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THE COMMUNICATOR

The Village of Wilmette Newsletter

FALL-WINTER
2023-2024

Fall and Winter Community Events

Wilmette Wine Walk

Saturday, October 7

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Business District

Stroll the streets of Wilmette and sample a hand-selected assortment of varietals while visiting Downtown Wilmette businesses. Invite friends and family to join you for this lively fundraiser to support Boys Hope Girls Hope of Illinois.



Holiday Open House

Thursday, November 30

Kick off the holiday shopping season by visiting your favorite downtown Wilmette businesses. Check out their seasonal offerings while enjoying a sip and/or small bite. This is a great time to support our local economy by getting a head start on your holiday shopping, live and in-person with our friendly Wilmette merchants!



The Linden Square Pumpkin Walk

Saturday, October 28

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Join local families and Linden Square businesses for the premier Halloween event featuring costumed kids, a petting zoo, and of course trick-or-treating in the Linden Square district where the businesses provide fun activities for all the ghosts, goblins, superheroes, princesses, and more.



Holiday Happenings

Saturday, December 2

Come join us downtown for a day full of fun activities including local shop promotions, refreshments, photo opportunities, live music, and so much more. The evening culminates with the tree lighting ceremony on the Village Green.



Message from the Village President

Community Events

Thank you to everyone for your support and attendance at all our fantastic community events this summer. It was wonderful to see so many friends and neighbors at the inaugural Wilmette Art Fair in August and at the return of THE Block Party in September. As the leaves change colors, I look forward to the festive decorations and fun holiday activities we have planned, including the Pumpkin Walk, Sip & Shop, Holiday Happenings, and the Holiday tree lighting celebration on the Village Green. Please stay tuned to the Village's website, E-News, and social media for more information on these and many other exciting community gatherings!



New Refuse Hauler

As announced earlier this summer, the Village's refuse and recycling collection will be serviced by LRS starting in January. In making the decision to change haulers, our priorities were to ensure residents the lowest cost and highest quality services, and selection of a partner whose sustainability goals align with the Village's. Collection days will remain the same, and we will have enhanced services including electronic and household hazardous waste collections, as well as an offering for year-round compost collection. Please see more information on pages 7-8, including how to access the LRS online customer service portal.

2024 Budget

During the fall season, the Village Board shifts its focus to the upcoming year's budget. I am pleased to report that the Village continues to be well-positioned financially with strong reserves, a solid economic base, and sound financial management and planning. Earlier this year the Village's Aaa credit rating, which is the highest rating available, was once again reaffirmed. Additionally, the Village consistently receives the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting as well as the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the annual budget. I want to thank the Village's finance team for their dedication and stewardship of the Village's finances. The Board will continue to appropriately balance taxes and fees with investment in vital public infrastructure and the maintenance of high-quality services for our community.

Infrastructure

Our Engineering and Public Works Department has been hard at work and over this past summer, the Village completed improvements to some of our busiest areas including pedestrian safety upgrades to the Lake and Skokie intersection and the resurfacing of Wilmette Ave. Implementation of the Master Bike and Active Transportation Plan continues with the construction of bicycle boulevards and improvements for pedestrians. The Village's Road Program is a vital investment in the quality of life in our community and this past year we resurfaced 3.1 miles of road. Visit www.wilmette.com/CapitalProjects to see all of our capital investments and follow our progress.

Economic Development

WS Development, our partner in preserving the vibrancy of Wilmette's cornerstone retail centers, continues site work and beautification efforts



at Eden's Plaza and is excited to welcome shoppers to Wayfair next year. The shopping center's updated aesthetics will blend with the design of Wayfair for a cohesive look and feel. At Plaza del Lago, restoration is underway and new retail tenancy is anticipated in 2025. Several retailers have relocated to downtown Wilmette, so please be sure to stop by their new locations!

Don't forget to shop and dine local this holiday season! We have many restaurants and stores that have recently opened – check them out on page 5.

Sustainability

Earlier this year, the Village introduced a new electric aggregation program with MC Squared. This program supports the Village with 5% of its energy usage in Renewable Energy Certificates, equivalent to powering approximately 600 Midwestern homes for a year! As the renewable energy market continues to grow, the Village will look to transition to 100% renewable energy in the coming years. Learn more about this program and other ways to be green at www.wilmette.com/green-initiatives.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me, the Village Board, or Village staff to share your thoughts and ideas. I thank you all for making Wilmette such a great community and wish you a wonderful holiday season.



WILMETTE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station #26
1304 Lake Avenue**



FEATURING:

- Dive Team, Technical Rescue Team and Vehicle Extrication Demonstrations
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- See Fire Trucks and Other Fire Department Vehicles
- Teddy Bear Checkup

Fireplace Safety

As we enter the winter season many homeowners are starting to light up their fireplaces. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are over 17,000 fires caused by wood-burning appliances every year. Whether you have a wood-burning fireplace, gas fireplace, or wood-burning stove, the Wilmette Fire Department asks that you take the time to keep this tradition a safe and enjoyable experience for you and your family.



- Keep the area around the hearth clear of combustible materials
- Always use a metal screen and leave glass doors open while burning a fire
- NEVER use flammable liquids to start a fire
- Use only seasoned and approved firewood
- Never burn cardboard boxes, newspapers, holiday wrapping paper, or debris
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Clean the ashes regularly
- Always keep a fire extinguisher close at hand
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms installed and tested regularly

If you have any questions about fireplace and heating safety or any other fire safety concern, please contact the Fire Department at 847-251-1101.

Winter Heating Safety

As temperatures fall, the Wilmette Fire Department would like to share some winter safety tips as half of all home heating fires occur from December through February.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source including candles.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- For holiday decorations, discard sets of lights with cracked or frayed cords, bare wires, loose connections, or damaged sockets and keep your tree in a sturdy base filled with water.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container outside at least 10 feet from your home.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.





Celebrate Safely this Halloween

Trick or Treating Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31

The Village would like to offer the following tips to keep things fun and safe during this year's spooktacular Halloween.

- Visit homes that have their porch lights on during Trick or Treat hours; this lets everyone know who is passing out treats.
- Children should stay on the porch or front steps for their treat, do not go into any home.
- Children should cross the streets at intersections, and not in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Be sure to put electronic devices down, keep your head up, and walk across the street.
- Drivers should slow down and be especially alert; children are excited and may move unpredictably.
- Make sure the child's costume allows them to see and hear without obstruction. We want our little ghosts and goblins to be able to hear and see vehicles.
- Wear costumes with bright colors or that have glow-in-the-dark patches on the costume so drivers can see the children. Flashlights and glow-sticks also can help!
- Parents should go with the kids! It's safer and if you dress up too, you might get a treat!

Pumpkin Pitch

Join the Village and Go Green Wilmette for the 2023 Pumpkin Pitch on November 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Hall (1200 Wilmette Avenue) and Centennial Park (2300 Old Glenview Road) parking lots and November 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Hall parking lot. This event, coordinated by SCARCE, helps to reduce landfill greenhouse gas emissions from decomposing organics. Pumpkins are 90% water and produce a useful, nutrient-rich organic product, and composting them helps to restore eroded and nutrient-depleted soils. Please remember to remove candles and decorations from your pumpkins before composting. Please contact the Public Works Department at pubworks@wilmette.com for more information.



Car Seat Safety Checks

The State of Illinois requires that vehicle passengers be secured in a seat belt or approved child restraint system. Please visit nhtsa.gov or safekids.org for recommendations on appropriate types of seats for children, installation information, and other information on child safety seats. Residents can register for car seat safety checks and installations with the Wilmette Fire Department. Certified safety personnel can assist residents with the proper installation of car seats to ensure they are used safely. To schedule an appointment please call 847-251-1101.



Sign Up for Smart911

In an emergency, every second counts. The Village of Wilmette offers  Smart911™ residents the option to sign up for Smart911, a free service that provides 911 operators with critical medical and household information needed during an emergency. To register, follow these simple steps:

- Visit the Village's website (tinyurl.com/WilmetteSmart911), Smart911 page, or download the Smart911 App.
- Create your Safety Profile for yourself and your household.
- Smart911 will send a message to your registered email address confirming your account.
- Upon verification, Smart911 will deliver your Safety Profile to 9-1-1 answering centers.

You can choose to receive emergency alerts and non-emergency notifications from the Village via phone call, text, email, or through the mobile app.



National 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

The 9-8-8 crisis line is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. Individuals in need can dial or text 9-8-8 and be connected with a trained mental health professional who can provide assistance. To learn more, visit 988lifeline.org.



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 fall. By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for things like holiday events and village services.

Recently Opened

Orvis (1199 Wilmette Ave.) orvis.com; Outdoor sporting goods

Adam Siegel Studio (505 4th St.) adamsiegel.com; Art gallery

Ichu (3217 Lake Ave.) Japanese comfort food on-the-go

Taverna Naxos (111 Green Bay Rd.) tavernanaxos.com; Greek restaurant

Geo Style PC (279 Green Bay Rd.) geostylesalon.com; Full-service salon and barber

Bleacher's Sports Music and Framing (1100 Central Ave.) bleacherssports.com; Framing and memorabilia

New Locations

Giggles & Giraffes (1193 Wilmette Ave.) gigglesgiraffes.com; Children's clothing

La Colonna (1193 Wilmette Ave.) Women's clothing boutique

Hanig's Footwear (1181 Wilmette Ave.) hanigs.com; Shoes and footwear

Chantilly Lace (1177 Wilmette Ave.) chantillyfavorites.com; Lingerie, sleep, and swim



Coming Soon

EvaDean's Bakery (1115 Central Ave.) evadeans.com; Bakery and café

Ni's Kitchen (708 12th St.) Vietnamese full-service restaurant

Fajita Pete's (3207 Lake Ave.) fajitapetes.com; Fresh fajitas catered and delivered



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Halloween Trick-or-Treating
Hours: 4 - 8 p.m.



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Daylight Saving Time End
(Fall back one hour)



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Veterans Day
(Observed Friday, November 10. Offices closed.)



Wilmette Historical Museum

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.wilmettehistory.org or call 847-853-7666.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Fun!

Sunday, October 22

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

\$5/family for members, \$15/family for non-members

Come to the Wilmette Historical Museum for some not-so-scary Halloween fun! Families with children 10 and under are welcome to come in their family-friendly costumes (no props or weapons, please) to enjoy fun crafts and games, embark on a scavenger hunt to win prizes, snack on sweet treats, and learn more about the history of Halloween.

Check the event page at www.wilmettehistory.org for more details. We hope to see you there!



Lecture: Chicago Movie Tours with Kelli Marshall

Sunday, December 3

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Free to members, \$5 for non-members

Get into the holiday spirit as the Museum welcomes speaker and film expert Kelli Marshall, who will lead a lecture and conversation about several Christmas films that are set in Chicago and how they relate to social class.



Annual Meeting & Lecture

Sunday, January 21

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Free and open to all!

All are welcome to the Wilmette Historical Society's annual meeting and lecture. The Historical Society is a volunteer organization supporting the Museum's work in exploring, preserving, and sharing the lively history of Wilmette. Email museum@wilmette.com or call (847)-853-7666 with any questions.



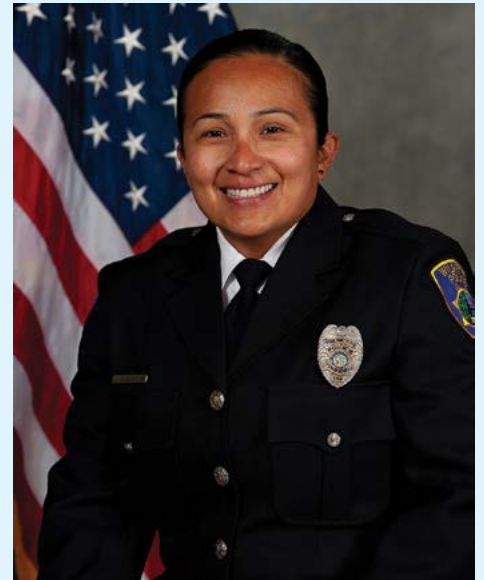
Get to Know Village Employees

Wilmette Police Department: Officer Claudia Olivo

Officer Claudia Olivo, born and raised in Florida, moved to the Chicago area to pursue a degree in accounting at Loyola University. Upon graduating, she decided she would “rather sit behind a steering wheel than a desk” and began the pursuit of a law enforcement career. She started serving the Wilmette community in 2006 and has been a vital and dedicated member of the Police Department ever since. In 2022, Claudia was recognized for her role investigating and dismantling a multi-million dollar fencing operation that spread across the country, one of the largest ever uncovered.

At home, Claudia values time with her family. She enjoys taking her two-year-old to the beach, museums, and the zoo.

Claudia’s motivation comes from a drive to help others. She explains, “We often see residents at some of their lowest times, but we are there to support them.” Smiling, Claudia expressed how much pride she feels when residents wave to her. She says it creates a positive feedback loop when the police and residents have appreciation for each other. Claudia wants residents to know that no matter when, the police are always there to support you.



Officer Claudia Olivo



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Thanksgiving/
Day After Thanksgiving
Offices Closed
No Refuse Pickup
on Thursday



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Small Business
Saturday
Last Day of Yard Waste
and Composting
Pickup

Boards and Commissions

Do you want to use your skills and experience to serve your community? Join over 70 other Wilmette residents serving on 12 Boards and Commissions. The Village is looking to fill vacancies on several Boards and Commissions. To learn more visit www.wilmette.com/government/boards-commissions/ and fill out a Talent Bank Questionnaire.

Join Our Team

The Village of Wilmette is always seeking talented and service-oriented people to join our team and assist us in providing the very best service to our community. There are current opportunities for full-time careers, part-time and seasonal work, and internships. To check out open positions visit, www.wilmette.com/government/employment-opportunities.

New Village Website

The Village is excited to announce its new website Wilmette.gov will launch in early 2024. The Village has contracted with CivicPlus, a leading municipal website designer, for this project. The new website will feature the same level of important community information, with a refreshed look and improved navigation and functionality. Stay tuned!

Shop Local this Holiday Season

Looking for unique items and experiences to give as holiday gifts? Check out Wilmette’s many locally-owned and operated stores, restaurants, and services! You can also purchase the ‘Shop Wilmette Gift Card’, a community-based digital gift card that makes it fun and easy to keep local spending local. Purchase Shop Wilmette Gift Cards to use at the one of our current, and growing, list of participating shops in town. Visit the Wilmette-Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce website for more information: www.wilmettekenilworth.com.



Follow the Village!

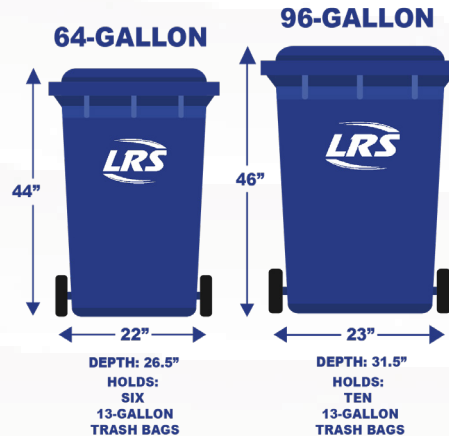
Want to know what events are coming up in Wilmette this weekend? Curious about new developments? Sign up for the Village’s weekly E-News, and follow the Village on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor for regular updates on happenings around Wilmette! Learn more at: Wilmette.com/connect.

VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

The Village of Wilmette has chosen LRS to provide weekly garbage, recycling, and organics collection beginning January 2, 2024. We look forward to being your new service provider!

CART SIZE SELECTIONS & NEW CART DELIVERIES

- Default cart sizes will be 96-gallon for garbage and 64-gallon for recycling.
- Please select your cart size and enroll in additional services by November 17, 2023.
- Access the web portal by scanning the QR code or by visiting LRSrecycles.com/Wilmette.
- LRS Customer Service can be reached at 844.633.3577 for enrollment assistance.



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER							JANUARY						
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- December 18 -29, 2023 - LRS cart deliveries will take place in the Village. Residents do not need to be home to receive their carts.
- December 26-30, 2023 - Last week of service with WM. We ask that residents please leave WM carts out after their final service this week, to be collected by WM.
- January 1, 2024 - New Year's Day holiday, service delayed one day.
- January 2, 2024 - First day of service with LRS.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024, LRS will be the new service provider for garbage, recycling, and organics for Village of Wilmette homes. Materials must be placed out by 7 AM on your collection day. Garbage is collected weekly on the same service day as you currently have. Exact service times may vary and are subject to change.

LRS will provide new garbage and recycling carts to all residents at no charge. Residents may select which size cart they would like by using our online web portal LRSrecycles.com/Wilmette.

Twice a week garbage service, along with back-door collection, will continue to be offered to residents. Please note these services are offered with an additional fee.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

LRS will collect an unlimited amount of recyclables weekly on your regular day of service. Garbage and recycling are collected on the same day. Materials must be placed out by 7 AM on your collection day. LRS will provide new recycling carts to all residents at no charge, which will include an in-mold label with the most up to date accepted recyclables. Carts are available in 64- or 96-gallon sizes. Residents can select a cart size by using our online web portal LRSrecycles.com/Wilmette.

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES

Paper | Steel & Tin Cans | Aluminum Cans & Foil
Cartons | Glass Bottles & Jars | Plastic Containers
Cardboard Boxes (please break down/flatten)



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

NEW AND ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

ORGANICS

Organics (yard waste and food scraps) will be collected from April 1 through November 30 of each year. Materials will be collected on your usual garbage and recycling day, and in the same area where those carts are placed. All material must be left out for collection by 7 AM. Yard waste does not require a cart. If you have an organics cart, food scraps may be mixed in with yard waste from April to November; you must have an organics cart for food scrap composting to prevent nuisance animals. 35- and 96-gallon cart rentals can be ordered in the cart enrollment portal at LRSrecycles.com/Wilmette.

YARD WASTE STICKERS

Wilmette yard waste stickers must be used on yard waste bags and organics carts. The stickers are available at the following locations:

- Wilmette Village Hall - 1200 Wilmette Avenue
- Chalet Nursery - 3132 Lake Avenue
- Millen Hardware - 1219 Wilmette Avenue
- Jewel Osco - 1517 Sheridan Road & 411 Green Bay Road
- Online at - Wilmetteil.tylerportico.com/TIM/Portal/portal-home

E-WASTE

Residents will have the opportunity to participate in a free once-a-year curbside collection of electronic waste items. Collection dates will be announced at the beginning of the year, and registration through the LRS portal is required for participation. Residents may also continue to drop off items at Public Works, 711 Laramie Ave.

ADDITIONAL CARTS

Additional garbage and recycling carts are available to rent for \$3 a cart, per month.

WINTER GAP FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION

LRS is introducing a “winter gap” food scrap collection program from December 1 through March 31. The fee is \$30 per month and residents can enroll by contacting LRS at 844.633.3577 or email Service@LRSrecycles.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents will have the opportunity to participate in a free once-a-year at-home collection of HHW items. Collection dates will be announced at the beginning of the year, and registration through the LRS portal is required for participation. LRS encourages residents to take advantage of IEPA drop-off facilities and additional options; please visit SWANCC.org for more information.



Water Service Inventory

Delivering safe and high-quality drinking water to over 150,000 customers is core to the Village's operation. In alignment with that mission, the Village adheres to all state and federal regulations including the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act which requires that the Village perform a comprehensive water service line material inventory by 2024.

Water service lines are the pipes along your property that run from the Village's watermain to the water meter inside your home or building. Common water service line materials include copper, lead, and galvanized steel. For helpful information on identifying water service types and submitting a survey, please visit www.wilmette.com/waterservice/.

There are still around 40% of households that have not identified their service line materials and we need your help to identify the lines. The Village has hired Field Data

WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY



Collectors to go door-to-door to assist residents with identifying their service line material. If residents are not home, a door hanger will be left with information on how to fill out the inventory survey. The inventory will be used to develop a long-term lead service replacement program.

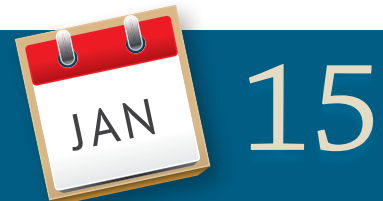
For more information please visit www.wilmette.com/waterservice/.



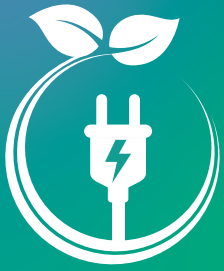
Christmas Day: Offices closed and no Refuse Pick-Up on Monday, Dec. 25



New Year's Day: Offices closed and no Refuse Pick-Up on Monday, Jan. 1



Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Offices closed



MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

Electric Aggregation

Earlier this year, the Village introduced an electric aggregation program that maintains the current ComEd rate for participating residents and small businesses, while supporting the Village's Sustainability Plan by purchasing 5% green energy in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and designating the Village as an EPA Green Power Community.

The Village will be contributing an estimated 6,048 megawatt-hours of renewable energy power to the grid annually, which is enough energy to power around 600 homes for a year. To learn more about the program, visit www.wilmette.com/green-initiatives/municipal-aggregation.

Holiday Season Safety Tips

Please follow these crime prevention tips during the holiday season:

- If you are away during the holidays, put lights on timers and consider motion detectors on exterior lights; ensure that doors and windows lock properly, and either stop mail delivery or ask a neighbor to collect it.
- If you are staying home during the holidays, keep an eye on the neighborhood and report suspicious activity. For a police emergency dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency requests call 847-256-1200.



Leaf Collection

The Village's leaf collection service will begin Oct. 16. Here are some tips and reminders to ensure smooth collection:

- During a two-day collection period, residents must have their leaves raked out no later than 7 a.m. on the first scheduled collection day. Only one collection is made for each street and will occur on either the first or second day of scheduled collection.
- Street parking is prohibited on leaf collection days.
- If your regular garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup falls on the same day as leaf collection, place carts two to three feet behind the curb.
- Leaves must be loose, not in bags or containers.
- Avoid raking leaves onto the street until two days prior to your scheduled collection day to prevent clogs in the storm drains.
- In the event of inclement winter weather that delays collection, residents will receive an email notification.

Sign up for Village E-News at wilmette.com/connect/.



More information is available at www.wilmette.com/engineering-public-works/leaf-collection

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
15	16 Zone 5	17 Zone 1	18 Zone 2	19 Zone 3	20 Zone 4	21
22	23 Zone 5	24 Zone 5	25 Zone 1	26 Zone 1	27 Zone 2	28
29	30 Zone 2	31 Zone 3				

November

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

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Zone 3	2
3	4 Zone 4	5 Zone 4	6 Zone 5	7 Zone 1&2	8 Zone 3&4	9

Don't Blow the Leaves – Leave Them!

While noise is the most common concern with gas-powered leaf blowers, did you know this equipment erodes natural habitats and produces harmful levels of air pollution? Leaf blowers blast insects, habitat, and soil at hurricane-force winds (up to 220 mph), affecting birds and beneficial insects like butterflies and pollinators. The use of leaf blowers eliminates habitat, harms soil health, and leads to erosion and stormwater runoff. These gas-powered tools also produce emissions including hazardous pollutants.

But why leaf blow when you can leave the leaves altogether? This fall, rake leaves into your garden beds or mulch fallen leaves and mix with other yard waste to create a rich compost for next year.

New Restrictions Effective 2024

Earlier this year, the Village Board of Trustees approved new restrictions on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, beginning January 1, 2024. Once in effect, gas-powered leaf blowers will only be allowed for spring clean-up from April 1 – April 30 and fall clean-up from October 1 – November 30.

Snow & Ice Removal

More information is available at
www.wilmette.com/village-services/snow-ice-control.

Plowing and Salting Priorities: The Village will begin plowing and salting arterial streets, side streets, cul-de-sacs, and alleys after 2 inches of snow. Residential sidewalks will be cleared when there is 4+ inches of snow.



1. Arterial Streets



2. Business/Commuter Sidewalks

Take priority over residential sidewalks



3. School Sidewalks

High priority after 2+ inches of snow



4. Side Streets, Cul-de-sacs and Alleys



2 Things to Know About Wilmette Street Parking Bans During Winter Weather

- 1. No street parking** after 2+ inches of snow for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or snow removal is completed (whichever is sooner).
- 2. No parking on one side** of the street (on streets posted as 27 feet wide or less) for 24 hours after snowfall of less than 2 inches, sleet, freezing rain or ice.

Need help shoveling your driveway or sidewalk?

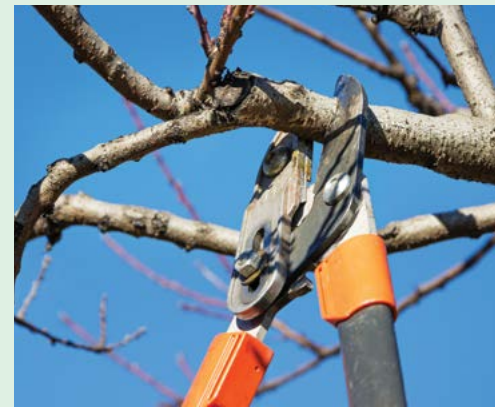
Contact WilWork, the Village's youth employment referral program. Call 847-853-7609 or email wilwork@wilmette.com.



Fall and Winter Sustainability Tips

Going green in the cooler months is all about keeping the heat in and the cold out! Follow these tips to conserve energy and reduce your heating bill.

- Reduce drafts around doors and windows – place a rolled towel at the base of drafty doors and caulk around the frame edge of older windows.
- Schedule a free ComEd energy assessment by calling 855-433-2700 to find other ways to reduce energy use.
- Cover pet doors with a small, heavy curtain to minimize drafts.
- Heat your home with the sun – leave shades open when the sun is streaming in.
- Reverse your fan blades to draw risen heat down.
- Use a programmable thermostat to lower the heat while you're at work or sleeping and use up to 25% less energy!
- Use a humidifier. Dry air feels colder and turning up the heat without a humidifier actually dries the air.



Tree Pruning

The optimal time for pruning trees is the dormant period when insect activity and threat of disease transmission is lowest. This occurs between November and March, with the winter months being ideal. The Village's scheduled pruning program coincides with this period when approximately 2,200 parkway trees are pruned each year.

For more information on the benefits of tree pruning and the upcoming 2023-2024 work schedule, please visit the Village's website, www.wilmette.com/engineering-publicworks/forestry/parkway-tree-pruning. Residents can also send email inquiries to forestry@wilmette.com.

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Monday – Friday
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Village Board Meetings

7:00 p.m.* Village Hall

** New Start Time!*

January 10, 24	April 11, 25	July 11, 25	October 10, 24
February 14, 28	May 9, 23	August 8, 22	November 14, 28
March 14, 28	June 13, 27	September 12, 26	December 12, 26

Village Hall Closed

New Year's Day
Presidents' Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

Fire/Police Emergency	911	
Fire Department	fire@wilmette.com	847-251-1101
Museum	museum@wilmette.com	847-853-7666
Police Department	police@wilmette.com	847-256-1200
Public Works Department	pubworks@wilmette.com	
General		847-853-7500
After Hours Emergency		847-256-1200
Water Management		847-853-7535
Village Hall		847-251-2700
Community Development		847-853-7550
Engineering		847-853-7660
Finance		847-853-7609
Clerk		847-853-7511
Village Manager		
Michael Braiman	braimanm@wilmette.com	847-853-7509

Other

Library
847-256-5025
Park District
847-256-6100
New Trier Township
847-446-8202
Waste Management
847-272-4145
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