



THE COMMUNICATOR

★ JUNE 2018 / SEPTEMBER 2018 ★

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
JULY 20-21
fun for all ages!

wilmette
summerfest
& Sidewalk Sale



SUMMERFEST & SIDEWALK SALE

The annual Summerfest and Sidewalk Sale is back! As you can see, the entire family will enjoy super summer fun sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce July 20-21. We hope you join us at these spectacular events and support local businesses.

Thursday, July 19th

- ★ Sidewalk Sale at Plaza del Lago, followed by Summerfest Kick-off Concert at 6:00 p.m. The Downtown merchants will also be offering "pre-sidewalk sale specials."

Friday, July 20th

- ★ Shop the Sidewalk Sales and vendors of unique merchandise, artisans and crafters in Downtown Wilmette, on Ridge Road, Green Bay Road, Plaza del Lago and West Wilmette! Enjoy an outdoor lunch or snack from a food truck.

Saturday, July 21st

- ★ More fabulous shopping and food – plus great entertainment for the entire family. The Beer Tent will be making a comeback as well, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- ★ At 11:00 a.m., The Frog Lady will have an entertaining meet and greet with over 25 live reptiles and amphibians.
- ★ At 2:00 p.m., enjoy a performance by beloved children's entertainer Istvan & His Imaginary Band.
- ★ Free face painting and balloon animals will also be available for kids from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ★ Live music featuring your favorite local kids' bands from Rock House and North Shore Music will perform on the main stage at Village Hall between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- ★ Back by popular demand! Headliner Motown band Second Hand Soul will rock the main stage from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Pick up a picnic and BYO beverages from local eateries, have a cold beer in the beer tent, or dine at a local restaurant while enjoying the music.
- ★ After the concert, Rock House will hold an After-Party featuring Chris Karabas and his band starting at 9:00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN WILMETTE WINE WALK

Summer Wine Walk in Wilmette
Saturday, June 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun event downtown Wilmette Saturday, June 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Explore the participating shops and restaurants for wine tasting and shopping. Wine walkers will receive a list of participating locations, a wine glass and a drawing entry to win prizes. Discover new hot spots and socialize with your friends and neighbors as you stop into each location tasting the featured wines and food pairings. Stayed tuned for more details to come.

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PLAZA DEL LAGO SUMMER CONCERTS & EVENTS

This summer enjoy a concert series at the Plaza del Lago shopping center. More information will be released as the dates get closer. Check the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce website for more details:

www.wilmettekenilworth.com

- June 28** Shout Out
- July 5** Hillbilly Rockstarz
- July 12** Kaleidoscope Eyes
- July 19** Pirates over 40
(Summerfest Kickoff Concert)
- July 26** The Four C Notes



SAVE THE DATE!

TASTE OF WILMETTE & KENILWORTH Thursday, September 27

Wilmette residents and business owners are invited to enjoy craft beer, wine, and food tastings at the Chamber of Commerce's **Taste of Wilmette & Kenilworth** on Thursday, September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Your favorite restaurants, caterers and markets will be showcasing their most delicious offerings.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LETTER FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT BOB BIELINSKI



Summer has finally arrived, and it is a busy time for the Village and all of our residents. This is a great time of year to enjoy all that Wilmette has to offer, and you can find more information on special events, like Summerfest,

Independence Day celebrations, and our Summer Concert Series, throughout this issue of *The Communicator*.

DECISION ON PATH FORWARD FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Following five years of study and an intensive public education campaign, the Board of Trustees has decided to pursue a stormwater improvement project to address flooding issues for residents who live west of Ridge Road. Ultimately, a majority of the Board of Trustees voted to proceed with three underground neighborhood storage facilities at an estimated total cost of \$48-55 million. This project will provide significant flood relief to many Wilmette homeowners, and while it was the least expensive option under consideration, it was also the option that could be implemented in the shortest amount of time thereby providing more immediate flood relief.

As part of this determination, the Village Board added three additional components to the stormwater improvement plan:

- ★ A commitment to including green infrastructure in the improvement program
- ★ Upsizing two relief sewers to provide flexibility for potential future sewer expansion
- ★ A commitment to study the effectiveness of the improvements upon completion and identify additional projects as appropriate

We have begun to work cooperatively with the Wilmette Park District, as well as the schools and other units of government whose assistance will be necessary to complete this project. Our goal is to ensure that the underground storage improvements are implemented in a timely manner and in a way that maintains the character and quality of any affected parks or other public property.

The Village is currently soliciting proposals from engineering firms for the design of the neighborhood storage project. The Village Board intends to award the engineering contract in late August. It will take approximately one year for the engineers to design the project and solicit bids from construction companies, and we hope to be ready to commence construction on the first of the three storage facilities by fall 2019.

I would like to thank the hundreds of residents who participated in stormwater management discussions over the past five years and, more importantly, in recent months, as the Board and staff worked to identify the most appropriate solution.

Residents can find a more detailed description of the "Neighborhood Storage" solution at www.wilmettestormwater.com/potential-improvements.

COOK COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE AND PAID SICK LEAVE UPDATE

Last June, the Village Board voted to opt-out of the Cook County Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave Ordinances. At the time of the vote, the Board committed to further studying the issue and revisiting it at a future date. The Finance Committee of the Village Board formed a working group consisting of seven residents and business owners in the Village, chaired by former Village President John Jacoby.

The Working Group met seven times over the course of three months. The meetings created an open, transparent, and collaborative process for all interested parties to weigh in on the issues. The result of this process is an unprecedented report which includes a survey of over 200 businesses, a resident phone survey, studies and analyses of minimum wage and paid-sick leave laws throughout the country, and other relevant information. This final report was presented to the Village Board in May and can be viewed online at <https://goo.gl/FxQizp>.

The Village Board will vote on its reconsideration of opting out of the two Cook County Ordinances at the June 26th Village Board meeting. The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be heard. I encourage all interested parties to attend the meeting or email countystudy@wilmette.com with your feedback.

2018 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Now in its third year, the Village will again be hosting its annual Summer Concert Series on the Village Green, otherwise known as the front lawn of Village Hall.

The first concert is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00 pm, and more details are included in the insert. I hope to not only see you at the concert, but to see you before and after the show at one of our downtown restaurants or retail shops!

VILLAGE BOARD CHANGES

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trustee Steve Leonard for his service to the Village. Trustee Leonard recently resigned due to relocation for a new job. His leadership on the Village Board and in the community has greatly benefited Wilmette, its residents, and business owners. With the consent of the Village Board, I have appointed former Village Trustee George Pearce to fill the vacancy until the spring 2019 municipal election.

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I would like to remind you that all members of the Village Board and residents serving on the various Commissions are volunteers. These residents provide a great service to our community, and I would encourage all of you to become involved. If you are interested in serving on one of the Village's Commissions, please fill out a talent bank questionnaire found on our website.

Finally, I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you at our shops and restaurants in all of our business districts throughout Wilmette!

BOB BIELINSKI, VILLAGE PRESIDENT

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, July 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wilmette Public Works Facility
711 Laramie Ave, Wilmette, IL



For the 6th consecutive year, the Village will partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to host a one-day Document Destruction & Electronics Recycling Event. This event is open to all Wilmette residents and residents of all other SWANCC communities; identification will be checked for proof of residency. Materials from businesses, schools, or institutions will not be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: This event will end promptly at noon. Do not drop off electronics outside of the scheduled date and time.

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION GUIDELINES

Paper documents must be brought to the event in either paper shopping bags or cardboard boxes - **NO PLASTIC BAGS** please! To avoid back-up or capacity issues, we must limit residents to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Staples and paper clips are acceptable, but binders and metal clips should be removed.

ACCEPTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS

In 2012 Illinois enacted legislation banning most electronics from landfills; therefore, electronics can no longer be collected with residential waste. For a complete list of items that will be accepted at Wilmette's one-day event, please visit <http://www.swancc.org/residential-programs/electronics-recycling>.

For more information, please contact Public Works at (847) 853-7500 or pubworks@wilmette.com.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT



Please go to <https://goo.gl/GssjZT> to view the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2017. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please call (847) 853-7532.

LEAF BLOWER REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

Between May 15th and September 30th, the Village of Wilmette prohibits the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers. This prohibition includes using an electric leaf blower powered by a portable gasoline generator.

The only exceptions to this prohibition are:

- ★ Use on golf courses, public parks or other Wilmette Park District property
- ★ Use for roof, gutter and downspout cleaning
- ★ Use in paving, repair or patching of public streets and alleys, or for preparation of private asphalt surfaces prior to seal coating.

Residents can aid in helping to curtail the nuisance caused in summer months by leaf blowers - please speak to your landscaping contractor and tell them not to use their leaf blowers during the summer months.

WATERING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

During the warm weather months, water restrictions are imposed by the Village as required by the State of Illinois. Sprinkling is prohibited Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through September 15th. Sprinkling during prohibited hours may be permitted for a limited time by the Director of Engineering, for newly seeded or sod areas, and for the annual activation or repair of sprinkler systems. To obtain special approval, call (847) 853-7660.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2018

BASH!



TUES. JULY 3

STARTING AT 4 P.M.
Gillson Park
at the Lakefront

STAGE ENTERTAINERS

4:30-9 p.m. Emcee: Ken Schultz

The Flying Fool

5-5:45 p.m. Justin Roberts & the Not Ready
for Naptime Players

6-6:45 p.m. The Pack Drumline

7-7:30 p.m. The Jesse White Tumblers
*Sponsored by the Village of Wilmette
Human Relations Commission*

7-8:30 p.m. Illinois Brass Band
at the Wallace Bowl

7:30-9 p.m. The FlatCats *Vintage & Modern
Music Rooted in Swing*

Post Fireworks-10:45 p.m. The Dooley
Brothers *Folk, Irish, Swing
& Good Old Rock & Roll*

FACE PAINTERS

4-8:30 p.m. Near Moonwalk

ROVING ENTERTAINERS

6:30-8:30 p.m. Uncle Sam on Stilts,
Strolling Juggler Jeff Bibik,
Comedy & Magic

GAMES & RIDES

4-7:30 p.m. Games & Races, Speed Pitch

4-8 p.m. Carnival Games

4-7 p.m. Free Throws

4-8:30 p.m. Moonwalk, Pony Rides, Mini Golf,
Tot Train & Giant Slide

FIREWORKS

9:30 p.m.

TASTE-FEST!

4 p.m. until closing

Reminder: CASH ONLY
(No ATM on site.)

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GILLSON PARK :: LAKEFRONT



★ LET ALL AGES EVENT! FREEDOM 2018 FUN RUN RUN ★

WED. JULY 4

STARTING AT 8 A.M.
Gillson Park
at the Lakefront

Fun Run & Walk: \$27 ■ Youth Race: \$10
Early Bird Registration: until June 28
No pre-registration after June 28.
Day of event registration: 7-7:45 a.m.;
Adult: \$32/Child: \$15

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PACE BUS TO GILLSON PARK FIREWORKS

TUES., JULY 3, 2018

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.: EVERY 10 MINUTES

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.: EVERY 5 MINUTES

After the fireworks, return buses will be immediately available and will continue to run until the Park has been totally cleared.

FARE: \$4.50 EASTBOUND INCLUDES TICKET FOR RETURN TRIP. EXACT CHANGE ONLY.

Parking near Gillson Park is VERY LIMITED.

Car drivers typically have to park many blocks away and walk. The traffic in the area and the various street closures make it difficult to even get close enough to the park to drop off passengers. Take the frequent Pace bus service to the fireworks at Gillson Park and arrive worry-free!

Special buses will operate between Edens Plaza and Gillson Park, traveling east on Lake, south on 12th Street, east on Central to Gillson Park, dropping off passengers on Michigan, south of Washington. There will be a \$4.50 fare on the way to the park only: A ticket will be issued for the return trip.

Seniors with a valid *Circuit Ride Free Permit*, and children under age 7 ride FREE. NOTE: Passengers are reminded to please have exact fare ready when they board (driver cannot make change) and to watch for the special marked loading areas at the park for the return trip.

FREE PARKING at the Wilmette Metra station.

Motorists who do not live near the bus route may 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.

RETURN BUS AFTER THE FIREWORKS will be immediately available.

NOTE: The last bus leaves Gillson Park at 11:00 p.m.

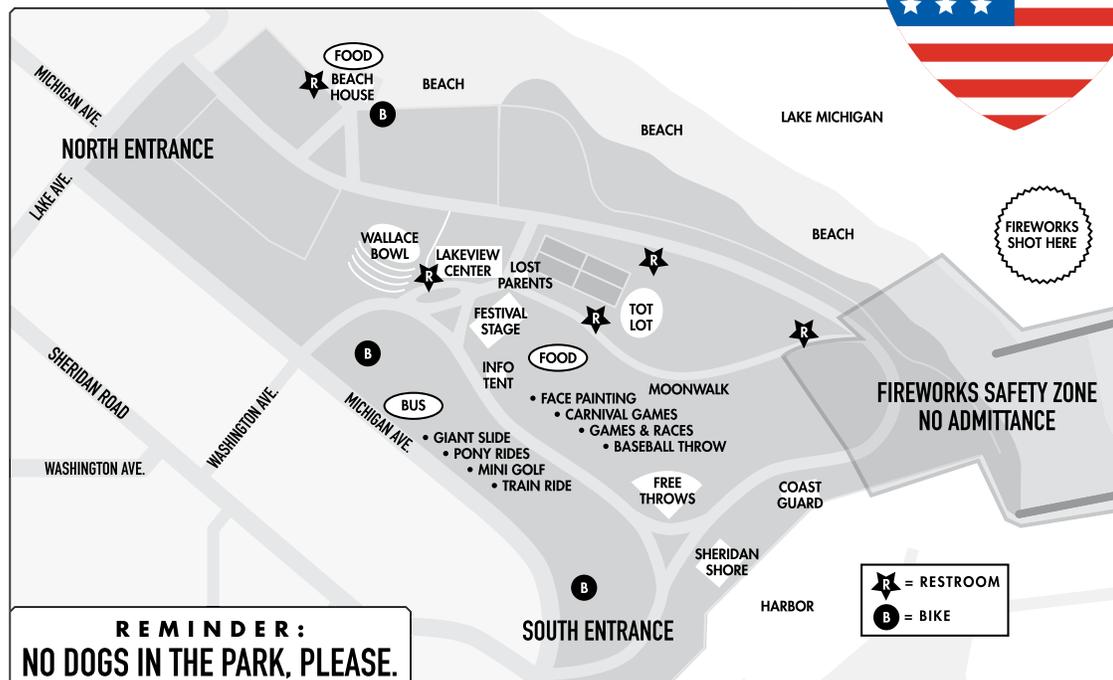
PASSENGERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR RETURN TICKETS READY and watch for the special loading lines in Gillson Park:

BLUE ROUTE: ALL STOPS

YELLOW ROUTE: METRA & ALL STOPS UP TO LAKE & RIDGE

RED ROUTE: EXPRESS TO EDENS PLAZA

GILLSON PARK LAKEFRONT MAP





BLOCK PARTY PERMITS

Please remember that block parties require a permit. An application must be made to the Wilmette Police Department at least seven days prior to the scheduled event. Once approval is granted by the Department, a permit will be issued. The permit will contain necessary information regarding the date, time and location of the party, along with some requirements and suggestions for a safe and successful block party.

Applications can be completed or printed out online at <https://www.wilmette.com/permits/block-party-permits/> or a copy can be obtained at the Wilmette Police Department, 710 Ridge Road.

BIKE SAFETY TIPS

In the summer, there are many persons that will take advantage of the opportunity to bike to their destinations. The Wilmette Police Department recommend the NHTSA 10 Smart Routes to Bicycle Safety.

- 1 **Protect Your Head Wear A Helmet.** Make sure to do the Eyes Ears Mouth Test to ensure your helmet fits correctly.
- 2 **Assure Bicycle Readiness.** Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly.
- 3 **Stop It.** Always check brakes before riding. Do the ABC Quick Check to make sure your bike is in good working condition.
- 4 **See and Be Seen.** Wear clothes that make you more visible.
- 5 **Avoid Biking at night.** Most bicycles are equipped for daylight use and need to be adapted for nighttime use.
- 6 **Stay Alert.** Always keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.
- 7 **Go With The Flow.** The safe way is the Right Way – ride on the right side in a straight, predictable path.
- 8 **Check for Traffic.** Always be aware of the traffic around you.
- 9 **Learn Rules of the Road.** Obey the Bicycle Rules of the Road.
- 10 **Don't Flip Over Your Bicycle.** Wheels should be securely fastened.

WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES

The Village welcomes its newest businesses and thanks them for choosing Wilmette. Please remember to visit these and other Wilmette businesses while shopping this spring. Did you know that 2% of almost every dollar you spend at Wilmette retailers goes directly back to the community? By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for things like streetscape improvements, summer concerts and village services.

NEW RETAILERS

Actor's Training Center, 1157 Wilmette Ave,
www.actorstrainingcenter.com, New Location
Coming Soon

Andrew Kohn Optometry, 1125 Greenleaf Ave,
Coming Soon, full service optometry and retail
eyewear boutique.

Little Steps, 1123 Greenleaf Ave,
littlestepspt.com, Pediatric physical, occupational,
and speech therapy.

Lefty's Pizza Kitchen, 1156 Central Ave,
leftyspizzakitchen.com, Home of the caramelized crust.

Spouted, 3201 Old Glenview Rd,
onehopeunited.org, New home of the Wilmette
Child Development Center offering childcare &
early education.

@properties, 1100 Central Ave,
Coming soon, new north shore residential
brokerage office.

Staley Martial Arts, 123 Green Bay Rd,
staleymartialarts.com, Martial arts school focused in
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Taekwondo and Capoeira.

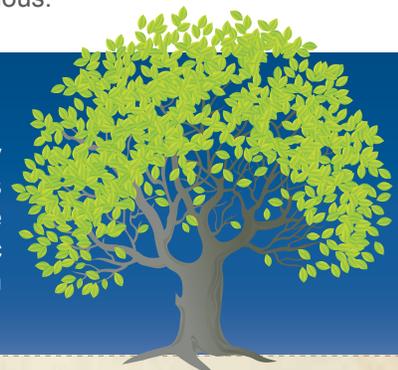
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Auto burglaries can be a preventable crime. Nearly all of the auto burglaries that occur in the Village are a result of unlocked vehicles parked in driveways and on the street. During these burglaries, offenders target passenger compartment areas and trunks and take keys, garage door openers, money, and other valuables.

The Wilmette Police Department would like to remind you to always lock your car doors and remove the keys and valuables. Always lock your garage and home doors and windows. Immediately contact the Wilmette Police by dialing 9-1-1 if you see or hear something suspicious.

WILMETTE EARNS TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

For the 34th consecutive year, the Village of Wilmette is proud to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA" community. Wilmette continues to maintain the standards required of a Tree City with a comprehensive forestry program that includes planting trees, tree care ordinances, and conducting an Arbor Day ceremony with all duties administered by the Public Works Forestry Division. The Tree City USA designation is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS



WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM JUNE – JULY 2018

NEW EXHIBIT

DANCING FOR MY TRIBE: POTAWATOMI TRADITION IN MODERN TIMES

June 10 – September 17, 2018

Special Exhibit Opening, June 10, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Free

This exhibit's dramatic, large-format photographic portraits of Potawatomi Indians in their modern dance regalia is the story of a modern people who live in a world of sewing machines, duct tape and acrylics. The entire community is invited to the exhibit opening where photographer, Sharon Hoogstraten, a descendant of the Ouilmette family, will be on hand to present a short introduction.

FAMILY PROGRAM

ON THE TRAIL OF THE POTAWATOMI

June 18 – August 5, 2018

Free program for kids aged 13 and younger accompanied by an adult

Head out with your family on your own time for a bit of local history and a fun scavenger hunt around the Village to find images of present-day Potawatomi dancers. At the Museum, you will be able to see the original photographs in the special exhibit "Dancing for My Tribe." Kids can win prizes generously donated by Homer's, Lou Malnati's, Lad & Lassie Shop, Rock House, and Wilmette Bicycle & Sports Shop.

WALKING TOUR

EXPLORING NORTH RIDGE ROAD AND MALLINCKRODT

Saturday, June 30, 2018

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Tickets are limited and advance tickets are required – call the Museum to reserve or purchase

Museum Director Kathy Hussey-Arntson and Curator Patrick Leary will lead a tour exploring some of the historic sites north of the intersection of Ridge Road and Lake Avenue. You will hear stories about saloons, St. Joseph Church and Cemetery and Mallinckrodt Convent, now Condominiums.

★ ————— For more information visit ————— ★
www.wilmettehistory.org or call (847) 853-7666



Wilmette
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Village Board** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets on the first and third Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

The **Plan Commission** meets on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.