



The WINNETKA REPORT

A Message from the Village President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I'm pleased to present you with a special version of our newsletter, which features a number of exciting updates regarding our business districts:

- The property known as "One Winnetka" has an approved preliminary planned development. Once final plans are approved by Village Council, demolition of the existing site (on the southeast corner of Elm Street and Lincoln Avenue) will commence and new construction can begin. This comes after many years of conversation about the future of site, and Village Council and staff have worked diligently to proactively move this project forward. The developer's vision for the property has gained the support of Council, and we look forward to a bright future for the East Elm business district. More information about this is on page 4.
- In the Indian Hill district, Tala Coffee Roasters opened in fall 2023. We celebrated its opening this spring after the final construction elements were complete. Read about it on page 3.
- Hewn Bread is coming to Winnetka: it will open its third location in Hubbard Woods later this year. Additional details are on page 5.
- Smith's Men's Store will open its second location on Elm Street later this year. Read more on page 5.

- The Post Office will relocate to 586 Lincoln Avenue in either late 2024 or early 2025. Conversations about the future plans for the Post Office's current site at 512 Chestnut Street continue at Village Council meetings. Learn more on page 5.

The Village has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting our business districts. We devote staff resources to providing assistance to businesses, including a dedicated Economic Development Coordinator, Liz Dechant, who recruits businesses to the Village and assists business owners with navigating the opening process, such as obtaining necessary permitting requirements and utility services, and connecting businesses with appropriate Village staff when they have questions and concerns. We consistently strive to make Winnetka a great place to do business and hope that you support these efforts by shopping and dining locally. You can read more about the Economic Development Coordinator position and her work on page 5.

I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz
Village President



Chris Rintz



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Council Action Summary

March 5, 2024: The Village code was amended to permit Village staff to administratively approve window signage. An outdoor dining agreement with Paradise Food Italia (Tocco) was discussed. An outdoor dining agreement with Good Grapes was approved. Winnetka Music Festival was discussed, and a license agreement authorizing use of the downtown business district was approved, as was the Village's co-sponsorship of the festival. A contract with A-Lamp Concrete Contractors was approved for the 2024 Annual Street Rehabilitation project. A closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

March 12, 2024: A study session was held to discuss the Post Office site and its future development. Council considered the costs and benefits of utilizing an international architecture firm or a local firm to create a vision for the project. Council will continue to explore options before making a final decision.

March 21, 2024: A public hearing and special use permit discussion for Crow Island School was continued to the April 2 Council meeting. Preliminary approval of a planned development, zoning exceptions, and special uses for the property known as "One Winnetka" were discussed and public comment was heard. The approval of a development agreement was continued to the April 2 meeting. A 270-day demolition delay for 518 Elder was upheld after public comment was heard on an appeal.

April 2, 2024: An amendment to a special use permit, zoning variations, and a Certificate of Appropriateness were discussed and approved for Crow Island School's existing playground. A public hearing was held regarding a proposed addition to Crow Island School's building, and the Certificate of Appropriateness for this project was discussed and approved. A plat of subdivision for 1112 and 1140 Willow Road was also approved for the Crow Island School project. The planned development, zoning exceptions, and special uses for the property known as "One Winnetka" were approved, as was the development agreement for the project.

April 9, 2024: A closed session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

April 16, 2024: Resident Barbara Tubekis was honored for her volunteerism in the community. A proclamation was read recognizing Arbor Day. The Environmental and Forestry Commission recognized 891 Prospect Avenue's deconstruction and reconstruction as the winner of the 2024 Green Award. A personal fitness facility at 847 Elm Street was approved after public comment as heard. A contract extension was adopted for Strand Associates, currently working with the Village on the Stormwater Improvements Project, for a study of the eastern watershed for the Village. Policy direction was requested for Dish Wireless to allow additional antennas on the existing monopole at 410 Green Bay Road, and Council directed staff to enter into a lease agreement and provide necessary zoning code amendments for Council review and approval.



May 7, 2024: A landmark designation for 1207 Whitebridge Hill was discussed and approved. Playground improvements at Hubbard Woods School, including a zoning variation, an amendment to a special use permit and a Certificate of Appropriateness were discussed and approved. Council organizational assignments for 2024-25 were issued. A closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

May 14, 2024: A study session was held in which representatives from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency presented the new Power Sales Contract and Capacity Purchase Agreement for initial consideration by the Village Council. The Council discussed future Village power needs, anticipated debt related to the carbon neutral transition, utilization of alternative power entities other than IMEA, the future of net-zero vision, replacement and addition of generating resources and the benefits of resource ownership. A closed session for the purpose of discussing closed session meeting minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

May 21, 2024: An ordinance was discussed and approved amending the Village Code to increase the Village Manager's purchasing authority for purchase orders, contracts, and change orders. Purchasing authority had not been revised in the Village Code since 1999. A closed session for the purpose of discussing closed session meeting minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

June 4, 2024: A special use permit for the operation of a financial counseling office was discussed and approved for 565 Lincoln Avenue. A planned development for Chase Bank at 791 Elm Street, including zoning exceptions, special uses, and a plat of consolidation was discussed. A closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

June 11, 2024: Streetscape design concepts for Hubbard Woods were presented and discussed by Council. A closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) and closed session meeting minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act was held.

June 18, 2024: An amendment to a special use permit and variations from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance and a Certificate of Appropriateness were discussed and approved for the Winnetka Public School Nursery at 1155 Oak Street. The planned development for Chase Bank at 791 Elm Street, including zoning exceptions, special uses, and a plat of consolidation was approved after amendments were made to the ordinance. A development agreement with Chase Bank was approved.

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.

Ribbon Cutting at Tala Coffee Roasters

Tala Coffee celebrated the opening of their Winnetka café at 93 Green Bay Road with a ribbon cutting on May 9, co-hosted by the Village of Winnetka and the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce.

In 2022, the Village partnered with Tala Coffee to transform a vacant property that was once a gas station and auto repair shop into a coffee shop and outdoor gathering space. Tala rehabbed the interior of the 1,370 square-foot space, replaced the existing garage doors with glass, installed a new canopy designed in a retro style, and restored the porcelain tile exterior to retain the charm and character of the site.

The Village assisted with creating a new outdoor plaza, complete with a concrete patio with brick ribbon bands, benches, planters, and lighting. The improvements were part of the Village's commitment to creating public spaces for the community and a gateway entrance into Winnetka.



One Winnetka Property Update

On April 2, the Village Council approved the preliminary planned development for the proposed four-story mixed-use building on the southeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and Elm Street, which will consist of:

- Approximately 59 residential rental units with 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units,
- 20,955 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and
- A total of 152 parking spaces consisting of 39 spaces at ground level for the commercial uses and 113 spaces on the lower level for the residential uses.

Currently, The Murphy Development Group, the project developer, has yet to identify any tenants for the ground floor commercial space; however, they have indicated an interest to lease space to not only retail uses but also financial service and medical uses.

The developer's next step is to further refine the plans and to submit a final planned development application for Village Council's approval. Once the applicant receives final plan approval they can then submit and receive approval of a building permit to begin construction. The developer currently estimates that the demolition of the existing structures and the start of construction on the new building would happen in early 2025.



Engle & Volkers North Shore Project at 564 Green Bay Road

Engle & Volkers North Shore will redevelop the former French Institute site at 564 Green Bay Road into a new four-story mixed-use building. The first floor will be Engle & Volkers North Shore's new office, and each of the upper three stories will consist of a two-bedroom apartment unit of approximately 1,700 square feet each. The building will also contain two enclosed parking spaces for the residential units. Village Council approved an ordinance granting a special use permit and variations for the new building in spring 2023. The project is anticipated to begin this summer.



Chase Bank Project

On June 18, Village Council approved the preliminary planned development for a new three-story Chase Bank building at the northwest corner of Green Bay Road and Elm Street. Chase Bank will redevelop their property from a two-story building to a three-story building. They are expanding their private client and retail banking services to better serve customers.

Chase has already moved their retail banking operations to 851 Spruce Street and some of their wealth management offices to Wilmette. Council also approved a Special Use Permit for Chase to open a temporary wealth management office at 565 Lincoln Avenue, which was most recently the home of Compass Real Estate.

Chase's next step is to submit a final planned development application for the Village Council's approval. Once Chase receives final plan approval they can then submit and receive approval of a building permit to begin construction. Chase currently estimates that work on the new building could start this fall.



Hewn Bread Opening in Hubbard Woods

Hewn Bread will open their third outpost in Hubbard Woods at 894 Green Bay Road this fall. The bakery will offer bread, pastries, sandwiches, drip coffee, espresso, and cold drinks. The Village reached out to the women-owned bakery in 2023 and worked with them to find a new space in the Village.

"We looked at other communities, but Winnetka was the one that kept reaching out," co-owner Ellen King told Crain's Business Chicago in April. "[The Village] approaching us is what made us decide to go there. We feel like we're welcomed."

Hewn was included in Food & Wine magazine's list of 100 best bakeries in America in 2020 and 2022. Hewn currently has locations in Evanston and Libertyville.



Smith's Men's Store to Open Downtown

Smith's Men's Store is expanding to Winnetka: the retailer will open at 839-41 Elm Street, in the former Berkshire Hathaway space. Smith's will offer clothing for men and boys including suits, jeans, custom-made shirts, and accessories. Co-owners Trey Gonzales and Kip Helverson worked with the Village's Economic Development Coordinator to find the right space for their second location on the North Shore. They purchased the Lake Forest-based retail store in 2019. This is the first expansion since the original store opened in 1937. The new Winnetka location will open this fall.



Post Office Relocating to Lincoln Avenue

The Village has been notified by the United States Postal Service that it will be relocating from 512 Chestnut Street to 586 Lincoln Avenue.

They will provide the same level of mail and business services at the new location as are currently provided to customers at the existing location. Parking will be available adjacent to the building in the Village parking lot. USPS anticipates moving in late 2024 or early 2025. Postal services will be provided at the existing location until the replacement facility is open and operating.



About the Village's Economic Development Coordinator Position

The Village's Economic Development Coordinator acts as a primary contact for business owners, property owners, and real estate managers. The position's primary focus is to attract new businesses, and to retain and expand existing businesses in Winnetka. Support is offered to businesses to help identify, understand, and overcome the challenges of running a successful business. Information is provided about opening and growing a business, available Village resources, permitting, licensing, parking, marketing initiatives, and annual shopping events.

Contact **Liz Dechant** at ldchant@winnetka.org or **847-716-3528**.

How to Open a Business in Winnetka

The Village's goal is to make opening a new business or expanding an existing business seamless by providing continuous support.

The Village provides a list of available commercial properties in the business districts on our website. Once a location is found, work with Village staff to check zoning requirements, schedule a pre-occupancy walk-through of the space, and obtain the proper permits, licenses, and utility services.

The Winnetka Police Department's Business Liaison Officer can provide parking and safety assistance to business owners. After businesses open, the Village can provide promotional services and connect business owners to resources including the Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago North Shore Convention Visitors Bureau. Interested in opening a seasonal business or launching a start-up? The Village supports burgeoning entrepreneurs to open short-term, temporary "pop-up" stores.

Contact Liz Dechant at ldchant@winnetka.org or **847-716-3528** to learn more.

Hewn Bread, 894 Green Bay Road

"The Village has been really wonderful. Their economic development department has been working with us to make [the new bakery outpost] happen...They helped us find the right spot and walked us through the process, coming to the space making sure we knew everything we had to do. Pretty hands-on in a lovely way."
-Ellen King and Julie Matthei, co-owners

501 Local, 501 Chestnut Street / Jimoto, 813 Oak Street

"Since 2002, I've been a part of the Winnetka community. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of getting to know the dedicated individuals at the Village—from the Economic Development Coordinator to the Chief of Police. Their commitment to helping local businesses has been invaluable. Whether it's expediting processes for my two restaurants or providing guidance on permits and best practices, the Village has consistently supported us. During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, their advice was integral. Thanks to their efforts, I truly feel like I belong to this vibrant community."
-Mark Salmon, owner

Kay's Barber Shop, 556 Green Bay Road

"We inquired in many communities, and I have to say, due to the warm and welcoming feeling we received from Village staff, we knew that Winnetka was the best home for our business. They were so empathetic and patient in supporting us through the process of opening the business. We are grateful to be part of such a great community!" -Kay Sadoziy, owner

Lunk & Hancy, 902 Green Bay Road

"Working with the Village felt collaborative and helpful in some key ways. Namely, they were eager to communicate and get things scheduled and resolved promptly. Liz Dechant provided support in getting everything off the ground and Davorka Kirincic went out of her way to help with some signage approval issues. There was a sense that the Village was not only rooting for my business, but also genuinely dedicated to ensuring I could tackle the nitty-gritty of approvals, submissions, and paperwork in a streamlined way. There was, among the paperwork, a real sense of encouragement and support from Village staff. And as a new small business and new member of the Winnetka community, that truly meant that world to me. As anyone that has moved to a new town or started a new business venture knows it can feel uphill in many ways, so having kind and competent people at the ready when it came to all Village matters really made a huge difference, and had such a positive impact on my overall experience."
-Victoria Battles, owner

Fall Tree Planting Deadline is September 1

Each year, the Village of Winnetka plants about 200 trees in parkway areas. The Village is taking requests from residents who would like a tree planted in front of their homes in the fall. Trees up to 2 ½" trunk diameter size are planted at no cost to residents. Trees will be planted within the Village-owned parkway. For a listing and description of all tree species available from the Village, please call the Village Forester at **847-716-3289**. The deadline for fall tree requests is September 1.





Message from the Police Chief:

Lock Vehicles and Remove Fobs to Prevent Theft

Many north shore communities have experienced a notable increase in vehicle thefts and burglaries to vehicles in the last few months. Leaving cars unlocked with valuables or key fobs in vehicles creates the potential for these crimes of opportunity and supports the notion that the north shore is an easy target. Please take preventative measures, lock vehicles, and remove key fobs and valuables from plain sight to help deter this type of crime. As a reminder, these offenders have been known to be armed and dangerous, so if you see suspicious activity, please call 9-1-1 to report it, and allow the police who are equipped and trained to handle these dangerous situations to respond.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Prohibited Except in April, October, and November

Gasoline-powered blowers are prohibited entirely in the Village of Winnetka except during the months of April, October, and November. 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, they must be licensed by the Village and aware of Winnetka's leaf blower restrictions. Call **847-501-6034** for more information about landscaper licensing.

In **April, October, and November**, gasoline-powered blowers **may not be used between 7 PM - 8 AM, Monday through Friday, or 6 PM - 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday.**

Winnetka's leaf blower restrictions do not apply to golf course lawn upkeep activities, to electric leaf blowers plugged into normal electric outlets, or to battery-powered leaf blowers.

Yard Waste Reminders

During the spring, summer and fall, the Public Works Department provides collection of residential yard waste through a curbside program. Please keep the following items in mind when disposing of yard waste to ensure collection:

- All yard waste must be disposed of in either a yard waste bag or, in the case of branches, bundled with rope. Bundles may not exceed 4' in length or 2' in width.
- Each bag or bundle must have a yard waste collection sticker affixed to ensure pickup. Stickers can be purchased at Village Hall, Grand Foods or Lakeshore Foods for \$2.50 each.
- All bags and bundles must be placed curbside on designated collection days to ensure pickup.
- Yard waste cannot include any dirt or soil.

For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at **847-716-3568**.



Paper Shredding Event: August 17

Winnetka's Document Destruction Event, hosted by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow Road.

This is a one-day document destruction event for sensitive information, including residentially generated paper such as medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax forms, etc. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove binders.

There is no cost to participate, but residents must live in one of SWANCC's member communities and ID's will be checked for proof of residency. Residents will be limited to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Plastic containers or bags cannot be accepted. 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.



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Village Telephone Numbers

Police/Fire/Paramedics Emergency	911
Police (Non-Emergency)	847-501-6034
Fire (Non-Emergency)	847-501-6029
Electric or Water Outages	847-501-2531
Refuse and Recycling Collection	847-716-3568
Manager/Finance Department	847-501-6000
Public Works Department	847-716-3568
Utility Department	847-716-3558
Utility Billing Services	847-446-9550
Community Development Department	847-716-3576

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Village Council Meetings

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Labor Day Week Refuse & Recycling Schedule For the week of September 2 - 6:

- Monday collection will be on Tuesday.
- Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.
- Wednesday collection will be on Thursday.
- Thursday and Friday collection will be on Friday.

The Annual Public Safety Open House will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 10 AM - 1 PM