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Independence Day Celebration --- Thursday, July 3

The 2008 Independence Day Celebration, hosted by the Wilmette Park District, will take place on Thursday, July 3, at Gillson Park. Games and rides for children, entertainment, roving performers, and a Tastefest are all part of the festivities beginning at 4 pm. A traditional concert of patriotic music by the Palatine Concert Band is scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Wallace Bowl. It will be preceded by a sneak preview of this summer's Starlight Theatre feature, *Ragtime, the Musical* at 7:15 pm. The Grand Fireworks display lights up the sky at 9:30 pm. In case of rain, the fireworks will be rescheduled. Please see a complete listing of events on page 4.

Important Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Information

The Sheridan Road Construction Project means visitors will need to be extra careful when arriving and leaving the Independence Day Celebration. Please make note of the following:

- Beginning at 3:30 pm, Sheridan Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic between Lake and Isabella.
- A drop-off and pick-up zone will be established in the 900 block of Michigan. Traffic will enter east on Forest and exit west on Lake. Signs will be posted along Sheridan Road north of Lake directing vehicles to this zone.
- There will be no pedestrian access on Sheridan Road between Linden and the entrance to the park. Those walking to the park from the south will be directed west on Linden to 3rd Street and then east on Central.

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Take a Pace Bus to Gillson Park Fireworks

Pace North Shore Division will provide shuttle bus service to Gillson Park for the Independence Day festivities on Thursday, July 3, beginning at 4 pm. After the fireworks, the last bus leaves Gillson Park at 11 pm.

Special buses will operate between Edens Plaza and Gillson Park, traveling east on Lake, south on Green Bay, east on Central to Gillson Park, dropping off passengers on Michigan, south of Washington. There is a \$3 fare going toward the park only; a ticket will be issued for the return trip. Seniors with valid RTA senior reduced fare card and children under the age of 7 ride free. Please remember to have the exact fare ready when boarding (driver cannot make change - dollar bills OK). Leave early enough to get to the park before the fireworks display. After the fireworks, return buses will be immediately available.

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At Village Hall

Road to Success!

Ten years ago, the Village Board evaluated the condition of Village streets and learned that only 26 percent were in "good, very good or excellent" condition. This realization was the inspiration for the Village Board to initiate a ten-year accelerated road program which will be completed this year. The ten year annual investment of \$3.1 million resulted in the following:

- 21.9 miles or approximately 27 percent of the Village's 80 miles of local streets were resurfaced. Visit the Village website www.wilmette.com to view a comprehensive map.
- The percentage of streets rated as "good, very good or excellent" has increased from 26 percent to 59 percent.

The completion of the ten year program does not mean that the Village is done investing in road improvements. An annual expenditure of \$2 million over the next five years will further improve pavement conditions to 76 percent of Village streets considered as "good, very good or excellent." Resurfacing Village streets before the pavement base has failed will significantly extend the life of the pavement and save the Village in reconstruction costs. This year's road program includes Hunter Road from Lake Avenue to Wilmette Avenue, which will begin in June and be completed in mid-August.

Depot Nuevo Restaurant Opens in Village Center



Construction is complete on the Village-owned old historic train station building at 1139 Wilmette Avenue in the Village Center. Robert and Ann Garrison of *The Noodle Café* in Wilmette recently opened their new Latin American-inspired *Depot Nuevo* restaurant. *Depot Nuevo* will highlight many exciting flavors from across Latin America while also featuring some traditional

favorites, and include an inviting front porch for seasonal outdoor dining.

More than a year in planning and development, *Depot Nuevo* plans were a collaborative effort between Village government and the Garrisons. All involved worked to create a beautiful and complementary addition to the existing historic structure, which included a 700 square foot addition on the ground floor for a new kitchen, rest-rooms, and storage. For more information, visit www.depotnuevo.com or call 847-251-3111.

Village Continues to Address Electrical Reliability Issues at Stormwater Pumping Station - Works with Commonwealth Edison to Improve Service

Located on Lake Avenue, west of Harms Road, the Stormwater Pumping Station (SWPS) collects storm-water from west of Ridge Road and discharges it in the North Branch of the Chicago River. To guard against a power outage, which occurred during the August 23, 2007 storm, Commonwealth Edison and the Village have installed a disconnect bypass switch on one of the two electrical feeds that serve the SWPS. This improvement will allow for continual power in the event that a portion of the line that feeds the SWPS is damaged because of downed tree limbs - as was the case during last year's storm. In addition, the Village Board has made a commitment to purchase and install a back up emergency generator at the SWPS. At the March 18, 2008 meeting, the Village Board approved a contract with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. to design the generator with installation and startup expected in August 2009.

In other areas of the Village, Commonwealth Edison has been conducting tree-trimming activities in areas where branches have grown into power lines and threaten reliability. Trimming was performed on the following streets in the first quarter of the year: Kenilworth, Beechwood, Chestnut, Thornwood, Greenwood, Birchwood, Lake and Hunter. Other infrastructure improvements underway by Commonwealth Edison include: replacement of overhead wires, pole replacements, transformer and fuse upgrades, additional wildlife protection and mid-circuit re-closers. Residents who suspect electrical safety or maintenance concerns are asked to contact Commonwealth Edison at 1-800-334-7661.

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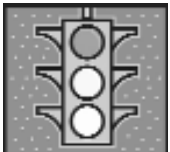
Sheridan Road Reconstruction - Project Update

The first phase of the Sheridan Road reconstruction project is complete and the contractor is now reconstructing Sheridan Road from Lake Avenue to Isabella Street. Intense activity will occur in this zone including replacement of the combination sewer, installation of the new storm sewer and rebuilding the pavement structure. This stage of the project is expected to be completed in fall.

While this portion of the work is underway, traffic will continue one-way northbound from Isabella Street to Lake Avenue. Two-way traffic will be maintained north of Lake Avenue. The southern detour is 4th Street to Isabella Street.

For those traveling the detour route, please be cognizant of the residents who live on the impacted blocks. It is important to drive the speed limit, yield to pedestrians and obey stop signs. For residents living along the detour route, thank you in advance for your patience.

To receive timely updates on the Sheridan Road project, sign up for the Village's e-newsletter by visiting www.wilmette.com and joining the mailing list at the top right corner of the Village homepage. Residents with questions concerning the project may contact the Engineering Department at 847-853-7660 or via e-mail at SheridanRoad@wilmette.com.



Green Bay Road Traffic Signal Improvement Project to Begin this Summer

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 back to their original operation. At the conclusion of the project, eastbound and westbound traffic movements will 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 project will consist of building separate left turn lanes, center medians and another set of railroad gates on the east legs of the impacted intersections. During construction, the Central and Wilmette Avenue crossings will require alternating temporary closure. Lake Avenue will be reduced to one-lane in each direction with weekend closures. This project is on schedule to begin after July 4 and be completed in late fall.

Warm Weather Reminders



With warm weather upon us, reminders of key Village ordinances and other warm weather tips follow:

- **Keep Sidewalks Clear.** The Village Code states that sidewalks, streets and alleys shall be kept clear of overgrown trees and plants. Trimming your bushes, shrubs and trees to ensure clearance will benefit you and your family as well as neighbors who are walking or bicycling near your home.
- **Yard Waste Bags and Recycling Bins.** Place yard waste out for collection once a week: Mondays for residents west of Ridge Road and Tuesdays for residents east of Ridge Road. Yard waste bags and recycling bins must be set out no earlier than 6 pm the day before and removed from the curb no later than 6 pm on the day following collection.
- **Construction Hours.** Keep in mind that hired construction is limited to the hours of 7 am to 7 pm on weekdays, 9 am to 6 pm on Saturdays and is prohibited on Sundays and holidays. Residents can work on their own property from 9 am to 5 pm on Sundays and holidays. Violations should be reported to the Code Enforcement Officer at 847-853-7521 during weekday hours and the Police Department non-emergency number, 847-256-1200, on week nights and weekends.
- **Leaf-blowers.** Operating gasoline-powered leaf-blowers, or electronic leaf-blowers powered by a portable gasoline generator is prohibited between the dates of May 15 through September 30.
- **Etiquette for Dog Walkers.** Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors by picking up your dog's waste and disposing of it. Parents, please remind your children who walk the dog to be responsible for this task. For the safety of people and animals, leashes are required for dogs in all public places in Wilmette.
- **No Signs on Parkway.** Remember that signs such as House for Sale, Garage Sale, contractor advertisement, etc. are prohibited on the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and curb).



Independence Day Celebration

Schedule of Events -- Gillson Park -- Thursday, July 3

Entertainment Schedule

<i>Festival Stage</i> 5:15 - 9:15 pm	Emcee: Ken Schultz, The Flying Fool
5:30 - 6:15 pm	Mr. Singer & Kerry Appleberry of the Sharp Cookies, Singalong dance music for families
6:30 - 7 pm	The Jesse White Tumblers, Sponsored by the Wilmette Community Relations Commission
7:15 - 7:45 pm	Dennis DeBondt, Very Funny Magic
8 - 9:15 pm	The Stephanie Rogers Band, Lively Pop Rock
10 - 11 pm	The Dooleys, High Variety Band

Roving Entertainers

6:30 - 8:30 pm	Mike Vondruska, Juggler
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Frank Birdsall, Uncle Sam on Stilts

Sports, Games & Rides

4 - 6:30 pm	Games and Races (in the main game area), Preschool-Adult
4 - 7 pm	Free Throws (south of Big Tent), Grades 2-3 & 4-8. Final rounds: 7 pm
4 - 7:30 pm	Carnival Games (in the Big Tent), Preschool through 8 years old
4:30 - 8:30 pm	Face Painting (tent near Moonwalk) All Ages
4:30 - 8:30 pm	Moonwalk Speed Pitch (south of softball field)
4:30 - 8:30 pm	Giant Slide, Mini Golf, Rat Race Obstacle Challenge

Food

4 pm until closing	Taste-Fest, featuring some of your favorite restaurants
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Independence Day Concert At Wallace Bowl

7:15 pm	Broadway Show Sneak Preview: <i>Ragtime, the Musical</i>
7:30 pm	Palatine Concert Band

Grand Fireworks Display

9:30 pm	Shot over Lake Michigan between the Pier and Wilmette Harbor <i>In case of rain, fireworks will be rescheduled to a later date</i>
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Fun Run/Walk For Fun -- Friday, July 4

The 4-mile Fun Run and the 2-mile Walk For Fun, along with the Youth Run and Pee Wee Run, will take place in Gillson Park the morning of July 4. There are six categories for men and women in the Fun Run contest, with awards presented in all categories. The popular Youth Run has been divided into three age groups, 6 - 7, 8 - 9 and 10 - 13. Pee Wee runners are age 5 and under. Awards are given in each of the children's categories. The Walk for Fun is for recreation only - no awards are presented. Day of the race registration opens at 7 am in Gillson Park. Early adult registrations are \$20, and \$25 on the day of the event. Registration for children is \$10. Note: Pee Wees, 5 & under, run for free - no registration. Register at the Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road, or at the Administrative Offices in Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue. Direct questions to the Wilmette Park District at 847-256-6100.

Schedule

7 am	Open Registration at the Big Tent
7:30 am	Runners warm up
8 am	Fun Run, Men and Women, 13 and Up
8 am	Walk For Fun, (recreational only) Men and Women, 13 and Up
9 am	Youth Run, ages 6-7
9:15 am	Youth Run, ages 8-9
9:30 am	Youth Run, ages 10-13
9:45 am	Pee Wee Run, 5 and under, no registration required

Did You Know...

That train and bus transportation opportunities exist for residents looking to minimize the burden of rising gas prices.

....Instead of driving to Chicago, residents can access a Metra train in the Village Center, or a CTA train at Linden Square. For more information on schedules and fares visit the Metra website at www.metrarail.com and the CTA website at www.transitchicago.com.

....Both the Metra and CTA Stations provide 12 hour parking for commuters at a nominal fee - Metra \$1.75, CTA Linden \$2.

....Residents can catch a PACE bus to either train station or various stops along the way. Route # 421- Wilmette Avenue provides rush hour service to the Linden CTA Station, Metra Station, Edens Plaza, Regina Dominican High School, Loyola Academy and New Trier Northfield High School Campus. Route # 422 on Lake Avenue also serves the above listed locations. For specific route and fare information, visit PACE's website at www.pacebus.com.

Village to Improve Council Chamber's Sound System

In an effort to improve the quality of the sound system for cable broadcasts of public meetings originating from the Village Hall Council Chambers, the Village Board has approved funding for replacement of the almost 15 year old sound equipment. The new system is scheduled to be installed by September 1.

Important Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Information

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- Pedestrian crossings through the Sheridan Road Construction Zone will be located at Central, Washington, Lake Avenue, and at the South Gillson Park entrance. Residents can cross only in the designated areas and are asked to use appropriate caution in the construction area.
- Due to the large amount of pedestrian traffic, the Police Department will hold all vehicle traffic leaving Gillson Park until the majority of the pedestrian traffic has cleared the top of the hill.

2008 Wilmette Days Sidewalk Sale & Family Fun Fest Friday & Saturday, July 11 - 12

The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its Annual Sidewalk Sale & Family Fun Fest on Friday and Saturday, July 11 - 12 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The Fest features two days of great entertainment, delicious food, crafts, children's activities, petting zoo, and "the best bargains on the North Shore" on merchandise from Wilmette's finest stores, specialty vendors, artisans, crafters and antique dealers.

Shoppers are also invited to enjoy great family entertainment both days beginning at 10 am on Friday and Saturday. Everybody's favorite disc jockey Spinnin' Discs will return this year, complete with dancers, contests and prizes. In addition, everybody's favorite magician, Jeffery the Great, will give two performances on Saturday. Kids will also enjoy free face painting, free balloon animals, moon-bounce tent, sidewalk decorating, martial arts and dance demonstrations, treats, exciting giveaways and other fun activities. On Saturday, families will also enjoy a special art exhibit hosted by the Wilmette Arts Guild. The exhibit will feature a variety of artistic media depicting Wilmette themes.



Most of the activities will take place in the Village Center - including Greenleaf Avenue and Green Bay Road - but many merchants will be "selling it on the sidewalk" in other Wilmette shopping districts. Please note that in order to increase family safety and add to the festive atmosphere, Central Avenue between Wilmette Avenue and 12th Street and Greenleaf Avenue just east of the public parking lot up to 11th Street will be closed. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 847-251-3800 or visit www.wilmettechamber.org.



Remember that the local merchants at Plaza del Lago are open during the Sheridan Road Reconstruction Project



Looking Back

The Air Raid of 1943

On a quiet Sunday afternoon sixty-five years ago, on May 23, 1943, to be precise, squadrons of bombers appeared in the skies above Wilmette. As air-raid sirens wailed and traffic screeched to a halt, bombs began to rain down on the village. The Village Hall, an obvious target, was hit four times and several area businesses sustained repeated impact. Altogether, 625 bombs hit the village, within range of about one-quarter of all Wilmette homes.

Captain Dick Howell of 1023 Ashland (at right in the photo), took part in the raid on his hometown, which was conducted by the Civilian Air Patrol to test suburban defenses. The bombs were made of paper streamers, and came in four colors: red for incendiary, blue for high-explosive, green for unexploded, and yellow for poison gas. Air raid wardens fanned out across the Village to mark the locations of each type and to practice bomb disposal and damage control.

The man who organized response on the ground was David C. Leach, Sr., hardworking chairman of the Wilmette Civilian Defense Council, which during World War II also supervised salvage collection, blood donations, and many other "home front" activities. His son, Dave, would later serve Wilmette for many years as Director of Management Services, and editor of the Communicator.



To learn more about this time in history, visit the Wilmette Historical Museum at 609 Ridge Road, open Sun. - Thurs., 1 to 4:30 pm and view a new exhibit, "Wartime," one of three new exhibits at the Wilmette Historical Museum. This exhibit explores the impact of the Civil War and the two world wars on Wilmette and the North Shore.

Change in State Law Means AT&T to Offer Video Service and Install Utility Boxes on Public Parkways

Village residents have begun to see, and will continue to see, new telecommunications boxes being located in public right-of-ways and parkways throughout the Village. These boxes will allow new video provider, AT&T, to provide service in parts of Wilmette. AT&T is installing these facilities under the rights granted to it by a new Illinois law that preempts most local regulations of video and cable service providers.

In the past, new cable and video providers would have had to negotiate with the Village for a franchise agreement to deliver service in Wilmette. Under the new laws, municipalities can no longer require cable or video providers to seek local franchises. Nor can municipalities require new providers to give equal access to service to all residents. Cable and video service providers can go directly to the State to receive statewide approval to provide service anywhere in the state, which also entitles them under the law to install facilities in the

public right-of-way. Municipalities are required to permit cable and video providers who have obtained State approval to install facilities in the public right-of-way and parkways.

AT&T, having received its State video service approval, is now in the process of installing its facilities in various locations in the Village. Not all neighborhoods in the Village may see these new facilities, as AT&T is not obligated to provide service to all Village residents. In neighborhoods where AT&T will provide service, residents may expect to see concrete pads with utility boxes and electric meters at places where the new facilities are being installed. Typically, these facilities must be installed in proximity to existing local telephone boxes already in the right-of-way.

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Health Beat

Cholesterol and Glucose Screening. The Health Department is offering a Lipid Profile and

Glucose Screening for residents on Wednesday, July 16, from 9 - 11 am in the Training Room of the Village Hall. 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 is \$20.

CPR Course Offered. A CPR course for residents will be offered at the Village Hall on Thursday, July 10, 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 Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm in the Health Department office located on the second floor of the Village Hall.

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.

Is Your Lawn Sprinkler System in Compliance?

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Village Code require that a cross connection control device must be installed on all lawn sprinkler systems. These devices prevent potentially contaminated water from flowing back into the Village's water supply.



In order to ensure compliance with the Village Code, it is recommended that the property owner have an existing system inspected before installing a cross connection control device. The installing contractor is the best person to inspect the system and

assist the owner with making any upgrades.

The Village Code also requires that the cross connection valve be tested annually. The tests must be certified and the results submitted to the Water Plant, 200 Lake Ave, prior to spring activation. For more information, contact Al Janosz, Water Plant Meter Shop, at 847-853-7537 or janosza@wilmette.com or the Village website at http://www.wilmette.com/water_plant/ccfrm.htm.

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Village Meetings

(Meetings held at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated)

JUNE

Mon. Jun. 16	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Wed. Jun. 18	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Jun. 23	7:30 pm	Cmsn. For Persons w/Disabilities
	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission
Tues. Jun. 24	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees

JULY

Tues. Jul. 1	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
	7 pm	Plan Commission
Wed. Jul. 2	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Jul. 7	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tues. Jul. 8	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed. Jul. 9	7 pm	Transportation Commission
Thurs. Jul. 10	6 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon. Jul. 14	7 pm	Youth Commission
	7:30 pm	Park Board
Wed. Jul. 16	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Jul. 21	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tues. Jul. 22	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees
Wed. Jul. 23	7 pm	Board of Health
Fri. Jul. 25	7:30 am	Finance Committee
Mon. Jul. 28	7:30 pm	Cmsn. For Persons w/Disabilities
	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission

AUGUST

Fri. Aug. 1	7 am	Housing Commission
Mon. Aug. 4	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Tues. Aug. 5	7 pm	Plan Commission
	7:30 pm	Community Relations Cmsn.
Wed. Aug. 6	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Cmsn.
	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Mon. Aug. 11	7:30 pm	Park Board
Wed. Aug. 13	7 pm	Transportation Commission
Thur. Aug. 14	6 pm	Bus. Dev. Advisory Group
Mon. Aug. 18	7:30 pm	Appearance Review Cmsn.
Wed. Aug. 20	7:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
Fri. Aug. 22	7:30 am	Finance Committee
Mon. Aug. 25	7:30 pm	Cmsn. For Persons w/Disabilities
	7:30 pm	Fine Arts Commission
Tues. Aug. 26	7:30 pm	Village Board of Trustees



Clean and Green News

Small Electronics Recycling at Village Hall

Residents can now 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 & digital video recorders
- Laptops/notebooks

Please note that computer monitors, printers, personal computers and toner cartridges will not be accepted. However, residents can take advantage of the SWANCC at-home pick-up program discussed on this page. For more information, please contact Assistant to the Village Manager Joe McRae at 847-853-7503 or via email at mcraej@wilmette.com.

Rain Barrels Available at Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Rain Barrels help the environment by reducing the volume of stormwater runoff. Rain water pours off our roofs and onto our streets taking debris into the storm drains. Rain barrels can store water that runs off the roof, providing water that can be used for the garden, potted plants, lawn, and cleaning your garden tools.

Residents interested in purchasing a rain barrel, should visit the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) website at www.mwrd.org/barrel/. Barrels cost \$40 and come in either sky blue or black. They are available for pick-up only on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant (3500 W. Howard, Skokie, IL) between 3 pm and 7 pm. For more information, please call the MWRD at 312-751-5600.

New Streetscape Recycling Bins

In a pilot program designed to encourage recycling, the Village will be installing streetscape recycling receptacles by early July in several key areas of the community. Receptacles will be located at the Metra lot, CTA Linden station, 1199 Wilmette Avenue lot

(near Panera Restaurant), and Veteran's Park across from the Wilmette Theatre.

The success of the program will depend heavily upon proper use of the recycling receptacles. Tossing refuse in the recycling receptacles will contaminate the contents making the items unable to be recycled. The Village therefore asks residents to dispose of refuse in the appropriate container. The new recycling receptacles will be green in color and easy to differentiate from the black trash receptacles. Just remember, Green means recycle!



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 four foot fluorescent bulbs in the Health Department at Village Hall, from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. These monthly drop off recycling programs provide 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.

SWANCC Offers At Home Pick-Up for Computers & Electronics

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers the At Home Pick-up Program as a convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics for residents who would prefer to have items picked-up from their front steps rather than drive to a drop-off location.

Residents can contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205 to arrange for a pick-up. Cost is \$25. For more information, visit www.swancc.org or contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205 or via email at athome@swancc.org.



Board Report

Following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of February, March, April and May 2008:

Approved:

- Contract extension in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc., Crystal Lake, IL for the 2008 Pavement Crack Sealing Program.
- Contract extension in an amount not to exceed \$142,000 with Gem Construction, Inc., Wood Dale, IL for the 2008 Street Patching Program.
- Temporary Use Permit #2008-TU-8 for the Edens Plaza Art Fair to be held July 19 and 20, 2008.
- Contract in an amount not to exceed \$78,500 with Camp Dresser & McKee, Chicago, IL for design and construction services associated with the Storm-water Pumping Station electrical improvements.
- Temporary Use Permit to install a construction office trailer for the new construction project at 165 - 171 Green Bay Road from April through August 2008.
- Temporary Use Permit for the Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale to be held July 11 - 12, 2008.
- Contract in the amount of \$557,686 with Suburban General Construction, Inc., Countryside, IL for the 2008 Sewer Repair Program.
- Contract in the amount of \$439,990 with Chicagoland Paving Contractors Inc. for the 2008 Road Program. The 2008 program will take place on Hunter Road between Lake and Wilmette Avenues.
- Participation in the 2008 - 2009 Illinois Joint Purchase Agreement for the purchase of rock salt.
- Contract in the amount of \$140,064 with Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts Inc. for tree pruning. The contract will run for 20 months and pruning on park-way trees will occur between Hunter and Green Bay Roads.
- Temporary Use Permit for the District 39 Foundation circus fundraiser to be held at 615 Locust Road on September 26, 2008.
- Temporary Use Permit for the Plaza del Lago Sidewalk Sale to be held July 11 - 13, 2008.
- Temporary Use Permit for the Plaza del Lago Merchant Party to be held July 13, 2008.
- Temporary Use Permit for the Plaza del Lago Antique Appraisal Event to be held September 13, 2008.
- Contract in the amount of \$364,000 with Sullivan Roofing for the Water Plant 1933 upper roof rebuild.

- Change order in the amount of \$121,775 with Chicagoland Paving Contractors for the 2008 Road Program to repair potholes on various roads throughout the Village.
- Contract in the amount of \$4,056,500 with Pacific Construction Services for additions and renovations to the Public Works facility.

Granted Variations to:

- 516 Lake Avenue regarding a request for a variation to permit the construction of a replacement detached two-car garage.
- 421 Third Street, regarding a request for a special use to allow the expansion of an existing town house to permit the construction of an attic dormer.
- 1535 Forest Avenue regarding a request for a variation to permit the construction of a second story addition.
- 809 Ridge Road, Village Audio/Video, Case #08-AR-04 regarding a request for variations to allow a wall sign.
- 936 Sheridan Road to permit the construction of a two-story addition.
- 1100 Michigan Avenue to permit the construction of a new home.
- 2940 Iroquois Road to permit the construction of an open porch.
- 1134 Elmwood Avenue to allow the construction of a one-story addition.
- 2004 Thornwood Avenue to permit the construction of a replacement detached two-car garage.
- 711 Laramie Avenue to permit the construction of a one-story addition and an accessory structure (wash bay building) and the relocation of an existing gate.
- 2408 Elmwood Avenue to permit the construction of a one-story addition.
- 1335 Gregory Avenue to permit the construction of a one-story addition.
- 1139 Wilmette Avenue, Depot Nuevo, to permit extra wording on a ground sign.
- 502 Washington Avenue to permit the placement of a new HVAC unit.
- 203 Woodbine Avenue to permit the construction of a second story addition.
- 422 - 424 Poplar Drive, ManorCare Health Services, Inc. to permit the construction of an 18 space parking lot.

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FYI

Wilmette French Market

This year's French Market is here! The market runs every Saturday morning (8 am -1 pm) until October 25 in the Village Center, just east of the Metra station. New for 2008 - look for vendors displaying the "Earth Friendly" logo. The market features many new vendors this year and abundant seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, breads and baked items, cheese, all natural meat, flowers, and olive oils from local and regional vendors.



Walking Tour: Wilmette Homes Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright & Friends

Sunday, June 22 at 2 pm

Interested residents are invited to meet at the southeast corner of 6th Street and Lake Avenue for a one-hour walking tour featuring some of Wilmette's Prairie School homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and such colleagues as John Van Bergen and William Drummond. The tour will be led by Connie Casey and Kathy Hussey-Arntson from the Wilmette Historical Museum.

This event is co-sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library. Admission is free. However, space is limited so please call the Historical Museum at 847-853-7666 to RSVP. For more information about this and other Historical Museum programs and exhibits, please visit www.wilmettehistory.org.

Block Party Permits Available On-line

To obtain a block party permit please access www.wilmette.com/police or contact Susan Budd at budds@wilmette.com or 847-853-7553. Residents can request barricades, ask a Police Officer to visit the party and request an information sheet titled *Tips on Organizing Your Block Party*.

Holiday Refuse & Recycling Pick-Up

Please remember that refuse and recycling collections will not take place on the following holidays: 4th of July, Labor Day, 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.

Residents Assistance Sought During Rain and Wind Storms

Wind and thunderstorms are common in late spring and early summer. To assist the Village in helping ensure the proper flow of stormwater into the sewer system, residents are asked to keep street drains clear of debris both before and after a rain event. Also, contact the Forestry Division at 847-853-7600 or forestry@wilmette.com to report any down, cracked or broken branches from parkway trees. If your parkway tree is damaged, it needs to be inspected by a Village Forester to ensure public safety.

Police Department Releases 2007 Annual Report

On an annual basis, the Police Department releases a report that summarizes crime and accident trends, police programs and personnel highlights. To view the 2007 Annual Report, visit www.wilmette.com/police and click on Annual Report.

Wilmette Bicycle Trail Maps Available at Village Hall and Online

Bicycle riders are encouraged to visit Village Hall to pick up the Wilmette bicycle trail map or view the Village's website at www.wilmette.com/bicycle for a map of the bicycle route system. New to Wilmette's bike route system is a path just east of the Fire Station between Forest Avenue and Lake Avenue.

This paved section directly connects the Green Bay Trail to the multi-purpose path through the Metra Station parking lot and is a welcome addition to Wilmette's bike trail system.



Neighborhood Elm Tree Watch

Residents can help control the spread of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) by reporting suspicious looking American Elms to the Forestry Division at 847-853-7600 or forestry@wilmette.com. Symptoms are the wilting of leaves and then they start to turn yellow or brown. It may be confined to a single branch or consume the entire tree. Prompt removal of diseased elms is important for the preservation of the Village's tree canopy and helps reduce the spread of the disease.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Village continues to manage the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within the parameters set by the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) compliance agreement and established (EAB) quarantine area. The quarantine zone strictly prohibits the movement of any ash material, or any non-coniferous firewood from the specified area. The quarantine zone encompasses 18 counties in Northeastern Illinois, extending south from the Wisconsin border to south of Interstate 80, and from the Indiana border to west of Rockford. Ash maintenance activities, such as tree trimming and removal, taking place on both public and private property within the Village may only be performed by contractors who have a signed EAB Compliance Agreement with the IDOA. Please visit the IDOA's website at <http://www.illinoisEAB.com> for an updated list of EAB compliant contractors. A non-fee permit is required from the Village for ash tree removal.

Programs on Wilmette Community Television - WCTV-6

One of the newest programs on WCTV-6, Wilmette's Government Access Channel, is *Five Faves*. Each episode spotlights five favorite fun things about Wilmette. The newest episode of this volunteer-produced program, hosted by Wilmette residents Marjie Killeen and Jonathan Yenkin, focuses on "Talented Wilmette." Tune in to see the hosts' five favorite talented Wilmette residents. For more information, visit the *Five Faves* website at www.fivefaveswilmette.com.

Rain gardens will be the subject of a new *In and About Wilmette* episode which will begin airing in late June. Village Trustee Lali Watt shows us her backyard rain garden and tells us about the advantages that these gardens can offer residents and the environment. For information on producing a program, contact Cable Coordinator Karen Meersman at 847-853-9288 or meersmank@wilmette.com.

Change in State Law Means AT&T to Offer Cable Service and Install Utility Boxes on Public Parkways

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Although the Village is required to allow these new installations under the State law, the Village will continue to do its best to work cooperatively with AT&T in an attempt to minimize the visual impact of the new facilities, including landscape screening. The Village has not yet been advised by AT&T as to when it expects installation of the new video service system to be complete or when it will begin offering the new service.



Young People Ready to Work

Need help with any of these jobs? WilWork, the Wilmette Youth Job Referral Service, can connect you with young people who can do the work.

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

For more information, contact Vicki Hanson, WilWork Director, at 847-853-7609 or hansonv@wilmette.com.

Take a Pace Bus to Gillson Park Fireworks

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Due to construction on Sheridan Road, parking near Gillson Park will be extremely limited. Most drivers will have to park many blocks away and walk. The traffic in the area makes it difficult to get close enough to drop off passengers.

Motorists who do not live near the bus route are encouraged to park their cars at the Wilmette Metra commuter lot or the Village Hall lot for a short bus ride to Gillson Park. Or alternatively, park on side streets along the bus route, parking lots around Lake & Ridge, or at Edens Plaza (in the evening), and ride the bus from there.

Take the Pace bus for the quick and fun way to get to the fireworks!

Board Report

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Adopted:

- Ordinance #2008-O-18 amending the Village Code, Chapter 2 to provide for Dissolution of the Senior Resources Commission.
- Resolution #2008-R-15, Case #2008-P-1 regarding a request for final plat approval for a two-lot re-subdivision in conformance with the plans submitted at 640 Gregory Avenue and 210 Broadway Avenue.
- An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a new liquor license to the Depot Nuevo Restaurant in the Village Center.
- Resolution approving the 2008 - 2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Firefighter/Paramedics.

Important Contacts

Fire/Police Emergency	9-1-1
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Fire Department	
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fire@wilmette.com	
Administration	251-1101
Fire Prevention Bureau	853-7693
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Museum	
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museum@wilmette.com	
	853-7666
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Police Department	
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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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Public Works Department	
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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
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Other	
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Park District	256-6100
Library	256-5025
Comcast	1-866-594-1234
SBC	1-800-244-4444
NICOR Gas	1-888-642-6748
Commonwealth Edison	1-800-334-7661
Veolia Environmental Services	251-8759

Village Hall	251-2700
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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
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Water Plant	
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General	853-7535
Meter Shop	853-7537
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Please note that the 7 digit numbers are in 847 area code.

The Village of Wilmette

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Web Site: www.wilmette.com

Business Hours:

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

7:30 am - 2 pm: Wednesday

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.

Beginning June 7, the *Listening Post* will meet every Saturday through September 27, 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 _____



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