

THE COMMUNICATOR

TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY PARADE IN THE VILLAGE CENTER

Another festive holiday season is planned in Wilmette. Mark your calendar for the following events:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, November 21
- Holiday Parade Saturday, November 22

The Village Center Merchants will host the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 pm on Friday, November 21 on the lawn at Village Hall. The event will feature musical performances by local school groups.

Marching bands, bagpipers, clowns, mini-cars, and (of course) Santa comprise just some of the excitement that will take place during the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Parade. The parade will begin at the CTA parking lot on Fourth St. at 10:30 am and proceed west on Central Avenue to the Village Center at Wilmette Avenue. Families are invited to bring their cameras to take photos with Santa after the parade in front of Village Hall.

Neighborhood groups are encouraged to decorate cars, bicycles, etc. in appropriate fashion and enter the parade. The Chamber will also sponsor live holiday music and other entertainment in the commercial districts during December. Check the web site calendar at www.wilmettechamber.org for details or contact the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce office at 847-251-3800.

NEW LOGO FEATURED IN THE COMMUNICATOR



The Village is pleased to introduce a new, fresh design for the Village's resident newsletter, The Communicator. The updated format, which features the Village's new logo, gives the

Village a more contemporary, modern image. The logo includes the image of an Oak tree and waves to represent the Village's rich urban forestry and beautiful lakefront. The logo will also be featured on the Village's new website which will be introduced early next year.

WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES

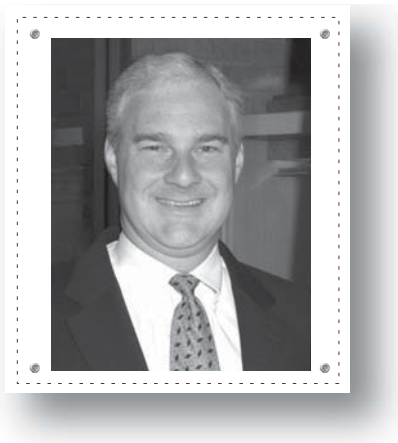
The Village welcomes its newest businesses and thanks them for choosing Wilmette. The Village encourages all residents to keep sales tax revenue in the Village by patronizing these locations and other local business establishments.

- Jimmy John's, 3520 Lake Ave., 847-853-4444
- 153 Akira, 1137 Greenleaf Ave., 847-256-1133
- A Green Horizon, 1148 Central Ave., 847-256-2754
- Jon Kailey Salon, 1166 Wilmette Ave., 847-853-8333
- Ysla Battrell Studio, 405 ½ Linden Ave., 847-256-1400
- S G Gallery, 545 Green Bay Rd., 847-256-2088
- Alexis Vintiques Design, 803 Ridge Rd., 847-370-9455
- Salon Vista, 3217 Lake Ave., 847-251-6393
- The Karimi Collection, 505 Skokie Blvd., 847-446-607

For a list of the top 10 reasons to "Shop Wilmette" this holiday season, see page 7.

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Letter from Village President Christopher S. Canning



Dear Neighbors,

2008 seems to be flying by, and as we approach the end of the year, I want to once again update you on a variety of Village issues.

First, let me thank you for returning the rain event survey that was mailed out following the mid-September storm. The information gathered in this survey will help guide us as we seek to ensure that sewer maintenance programs and sewer capital improvement dollars are being spent wisely. If you have not already done so, please return this survey immediately so that we may incorporate your experiences and comments into our future planning.

At the November 24 Village Board meeting, the Village Board will take up final consideration of the proposed 2009 budget. This year is especially challenging as the Village is faced with unanticipated increases in many expenditure areas (e.g. pension liability, gasoline and road salt), along with a significant decline in the real estate transfer tax. The Village Board remains committed to funding infrastructure improvement projects. Because we are an established village and our infrastructure is aging, it is important that we continue to commit to ongoing capital related improvements, particularly to our sewer system.

We continue to work diligently to be responsible fiscal stewards of your tax

dollars by effectively monitoring our Village spending and leveraging county, state, and federal financial resources to the greatest extent possible. You may review a copy of the budget at the Library or Village Hall and read the Village Manager's budget transmittal letter on wilmette.com. Finally, please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about the budget.

On behalf of the Village Board, let me express our appreciation for your continued patience as we seek to complete the massive Sheridan Road improvement project. As you may know, this project includes water and sewer main replacement, streetlight rewiring, streetscape enhancements and a new roadway. The project, which is largely being funded through federal and state grant funds, remains on target for completion next July. We will all be happy once this construction project has been completed and the improvements are in place.

The long awaited Green Bay Road Traffic Signal Improvement Project is scheduled for completion this month. We realize this project has caused significant delay as you seek to get across the Village, but we expect the end result to be well worth the wait. The addition of separate left turn phase lanes at each of the key intersections (Lake, Central and Wilmette Avenues) will allow for simultaneous east-west travel and reduced congestion.

As we enter the holiday season, I encourage you to Shop Wilmette and save time and gas expense and keep your tax dollars at home during the holidays. We have a wonderful array of businesses, and I encourage you to support them, as they support our Village. To get the holiday shopping season off to a great start, let me

also invite you to join us at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village Center on November 21 and the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Parade on November 22.

Finally, you will notice a new look for the Communicator, which features the new Wilmette logo. This style will carry over to the redeveloped Village website, which will be introduced soon after the start of the New Year. Your Village staff is busy working on revising the Village website so that it provides more useful and focused information online as well as the opportunities for improved communications between Village government, residents and the business community.

On behalf of the Village Board, please accept my best wishes to each of you for a very safe and happy holiday season. I wish you a successful new year.

Very truly yours,

Christopher S. Canning
Village President

At Village Hall



VILLAGE BOARD CONSIDERS 2009 BUDGET

After a series of public meetings and weeks of review, the Village Board is scheduled to vote on the proposed 2009 budget at its meeting on Monday, November 24. The budget includes several expense reductions while maintaining the current level of direct services to residents. The budget continues to include funds to improve the Village's infrastructure and complies with the Village Board's budget reserve policy. The proposed budget is available for review at the Public Library and the Village Hall, and the Village Manager's transmittal letter is available for viewing at www.wilmette.com.

SEPTEMBER RAIN EVENT - POST CARD SURVEY AND FLOOD PROTECTION TIPS

On September 13, 2008, 8.09 inches of rain fell in Wilmette which was the second highest amount of rainfall ever recorded in the Village. Soon after the storm, a post card survey was mailed to all residents requesting information on basement flooding occurrences. The information will help the Village in assessing the impact of the rain event on the sewer systems and help guide future maintenance and improvement programs.

The survey information is being compiled and analyzed, and will likely be reviewed with a consultant over the next few months. While it is impractical to expect that any municipality can design and build a sewer system that will completely guard against basement and overland flooding, the Village will continue its efforts to minimize flooding incidents. In the meantime, here are some things residents can do to make sure their property is protected:

- ★ Drainage problems on private property can be minimized by regrading the low area, building a rain garden or in some cases installing storm sewer pipe. These activities require a permit.
- ★ Make sure water flows away from your house. The land surrounding your foundation should slope away. Downspouts and sump pumps should also discharge away from the foundation, but not be directed toward your neighbors. Landscaping, fences, walkways and other obstacles can also cause drainage problems for your property or your neighbors. Before changing the grade on your property, contact the Engineering Department for information on obtaining a grading permit.
- ★ Make sure your sump pump is working properly and is large enough. Many times smaller or older pumps cannot handle large amounts of water and may result in an overflow.
- ★ Sump pumps should be connected to a backup source of power such as a battery or generator in case of an electricity failure. Make sure the pump and well are clear of debris.
- ★ Waterproof the foundation and cracks around pipes in basements from the outside or inside to prevent seepage.
- ★ To help prevent against sanitary sewer backups, have your sewer line rodded regularly and be aware of materials that can cause blockages including tree roots, cooking grease, garbage disposal by-products, feminine hygiene products, disposable diapers and other paper products.
- ★ For the best protection against sanitary sewer backups, consider installing an overhead sewer system or backflow prevention system. Contact a reputable plumber for more information about these options. Installation of either system requires a permit.

The Engineering Department has available a 14 page pamphlet issued by the Illinois Association for Flood-plain and Stormwater Management, which is a useful guide in assisting residents in determining what steps can be taken to protect against basement backups and surface flooding. If you would like a copy sent to you or have questions contact the Engineering Department at 847-853-7660 or enr@wilmette.com.

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VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES COMMERCIAL WASTE FRANCHISE

In September, the Village Board approved a commercial waste franchise (CWF) that requires all businesses, multi-family buildings and private institutions to use one Village designated waste hauler, Veolia Environmental Services. Veolia is the same provider for residential solid waste collection in the Village. A CWF offers reduced pricing for over 90% of businesses and one free 95-gallon recycling bin. In addition, a CWF will mean fewer refuse trucks on Wilmette roads.

GREEN BAY ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS - COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR END OF NOVEMBER

The goal of the Green Bay Road traffic signal project is to modify the traffic signals along Green Bay Road at Lake, Central and Wilmette Avenues to permit eastbound and westbound traffic movements to operate simultaneously. This change will reduce the traffic delays currently experienced at these intersections and improve the efficiency of traffic flow on Green Bay Road.

The intersection improvements are complete at Lake Avenue and Central Avenue and the contractors are currently working at Wilmette Avenue and Green Bay Road. This is the final phase of the construction project. The traffic signals at Lake, Central and Wilmette Avenue will continue to operate in their current configuration until the conclusion of the project this November. For your safety and the safety of all contractors, please remember to drive with caution through construction zones!

CODERED - EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The CodeRed system provides emergency community notification to published telephone numbers within the Village. An example of its recent use was during the rain event of September 12 and 13. To ensure you are included in the notification database, residents or businesses with unpublished phone numbers or anyone who wants to add an alternate phone number like a cellular or work number must register by going to the Village's website and clicking on the CodeRED link. Residents using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or cable television based telephone service are strongly encouraged to register these numbers, too. Residents who do not have access to the Internet are asked to contact Police Communications Supervisor Eric Peterson 847-256-9693 or petersone@wilmette.com.

SHERIDAN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - PROGRESS CONTINUES

The \$20 million reconstruction of Sheridan Road has made significant progress with substantial completion of the improvements from Lake Avenue to Isabella Street. The intense underground utility work continues north of Lake Avenue with replacement of the existing combined sewer and installation of a new storm sewer.

The construction crews will work through the fall and winter months as long as weather permits.

When completed next summer, the new roadway configuration will consist of one travel lane in each direction, a two-way left turn center lane and outside bike lanes, new water and sewer main replacements, streetlight rewiring and streetscape enhancements. The project is largely funded through Federal and State grant funds.



Newly reconstructed Sheridan Road looking south near the Baha'i House of Worship

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at Village Hall. For updated information on public meetings, visit Wilmette.com and subscribe to Wilmette e-news.

NOVEMBER

Mon, 11/3	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tue, 11/4	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
Wed, 11/5	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Thu, 11/6	7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Fri, 11/7	7:00 am	Housing Commission
Mon 11/10	7:00 pm	Youth Commission
Tue, 11/11	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed, 11/12	7:00 pm	Transportation Commission
Thu, 11/13	6:00 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon, 11/17	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Wed, 11/19	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri, 11/21	7:30 am	Finance Committee
Mon, 11/24	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission
	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees

DECEMBER

Mon, 12/1	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tue, 12/2	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
	7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Wed, 12/3	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri, 12/5	7:00 am	Housing Commission
Mon, 12/8	7:00 pm	Youth Commission
Tue, 12/9	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed, 12/10	7:00 pm	Transportation Commission
Thu, 12/11	6:00 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon, 12/15	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Commission for Persons w Disabilities
Wed, 12/17	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri, 12/19	7:30 am	Finance Committee
Mon, 12/22	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT

Following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of August, September and October:

Approved:

- Change order in the amount of \$41,242.50 with Chicagoland Paving Contractors Inc., Lake Zurich, IL for additional street patching work.
- Contract in the amount of \$127,400 with Cornerstone Material Recovery Inc., McHenry, IL for leaf hauling and disposal.
- Contract in the amount of \$201,277 with Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts Inc., Evanston, IL for parkway infested ash tree removals.
- Contract with Northwest Collectors, Inc., Rolling Meadows, IL to provide collection services for unpaid ambulance transport fees.
- Contract with Tele-Collection Systems Ltd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL to provide collection services for unpaid parking tickets and false alarms.
- Contract in the amount of \$31,800 with KGI Landscaping, Skokie, IL for snow removal of parking lots, and \$36,075 with Wayne Endre Contracting, Wilmette, IL for snow removal of cul-de-sacs.
- Contract in the amount of \$87,000 with Master Project, Inc., Chicago, IL for the building repairs at the Storm Water Pumping Station.

Granted variations to:

- 2216 Thornwood Avenue to allow the replacement of an existing non-conforming awning and the construction of a new porch.
- 701 Forest Avenue to allow a one-story addition.
- 1154 Locust Road to allow a one & two story addition & accessory living unit.
- 2411 Greenwood Avenue to permit the retention of a new home.
- 2323 Iroquois Road to allow the construction of a one story addition.
- 2029 Greenwood Avenue to allow the construction of a two story addition.
- 2907 Lake Avenue to allow a second story addition.
- 2727 Lake Avenue to allow the expansion of the parking lot.
- 4000 Lake Avenue to allow the installation of a stand-by generator.

Adopted Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Amending the Village Code to exempt from the 60-day affordable housing consultation process commercial developments with one or fewer dwelling units planned.
- Amending the Village Code regarding tree canopy coverage regulations.



SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

With cold weather upon us, please keep in mind the following snow program reminders:

- ★ Parking is prohibited on both sides of a street for a period of 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or greater.
- ★ Snow plowing operations begin when snow becomes more than two-inches deep and freezing temperatures indicate that no melting will occur. Plowing operations are based on a priority system. Main roads and well-traveled routes, such as those leading to schools, are plowed first.
- ★ Alleys and sidewalks are only plowed if the snow accumulation is greater than four inches. It may take up to 48 to 72 hours to clear sidewalks after a snowstorm.
- ★ An unfortunate consequence of the snow removal program, is that the side delivery plows discharge snow to the curb often blocking driveways. There is no way to avoid this from occurring. The Village advises residents to wait until crews have cleared the street before cleaning the driveway apron.
- ★ There are approximately 8,000 driveways throughout the community and the Village does not have the resources to plow snow from driveway aprons. If assistance is needed for shoveling snow from sidewalks or driveways, please consider contacting the WilWork youth employment referral program at 847-853-7609 or email wilwork@wilmette.com.

A frequently asked questions information sheet on the Village's snow and ice control program has been developed and is available on the Village's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY MESSAGE

Residents may have seen public informational posters on display in several businesses throughout the community or on the Village website. The eye-catching public safety messages, like OPEN INVITATION and FREE STUFF are a reaction to an increase in crime.

The following safety precautions are to help residents reduce the likelihood of becoming victim to auto burglaries, stolen vehicles and residential/garage burglaries.

Whether it is parked on the street or housed in a garage, do not leave keys in a vehicle

- ★ When exiting a vehicle, remember to lock all doors
- ★ Keep valuables inside the vehicle out of view, better yet bring them indoors
- ★ When leaving your home or garage, always lock the door
- ★ Call the Police Department when you hear or see something suspicious.

Stolen vehicles are often used in the commission of other crimes. By providing criminals with easy access to vehicles, it enables criminals to conduct other crimes and potentially places others in harms way. For personal and community safety, all residents are asked to adhere to the above listed safety precautions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

The Wilmette Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to renew its national accreditation status. Wilmette was first accredited in 1986 and has maintained all accreditation requirements since that time. The purpose of the assessment is to enable outside law enforcement authorities to determine whether the Department is in compliance with the law enforcement standards administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Participating law enforcement agencies must comply with state-of-the-art professional standards in four basic areas; policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

Residents are invited to offer comments to the assessment team on Monday, December 15 from 1 pm to 3 pm, by calling 847-853-7580, 847-256-1200, via e-mail at calea@wilmette.com, or by fax at 847-853-7709. Residents are also welcome to attend a public information session on December 15 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. Written comments are also welcome and can be sent to CALEA, 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215. Residents with questions may contact Officer Dan Huck, the Police Department's Accreditation Manager at 847-853-7565 or huckd@wilmette.com

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Health Department continues to offer cholesterol and glucose screening for residents on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 and January 21, 2009. Screening is by appointment only and requires a 12 hour fast, and the fee is \$20.

A CPR course for residents will be offered on Thursdays, November 13, 2008 and January 22, 2009 for a fee of \$20.

High blood pressure can be dangerous. Have your blood pressure checked on Tuesday, 3-4:30 pm at Village Hall. No appointment is necessary. To register or make an appointment for any of the programs noted above, please contact Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507 or e-mail at baderd@wilmette.com. For more information on these services, visit Wilmette.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

...The change in the lane configuration on Green Bay Road made in 1999 had a positive impact on the number of traffic accidents. In 1995, there were a total of 69 accidents at the four signalized intersections on Green Bay Road. In 2007 there were a total of 23, representing a 66% decrease!

...The Green Bay Road Traffic Signal Project was approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission because the safety improvement will remain and the traffic signal modifications will improve traffic flow.

...When informed by Cook County several years ago that Lake Avenue would be resurfaced, the Village concluded that traffic accident levels at Lake/Ridge Road and Lake/Hunter were unacceptable. Since it was not a viable solution to widen the intersections to add left turn lanes, a decision was made to convert one westbound lane into a continuous left turn lane west of Green Bay Road to west of Hunter Road to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety without negatively impacting traffic flow.

...Since July, 2006 when the new lane configuration and intersection changes on Lake Avenue were made, traffic accidents have been reduced. Comparing 2003 and 2007, for example, there has been a 79% reduction in the number of accidents at Lake/Ridge, and Lake/Hunter.



Wilmette

What you want.
What you need.
Where you live.

FOLLOW ME TO WILMETTE

Residents may have noticed Pace buses with signs inviting readers to "Follow me to Wilmette." These advertisements are part of a coordinated campaign to raise awareness of Wilmette as a great shopping destination. The campaign also includes cable television commercials and advertisements in the Chicago Tribune which prominently feature the Village's new logo. The campaign will continue through the holiday season so keep on the look-out.

While our great shops should be motive enough to shop Wilmette, there are many other reasons for residents to shop locally. Here are just a few.

TOP 10 REASONS TO "SHOP WILMETTE" THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

10. Your support helps bring in new businesses.
9. You get to bump into your friends and neighbors.
8. The shops and merchandise are unique.
7. A portion of your sales tax helps support Village services.
6. The owner is often right there and might be your neighbor.
5. Shopping is diverse, easy and close by.
4. Parking is always free.
3. Excellent personal service is a given.
2. The shops support your schools, places of worship and charities.
1. You are important to each business.





FYI

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM – ENDS IN EARLY DECEMBER

Village crews will collect leaves from streets through the week ending December 12. Collection requirements and pick-up schedule can be found on the Village's website at www.wilmette.com. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the streets along the curb rather than placing leaves in bags. Residents who live on a main road (Lake Ave., Wilmette Ave., Sheridan Rd., Skokie Blvd., Green Bay Rd. and Hibbard Rd.) should place their leaves on the parkway behind the curb. Residents on streets where construction is taking place are asked to place leaves on the parkway at a point where Village workers have access. Leaves must be in a loose condition, which will help expedite collection and minimize expense.

GREEN DROP-OFF BOXES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE



Residents are reminded that the green mailboxes, which include the Village seal on the front and sides, are designed to make it more convenient for residents to deliver Village correspondence. The boxes are located on Ridge Road near the Police Station, at

the Metra Train Station, and the exit area at the Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Rd. A 24-hour drop off slot is also available near the east entrance to the Village Hall. These drop off locations can be used for water/sewer bill payment, vehicle sticker applications, and other general correspondence.

HOLIDAY REFUSE, RECYCLING AND CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

As a reminder, refuse and recycling collections will not take place on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Collections will resume the day after the holiday and will be one day behind schedule for the remainder of the week. After the holiday season, residents can place Christmas trees out to the curb or alley for collection.

SOLICITOR INFORMATION

In Wilmette, potential solicitors must register with the Police Department and obtain a Village permit which is affixed to their clothing as required identification. The permit will have a typed assigned permit number printed above their name and business address, along with an issue date and expiration date recorded on the back. Issuance of a permit does not imply that the Village endorses the product.

Solicitors under the age of 17 years DO NOT need a permit, but should notify the police department prior to contacting residents. Underage solicitors must show identification for the organization for which they are soliciting (school ID, Girl/Boy Scout ID, etc.) which shows name and address.

Residents may restrict commercial solicitation by posting a "No Solicitors" sign. If you have any questions, please contact the Police Department Community Relations Officer at 847-853-7555 or visit Wilmette.com.

AT&T CONTINUES TO INSTALL UTILITY BOXES ON PUBLIC PARKWAYS

Residents will continue to see new telecommunications boxes being located in public right-of-ways and parkways throughout the Village. AT&T, having received its State video service authorization, is now in the process of installing its facilities in various locations throughout the community. The Village is obligated by State law to make its right-of-ways available for these facilities.

The Village will continue to do its best to work cooperatively with AT&T in an attempt to minimize the visual impact of AT&T's equipment boxes. Impacted property owners can expect to receive a letter from AT&T at least five days in advance of any planned installation. The letter will provide details on the location and type of equipment, anticipated length of construction time and contact information at AT&T.

YOUNG PEOPLE READY TO WORK!

Need help with snow removal, pet care, babysitting or other jobs around the house? WilWork, the Wilmette Youth Job Referral Service, can connect you with young people who can do the work. For more information, please visit us at Village Hall or contact Vicki Hanson, WilWork Director, at 847-853-7609 or hansonv@wilmette.com

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complete a brief registration section. You can update your subscriber information or unsubscribe at any time.

LIVING SAFELY WITH WILDLIFE

The Village often receives inquiries from people who have observed wildlife in their neighborhoods. This year, for example, the number of skunks in Wilmette and throughout the north and northwest suburbs has been unusually high. While this may be alarming, seeing wildlife in residential areas is not unusual according to State and County wildlife experts. There are simple steps every resident can take to live safely with wildlife:

- ★ Protect domestic animals by keeping dogs on leashes and bringing cats indoors at night.
- ★ Never feed a wild animal. Wildlife may be attracted to pet food or water left outside.
- ★ Secure your garbage can lids with shock cords that are available at local hardware stores.
- ★ Install motion detection lights on your property.

- ★  Invest in a wooden garbage rack (left) to keep cans level and raised above the ground. The racks may be purchased from the Village for \$75 (expect 4-6 weeks for construction and delivery). Call 847-251-2700 to place your order; and the fee will be added to your water bill.

For further tips on “living with wildlife” visit www.wilmette.com/police. Residents in need of animal removal assistance on private property should visit Wilmette.com for a list of recommended vendors.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS WINTER 2008

A History of Wilmette's Parks
Sunday, November 9, 2 pm
Tickets are \$5 (Museum members free)

Help us celebrate Wilmette Parks' centennial anniversary. Terry Porter, recently retired Director of the Wilmette Park District, will speak about how the park system developed and changed over the past 100 years.

The Big Push: One Soldier's Story
Tuesday, November 11, 2 pm
Tickets are \$5 (Museum members free)

Come and honor Veteran's Day this year with a talk by Evanston native and longtime Wilmette resident Bob Dunn, who as an 18-year-old private was wounded in the final drive against Nazi Germany.

History Book Club
Join other history buffs one evening each month at the Museum. No charge.

Monday, November 17, 7 pm
Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations, by Georgina Howell

Monday, December 15, 7 pm
Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World, by Margaret Macmillan

Wilmette Historical Society Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 25, 2 pm

All are invited to the Historical Society Annual Meeting, featuring Society news, a free lecture, and refreshments.

The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 1–4:30 pm. For more information, stop by the Museum at 609 Ridge Road or contact the Museum at 847-853-7666 or visit www.wilmettehistory.org.



Clean and Green News



HELP PROMOTE CLEAN AIR

Chemicals and other pollutants released into the air stay there and accumulate. Trees and other vegetation help by filtering out “bad” air. Consider these clean-air tips:

- ★ Drive less – Walk, bike, carpool or take public transportation.
- ★ Recycle – You can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste.
- ★ Check your tires – Keeping vehicle tires inflated properly can improve gas mileage by more than 3%.
- ★ Plant a tree – A single tree can absorb an estimated one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.
- ★ Turn off electronic devices – simply turning off your television, DVD player, stereo, and computer when not in use can save thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

Recycling benefits residents directly in several important ways. Through recycling, residents can improve our environment; preserve natural resources; conserve landfill capacity; and, avoid expensive landfill disposal charges. Since there is no disposal fee on recyclables, your recycling efforts will hold down the cost of future refuse bills. To realize these benefits and save money, the Village urges all residents to recycle as many items as possible.

The Village’s recycling program accepts aluminum, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspapers and magazines. For a full list of recyclable items, visit www.wilmette.com/pubworks. To obtain additional recycling bins for a nominal fee, please come to the Village Hall or contact Public Works at 847-853-7500.

GREEN TRAVEL TIPS

Before finalizing winter travel plans, check out these tips for a constructive and rewarding eco-friendly vacation:

- ★ Transportation. The greenest thing you can do is use public transportation. Rather than flying, try taking a train or bus. If you decide to fly, select a direct flight. The

take-off and landing of an airplane uses high amounts of fuel and the more stops you have, the more fuel is expended.

- ★ Prep your home before you travel. Before you leave on vacation, adjust your heating system and unplug your appliances and chargers. The Department of Energy estimates that plugged-in but unused electronics waste nearly five percent of the total electronic consumption of the United States. The biggest wasters include Plasma TVs, microwave ovens and chargers.
- ★ Rent a hybrid. Rental cars provide an opportunity to rent a vehicle you would not ordinarily drive. Interested in purchasing a hybrid vehicle? Why not test one out on your next vacation.

SIGN-UP FOR SWANCC ELIST

Do not miss out on enlightening articles, educational materials and timely notifications of upcoming program opportunities sponsored by SWANCC! Residents from SWANCC-member communities are encouraged to sign up for SWANCC’s Elist by visiting www.swancc.org or by sending an email to elist@swancc.org to be apprised of SWANCC activities, programs and products.

RECYCLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS – SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Residents can drop off and recycle prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well as compact and fluorescent bulbs in the Health Department at Village Hall, from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit www.wilmette.com or contact Village Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507 or baderd@wilmette.com.



Considering a Home Improvement Project Next Year? ★

APPLY EARLY FOR BUILDING PERMITS

Residents who are considering a home improvement project next year are encouraged to submit a building permit application as early as possible. There are fewer permit applications being reviewed during the winter months, which means it will take less time for your permit to be reviewed. If there are any issues with building plans that require a variation or changes, these can be addressed well before the construction season – getting your project under construction as soon as possible.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO ENSURE A SPEEDY BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS.

- ★ Residents can receive a preliminary zoning review from Village staff that details specific floor area, setback and other zoning requirements specific to your property. A plat of survey is needed for staff to conduct this analysis, and a report will be issued in about a week's time.
- ★ Read, ask questions and understand the various building permit related requirements.
- ★ Submit all the necessary information required on the building permit application form. A sample permit form and a checklist are available on the Village's website.
- ★ Verify that the contractor has a valid Village license (plumbers and electricians have additional licensing requirements); provide full information on each contractor.
- ★ Ensure that two sets of the required architectural drawings are submitted.

WORK THAT REQUIRES A BUILDING PERMIT

Following is a sample of the type of work that requires a building permit:

- ★ Additions – including porches, decks, patios, steps
- ★ New construction
- ★ Demolition – structure and interior

- ★ Fence repair or replacement
- ★ Driveway and private property sidewalk replacement
- ★ Air conditioning condensers (window units exempt)
- ★ Re-roofing
- ★ Plumbing - including underground lawn sprinklers
- ★ Electrical – including service upgrades
- ★ Skylights, satellite dishes and tennis and basketball courts
- ★ Swimming pools

Early planning before beginning a home project can help avoid frustration, potential problems and speed up the permit approval process. The Village staff is ready to assist residents to explain the process and help ensure projects meet all applicable zoning and building safety codes. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-853-7550 or comdev@wilmette.com.

VILLAGE LISTENING POST

Communicate with the Village! Using the space below, mail your questions and suggestions to: Village Manager's Office, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, 60091

November through May, the Listening Post will be held on the first Saturday of every month at the Park District Community Center, 3000 Old Glenview Road. The next Listening Post is December 6, 10 am - noon.

As a resident of the Village, I would like the Village to know that _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

fire@wilmette.com
Administration 251-1101
Fire Prevention Bureau 853-7693

MUSEUM

museum@wilmette.com
853-7666

POLICE DEPARTMENT

police@wilmette.com
Administration 256-1200
Animal Control Officer 256-1200
Community Relations 853-7555
Records and Citations 853-7548
Social Worker 853-7566
Traffic Coordinator 853-7567

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pubworks@wilmette.com
General 853-7500
Forestry 853-7600
Refuse, Recycling & Yard Waste 853-7626
Sewer and Water 853-7588

Street Signs 853-7586
Snow Storm Hot Line 853-7500
Streets 853-7591
Street Lighting 853-7590
After Hour Emergency 256-1200

OTHER

Park District 256-6100
Library 256-5025
Comcast 1-866-594-1234
SBC 1-800-244-4444
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admin@wilmette.com
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Dispute Mediation 853-7502
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Finance 853-7609
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