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Fall Fest on Ridge Road -- Saturday, September 20

Free Pony rides, a Moon Bounce, face painting, balloon animals, and neighborhood camaraderie are all part of the fun planned for the 7th Annual Fall Fest on Ridge Road from 10 am to 1 pm. The Fall Fest is held in conjunction with the St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest Market and Family Festival. The events provide a great opportunity for families to have some fun and to stop in each participating shop for food, treats, giveaways and more. For more information, call the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at 847-251-3800 or visit www.wilmettechamber.org.



Fall Fest 2007 -- Kids with their parents are lined up for the ever popular Moon Bounce.

Leaf Collection Begins October 20

View Page 10 for Information and Page 11 for the Collection Schedule!

Village Center Block Party - Saturday, September 13

The Village invites all residents to attend the 2008 Village Center Block Party from 5 to 9 pm on Saturday, September 13 in the Village Center. This exciting event will feature a Ribfest sponsored by Backyard Barbeque, children's activities including the popular Park District Moon Bounce, and live music from award winning teen band, *The Boy Named Crow*, and local favorites, *East of Edens* and *PopRocks*. Food from local vendors will be available for purchase.



Residents are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, tables, blankets, food, beverages for adults and children and other picnic items to enjoy a fun filled afternoon and evening in the Village Center.

For more information and updates on the Block Party, visit the Village's website at www.wilmette.com.

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Community Events

Fire Station Open House - Saturday, October 4

To kick-off Fire Prevention Week, which marks the anniversary of The Chicago Fire, "Sparky the Fire Dog" and the Fire Department are inviting all youngsters to bring their parents to the Fire Department Open House from 9 am - Noon. Come to Fire Station 26, located at 1304 Lake Ave. Fire trucks, firefighting and paramedic equipment as well as water rescue, special rescue and hazardous materials response equipment will be on display. Kids, don't forget to bring a teddy bear. Specially trained paramedics will be available to perform a "checkup" on your teddy bear so you can experience what it would be like to be a patient in the ambulance. In addition, families can visit the Family Safety House, a mobile home designed to teach home fire safety. Free parking is available in the Metra lot adjacent to the Fire Station. Fire Prevention Week is October 5 - 11. This year's theme is "Prevent Home Fires".



Pumpkin Walk & Hayride at Linden Square - Saturday, October 25

Families will enjoy hayrides, 'spooktacular' giveaways, children's activities, food and more at the 9th Annual Linden Square Pumpkin Walk, taking place from 11 am to 1 pm. Sponsored by the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce and the Linden Square Merchants, the Pumpkin Walk is an opportunity for hundreds of patrons to enjoy the amenities of this neighborhood business district and experience the fall season.

The Pumpkin Walk will again feature a free hayride sponsored by Wilmette Chamber members in the area. Participants are also invited to stop in each participating shop for treats and giveaways. This year's event will also feature many fun activities for the whole family including free face painting, pumpkin painting, free balloon animals, and raffles with prizes from local shops. Feel free to wear your costume! For more information, call the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at 847-251-3800 or visit www.wilmettechamber.org.



Historical Museum Events -- Fall 2008

History Book Club

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

Monday, September 8, 7 pm

Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey, by Linda Greenhouse.

Monday, October 20, 7 pm

Taliban, by Ahmed Rashid

Ridge Road Walking Tour

Saturday, September 20, 11:30 am

Advance registration required, as space is limited.

Join us as we celebrate Fall Fest with a one-hour walking tour on Ridge Road. Free admission.

Costume Lecture & Tea

Sunday, September 28, 2 - 3:30 pm

Tickets are \$25 (\$22 for museum members)



Celebrate the tradition of afternoon tea in the Great Hall of the Museum and listen to Jane Textor, the Museum's Costume Curator, give a talk on fashion's strangest era when hobble skirts, funnel collars and "war crinolines" were all the rage.



Lecture: New Trier Football

Thursday, October 2, 7 pm

Tickets are \$5 (museum members free)

Gary Sarnoff, New Trier grad, will regale us with the histories of New Trier High School's two state championship football teams in 1935 and 1973.

Historic Downtown Walking Tour + Lunch at the new Depot Nuevo Restaurant

Saturday, October 4, 11:45 am - tour, 1 pm - lunch

Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for museum members)

Advance reservations required by September 25

Don't miss our one-hour walking tour of historic downtown Wilmette. Lunch and discussion follow.

Lecture: Local Issues in Wilmette - 1969 to 1989

Sunday, October 26, 2 pm

Tickets are \$5 (museum members free)

Vern Squires, past Village of Wilmette President and current Historical Society Trustee, will speak on two decades of change and controversy in the Village.

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

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At Village Hall

Village Introduces New Logo in Shop Wilmette Campaign

The Village has a new logo! The new logo gives the Village a more contemporary, modern

image and features the image of an Oak tree and waves to represent the Village's rich urban forestry and beautiful lakefront. Look for the new logo in the ongoing *Shop Wilmette Campaign*, which includes inserts in the Chicago Tribune, television commercials on Comcast Cable (available for viewing on the Village's website), and on area PACE buses. The logo will be featured in the next issue of *The Communicator*, and the Village's new website to be introduced early next year.

Sheridan Road Reconstruction - Project Update

The following traffic configurations will be in effect through September 30, 2008:

Southbound Sheridan Road Traffic: Sheridan Road will be closed to southbound traffic from 10th Street to Isabella Street. The detour route will be 10th Street/Wilmette Avenue to Lake Avenue to 4th Street to Isabella Street.

Northbound Sheridan Road Traffic: Sheridan Road traffic will remain northbound only from Isabella Street to Westerfield Drive. However, there will be intermittent delays when the contractor is conducting sewer work.

During construction, motorists are encouraged to find an alternate route. Please note the following:

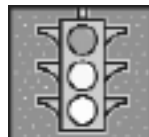
- Sheridan Road will continue to have two-way traffic from 10th Street to Westerfield Drive. Plaza Del Lago can be accessed from Sheridan Road, Westerfield Drive and 10th Street.
- Gillson Park and the Wilmette Harbor can be accessed from Lake Avenue or the Michigan Avenue entrance by the North Shore Channel.
- Two-way traffic is expected to resume on Sheridan Road south of Lake Avenue by early to mid-October.
- The southbound detour from 10th Street to Lake Avenue will continue through late fall.

To receive electronic updates on the Sheridan Road reconstruction project, sign up for the E-Newsletter at www.wilmette.com in the upper right hand corner of the home page. Questions related to the Sheridan Road reconstruction project can be directed to the Engineering Department at 847-853-7660 or e-mail at SheridanRoad@wilmette.com.

Village Board Takes Steps to Promote Business Development at Linden Square

The Village Board has approved several new zoning regulations designed to encourage positive redevelopment in the Linden Square (4th Street and Linden Avenue), and to preserve the elements that make Linden Square a unique neighborhood area. The key changes include:

- Increasing the permitted building height to 35' (3 stories) from 30' (2 ½ stories). This change will allow more modern commercial space to be provided on the first floor with two stories of residences or offices above.
- Exempting of new businesses from parking requirements. This will allow a new retail or restaurant use to occupy space in a building even if the building as a whole does not provide enough parking on-site, the same that exists for buildings in the Village Center.
- Requiring any new construction to be built to the front property line. This will help ensure that redevelopment in Linden Square maintains a pedestrian-oriented character.
- Prohibiting any new parking lot from being located adjacent to a public street. This will also help maintain the pedestrian-oriented character of the area, and at the same time preserve and encourage retail and other appropriate uses at the street level.



Green Bay Road Traffic Signal Improvements - Completion Scheduled for 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 on Central Avenue and Green Bay Road and the contractor has begun work on Lake Avenue. Traffic will remain open with one lane in each direction and flaggers directing traffic through the work zone as necessary. The Lake Avenue intersection improvements are expected to be completed by the middle of October after which the contractor will move to Wilmette Avenue to complete the project. -----continued on page 4

Did You Know...

...Last season, the Village collected approximately 8,983 cubic yards of compacted leaves, which is the equivalent of 373 refuse packer trucks.

... The total annual cost of the Village's leaf collection program is approximately \$192,000 and is comprised of \$98,000 for disposal, \$90,000 for lease of refuse packer trucks and \$4,000 for materials (leaf pans and brooms).

... The Village has been using the leaf pan/broom method for 15 years. Wilmette is one of a handful of towns in the Chicago area that collect leaves directly from the street. Many other communities require residents to bag leaves.

... The total annual cost of the Village's refuse collection and recycling program is approximately \$2.13 million. The program is supported by the \$15.65 monthly refuse charge which is collected from the quarterly water/sewer bill and generates \$1.63 million in revenue. The remaining amount is supported by other general revenues including property taxes.

Community Events

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Arts Awareness Month -- October 2008

Annual Young Artists' Recital

Sunday, October 2, 3 pm

*Community Recreation Center Auditorium,
3000 Glenview Road*

The Wilmette Fine Arts Commission and the Wilmette Park District are pleased to present the annual Young Artists' Recital showcasing students high school age or younger that are residents or attend school in Wilmette. Auditions will be held at the Wilmette Public Library on Sunday, September 21. Student application forms can be found online at www.wilmette.com.

Photography Exhibit and Reception

*North Shore Community Bank
1145 Wilmette Avenue*

Visit the Village of Wilmette Fine Arts Commission Photography Exhibit during the month of October. Fifteen Wilmette photographers will display their work, and you can meet them at an open reception on Friday, October 3, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Please call 847-920-9569 for more information.

At Village Hall

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Green Bay Road Traffic Signal Improvements - Completion Scheduled for November

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 drive with caution through construction zones!

Meetings Scheduled on Proposed 2009 Village Budget

The Village Board invites residents to attend upcoming meetings on the proposed 2009 budget and to comment on next year's spending priorities. All meetings are held at Village Hall and will be held on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm
- Saturday, October 25 at 8 am
- Wednesday, October 29 at 7 pm
- Wednesday, November 5 at 7 pm (if necessary)

The Village Manager will present the proposed budget to the Village Board at the October 14 meeting. Shortly thereafter, it will be available for public inspection and review at the Wilmette Library and Village Hall, and a summary document will appear on the website.

Local Handgun Ban Repealed After U.S. Supreme Court Ruling

On July 22, 2008, the Village Board unanimously adopted an ordinance which repealed the Village's prohibition on the possession of handguns. This action follows the June 26, 2008 Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* that guarantees a private right to possess handguns in one's home for self defense. The Court struck down a District of Columbia ordinance prohibiting the private possession of handguns as violating this private right.



Health Beat

Flu Shots at Village Hall. This fall, the influenza immunization clinic for Wilmette residents will be held on Monday, October 27 and Thursday, October 30 from 8:30 am to 12 noon on the second floor of the Village Hall. The flu shots will be given to those residents who are 50 years of age or older and those under the age of 50 with a chronic illness. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Health Department at 847-853-7507 after September 22.

Fee. The fee for the flu shot is \$30. However, residents who have Medicare Part B as their primary insurer may choose to receive their immunization with Medicare paying the fee. Medicare will not pay the provider if the deductible has not been met for the year or if you belong to an HMO. Those residents under 50 with a chronic illness must provide a doctor's statement that indicates the nature of the chronic illness and that the flu shot is medically indicated. If medical statements do not include this information, flu shots will not be given.

Caution. The vaccine should not be taken if you have a known allergy to eggs or egg products, have a fever, or if you have previously experienced an allergic reaction to the vaccine.

Cholesterol and Glucose Screening. The Health Department is offering a Lipid Profile and Glucose Screening for residents Wednesday, September 24 from 9 - 11 am in the Village Hall Training Room. This screening is by appointment only and requires a 12 hour fast.

The Lipid Profile includes tests for total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, and HDL/LDL ratio. The glucose screening is for the detection of diabetes. The test requires blood drawn from the arm and the results are sent in the mail within 48 hours. The cost of this test is \$20.

CPR Course Offered. A CPR course for residents will be offered at the Village Hall on Thursdays, September 18 and November 13 from 6:30-9:30 pm. There is a fee of \$20 for class materials payable prior to the class.

Blood Pressure Check. High blood pressure can be dangerous. Have your blood pressure checked on Tuesday, 3 - 4:30 pm in the Health Department office located on the second floor of the 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 baderd@wilmette.com.



Looking Back

Howard School

Howard School, at Spencer Avenue and 17th Street, is fondly remembered by many of its former students. A handsome Arts-and-Crafts building, Howard was built in 1924 from designs by noted architect Dwight Heald Perkins, and featured a distinctive copper cupola, graceful ornamental stonework at the entrances, and tall windows to bring natural light into the classrooms.

Following a sharp downturn in school enrollment, Howard Junior High School was closed in 1979 and demolished several years later. The only surviving remnant of the school building is its once familiar cupola, now on display in Howard Park.

The school closings controversies are among the issues to be discussed by former Village President Vern Squires in his upcoming talk, *Local Issues in Wilmette, 1969 to 1989*, on Sunday, October 26 at 2 pm at the Wilmette Historical Museum.



View of Howard School, which is featured in "Lost Wilmette," the current exhibit in the lower-level gallery of the Wilmette Historical Museum at 609 Ridge Road.

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Election Day - Tuesday, November 4

The polls will be open on Election Day from 6 am to 7 pm. Residents who are unsure of their polling place or precinct may contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906 or www.cookctyclerk.com or contact the Village Deputy Clerk's Office at 847-853-7511 or hirschb@wilmette.com.



Voter Registration.

To be eligible to vote in the Presidential General Election, residents must be registered by 4:30 pm Tuesday, October 7. Registration is closed 27 days prior to Election Day. Residents who are not already registered or have moved or changed their name may register to vote at the Village Hall during regular business hours, or on a special Saturday registration day - October 4 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Early Voting. Prior to Election Day, early voting will take place Monday, October 13, 2008 through Thursday, October 30, 2008 at sites designated by the Cook County Clerk. State law requires early voters to display valid identification to an election official before receiving a ballot to vote early. Valid forms of ID include: a current driver's license, state-issued ID card of another government-issued ID with a photograph. Please check the Cook County Clerk's website for early voting sites (www.cookctyclerk.com).

Parking Restriction in Effect for Northwestern University Football Games

The Police Department reminds residents on the east side of the Village to be aware of parking restrictions that are in effect on days when Northwestern University's football

team plays at Welsh Ryan Arena. Many of the side streets are posted "No Parking on Football Saturdays." Home games for the 2008 season are August 30, September 13, September 20, October 11, October 18, November 8 and November 22.



Contact Parking Control Officers Don George or Al Stec with questions at 847-256-1200.

2009 Wilmette Historic Preservation Awards

It's not too late to nominate your neighbor (or yourself) for a 2009 Wilmette Preservation Award! Properties must be nominated by Friday, September 19, 2008. Properties can be nominated for an award in one or more of the following categories: Preservation, Restoration, Sympathetic Addition or Eclectic New Construction. Nomination forms and more information are available at the Community Development Department at Village Hall, and online at www.wilmette.com.



2008 Winner for Restoration, 1210 Greenwood Avenue

Be Pedestrian Friendly



The Illinois Vehicle Code requires drivers to yield to pedestrians walking across the street in a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians should always cross the street at intersections and use marked crosswalks where available. Pedestrians should also make sure the road is clear before stepping off of the curb into the street. Remember to be pedestrian friendly.

Yard Waste Collection - Continues Through November

Yard waste collection will continue through Tuesday, November 25. Please remember the following:

- The collection day for residents living west of Ridge Road is Monday, and residents living east of Ridge Road will receive service on Tuesday
- Only materials in yard waste bags or in properly tied bundles with non-plastic rope or string and an official Village yard waste sticker affixed will be collected. Bags cannot weigh in excess of 50 pounds.
- Yard waste bags and stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall, Jewel Food stores, hardware stores or garden shops.
- Yard waste should be placed at the curb or in the alley for pick up no later than 7 am the day the collection and no earlier than 6 pm the day before scheduled pick up.

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Parkway Tree Pruning Resumes in November

The Village will resume its tree pruning program in November. Village parkway trees are on a seven year tree pruning cycle. Parkway trees bounded by Green Bay Road to the east, Ridge Road to the west and Lake Avenue to the north should be completed by the end of the year. Foresters anticipate that pruning work will begin south of Lake Avenue, between Green Bay and Ridge Roads in January of 2009.

Parkway trees are pruned to promote health, growth, appearance and to prevent damage to life and property. The spacing and thinning of branches improves crown shape and branch structure, allowing more light into the center of the tree and permits wind to pass freely through branches. Pruning also reduces the chances of storm damage. Systematic pruning also removes potential growth problems.

Because parkway trees are close to streets and sidewalks, branches must be at a height that allows safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles, snow plows, and other service vehicles. Systematic pruning allows trees to develop maximum crown size while still providing needed clearance. While the pruning of parkway trees may at times seem severe, it is necessary for continued tree health and public safety.

Overnight Parking Guidelines

Residents who would like to request special overnight parking permission should call the Police Department's non-emergency number at 847-256-1200. The Police Department limits special overnight parking permission (2 am to 5 am restrictions) to 12 per year per resident and/or address.



Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Halloween Trick or Treat hours are from 4 to 8 pm on Friday, October 31. The Police Department offers the following tips for a safe and spooky Halloween:

- ◆ Children should only go to homes where parents know the residents and stay on the porch or front steps to receive treats.
- ◆ Children should cross the street at the intersection, not in the middle of the street or between parked cars.
- ◆ Adults should inspect all candy before it is eaten.
- ◆ Costumes should allow the child to see and hear perfectly. Little ghosts and goblins should be able to hear and see vehicles.
- ◆ Costumes should be bright colored or have glow-in-the-dark patches so drivers can see the children. Flashlights and glow-sticks can help!
- ◆ Go with the kids! It's safer for them. Parents who dress up may also get a treat!

For residents passing out treats, please leave the porch light on during the Trick or Treat hours. It is safer for the children and lets them know treats are available at this home.

School Safety Tips

Another school year is upon us. Children's safety is a primary concern of the Village. Streets surrounding schools have a higher volume of traffic before and after school, so the Police Department asks all residents to display extra patience and adhere to the following:



- Slow down to 20 mph in every school zone. Obey the crossing guard's signal. Watch for unexpected movements by children.
- Always have your children exit a vehicle on the curb side, away from traffic flow.
- Teach children to cross only at the corner with the crossing guard, and never in the middle of the roadway.
- Always drop off children in designated areas. The loading and unloading of children at stop signs and while stopped on the crosswalk is illegal and unsafe.
- Please obey the turn restriction and "Do Not Enter" signs around the schools. These signs were put in place for your safety.

There are trained adult school crossing guards at the following intersections:

9th & Greenleaf, 9th & Central, 9th & Lake, Forest & Wilmette, 15th & Wilmette, 15th & Lake, Prairie & Wilmette, Lake & Ridge, Highland & Ridge, Lake & Hunter, Hunter & Thornwood, Hunter & Illinois, Illinois & Iroquois, Lake & Locust, Wilmette & Romona, Wilmette & Skokie

Young People Are Ready to Work



- ◆ Yardwork, Mowing, Heavy Work
- ◆ Babysitting and Tutoring
- ◆ Parties, Light Housework,
- ◆ Computer Work and Pet Care

WilWork, the Wilmette Youth Job Referral Service, can connect you with young people who can work!

For assistance, please visit Village Hall or contact Vicki Hanson, WilWork Director, at 847-853-7609 or hansonv@wilmette.com.



Clean and Green News

Recycle Automotive Materials

Automotive material such as tires, batteries, fluids and oils are accepted by various service stations for recycling. For more information on possible automotive recycling opportunities, please contact the service stations listed below to determine the automotive materials they accept. Please note that recyclable materials will only be accepted during regular business hours.

- Kenilworth Service, 1255 Green Bay Road, 847-256-2078
- Duxler Complete Auto Care, 516 4th Street, 847-251-0551
- Wilmette Auto Service, 1837 Wilmette Avenue, 847-251-6131

In addition to the above mentioned opportunities, Veolia Environmental Services will accept used motor oil for recycling as long as it is placed in a clear plastic jug. For more information, please call Veolia at 847-251-8759.

Recycle Prescription Drugs and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs - Second Tuesday of Each 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 the Village Hall, from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. These monthly drop off recycling programs provide residents with a convenient opportunity to properly dispose of old drugs which could leach into the waste stream and fluorescent bulbs which contain a small amount of mercury. For more information, please visit www.wilmette.com or contact Village Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507 or baderd@wilmette.com.

Recycle Small Electronics at Village Hall

Residents can drop off small electronics in the first floor lobby of Village Hall, near the steps, to be recycled. Recycling Avenue is a small electronics recycling service, provided by the non-profit organization Avenues to Independence, which employs mentally and physically challenged individuals to provide small electronics recycling opportunities. The following items will be accepted: cell phones, DVDs, game consoles, MP3 players, print cartridges, digital cameras and digital video recorders, laptops/notebooks.

Please note that computer monitors, printers, personal computers and toner cartridges will not be accepted. However, residents can visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) website, www.swancc.org, for recycling opportunities relevant to these items.

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Village Meetings

(Meetings held at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated)

SEPTEMBER

Tues. Sept. 2	7 pm	Plan Commission
	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
Wed. Sept. 3	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri. Sept. 5	7 am	Housing Commission
Mon. Sept. 8	7 pm	Youth Commission
Tues. Sept. 9	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed. Sept. 10	7 pm	Transportation Commission
Thurs. Sept. 11	6 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon. Sept. 15	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Wed. Sept. 17	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Sept. 22	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission
Mon. Sept. 22	7:30 pm	Cmsn. for Persons w/Disabilities
Tues. Sept. 23	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees

OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 1	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri. Oct. 3	7 am	Housing Commission
Mon. Oct. 6	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tues. Oct. 7	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
	7 pm	Plan Commission
Wed. Oct. 8	7 pm	Transportation Commission
Thurs. Oct. 9	6 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon. Oct. 13	7 pm	Youth Commission
Tues. Oct. 14	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed. Oct. 15	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Oct. 20	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tues. Oct. 21	7 pm	Village Budget Meeting
Wed. Oct. 22	7 pm	Board of Health
Sat. Oct. 25	8 am	Village Budget Meeting
Mon. Oct. 27	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission
	7:30 pm	Cmsn. for Persons w/Disabilities
Tues. Oct. 28	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed. Oct. 29	7 pm	Village Budget Meeting



Board Report

Following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of May, June and July 2008:

Approved:

- Contract in the amount of \$36,794 with Allen Visual Systems, Inc. for audio improvements in the Council Chambers.
- Contract in the amount of \$52,000 with United Septic Inc. for sewer catch basin cleaning at various locations throughout the Village.
- Contract in the amount of \$282,830 with Prairie/Archway International Trucks for the purchase of two dump trucks.
- Temporary Use Permit for the St. Joseph Oktoberfest to be held on September 20, 2008 at 1740 Lake Avenue.

Granted variations to:

- 614 Laurel Avenue to permit the construction of a new detached garage.
- 100 Linden Avenue, Baha'i House of Worship, to permit the construction of a new one story visitors' center and the replacement of garden steps.
- 1625 Lake Avenue to structurally alter a legal nonconforming accessory structure (detached garage/coach house).
- 115 Garrison to permit the construction of a second story addition.
- 1018 Isabella Street to permit the construction of one parking space and a second story addition.
- 522 Forest Avenue to permit the construction of a one story addition.
- 1055 Linden Avenue to construct a replacement detached garage.
- 805 Ridge Road to display a flag advertising the type of business.
- 901 Locust Road to permit the replacement of a fence.
- 515 Central Avenue to allow for an expansion in a non-conforming wall and alter a non-conforming structure.
- 324 Prairie Avenue to permit the construction of a detached garage and parking pad.
- 901 Harvard Lane to permit the replacement of a fence.

Adopted:

- Resolution regarding a request for final plat approval for a two lot subdivision at 833 15th Street.
- Resolution regarding the annual determination of prevailing wages for Public Works contracts.
- Ordinance amending the Village Code regarding development regulations in flood hazard areas.
- Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$9,909 from the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council for the purchase of one Global Positioning Tracking (GPS) Unit, Scene PD software and two laptop computers.
- Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$9,160 from the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council for the purchase of a microwave wireless point to point Ethernet bridge.
- Ordinance regarding the disposal of one Fire Department engine and ladder truck.
- Ordinance amending the Village Code requiring a 30 day permit for the use of a portable storage container.

Sign up For Silent Alerts

To receive timely crime prevention information via e-mail affecting your block, neighborhood or the entire Village, residents can receive free crime alert information by registering at silentpartneralert.com. Contact Community Relations Officer Jessica Black at 847-853-7555 or blackj@wilmette.com with your questions.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 2



Leaf Collection Begins October 20

Village crews will collect leaves from Village streets from October 20 through December 12. Village streets will be cleaned at regular

intervals during the 8-week period. A collection schedule is on page 11 and is also posted on the Village website, www.wilmette.com. (Note that inclement weather could cause one or two days delay in the schedule).

During this period, residents who do not live on main arterial streets are asked to rake leaves into the streets along the curb rather than placing leaves in bags. Leaves are collected using pick-up trucks with front-end "brooms" pushing the leaves into refuse packer trucks equipped with special leaf pans (like giant dust pans), or by a special vacuum cleaning truck. The packer trucks compact the leaves, increasing the volume each truck can haul to a composting site. The packer truck/broom operation may result in a thin film of leaves remaining on the street after collection. Village street sweepers will pick up this residue.

Collection Requirements: In order to be collected and be acceptable to the composting sites, leaves must be in a loose condition, not in bags or containers. In order to collect leaves more rapidly and contain the cost of this service, the Village asks that residents comply with following provisions:

- Parking is prohibited on day(s) when Village crews are scheduled to pick up leaves. Temporary signs with the leaf collection schedule will be posted on residential streets. Failure to abide by the posted no parking dates will result in a \$25 parking ticket.
- Only leaves are acceptable for collection. Do not place other yard waste such as branches, pumpkins, potted plants, grass clippings and other garden waste in the street gutter as it will not be collected. These materials cannot be handled by the collection equipment.
- Residents who live on a main arterial street (Lake Avenue, Wilmette Avenue, Sheridan Road, Skokie Boulevard, Green Bay Road and Hibbard Road) should place their leaves only on the parkway behind the curb due to heavy traffic. Residents on streets where construction is underway should place their leaves on the parkway at a point where Village workers have access.
- Due to ongoing construction, residents along Sheridan Road will receive additional instruction prior to the start of leaf collection.
- Residents who live on a cul-de-sac with a middle

island should place leaves along the outer curb, nearest to home. Do not put leaves in the gutter or adjacent to the island.

- Motorists should not park their vehicles on top of leaf piles. A warm exhaust system can ignite the leaves and endanger the vehicle.
- Do not place leaves on the top of storm drains as it contributes to street flooding.



In the event of snow, leaf operations will be suspended until ice and snow control measures are completed and favorable weather conditions resume.

Consider Composting

As an alternative to bringing leaves to the street, consider composting. It is environmentally beneficial because it diverts waste from landfills and water treatment facilities. When finished, compost can be used for planting. To get started, you will need space, a bin, oxygen, water and material. Bins are available commercially or you can make one. Materials that should and should not be used for composting are as follows:

Compost:

- Grass and leaves*
- Shrub and tree waste*
- Sawdust and wood chips*
- Veggie and fruit scraps*
- Coffee grounds or tea bags*

Don't Compost:

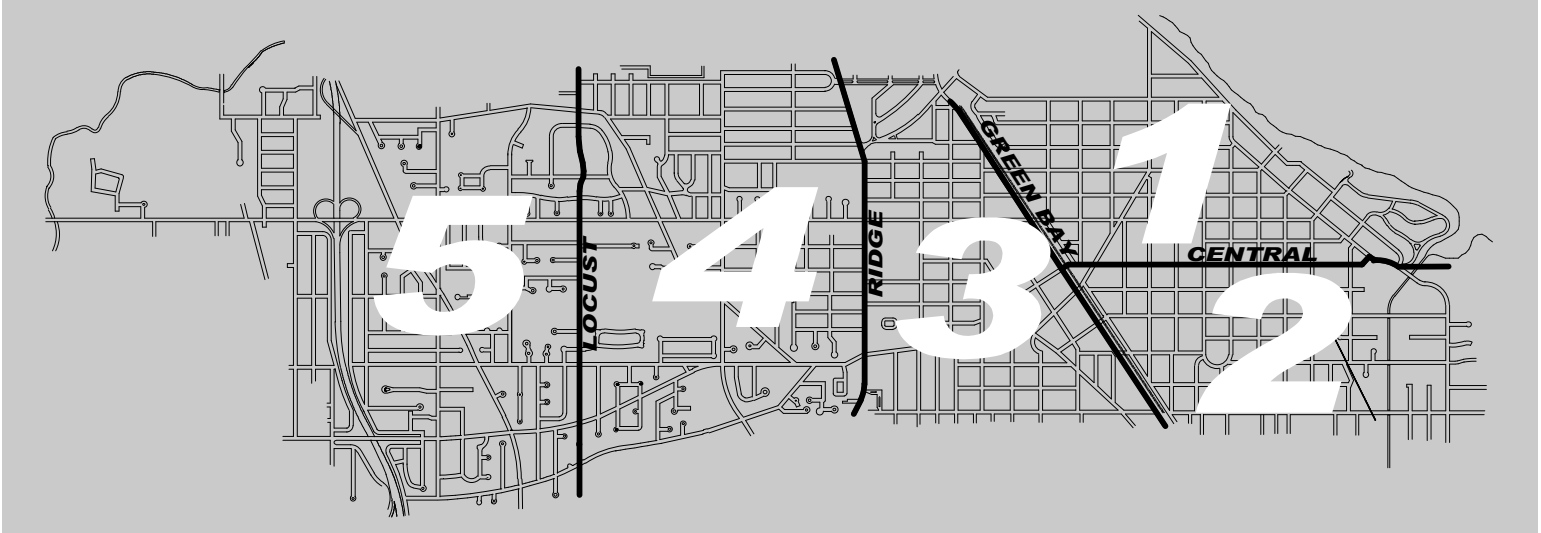
- Fat or greasy items*
- Meat or bones*
- Inorganic matter (plastic or metal)*
- Manure*

For additional information on composting please consider the following sources:

- Greenscaping Your Lawn and Garden, Environmental Protection Agency - www.epa.gov
- Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County - www.swancc.org
- How to Compost at Home, State of Illinois - www.illinoisrecycles.com



2008 LEAF PICK UP ZONES AND SCHEDULE



Scheduled Leaf Collection Days

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 ZONE 1	21 ZONE 2	22 ZONE 3	23 ZONE 4	24 ZONE 5	25
26	27 ZONE 1	28 ZONE 2	29 ZONE 3	30 ZONE 4	31 ZONE 5	

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 ZONE 1	4 ZONE 1	5 ZONE 2	6 ZONE 2	7 ZONE 3	8
9	10 ZONE 3	11 ZONE 4	12 ZONE 4	13 ZONE 5	14 ZONE 5	15
16	17 ZONE 1	18 ZONE 1	19 ZONE 2	20 ZONE 2	21 ZONE 3	22
23	24 ZONE 3	25 ZONE 4	26 ZONE 4	27 HOLIDAY	28 HOLIDAY	29
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December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 ZONE 5	2 ZONE 5	3 ZONE 1	4 ZONE 2	5 ZONE 3	6
7	8 ZONE 4	9 ZONE 5	10 ZONE 1	11 ZONE 2	12 ZONE 3, 4 & 5	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Important Contacts

Fire/Police Emergency 9-1-1

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

Public Works Department

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
 NICOR Gas 1-888-642-6748
 ComEd 1-800-334-7661
 Veolia Environmental Services 251-8759
 Chamber of Commerce 251-3800

Village Hall 251-2700

admin@wilmette.com
 Business Licenses 853-7603
 Comm. Development 853-7550
 Dispute Mediation 853-7502
 Engineering 853-7660
 Finance 853-7609
 vehicle stickers, real estate transfer tax
 Health Nurse 853-7507
 Health Sanitarian 853-7508
 Law 853-7504
 Personnel 853-7510
 Village Clerk 853-7511
 Water Billing 853-7620
 Wilwork 853-7608

Water Plant

General 853-7535
 Meter Shop 853-7537

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Village Listening Post

The purpose of the *Listening Post* is to provide residents with an additional way to communicate with the Village. The Village Board and Department Head staff will listen to your advice and suggestions, and respond to your questions. Using the space below, mail your inquiries to: Village Manager's Office, 1200 Wilmette Avenue. 60091.

Through September 27, the *Listening Post* will meet every Saturday, except holiday weekends, from 10 am until noon at the French Market in the Village Center.

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



Please note that the 7 digit numbers are in 847 area code.

The Village of Wilmette

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7:30 am - 4:30 pm: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

7:30 am - 2 pm: Wednesday

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