



THECOMMUNICATOR



ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

The polls will be open on Election Day (Tuesday, November 2) from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Residents who are unsure of their polling place or precinct may contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0906 or visit the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Voter Registration

To be eligible to vote in the Gubernatorial General Election, residents must be registered by October 5th.

Early Voting

Prior to Election Day, early voting will take place from Tuesday, October 12 through Thursday, October 28 at sites designated by the Cook County Clerk. State law requires early voters to present a government issued photo ID; such as a passport, driver's license, or military ID. All Early Voting is conducted on touch screens. Wilmette residents may vote early at any of the Cook County early voting sites, including Centennial Park at 2300 Old Glenview Road Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please check the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com for a list of all early voting sites.

TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 19 & 20

Mark your calendar for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade:

- ★ Tree Lighting- Friday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn at Village Hall with musical performances by local groups.
- ★ Holiday Parade- Saturday, November 20th at 10:30 a.m. starting at the CTA parking lot at Fourth Street and Linden Avenue and proceeding west on Central Avenue to the Village Center at Wilmette Avenue.

This year, you can also start your holiday shopping early at a Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This late night shopping event, hosted by the Village Center Merchants, will take place in downtown Wilmette and will offer special sales, refreshments and in-store entertainment.

Families are invited to bring their cameras to take photos with Santa after the parade in front of the Village Hall. Neighborhood groups are encouraged to decorate cars and bicycles in appropriate fashion and enter into the parade.

Check the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce events calendar at www.wilmettechamber.org for details. To participate, or for further information on these holiday events, contact the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce office at (847) 251-3800.

FOLLOW WILMETTE BIZ ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

Wilmette now has a home for business on Facebook and Twitter! Wilmette Biz is your source of Wilmette business related information. Through Facebook and Twitter, Wilmette Biz provides information on new businesses opening in Wilmette, coupons and promotions for local businesses, and information for businesses interested in coming to Wilmette.

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In this issue of The Communicator, I would once again like to update you on the effects of the recession on our village finances, discuss some of the major capital improvements coming our way in 2011 and update you as to the status of the Village Center Master Plan.

2011 BUDGET

In regards to the Village's financial position, I am happy to report that the Village's revenues are currently stable. Although we are no longer seeing declining revenues, we do not anticipate any significant revenue increase in 2011 or 2012. This makes our 2011 budget process, which is currently underway, extremely challenging as the Village Board is committed to maintaining existing services levels while also ensuring that significant capital and infrastructure matters are adequately addressed. Nevertheless, the Village Staff, under the leadership of Village Manager Tim Frenzer has introduced to the Village Board a 2011 Budget that is fiscally prudent and provides for the lowest property tax increase since 1999.

2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In July, the Finance and Municipal Services Committees of the Village Board met jointly to discuss the Village's long term capital improvement program. At this meeting, the Committees recommended several critical capital projects that we intend to include in the 2011 Budget. These projects include \$1.5 million in street resurfacing to ensure that the Village's streets are maintained at an acceptable level,--approximately \$900,000 to improve 8 – 10 alleys that have failing pavement and drainage problems and \$120,000 to repair

Letter from Village President Christopher S. Canning

sidewalks and curbs. In addition to these projects, the Village will be replacing its emergency 911 system which has reached the end of its useful life as well as two large Public Works dump trucks and sidewalk snowplows that are critical to our snow removal efforts and are badly in need of replacement.

The Village Board continues to recognize the importance of our comprehensive stormwater management plan and will continue to fund aggressive sewer improvements in 2011. These improvements include \$900,000 for sewer lining, \$675,000 for sewer main repairs, \$650,000 for relief sewer improvements and \$200,000 for a pilot detention program. These improvements, along with the debt service required to pay for past improvements, will require an increase to our combined water and sewer rate in 2011. Please note that Wilmette has one of the lowest water rates in the region and that the sewer portion of the rate accounts for the majority of the combined water and sewer rate. This disparity is the result of the Village investing \$40 million over the past 20 years in the sewer system in an effort to reduce flooding. In fact, 70% of the sewer budget is dedicated to pay off debt from past sewer improvements.

MASTER PLAN

Over the past eight months the Village has been developing the Village Center Master Plan to guide future development of this key economic area of our community. Working with our consultants the Lakota Group, the Master Plan Advisory Committee has gathered input through public meetings, personal interviews, real estate market assessments. financial feasibility analyses, Farmers' Market displays and traffic/parking studies on the plan. A total of 14 public meetings were held including three public workshops where residents were able to debate the merits of each idea in small group discussions.

Most recently, the Village hosted a community workshop on September 16 to present the draft Village Center

Master Plan. The presentation visualized potential development on several sites and proposed improvements for Wilmette's downtown. It is our intent that the Master Plan that is adopted in the future will successfully incorporate our community's vision for the Village Center but also reflect a realistic assessment of the costs and timing of development due to the economic times in which we live.

What are the next steps in the planning process? Once the work of the Master Plan Advisory Committee is completed in October, the Committee will submit the draft Master Plan to the Village Board. The Village Board in turn will assign the Master Plan to the Plan Commission to review the draft Plan, hold public hearings and recommend a version of the Plan for formal adoption by the Village Board. Once the Plan is formally adopted by the Village Board as an amendment to the Village's 2000 Comprehensive Plan. it will serve as the playbook for any and all improvements made in Wilmette's downtown. It will also contain a series of steps, that when completed, will achieve the Plan's vision. We hope that you will continue to monitor the progress of the planning process and continue to provide us with your comments on the draft plans. Please visit the Village's website (www. wilmette.com) to stay up to date on the progress of this plan, to view the master plan concepts and to send us comments. In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy last few months of the year. Please be sure to enjoy the many exciting events taking place in Wilmette this holiday season including the Chamber of Commerce's Pumpkin Walk and Hayride, the Annual Tree Lighting and the Annual Holiday Parade.

As always, the Village Board and I welcome your input. Feel free to contact any members of the Village staff or Village board with your comments or questions.

Very truly yours,

Christopher S. Canning Village President

Community Highlights





PUMPKIN WALK AND HAYRIDE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 23

Families can enjoy hayrides, giveaways, children's activities, and more at the 11th Annual Linden Square Pumpkin Walk, taking place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. This event highlights the array of goods and services of the neighborhood. Participants are invited to stop in each participating shop for treats and giveaways. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes as photographs will be taken and made available online. For more information, call the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at (847)251-3800 or visit the web site at www.wilmettechamber.org.

COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK

In celebration of Arts Awareness Month, the Village of Wilmette Fine Arts Commission is sponsoring a monthlong Community Photography Exhibit, 'Faces, Fauna and Flora' featuring the work of 13 Wilmette photographers. The photography will be posted through the month of October at North Shore Community Bank, at 1145 Wilmette Avenue. Bank hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please visit the Village website for a list of participating photographers.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS AND SAFETY

Halloween Trick or Treat hours are from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday, October 31. The Police Department offers the following tips for a safe and spooky Halloween:

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

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

RECYCLE SMALL ELECTRONICS, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS, AND OLD HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Residents can drop off and recycle prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well as compact fluorescent bulbs in the Health Department at the Village Hall, from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. These monthly drop off recycling programs provide residents with a convenient

opportunity to properly dispose of old drugs which could leach into the waste stream and contaminate Lake Michigan. For more information, please contact Village Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507.

Residents may drop off small electronics in the first floor lobby of Village Hall to be recycled. This program is managed by Recycling Avenue, a small electronics recycling service, provided by the non-profit organization Avenues to Independence, which employs persons with disabilities. Visit the Village website for a list of accepted items. Please note that computer monitors, printers, personal computers and toner cartridges will not be accepted.

Recycle your old holiday lights in the first floor lobby of Village Hall or at the drop-off box located outside of the Public Works building on Laramie Avenue. LED lights use a fraction of the energy and are widely available. Old lights will be properly disposed of and not just end up in the landfill!

Affordable Senior Condominiums Available at the Village Green Atrium

The Village Green Atrium is a 35-unit condominium building for seniors 62 years and older. The building contains 25 one-bedroom units and ten two-bedroom units. The units are bought and sold at a formula price below market value to maintain their affordability. There is no income cap, but priority for units goes first to current Wilmette residents, second to former Wilmette residents and parents of Wilmette residents, and last to those with no Wilmette connection. For more information about the Village Green Atrium or to receive an application and view a unit, please contact Erika Fabisch, Community Development Department, at (847) 853-7522 or at FabischE@wilmette.com.

Public Works / Engineering / Community Development



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SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

With cold weather approaching, please keep in mind the following snow program reminders:

- ★ Snow plowing operations begin when snow becomes more than 2 inches deep and freezing temperatures indicate that no melting will occur. Plowing operations are based on a priority system. Main roads and well-traveled routes, such as those leading to schools, are plowed first.
- ★ Alleys and residential sidewalks are plowed when snow accumulation is greater than four inches. It may take up to 48 to 72 hours to clear sidewalks (except school and commuter walks) after a snowstorm.
- ★ Parking is prohibited on both sides of a street for a period of 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or greater, or until the snow plowing operations are complete, whichever is sooner.
- ★ During other winter precipitation events (defined by Village ordinance as snowfall accumulation of less than two inches, or sleet, freezing rain or ice), a parking ban applies to one side of the street for those streets that are 27 feet in width or less for 24 hours after the event or until the clearing operation is complete. Streets that are 27 feet in width or less are posted with winter precipitation no parking signs. The purpose of the ban during sleet or freezing rain is to allow the Public Works trucks to spread salt.
- ★ An unfortunate consequence of the snow removal program is the side delivery of snow from plows results in the discharge of snow toward the curb and driveway aprons. There is no way to avoid this from occurring. The Village advises residents to wait until crews have cleared the street before cleaning the driveway apron.
- ★ There are approximately 8,000 driveways throughout the community and the Village does not have the resources to plow snow from driveway aprons. If assistance is needed for shoveling snow from sidewalks or driveways, please consider contacting the WilWork youth employment referral program at 847-853-7608 or email wilwork@wilmette.com.

A frequently asked questions information sheet on the Village's snow and ice control program is available on the Village's website in the Public Works Department section at www.wilmette.com.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 25TH

From October 25 through December 10, the Village will be providing leaf collection services. Residents who live on residential side streets are asked to rake leaves to the curb. Residents who live on arterial streets (Lake Avenue, Wilmette Avenue, Sheridan Road, Skokie Boulevard, Green Bay Road and Hibbard Road) should place leaves on the parkway behind the curb due to heavy traffic. In order to be collected, leaves must be in a loose condition, not in bags or containers. Please avoid raking leaves onto the street until two days prior to your scheduled collection day to prevent the clogging of storm drains.

The 2010 collection schedule is posted on the following page as well as on the Village website, www.wilmette.com. If you have any questions regarding the leaf collection program, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 853-7500 or pubworks@wilmette.com.

PARKWAY SIGNS PROHIBITED

The Village reminds residents and contractors that signs are not permitted on the parkway and are not to be attached to public property such as street signs, street lights, and utility poles. This includes signs promoting fund raisers, social events, sports activities, garage sales, political signs, and signs indicating a contractor's work site. These types of signs are only permitted on private property. The Village staff is instructed to remove signs placed in the parkway. Repeated offenses may result in a citation. If your sign has been removed by code enforcement, you may contact the Community Development Department at (847) 853-7550 within 30 days to have the sign returned.

MANAGING STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY

With the frequency of heavy rain events, home owners are challenged with how to manage storm water on their property. Here are a few tips to address standing water problems:

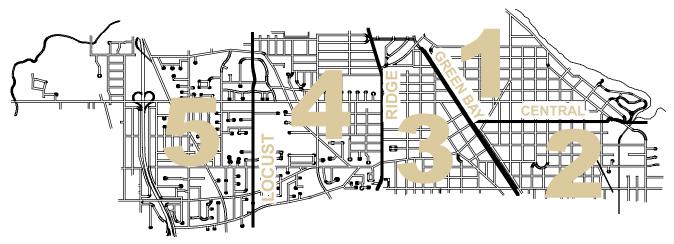
- ★ Seek the services of an expert. Hiring a professional civil engineer or landscape architect will not only provide you with various ideas, but also ensure your investment will work.
- ★ Consider simple remedies like relocating your downspouts and sump pump discharge to reduce the volume of water flowing to the low spot.
- ★ Be open to environmentally friendly options like bio-swales and rain gardens to manage excess rain water. Rain gardens use specific plants and soils that absorb large amounts of water and rainwater harvesting systems store rainwater underground until it can be used for irrigation.

Remember that plumbing changes and land disturbing activities require permits from the Village.





2010 LEAF PICK-UP ZONES & SCHEDULE



SCHEDULED LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
24	25 ZONE 1	26 ZONE 2	27 ZONE 3	28 ZONE 4	29 ZONE 5	30

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

Business Development / Health Beat





HEALTH BEAT

The Health Department is offering the following programs:

Lipid Profile (cholesterol) and Glucose (diabetes) screening for \$20 is scheduled on Wednesday, October 20, and December 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. This screening is by appointment only and requires a 12 hour fast.

CPR Course for \$20 on Wednesday, October 13 and Thursday, December 9 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.

FLU VACCINE

The Village will be administering the seasonal influenza vaccine for Wilmette residents on Tuesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 14 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on the second floor of the Village Hall. The flu shots will be given to those residents over the age of 18 years. Appointment registration is limited and can be made by calling the Health Department at 847-853-7507 or by email, baderd@wilmette.com.

The fee for the flu shot is \$24. However, residents who have Medicare Part B as their primary insurer may choose to receive their immunization with Medicare paying the fee. Medicare will not pay the Village if you belong to an HMO.

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IMPORTANT FALL AND WINTER REFUSE NOTES

Yard waste will continue to be collected on Wednesdays, through November 30th. Please remember that only acceptable yard waste material placed into biodegradable, brown, paper bags (32-gallons maximum) or in properly tied bundles with official Village yard waste stickers will be collected.

The Village's refuse and recycling collector recognizes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day as holidays and therefore all refuse and recycling will be delayed by one day for the remaining collection days after the holiday.

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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. 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

Chen & Chen of Wilmette 1163 Wilmette Avenue (847) 853-8880

Collectors Corner 901 Ridge Road Coming Soon!

DDK Kitchen Design Group400 Ridge Road (847) 728-0823

She Beads 821 Ridge Road (847) 251-3004

Toys R Us Edens Plaza (847) 251-5187

NEW RESTAURANTS

The Big Tomato- Pizza 1109 Central Avenue Coming Soon!

Bluette

1162 Wilmette Avenue Coming Soon!

J.P. McCarthy's-Pizza and Casual Dining 509 4th Street Coming Soon!

PERSONAL SERVICES

Haven Organic Skin & Nail Care 717 Ridge Road (847) 251-3930

Unique Wellness 1167 Wilmette Avenue Unit 201 (847) 989-4668

The Village Dog 1225 Wilmette Avenue (847) 251-8700



Public Safety / Museum Events



FIRE OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 9

The Wilmette Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog would like to invite you to this year's Fire Open House on October 9th from 9 am to noon. The event will be held at Fire Station #26 located at 1304 Lake Ave. Fire trucks, ambulances, firefighting gear, paramedic equipment, water rescue gear, and special rescue tools will all be on display. There will also be hands on activities for children, including the always popular Teddy Bear Check-up. So mark your calendar and remember Fire Prevention is everyone's responsibility.

CODERED- EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Village is a subscriber to the CodeRED Emergency Notification System, which provides the Village with the capability of sending public safety messages to business and residential phone customers with dedicated phone lines. CodeRED® is capable of dialing 60,000 phone numbers per hour and delivering a recorded message to a live person or answering machine.

Listed Wilmette telephone numbers have been downloaded into the database. However, if you have obtained a new phone number within the last year, have a cellular number, or would like to register a work phone, please register your phone number by going to the Village's website and clicking on the CodeRED Link. Residents using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or cable television based telephone service must register these numbers to receive the CodeRED messages.

Residents who do not have access to the Internet can contact Village Police Communications Supervisor Eric Peterson at 847-256-9693 for assistance.

WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM EVENTS

All events will be held at the Wilmette Historical Museum at 609 Ridge Road.

Fall Fundraiser: Ouilmette History Award Reception Honoring David C. Leach, Jr. (1925-2000)

Saturday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include hearty hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Join us for a festive evening as we honor the late David Leach, Jr. for his dedication to Wilmette history.

Historic Preservation Awards Reception Featuring Barbara Geiger

Sunday, October 24, 2:00 p.m. Free and open to the public

Wilmette's Historic Preservation Awards Reception will be held at the Museum this year. This year's program is enhanced by guest speaker Barbara Geiger, who will speak about Graceland, Rosehill and Oakwoods, three of Chicago's premier historic cemeteries.

"Get Capone: The Secret Plot that Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster" by Jonathan Eig Sunday, November 14, 2:00 p.m.

Free for members; \$5 for non-Museum members This New York Times bestselling author tells the dramatic story of the rise and fall of the nation's most notorious criminal in rich new detail and signs his book.

HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

To help provide for a safe holiday season, the Fire and Police Departments offer important safety tips on fire prevention and crime prevention including the following:

Fire Prevention

- ★ Discard any set of lights with cracked or frayed cords, bare wires, loose connections or damaged sockets.
- ★ Keep your tree in a sturdy base filled with water and monitor the water, to assure freshness.
- ★ Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional at least once a year.
- ★ Be careful with candles and keep them away from flammable materials. Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- ★ Have your furnace checked in the fall before the winter heating season begins.

Crime Prevention

- ★ Put lights on timers and consider motion detectors on exterior lights. Stop mail and newspapers or have a neighbor collect them.
- ★ Arrange to have snow removed. Call WilWork at 847-853-7609 to hire a Wilmette youth to get the job done.
- ★ If staying home during the holidays, keep an eye on the neighborhood and report suspicious activity around the neighborhood. For a police emergency dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency requests call 847-256-1200.





Fire/Police Emergency 9-1-1 FIRE DEPARTMENT

fire@wilmette.com

251-1101

MUSEUM

museum@wilmette.com

853-7666

POLICE DEPARTMENT

police@wilmette.com

256-1200

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853-7511

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth 7:30pm.

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

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Web Site:

Business Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri 7:30 am - 2 pm:

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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.



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