeding and blankets were applied to the finished areas and spring growth is eagerly anticipated. Installation of the large box storm sewers on Hibbard Road, Sunset Road, and across Willow Road were also completed. The future stormwater conveyance projects will connect to these storm sewers to bring stormwater from the neighborhoods into the new stormwater management wetland. This phase of the project is currently on schedule to meet its anticipated completion in June 2024, providing over 24 million gallons of stormwater storage and water quality improvements for west and southwest Winnetka.

*(Top) Anxiously awaiting spring growth on the Hibbard Preserve.
(Bottom) The 12-foot-wide by 5-foot-tall box storm sewer connects Duke Childs to the Hibbard Preserve*

The North of Willow Stormwater Management project was completed in October 2023. This spring, New Trier High School athletes have started using the renovated and restored Duke Childs Fields, underneath which is the 20-million-gallon underground stormwater storage facility. The Winnetka Golf Club golf courses continue to be managed with touch ups to the new fairways, bunkers, and restored grasses.

Design of the stormwater conveyance projects that will collect and convey stormwater from the south and southwest neighborhoods to the newly constructed storage facilities also continues to progress.



Photos: (Left) Athletics have started on the renovated Duke Childs Field over the 20-million-gallon stormwater storage facility. (Right) Grass will continue to be maintained on the renovated golf courses.



Message from the Police Chief

Beginning in late December 2023, North Shore communities began to experience unscheduled charter buses carrying migrants arriving primarily from Texas. The City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications provided guidance to local municipalities about the proper drop-off location and registration processes for these migrants. In early January, Village Council introduced and adopted code language regulating unscheduled bus arrivals: this was primarily due to mounting safety concerns related to hazardous weather and affording the Village the ability to properly prepare resources for scheduled arrivals. At the time, the Winnetka Police Department was in constant communication with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies regarding anticipated and actual arrivals throughout Illinois.

In recent weeks, we have observed that migrants are choosing not to utilize the City of Chicago's drop-off location for voluntary registration and resources. Many have chosen to remain in communities outside of Chicago and panhandle independently for resources. Winnetka is one of many communities beginning to see panhandling by migrants.

The Winnetka Police Department has responded to many calls about the panhandlers, and we offer them transport to the proper drop-off location for migrants or the resources available through the department's social services manager.

Each time, they decline assistance from the police and state they wish to remain in the public right of way.

Panhandling is a form of speech protected by the First Amendment. Additionally, law enforcement cannot stop, arrest, search, detain, or continue to detain a person based on his or her citizen or immigration status. It is also illegal for law enforcement to detain or insist on identifying a person on the public way without reason.

The Winnetka Police Department is focused on public safety and support. We continue to be a strong presence in areas affected by panhandling with the priority of maintaining public safety and security. We also continue to offer the migrant families resources that will support them in the long term and we will address ordinance and state violations if they occur. As long as panhandlers are supported with direct donations, we believe they will continue to be a presence.

Anyone seen panhandling can be directed to appropriate social services: New Trier Township, local religious institutions, and many local nonprofit organizations offer resources for people who need them. We are maintaining a list on the Village's website of organizations and agencies that work directly with migrants and other individuals in need.

If you are ever concerned about a person's welfare or safety, please call 911 to report your concerns.





Message from the Fire Chief

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety

Spring is here and the Winnetka Fire Department wants to remind you to include carbon monoxide prevention in your spring cleaning plans this year. Carbon monoxide is often called an invisible killer: it is a gas with no odor or color, and symptoms of exposure often mimic flu-like symptoms and cause disorientation. Winnetka firefighters respond to over 50 non-fire carbon monoxide-related calls each year.

Some carbon monoxide prevention tips for your spring-cleaning checklist should include:

- Clean your fireplace, wood/fuel burning stoves, and other chimneys annually to ensure debris and nesting animals have not blocked air flow.
- Use portable generators outdoors only, at least 20 feet away from your home, and down-wind from any open vents or doors.
- Gas and charcoal grills should only be operated outdoors, at least 10 feet away from structures, and never indoors or within a garage.
- Inspect and clean all outdoor vents, including your dryer vent.
- Ensure your furnace and heating equipment is inspected annually, or according to the manufacturer's instructions, by a licensed professional to certify it is in proper working order.

Alarms

- Spring cleaning is also a great time to check your carbon monoxide alarms, as ensuring the carbon monoxide detectors in your home are functioning properly is a crucial step to preventing carbon monoxide poisoning.

Below are tips for carbon monoxide (CO) alarms:

- CO alarms should be placed in a central location outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Choose CO alarms that have been listed by a qualified testing laboratory and follow manufacturer instructions for placement and mounting height.
- CO and fire alarms should be tested monthly and replaced in accordance with manufacturer recommendations or if they are not functioning properly.
- If the CO alarm sounds, move immediately to fresh air and call 911.

Warning Signs

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide builds up in the blood.

Too much CO in the air causes the body to begin replacing the oxygen in red blood cells with carbon monoxide.

This prevents oxygen from reaching tissues and organs and can lead to severe tissue damage, or even death. Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen after prolonged exposure to small amounts of CO, or in a short period of time with exposure to higher levels.

Symptoms can include:

- Headache
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of muscle control
- Weakness
- Confusion
- Loss of consciousness
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, move to fresh air and call 911 immediately.

Annual Street Rehabilitation Program

The Village will perform maintenance on several streets this spring and summer, including asphalt and concrete patching in multiple locations. This year’s street rehabilitation program was awarded to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. after a competitive bidding process. The streets listed below will be under construction:

STREET		LIMITS	SCOPE OF WORK
Spruce Street	Locust Street	to Birch Street	Water Main/Rehab
Cherry Street	Locust Street	to Birch Street	Water Main/Rehab
Walden Road	Vine Street	to Pine Street	Road Resurface
Rosewood Avenue	Cherry Street	to Pine Street	Road Resurface
Locust Street	Cherry Street	to Pine Street	Road Resurface
Provident Street	Cherry Street	to Pine Street	Road Resurface
Wilson Street	Ash Street	to Winnetka Avenue	Road Resurface

Work will consist of milling the existing road surface, repairing curbs as necessary, replacement of damaged public sidewalk, minor storm/sanitary sewer structure repair, replacement of water mains and related water services, and resurfacing. Residents affected by the installation of new water mains and water services will be notified prior to work taking place and a minimum of 48 hours before any water service interruptions.

Street 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.



Sidewalk Replacement Program

Each year, the Village of Winnetka performs sidewalk and curb maintenance. These repairs ensure safety and reduce liability for property owners and the Village. Construction for the 2024 sidewalk and curb maintenance program will begin in June and be completed by the end of August. Residents in areas where work will be performed will be notified before work begins.

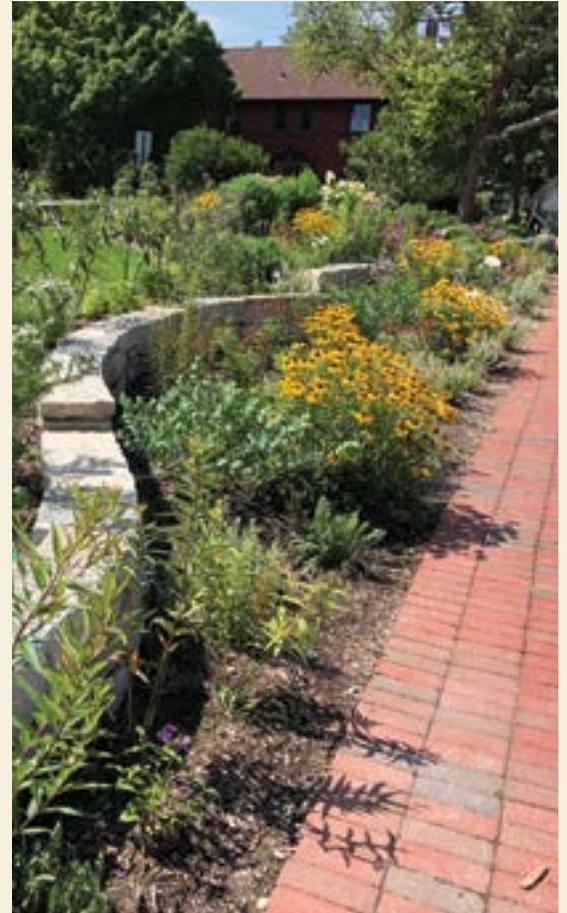
Hubbard Woods & Indian Hill Business District Streetscape Projects

At the Village Council's direction, staff has been working with streetscape consultants and our adjoining neighbors at the villages of Kenilworth and Glencoe on plans to extend streetscape improvements similar to those constructed in the Downtown to both the Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill business districts. Through open houses, online surveys, and emails, community members have shared their thoughts regarding the draft concept design plans developed for each business district. Current drafts of the plans can be found on the respective project web page for each project:

- **Hubbard Woods:** www.villageofwinnetka.org/hw
- **Indian Hills:** www.villageofwinnetka.org/ih

Given that some of the proposed streetscape improvements would take place along Green Bay Road, a State highway, the next step is to meet with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to discuss what improvements may be made under IDOT's jurisdiction and what improvements would require the Village to take ownership of these portions of Green Bay Road, by what is called a jurisdictional transfer. We hope to schedule meetings with IDOT over the coming months.

We are at the concept plan development stage of potential streetscape improvements, and anticipate several years of work with IDOT to determine if the improvements will be made as an IDOT or Village-controlled right-of-way. Once that decision is made, it will take time to prepare construction documents, and once these are completed, streetscape improvements can begin.



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**
- **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.



Winnetka Preservation Award Winners

At the March 4 Village Council meeting, the Winnetka Landmark Preservation Commission awarded its 2023 Annual Preservation Awards to four Winnetka property owners. The winners included Nan Greenough and her masonry contractor Juan Corona for a restoration project at 500 Maple Street, Linda and David Machlachlan and their architect Chip Hackley for their restoration project at 656 Ardsley Road, Neil and Angela Hughes and their architect Chip Hackley for their restoration project at 740 Ardsley Road, and Kim and Thomas Handler and their architect Chip Hackley for their rehabilitation project at 1100 Pelham Road.

The Preservation Awards are an annual program that recognizes construction projects in the village that help preserve the history and character of the village. The program has three categories of awards: Restoration, Rehabilitation, and New Construction. The properties do not necessarily have to be landmarks. The winners, decided by the Landmark Preservation Commission, are properties that exemplify the historic character, architectural distinctiveness, and design aesthetic of the village.

Congratulations to the award recipients!

The Landmark Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for this year's program by **May 24**. Entries or questions can be sent to Christopher Marx with the Village's Community Development Department by email at cmarx@winnetka.org or phone at **847-716-3587**.



Preservation Award winner 656 Ardsley Road.



Arbor Day April 26

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 26** at the Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow Road. Seasonal tree information displays will be posted and 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**.



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**. 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.

Spring Business Update

Business is bustling in Winnetka! Five businesses opened this spring, and three local businesses expanded into larger, renovated spaces.

The Village's first and only Vietnamese restaurant, Corner Banh Mi, opened at 561 Lincoln Avenue. Compass Realty expanded into a larger office at 568 Lincoln Avenue. Anne Louck Gallery opened a new gallery in the front space of Compass Realty's office. Edward Deegan Architects opened at 560 Green Bay Road, Suite 301, after relocating from Kenilworth. In Hubbard Woods, Lunk and Hancy Art Gallery opened a new gallery at 902 Green Bay Road, in a space that had been vacant for four years. New home goods and floral retailer, Wellyhaus, opened at 928 Green Bay Road. Interior designer Alexandra Kaehler Designs, relocated to a larger office at 907A Green Bay Road. Event planner, NSW Special Events, received a Special Use Permit to expand into 962 Green Bay Road.

Two long-time businesses retired this spring. After 15 years in business, Ellen's on Elm closed at 847 Elm Street. Orrington Jewelers, 553 Lincoln Avenue, closed after serving the North Shore for 37 years. The Village recognizes these businesses for their contributions to the Winnetka business community and we wish their owners well in their retirement.

The outdoor dining season has begun! Visit your favorite restaurant to enjoy the spring weather and dine on outdoor patios and sidewalks this season. The Village has provided 14 new short-term parking spaces in the Hubbard Woods and Elm Street business districts to accommodate the increased demand for retail and food pick-up.

Sign up for the Distinctly Winnetka e-newsletter to stay up to date on shopping and dining events, and seasonal specials at local businesses.



Ribbon cutting for Edward Deegan Architects.

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. 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 nnarhi@winnetka.org.

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 within 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**.



Tree Protection from Summer Cicadas

This year will see the emergence of a large brood of periodical cicadas in Winnetka. Brood XIII will emerge once the soil warms in the spring, likely in mid-May. These cicadas have spent the past 17 years living underground, feeding on tree roots.

Female cicadas will lay their eggs on small tree branches that are about the width of a pencil (up to ½ - 1 inch in diameter). In doing so, they will make a small cut in trees that will result in a scar that can be several inches long. These damaged areas may sometimes break, which may cause the affected branch to die back. This will not kill healthy, mature trees. However, newly planted small trees and shrubs could potentially be killed if the main stem is damaged.



2024 Green Award Recipient

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

This year's winner of the Winnetka Green Award are the homeowners of 891 Prospect Avenue. This property was selected for the "deconstruction" project completed on the property and construction of a more energy-efficient and sustainable home. "Deconstruction" involves demolishing a structure in such a way as to salvage the original materials for recycling or reuse. The home on this property was fully deconstructed, and the new structure was then built to be as energy-efficient as possible with heat pump heating and cooling systems. Separate other improvements include the use of recyclable synthetic shingles meant to simulate cedar shake roofing and the installation of a swale with native plants to improve stormwater quality and create habitat pollinators.

To help lessen damage from cicadas, you can place fine mesh netting around small trees and shrubs in early May. The netting should be secured around the base of the plant to prevent cicadas from crawling up from the ground. It may be helpful to build a frame around the plants as cicadas may still be able to lay eggs on branches that are touching the netting.

You can also avoid planting trees and shrubs this spring. If you do plant, choose trees that have a stem diameter of at least 2½ inches. Insecticides are not recommended to manage periodical cicadas in home landscapes, as they have little effect on tree health or the cicadas themselves.



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Village Telephone Numbers

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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

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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," at the reference desk at the Winnetka Public Library, or from the Village Manager's Office. Agendas will include the meeting's location and/or meeting access instructions.



The Memorial Day Parade step-off will be at **10 AM** on **Monday, May 27** at Elm Street and Glendale Avenue. **The Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held at **10:30 AM** on the Village Green.

The 4th of July Parade step-off will be at **10 AM** on **Thursday, July 4** at Elm Street and Glendale, followed immediately by Events on the Green on the Village Green. **Music and fireworks** will be at Duke Childs Field from **7 – 10 PM**.

Holiday Week Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedules

For the week of May 27 – 31:

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.

For the week of July 1 – 5:

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