

THE COMMUNICATOR

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 17TH

From Monday, October 17 to Friday, December 9, 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, Green Bay Road, Ridge Road, Skokie Boulevard 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 2011 collection schedule is posted on page 5 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.

TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 18 & 19

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

- ★ Tree Lighting - Friday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn at Village Hall with musical performances by local groups.
- ★ Holiday Parade - Saturday, November 19th 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.

Families are invited to bring their cameras to take photos with Santa after the parade in front of Village Hall. Community organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade.

This year, you can also start your holiday shopping at a Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hosted by the Village Center Merchants, this event takes place in downtown Wilmette and offers special sales, refreshments and in-store entertainment.

For details or to participate in the holiday parade, contact the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at (847) 251-3800 and visit www.wilmettechamber.org.

LINDEN SQUARE PUMPKIN WALK, OCTOBER 29TH

Families can enjoy a hayride, giveaways, children's activities, food and more at the 12th Annual Linden Square Pumpkin Walk, taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011. This event, sponsored by the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce and the Linden Square Merchants, is an opportunity for hundreds of patrons to enjoy the amenities of this neighborhood business district and experience the fall season.

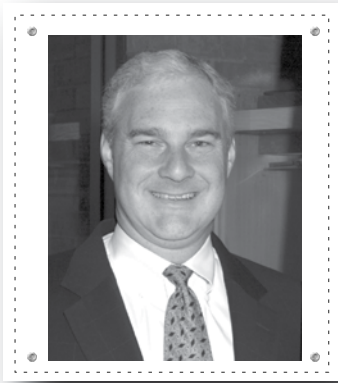
The Pumpkin Walk will again feature a free hayride sponsored by Wilmette Chamber members. Participants are invited to stop in each Linden Avenue participating shop for treats and giveaways. Feel free to wear your costume!

For more information, call the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at (847) 251-3800 or visit the web site at www.wilmettechamber.org.



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Letter from Village President Christopher S. Canning



In this issue of The Communicator, I would once again like to update you on the effects of the economy on our village finances, discuss some of the major capital improvements coming our way in 2012 and update you as to the status of the Village's Zoning Ordinance Review.

2012 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 increases in 2012. Despite these continuing revenue pressures, your Village Board is committed to maintaining existing service levels. In response to the Village Board's commitment, the Village staff has been working hard on the 2012 Budget. The Village Board will be reviewing the budget in the upcoming months that culminates in the adoption of the tax levy in December. Once the development of the 2012 proposed Budget is completed the document will be placed at the Library and on the Village's website for review.

2012 Capital Improvements

In August, the Finance Committee and Municipal Services Committee 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 2012 budget. These projects include \$1.6 million in infrastructure projects, approximately \$375,000 to improve 3 alleys that have

failing pavement and drainage problems and \$30,000 to repair sidewalks and curbs. In addition to these projects, the Village will be replacing cardiac defibrillators in all three of the advanced life support ambulances, snowplow blades on snowplow trucks, and three police squad vehicles. All of these replacements will improve reliability of services provided by the Village.

The Village Board continues to recognize the importance of our comprehensive stormwater management plan and the 2012 budget includes continued investments in sewer improvements. These improvements include sewer lining, sewer main repairs, and general sewer maintenance. These improvements, along with the debt service required to pay for past improvements, may require an increase to our combined water and sewer rate in 2012. However, the Village Board, along with staff, is working to maintain water and sewer rates at their current levels. Even if an increase is necessary, Wilmette will continue to have one of the lowest water rates in the region. The Village has invested in excess of \$40 million in our sewer system over the last 20 years to reduce flooding and will continue to make similar investments as appropriate.

In light of the recent rain storm on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23, 2011, the Village is conducting a village-wide survey to get an accurate account of basement flood occurrences. This information will be used to evaluate the existing sewer systems, as well as to plan for future improvements. We would also appreciate hearing from the residents that did not experience flooding on July 22 and 23. This data will be used to determine the effectiveness of the sewer improvements installed by the Village in recent years. I would like to thank everyone who responded to the survey and to those who have not, there is still time to fill out the survey at www.wilmette.com. We appreciate your input.

Zoning Ordinance Revisions

The Zoning Code is an important ordinance that affects the quality of life for residents and businesses in the Village. For example, it impacts the use and development of private property which ultimately affects decisions regarding property investments and the personal use and enjoyment of our individual homes and businesses. As a result, we must make periodic revisions to ensure that the ordinance is consistent with our desired policy outcomes, that it is internally consistent, and that definitions and requirements keep pace with changes in technology, the environment, and a wide variety of best practices. To address some of the needed changes to the Zoning Code, the Village Board created an Ad Hoc Zoning Ordinance Review Committee. The Committee is currently reviewing changes to the R1 residential zoning district. For more information, please go to page three of the newsletter or the Village's website.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy last few months of 2011. 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.

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



ZONING ORDINANCE RE-WRITE UNDERWAY

In 2009, the Village convened the Ad Hoc Zoning Ordinance Review Committee to direct and oversee the research and ordinance drafting work of the project consultant (Camiros LLC of Chicago) to address two major goals of any substantial zoning ordinance change:

1. To make it easier for existing homes to meet the regulations and therefore reduce the need for variations, and;
2. Encourage new construction to match the character of the neighborhood to encourage retention of existing homes.

The Committee most recently has focused on the R1 single family zoning requirements. The Committee is reviewing a proposal to create additional residential subdistricts to allow for the development standards, such as setbacks, floor area, and height, to be tailored to reflect the predominant features in a particular subdistrict.

The Village staff will be holding five open houses for residents to learn about the proposal for their neighborhood and to ask questions and provide feedback. Each open house will feature a different subdistrict. A map, located on the Village's website, identifies the proposed subdistricts and the date for the open house associated with that area. While each open house will focus on a specific area, all open houses are open to all residents.

Each open house will start with a brief presentation about the zoning ordinance project and the proposed changes for the subdistrict that is the subject of the open house. Attendees will then have a chance to review the available materials and discuss the proposal with staff.

The open houses are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. for the following dates. Please check the map on the Village's website to see when your area will be discussed.

- Wednesday, October 12 at Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue
- Monday, October 17 at Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue
- Wednesday, October 26 at Wilmette Historical Museum, 609 Ridge Road
- Wednesday, November 9 at Mallinckrodt Center, 1041A Ridge Road
- Tuesday, November 15 at Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road

Some subdistricts will see very few changes from the current ordinance. Other districts will see more changes.

The intention, however, is to maintain approximately the same allowable floor area as currently exists. Sample proposed changes include:

- One formula used for determining lot coverage and floor area in each district
- Minor changes in setbacks
- Minor building height reductions
- Minor reductions in first floor height
- Expand applicability of front porch bonus in all districts
- Increase garage bonus for single family buildings in all districts
- Rezoning from R to R1 proposed for lots in area bounded by Illinois Road, Hibbard Road, Lake Avenue, and Romona Road.

To learn more about the zoning ordinance update project and to view materials related to the proposed R1 changes, visit the project web site at www.wilmette.com/departments/communitydevelopment/zoningordreview.aspx.

You may also contact Lisa Roberts at (847) 853-7529 or at robertsl@wilmette.com for more information.

To join the email list for future meeting notification, visit the Village's home page at www.wilmette.com and click the button to subscribe. After entering your email address, select the Zoning Ordinance Review mailing list.

RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

In an effort to bring the rain barrels closer to home, the Village of Wilmette purchased 40 barrels from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Rain barrels not only help in managing storm water, but also collect and store rainwater that you can use later to water your garden, lawn, and potted plants.

Residents can purchase rain barrels at the Finance counter in Village Hall for \$55.46 each (while supplies last). The barrels are available for pick-up from either the Village Hall or the Public Works Facility (711 Laramie Avenue) during regular business hours.

Specifications:

- Capacity – 50 gallons (terra cotta) and 55 gallons (gray)
- Diameter – Approximately 70 inches (terra cotta) and 72 inches (gray)
- Height – Approximately 35 inches (terra cotta) and 39 inches (gray)
- Colors Available – Terra Cotta and Gray
- Includes flex elbow for attaching from downspout and linking hose

To view instructions on how to install the rain barrel, visit the Village's website at www.wilmette.com.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS AND SAFETY

Halloween Trick or Treat hours are from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, 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 glow-in-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.

MANAGING STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY

With the frequency of heavy rain events, home owners are challenged with how to manage stormwater on their property. The Village has taken several measures to mitigate problems associated with stormwater, including implementing sewer system improvements and creating stormwater modeling studies.

In an effort to help residents protect their homes against flooding and to provide a list of contractors to help identify appropriate pricing, the Village issued two Requests for Proposals (RFP) to establish lists of firms to provide sewer lateral televising and residential flood assessments at a fixed cost. To view the results of the RFP and see all of the Village's efforts to mitigate issues arising from stormwater, please visit the Village's website at <http://www.wilmette.com/departments/stormwatermanagement>.

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

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

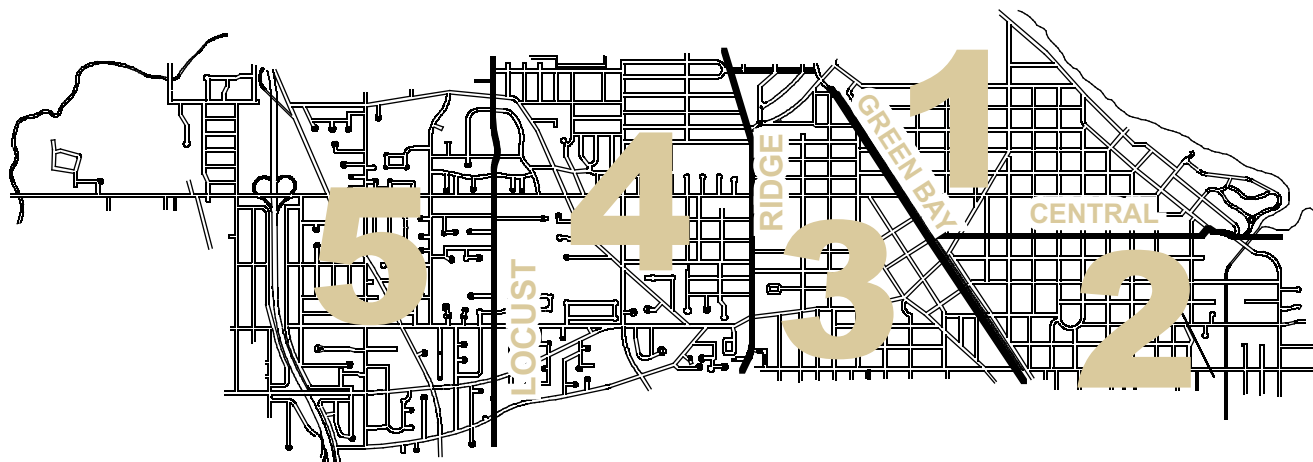
With cold weather approaching, please keep in mind the following snow program reminders:

- ★ 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 4 inches. It may take up to 48 to 72 hours to clear sidewalks (except school and commuter walking routes) 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.



2011 LEAF PICK-UP ZONES & SCHEDULE



SCHEDULED LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			ZONE 1	1 ZONE 2	2 ZONE 3	3
4	5 ZONE 4	6 ZONE 5	7 ZONE 1	8 ZONE 2	9 ZONE 3, 4 & 5	10



CHOLESTEROL AND GLUCOSE SCREENING

The Health Department is offering a Lipid Profile and Glucose screening for residents on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Training Room of the Village Hall. This screening is by appointment only and requires a 12 hour fast. The Lipid Profile includes tests for total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, Triglycerides, and HDL/ LDL ratio. The glucose screening is for the detection of diabetes. The test requires blood drawn from the arm and the results are sent in the mail within 48 hours. The cost of this test is \$20.00.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

High blood pressure can be dangerous. Have your blood pressure checked on Tuesdays, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Health Department office located on the second floor of Village Hall. 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.

CPR COURSE OFFERED

A CPR course for residents will be offered at the Village Hall on Thursday, November 17, 2011 and Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. There is a fee of \$20 for class materials payable prior to the class.



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

Chiasso
108 Skokie Boulevard
Coming Soon!

The Design Center for Kitchen & Bath
1138 Central Avenue
(847) 920-5124

Lawrence Dean's Bakery
637 Green Bay Road
(847) 913-5089

NEW RESTAURANTS

Falafel Bistro
1154 Central Avenue
Now Open!

PERSONAL SERVICES

Growth Spurts
404 Linden Avenue
(847) 850-9059

The Rock House
1150 Central Avenue
Coming Soon!

Studio North Academy of the Performing Arts
1131 Greenleaf Avenue
(847) 251-7627

Top Spa and Nails
145 Skokie Boulevard
(847) 251-9990

Yogaview
1231 Green Bay Road
(847) 919-0533

FIRE OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 8

The Wilmette Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog would like to invite you to this year's Fire Open House on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. 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. So mark your calendar and remember Fire Prevention is everyone's responsibility.



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.
- ★ 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:

- ★ If you are away during the holidays, put lights on timers and consider motion detectors on exterior lights. Stop mail delivery or have a neighbor collect it.
- ★ Arrange to have snow removed. You can 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.

A WILD NIGHT IN WILMETTE HARBOR, 1961

Fifty years ago, a man-made tsunami played havoc in Wilmette.

Heavy rains began falling all over the Chicago area late one Wednesday night in September of 1961. By half-past midnight, water at the North Shore Channel gate had risen over five feet above normal and was beginning to spill over the walls next to the parking lot. The Sanitary District operator decided the time was ripe to use the brand-new sluice gate, which had been installed the year before at a cost of \$250,000 to prevent the channel from overflowing its banks and flooding basements all the way down to Chicago. As the water-level rose, the operator began to open the gate one foot at a time to release the storm-waters into Wilmette Harbor, where 220 boats lay quietly moored for the night. The effect was instantaneous, as if the harbor had suddenly turned into a gigantic whirlpool. Boats were violently torn from their moorings, the nylon

lines snapping like kite string. Nine vessels were swept out into Lake Michigan, where six of them sank, and three more were later found along the Evanston shore, smashed to pieces. Three boats sank in the harbor itself, while dozens were damaged from having been knocked together again and again. The "Wat-Sun," a 28-foot cruiser, tore loose and careened into one smaller boat after another before winding up floating on its side in the middle of the harbor. The "Lolita," at 38 feet the largest boat present, rammed up against a barge, tearing a hole in one side just above the waterline. The harbor crew, alerted to the ongoing mayhem, worked through the night trying to save as many boats as they could, hampered by a current that was too strong to allow them even to row a dinghy across the harbor. Wilmette Harbor Association president Wellington Brothers later told a reporter that the rush of water had reminded him of the rapids on the Colorado River. "It was a wild night," he said.

The Wilmette Historical Museum will open a new exhibit, "Cooler by the Lake," on November 6, 2011.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon monoxide (CO), often called the silent killer, is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. Extremely high levels of poisoning can be fatal, causing death within minutes.

Safety Tips

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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

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

Web Site:

www.wilmette.com

Business Hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri:

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wed: 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.wilmette.com • Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 and MasterCard. Visit the homepage of the Village website to pay your bills.



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