

THE COMMUNICATOR

2011 VEHICLE STICKERS AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST

Vehicle stickers will be available for purchase as of March 1st and must be displayed by April 15th. Residents who currently have a Village vehicle sticker will be mailed an application, and, upon receipt of a completed application along with proper payment, will receive a vehicle sticker by mail.

Stickers may also be purchased in person at the Village Hall Finance desk during regular business hours and from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 as well as April 2 and 9.

The fee for passenger vehicles is \$80 and the fee for trucks is \$95. Vehicles not displaying a 2011 sticker after April 15th risk receiving a citation from the Police Department. Vehicle stickers purchased after May 15th include a \$25 late fee. A portion of the revenue generated from the sale of vehicle stickers is used to maintain the Village's infrastructure, including streets, alleys and curbs.

at 312-603-0906 or www.cookctyclerk.com or contact the Village Deputy Clerk's Office at 847-853-7511 or hirschb@wilmette.com.

Voters must have been registered by January 25, 2011 to be eligible to vote in the April elections.

Early Voting

Residents who wish to vote early may do so at sites selected by the County Clerk. Early voting sites will be published by the Cook County Clerk's Office at a later date. Voters who cannot vote at one of the County's sites can still vote absentee by mail. Wilmette residents may vote at any of the Cook County early voting sites.

Students who are registered to vote and are away at college may sign up for the Cook County Clerk's Student Absentee Ballot Program. The application can be sent to the school address or home address for the parents to forward. For further information on early voting or absentee ballots contact the County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906 or www.cookctyclerk.com.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

Three Village Board Offices on Ballot

The Consolidated Election will be held April 5, 2011. The Village has three Village Board offices on the ballot. The following candidate's names will appear on the ballot in the order presented:

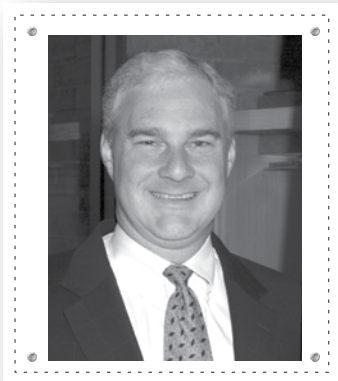
Village Trustee (4 year term) (vote for 3)

Mike Basil
Douglas J. Rathe
Bob Bielinski
Julie Wolf
Michael G. Bailey
Dan Kaplan

The polls will be open on Election Day from 6 am to 7 pm. Residents who are unsure of their polling place or precinct may contact the Cook County Clerk's Office

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Letter from Village President Christopher S. Canning



In this issue of The Communicator, I would like to highlight some of the Village's major initiatives for 2011 as well as recent developments in our State legislature including the following:

- State Income Tax Hike
- A First Step by Springfield for Pension Reform
- 2011 Budget Initiatives
- Completion of Village Center Master Plan

State Income Tax Hike

As you undoubtedly know, the General Assembly and Governor Quinn instituted a 66% income tax increase in January. While this income tax hike may assist the State of Illinois in meeting its obligations, it is unlikely to provide any tax relief for Wilmette. Permit me to explain.

Historically, the State income tax was designed to make sure that municipalities like Wilmette received 10% of the State income tax in recognition that municipalities actually provide most of the critical public services and to relieve local property tax pressure. However, the new State income tax bill cut the Village's local share, meaning that the Village will not receive any additional revenue from the recent income tax hike, as 100% of the new revenue will be staying at the State level. Consequently, none of the additional income tax will be available for the Village to use directly for our community or relieve the pressure on property taxes. The Village's lost share amounts, based on data from the Illinois Municipal League, to about \$5.5 million over the next four years.

Of particular concern to the Village is how the spending limits enacted as part of the tax hike were drafted. Should the General Assembly overspend, the Village faces the potential that the 10% share of the income tax that the Village has received in the past will be reduced; thereby the Village may face a significant additional revenue decline due to the actions of our State legislators.

The new legislation also does not indicate

how the State will pay what it already owes Wilmette but has withheld from us. As of December 31, 2010, the State still owed the Village about \$800,000, with no indication when we will be paid. Despite this revenue being withheld by the State, the Village is still able to pay its bills and meet payroll as required. We will closely monitor this situation and work with our State legislators to ensure that the Village receives its revenues from the State.

A First Step by Springfield for Pension Reform

Over the past year the Village has worked diligently with other municipalities throughout the region as well as with the Northwest Municipal Conference and Illinois Pension Fairness Coalition to bring changes to the public safety pension system that will provide property tax relief to our residents.

Through the efforts of the Village and others, the Illinois General Assembly passed and Governor Quinn signed a public safety pension reform bill in late 2010 that included the following changes for new employees:

- The bill increased the normal retirement age to 55 from 50
- The bill set a pensionable salary cap at \$106,800
- The calculation of pensions will now use an average final salary based upon the highest 8 consecutive years out of the last 10 years rather than the employee's salary on their last day of service
- The timeframe for municipalities to fully fund pension programs was extended to 2040 from 2033.

The result of all these changes is to stabilize many pension funds around the State and provide property tax relief for tax payers. Wilmette's public safety pension funds remain on track to be fully funded by 2040 through prudent investing, conservative actuarial assumptions and diligent oversight by our funds' trustees. Although the reforms will provide some property tax relief to Wilmette's tax payers, the changes are far from perfect and the Village will continue to work with its regional partners and representatives of the Illinois General Assembly to enact further reforms that will provide substantial fiscal stability and security for our public safety employees, retirees and most importantly for Wilmette's tax payers.

2011 Budget Initiatives

Despite the economical challenges posed by the Great Recession, the Village's

2011 Budget maintains all ongoing Village services and will bring forward some new and exciting low cost initiatives including the following:

- A Sewer system detention pilot program that may help to further reduce flooding on the west side of the community
- Posting of Village Board meetings on the Village website to enhance transparency and make it easier for residents to follow Board proceedings
- The implementation of a new pay plan for employees hired after January 1, 2011 which will provide long term cost savings
- Completion of the Zoning Ordinance Review that will make zoning requirements less cumbersome and make it easier for residents to improve their homes and property

In addition, the Budget provides for restoring capital funding for critical infrastructure improvements in Village neighborhoods, including:

- \$1.5 million for street resurfacing and improvements, to address needed repairs.
- \$887,000 for alley maintenance and improvements, to address alleys that are also in need of repair.
- \$120,000 for sidewalk and curb maintenance and improvements, to address those that are in need of repair or replacement.
- \$2.6 million for sewer lining, cleaning, televising, and repairs to improve sewer performance during storm events.

Completion of Village Center Master Plan

Throughout 2010, the Village focused much of its energy on the completion of the Village Center Master Plan. An advisory committee of residents constituted by the Village Board provided oversight of the planning process, while The Lakota Group, a professional planning firm, was retained to assist in drafting the plan. Numerous public meetings and focus groups were held that enabled residents to have direct input into the process. In January, the Village Board adopted the Master Plan as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Master Plan could not have been completed without the commitment of our residents, Village staff members, the Lakota Group and their team, RTA, CTA, METRA and PACE. I want to thank everyone

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2011 Budget and Government Efficiencies



2011 BUDGET ADOPTED

While Village revenues had largely stabilized in 2010, and were consistent with budget projections, they still remain well below pre-recession levels and the Village's significant capital and infrastructure needs remain. During the course of 2010 and in preparation for the 2011 budget, the Village implemented new procedures, new technology, adjusted staffing levels and identified other expense reductions that could be made without adversely impacting public service levels.

Such initiatives, as further detailed on this page, played a critical role in the development of the 2011 budget. The 2011 budget, just as in 2010, is balanced and projects no draw down on Village reserves.

The 2011 budget, just as in 2010, maintains all Village services and provides for the continued police, fire, public works, and other core services that residents expect while providing for the lowest staffing level since 1995.

The 2011 budget also restores capital funding for critical infrastructure improvements in Village neighborhoods, including:

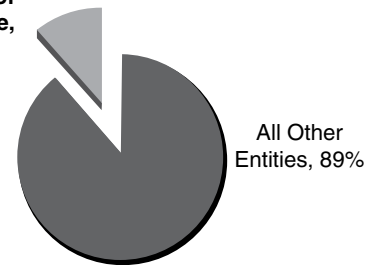
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While the 2010 budget provided for the smallest percentage increase in the property tax levy in a decade, 3.95%, the 2011 budget's increase in the property tax is smaller still, 3.72%, and is once again the smallest property tax increase since 1999.

The charts below identify the Village's General Fund revenues for 2011 and how those revenues are used to fund services such as police, fire and public works services which account for 83% of all Village expenditures.

2011 Projected Revenues (By Type)		2011 Budgeted Expenses (By Dept)	
Property Tax	37%	61%	Public Safety & Health
Sales Tax	13%	22%	Public Works
Utility Tax	9%	4%	Engineering
Income Tax	7%	4%	Community Development
Refuse Charges	7%	3%	Finance
Licenses	6%	6%	Administration & Other
Permits	4%		
R.E. Transfer Tax	3%		
All Other	14%		

Village of Wilmette, 11%



As the pie chart above indicates, the Village's portion of the property tax accounts for only 11% of your total property tax bill.

EFFICIENCIES IN VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Over the past 2 years the Village Staff in partnership with the Village Board has implemented a series of efficiencies that have reduced the cost of Village government and improved customer service. Some of these efficiencies are listed below:

- ★ Balanced the 2010 and 2011 Budgets without reducing financial reserves and did so with the lowest percentage property tax increase in the last 10 years in an environment of declining revenues
- ★ Restructured staffing in the Village Manager's Office to save \$98,000
- ★ Reorganized the Police Department command structure to reduce salary and pension expense, saving \$90,000
- ★ Privatized the Village's General Counsel functions to save \$107,000
- ★ Saved an additional \$450,000 in personnel expenses by eliminating positions through attrition, reducing hours for some employees and reorganizing the Public Works Department and Water Plant
- ★ Outsourced plumbing inspections through attrition to save \$15,000 annually and improve customer service by providing a one-stop-shop for plan review and inspectional services
- ★ Introduced a two-tier employee compensation plan that will reduce costs over the long term
- ★ Instituted performance measures for all departments to ensure that customer service standards are monitored and met on an ongoing basis
- ★ Coordinated with the Village of Glenview on a tree trimming bid to realize economies of scale and reduce expenses, saving \$54,000 over 3 years
- ★ Negotiated a contract to provide food inspection services to the Village of Northbrook resulting in \$20,000 of annual revenue to the Village
- ★ Completed significant improvements to the Village's cable system, improving the picture and audio quality of WCTV-Channel 6 and enabling Village meetings to be streamed online
- ★ Submitted successful grant applications for energy efficient motors at the Water Plant and energy efficient streets light bulbs resulting in \$6,000 in annual electrical savings



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for their contributions to creating a Master Plan which reflects Wilmette's proud past and articulates our vision for a dynamic future. I am confident that the Master Plan will provide the Village with a successful strategy to revitalize the entire Village Center so that it remains and continues to develop as a vibrant hub for retail, dining, and entertainment options. Now that the Plan is completed, it will be our guide as we evaluate issues regarding allowable building height, building and streetscape design, pedestrian, transit and vehicular improvements, and economic development incentives in the Village Center. As we revise our Zoning Ordinance to reflect the changes envisioned by the Master Plan and we proceed to implement the Master Plan, we will keep you updated on our Progress.

April 5th Village Elections

Finally, please remember to learn about the views of the candidates running for local office on April 5th, including the individuals running for the three Village Trustee positions with four-year terms. Voting is one of the great rights we enjoy and voting in municipal elections permits you to have a direct influence on the quality of your community. Please make time to vote on or before April 5th.

In closing, thank you for electing me to serve as your Village President. Please know that the Village Board, the Village Staff and I continue to value your input in ways to maintain and improve our great Village. Thanks to all of you who are involved in making Wilmette a great community to live, work, and shop.

Very truly yours,
Christopher S. Canning, Village President

WILMETTE GREEN FAIR

The Village of Wilmette and Go Green Wilmette will be co-sponsoring the 5th Annual Wilmette Green Fair. The event will be held at the Woman's Club of Wilmette, 930 Greenleaf Avenue on Sunday, March 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The fair will include information booths, exhibitor displays, and presentations on topics such as home energy conservation, renewable energy resources, green cleaning products, organic food choices, green landscaping, transportation, and more. Bring your batteries, electronics and styrofoam for recycling. Refreshments will be available as well as fun activities for all ages. This event has free admission.

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

In partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), the Village is accepting household and rechargeable batteries in the first floor lobby of Village Hall during regular business hours. Both household alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer) are accepted. Due to potential fire hazard, each rechargeable battery must have masking tape covering the contact points or must be contained in an individual self-locking plastic bag. For more information about the battery recycling program, please visit the Village website.

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE UNDERWAY

In response to resident and developer feedback and in an effort to make the Village's Zoning Ordinance more efficient

and effective, the Village's Ad Hoc Zoning Committee is reviewing the Village's Zoning Ordinance which is over 20 years old. The Ad Hoc Zoning Committee is comprised of the Land Use Committee of the Village Board and two representatives each from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission. Members from the Appearance Review Commission, Housing Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission serve in an advisory capacity. The Committee has met a number of times to receive and review information prepared by the Village's consultant. The project is projected to be completed in late 2011. For more information or to sign up for emailed meeting notifications, please visit the Village's web site at www.wilmette.com or contact the Community Development Department at 847-853-7550.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION SPONSORS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTEST

In commemorating Black History Month, the Village of Wilmette Community Relations Commission invites Wilmette K-8 students to participate in a poster and music contest. The Commission also invites Wilmette students enrolled in grades 5-8 to participate in an essay/poetry and multimedia contest.

Students at any Wilmette public or private school can submit entries based on significant accomplishments of African-Americans throughout history or the African-American experience in the United States. Please see the Village website at www.wilmette.com for the complete list of rules.

All entries must be submitted by 4:00 pm on February 28, 2011. Send or bring entries to Wilmette Village Hall, Attn: Community Relations Commission, Village Manager's Office, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Multimedia entries may be directed to Village Hall or emailed to vetttern@wilmette.com.

The Community Relations Commission will review all entries and contest winners will receive monetary awards in the form of savings bonds. The Wilmette Public Library will display all contest entries and all participants will be recognized at a Village Board meeting.

CELEBRATE MAY AS BIKE MONTH

The Wilmette Bicycle Task Force has planned the following activities for residents of all ages to celebrate May as Bike Month:

- ★ **Saturday, May 7, 2011**, the Wilmette Public Library will sponsor Bike to the Library Day and Gear Up for Biking, hosted by the Wilmette Bicycle Task Force, Go Green Wilmette and the Wilmette Public Library. This event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ★ **Friday, May 20, 2011** is Bike to School Day for Highcrest and Wilmette Junior High. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to ride their bikes to work/school.
- ★ **Saturday, May 21, 2011** the Task Force will host the annual Bike to Soccer Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Playfield. Soccer players, parents, and fans are encouraged to ride their bicycles to games and learn about safe cycling, including proper fitting of bicycle safety helmets from the Wilmette Bicycle Task Force volunteers. Police Department officers will be on hand to register bicycles.



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- ★ **June 12 - 18 is Bike to Work Week**, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 the Bike Task Force and Active Transportation Alliance will be at the Wilmette Metra Station from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

For more information about these events and to view a map of the Village-wide bicycle route system visit the Engineering Department on the Village website.

2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The goal of the annual capital improvement program is to maintain the Village's critical infrastructure. The following projects are scheduled for this construction season: the annual road program, sewer lining and sewer repairs, relief sewer installation, and curb, sidewalk and alley improvements. For more information about these projects, visit Wilmette's website at www.wilmette.com.

Street Resurfacing Program

The following 1.2 miles of streets are tentatively scheduled for road rehabilitation:

Street	From	To
Washington Avenue	Hunter Road	Pinecrest Lane
Iroquois Road	Romona Road	Seneca Road
Mohawk Court	Iroquois Road	Cul-de-Sac
Glenview Road	Skokie Boulevard /U.S. 41	West Village Limits
Isabella Street	Green Bay Road	14th Street

Relief Sewer Program- Intended to Reduce Basement Backups

The following streets are tentatively scheduled for relief sewer and road construction:

Street	From	To
Dupee Place	Maple Avenue	Isabella Street
5th Street	Maple Avenue	Isabella Street
4th Street	Maple Avenue	Isabella Street
Central Avenue	11th Street	9th Street

In addition to the relief sewer program, sewer main repairs and sewer lining which is an economical method of construction that restores the structural integrity of sewer pipe without disturbing the street surface will be completed throughout the community. Additionally, a pilot detention program will be implemented on the west side of Wilmette.

For more information on any of these projects, please visit www.wilmette.com or contact the Engineering Department at 847-853-7660.

SPRING 2011 TREE PLANTING

In the spring of 2011 residents can have a tree planted on the parkway as part of the Village's Cooperative Tree Planting Program by sharing the cost of a new tree. Benefits of participating in the Cooperative Tree Planting Program include helping select the tree species as well as the size of the tree

to be planted. Residents can apply for the program by picking up an application at the Village Hall, Public Works Facility or by downloading it from the Village's website (www.wilmette.com). Applications must be submitted to the Village Foresters via email or at the Public Works Facility at 711 Laramie Avenue by March 31st. There is a limited amount of trees, therefore applications will be considered as they are received. For any additional questions regarding the program, call the Forestry Division at 847-853-7587 or email forestry@wilmette.com.

IS YOUR LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN COMPLIANCE?

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Plumbing Code, and the Village Code have long required that cross connection control devices be installed on all lawn sprinkler systems. This device protects the public water supply by preventing potentially contaminated water from flowing back into the Village's water supply. The Village Code applies to all sprinkler systems, including older systems installed before the ordinance was passed.

The ordinance also requires that cross connection valves be tested annually. The tests must be certified and the results submitted to the Village's Water Plant Meter Shop at the Wilmette Water Plant, 200 Lake Ave. Wilmette, IL prior to system activation in spring.

For more information on this program and a list of certified testing contractors, please visit the Water Plant on the Village website or call 847-853-7537.

WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

The Village's combined water and sewer rates will be adjusted as follows effective March 1st:

	2010	2011	Impact to Homeowner
Combined Water/Sewer Rate	\$5.47/ 100 cu. ft.	\$5.93/ 100 cu. ft.	\$15.30 additional per quarter
Solid Waste Rate	\$19.50/ month	\$20.20/ month	\$2.10 additional per quarter

The rate adjustment to the water and sewer rate is primarily driven by sewer improvements made to reduce flooding throughout the community. Since 1990 the Village has spent more than \$40 million and the 2011 budget provides for an additional \$2.6 million worth of sewer projects. Also in 2011, two significant water system improvements, which are critical to maintaining the Village's water quality, are scheduled for 2011 and contribute to the rate adjustment.



HEALTH BEAT

The Health Department is offering the following programs:

Lipid Profile (cholesterol) and Glucose (diabetes) screenings for \$20 are scheduled on Wednesday, February 16 and April 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. This screening is by appointment only and requires a 12 hour fast.

CPR Course for \$20 on Thursday, March 23 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Registration required.

Blood Pressure Screening every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. No appointment is necessary.

To register or make an appointment for any of the programs noted above, please contact Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507 or e-mail at baderd@wilmette.com.

FREE VISION AND HEARING TESTING FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

On Saturday, March 5, the Health Department will provide free vision and hearing testing for all Wilmette preschool children (age 3-5) at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road. The testing is held in cooperation with School District #39. Advanced registration is required and will be held at the Mikaelian Education Center, 8:30 am-noon on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4. To ensure that a child does not have a vision or hearing problem that could interfere with ability to learn, parents are advised to have their pre-schoolers tested before they enter school.

LEAF BLOWER REGULATIONS

Gas powered leaf blowers are prohibited May 15th - September 30th. After September 30th and through May 14th, leaf blowers may be used between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday and 9:00am – 5:00pm on Saturdays for not more than 30 minutes at a time. If you utilize a landscaping company please remind them of the leaf blower regulations.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

If you have not already, sign up to follow WilmetteBiz on Facebook and Twitter. By following the Village's social media accounts, you will be kept up-to-date on exciting new business openings in the community and some of the great deals that local businesses have to offer.

Beginning in 2011 the Village will be producing short TV segments that highlight some of the best of what Wilmette businesses have to offer. The segments, similar to those on ABC's 190 North television show, will be available on WCTV- Channel 6 and the Village website. If you would like your Wilmette business or know of a business that should be highlighted, contact the Village's Business Development Planner at 847-853-7520 or sivertsenl@wilmette.com.

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. We have a strong group of local merchants who are committed to you and appreciate your commitment to them. By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for public services.

NEW RETAILERS

DDK Kitchen Design Group
400 Ridge Road
(847) 728-0823

Fannie May
Plaza del Lago
1515 Sheridan Road
(847) 251-3642

Flickinger Fine Wine
1222 Washington Court,
#201
(847) 920-5046

NEW RESTAURANTS

The Big Tomato
1109 Central Avenue
(847) 256-1800

Bluette
1162 Wilmette Avenue
(847) 853-8988

J.P. McCarthy's
509 4th Street
(847) 853-9999

Five Guys Burgers and Fries
Edens Plaza
Coming Soon!

Subway
West Lake Plaza
Coming Soon!

PERSONAL SERVICES

CrossFit Wilmette
515 Green Bay Road
(847) 251-7200

Edward Jones
3520 Lake Avenue
(847) 251-3196

Gordon in Wilmette Aveda Salon
Edens Plaza
(847) 266-7777

KR Physical Therapy
444 Skokie Boulevard
(847) 830-2169

North Shore Guitar Academy
165 Green Bay Road
(847) 256-5400

Shape & Color
335 Ridge Road
(847) 920-9903



BLOCK PARTY PERMITS

Planning a block party? Before you block off your street you must obtain a permit (no charge) from the Police Department. You can stop by the Police Department at 710 Ridge Rd. to obtain a permit or submit an application electronically by visiting the Permits section of the Village website. If you have any questions please call the Police Department at 847-853-7553 or email budds@wilmette.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT & HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The entire family will have fun at the Police Department Open House. Take a tour of the Police Department, see the lock-up and have mug shots taken of your children (please bring your own camera). Exhibits include Canine Unit presentations, the Secret Service Presidential Limo, Crime Lab, U.S. Coast Guard, and more!

While you're visiting the Police Department, don't forget to walk across the street to the Historical Museum's Open House. The Museum will provide 30-minute tours of Wilmette history's "greatest hits". Docents will be on hand to present engaging, interactive exhibits and activities.

TIPS TO PREVENT BASEMENT FLOODING

Please review the following tips to decrease your chances of flooding:

- ★ Downspouts and sump pump lines that splash on-grade near the foundation should be redirected to the front yard or backyard and away from neighboring properties.
- ★ The existing grade around homes should be below the foundation and slope away from the building.
- ★ Check to make sure your foundation floor and walls do not have any cracks which may be a source of seepage.
- ★ Purchase a rain barrel through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District at www.mwrd.org to manage water runoff from your roof.
- ★ Maintain your sewer lines by cleaning and televising them on a regular basis to ensure they are not allowing infiltration through open joints or existing cracks.
- ★ Install a battery backup on your sump pump.
- ★ To combat sanitary sewer backups, consider installing a flood control system or overhead sewer to minimize future backups.
- ★ For more storm water management tips, please visit the Village website where you can find the "Guide to Flood Protection in Northern Illinois."

WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS: FEBRUARY - MAY 2011

Presidents Day Children's Program: Cartooning for Kids!

Monday, February 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

For kids 6 – 11 years; \$15 per child; \$5 for siblings

Class limit: 30; call (847) 853-7666 to enroll

(Visa, M/C accepted)

Get an introduction to the fun and wildly popular art of cartooning from Jeremy Tinder, teacher at the School of the Art Institute and the Evanston Art Center and a published cartoonist and painter.

Illinois Fights the Civil War Lecture by Speaker Robert I. Girardi

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.

Free for members; \$5 for non-Museum members

Kick off the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with acclaimed historian and author Robert Girardi. Girardi has authored or edited eight books on the subject and was the 2010 winner of the Chicago Civil War Round Table's prestigious Nevins-Freeman Award.

Architectural House Walk

Sunday, May 15, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Advance Tickets: \$40 for members;

\$50 for non-Museum members

Stop in or call (847) 853-7666 for tickets (Visa, M/C accepted)

"Architecture Through the Decades" showcases four outstanding homes designed by innovative, nationally recognized architects between 1890 and 1950, and vividly demonstrates the dramatic changes in housing design during those decades.

History Book Club

Free and open to the public

Book club meets at the Museum on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

February 21:

"The World Turned Upside Down," Christopher Hill

March 21

"How the Scots Invented the Modern World," Arthur Herman

April 18:

"A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation," Catherine Allgor

May 16:

"What God Hath Wrought: The Transformation of America 1815-1848," Daniel Wallace Howe

The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 1:00 – 4:30 pm. For more information, stop by the Museum at 609 Ridge Road, call 847-853-7666 or visit our website www.wilmettehistory.org.



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Fire/Police Emergency 9-1-1

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fire@wilmette.com

251-1101

MUSEUM

museum@wilmette.com

853-7666

POLICE DEPARTMENT

police@wilmette.com

256-1200

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT

pubworks@wilmette.com

General

853-7500

After Hour Emergency

256-1200

WATER PLANT

853-7535

VILLAGE HALL 251-2700

Community

853-7550

Development

853-7660

Engineering

853-7609

Finance

Health

853-7507

Clerk

853-7511

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OTHER

Park District

256-6100

Library

256-5025

Comcast

1-866-594-1234

AT&T

1-800-244-4444

NICOR Gas

1-888-642-6748

Commonwealth

Edison

1-888-334-7661

Veolia Environmental

Services

272-4145

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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

The Plan Commission meets on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00pm.

Web Site:
www.wilmette.com

Business Hours:
7:30 am - 4:30 pm:
Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri
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Wed

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ONLINE BILL PAY

The Village accepts the payment of quarterly water, sewer and refuse bills online. There is no additional charge for this payment option, which accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Visit the homepage of the Village website to pay your bills.

VILLAGE E-MAIL LISTS

Visit the homepage of the Village website to sign-up for one of the many e-mail lists provided by the Village. Lists include Police Crime Alerts, General Village News, Construction Updates, Village Board Meeting Agendas, Zoning Ordinance Update, and more!

MEMORIAL DAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day during the week of May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. For questions, please call Public Works at 847-853-7500.



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