

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

From October 14th to December 6th, weather permitting, 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 2013 collection schedule is published on page 5 as well as on the Village website, [www.wilmette.com](http://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](mailto:pubworks@wilmette.com).

## LINDEN SQUARE PUMPKIN WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

Families can enjoy a hayride, children's activities, crafts, food and more at the Annual Linden Square Pumpkin Walk, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th. The event is sponsored by the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce and the Linden Square Merchants. Kids of all ages will have fun visiting the local businesses and participating in specially planned events. Bring the family and enjoy what this neighborhood business district has to offer.

The Pumpkin Walk once again features a free horse-drawn hayride and is perfect for that holiday family photo on Facebook! After the hayride, shop along 4th & Linden and stop in at participating shops for treats and giveaways. Feel free to wear your Halloween costume!

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

## HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS AND SAFETY

Halloween Trick or Treat hours are from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st. 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.

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### Letter from Village President Bob Bielinski

In the last edition of *The Communicator*, I reported on the projects the Village is pursuing to improve the performance of the sewer systems in Wilmette. I am pleased to provide an update on our progress to date.

The Hunter Road Sewer Reconstruction project included replacement of an 18-inch sewer segment located on Hunter Road between Illinois Road and Washington Avenue. This project was completed in the summer.

The hydraulic modeling conducted in 2012 identified two undersized sewer segments that would benefit from additional capacity. The locations include Wilmette Avenue from Sunset to just west of Glenview Road and Hibbard Road from Wilmette Avenue to Glenview Road. The design for this project is complete, and once all permitting is approved the project will go out to bid. It is anticipated that construction will begin in early 2014.

Manholes are the access points into the sewer system that allow Village staff to perform maintenance. Deficiencies in manholes, including cracks, missing bricks and open joints are a source for stormwater to enter the sanitary sewer system. Infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary sewers exacerbates sewer capacity issues. The manhole rehabilitation project consists of identifying, quantifying, and repairing manhole defects. Construction on the first phase of the project, which has begun, includes the approximately eastern two thirds of the separate sewer area located west of Ridge Road.

The western one-third of the separate sewer area is tributary to a 36-inch sanitary sewer that connects to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD) interceptor pipe at Harms Road. There is strong evidence that during heavy rain events, the MWRD's interceptor backs up into Wilmette's system. In order to alleviate this problem, the Village is currently working on a plan with the Wilmette Park District to install an underground storage reservoir beneath West Park. The plan includes a pump station and adequate storage to ensure Wilmette's sewers can efficiently discharge into the MWRD's system. Once an agreement with the Park District is reached, the design for the facilities will begin.

One of the areas in the separate sewer area that has experienced severe sewer problems is the Kenilworth Gardens neighborhood. This fall, the Village is performing a sanitary sewer evaluation study (SSES) of the neighborhood.

This study uses smoke testing and dye flooding to determine how clean groundwater is entering the sanitary sewer system. Inflow and infiltration of groundwater into the sanitary sewers is one of the primary causes of sewer overloading which can lead to sewer backups in basements. It is expected that sources of clean water will be found on both public and private property. Once the sources are identified, staff will prepare a plan to address the deficiencies and present it to the Village Board.

The eastern two-thirds of the separate sewer area west of Ridge Road connects to the MWRD's system at Princeton Place. The first phase of the Princeton Place outfall review included flow monitoring of two inflow pipes and one discharge pipe. The metering data will be used to determine if there are bottlenecks along the outflow pipes and whether the system would benefit from additional storage and/or a pump station. The flow monitoring began in March and concluded in September. The flow metering results are currently being analyzed by the Village's sewer consultants and will be summarized in a report to be issued by year-end 2013.

Construction of all of these projects will be funded by a series of bond issues totaling \$25 million, which the Village Board will be considering this fall. The Village has invested significant capital into its sewer system and will continue to do so. However, homeowners still need to take steps on their private property to mitigate flooding issues. Simple steps like disconnecting downspouts from storm sewers, installing rain gardens and bioswales, and utilizing rain barrels can produce positive results. Additionally, installing an overhead sewer or other flood control measures, checking your grading around the foundation, and installing drain tile and sump pumps can further protect your home and property.

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. You can find more information on these events on pages 1 and 3 of the *Communicator*. 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 help make Wilmette a great community to live, work and shop.

Very truly yours,

Bob Bielinski  
Village President



### EVENTS: FUN FOR ALL AGES AT WILMETTE BUSINESS DISTRICTS



#### Plaza del Lago on Sheridan Road

**Fall Fest - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join in some fun and visit participating merchants and celebrate the fall season with family-focused activities and specials.

**Night on the Plaza - Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Stop by participating merchants for special offers & sales to add some Plaza del Lago style to your holiday shopping.

For the latest events and updates about happenings at Plaza del Lago, visit our website at [www.plazadelago.com](http://www.plazadelago.com)

#### Village Center - November 21st, 22nd & 23rd

Get in the holiday mood with three special events in downtown Wilmette!

**Open House – Thursday, November 21st**  
**from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Start your holiday shopping at the Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This event, hosted by the Village Center Merchants, takes place in downtown Wilmette. Events include special sales, delectable treats, and in-store entertainment!

Refreshments and lots of other goodies will be available as you stroll, eat, and shop along the area surrounding the Village Hall at Central, Greenleaf, Wilmette Avenue, and Green Bay Road in downtown Wilmette.

#### Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade

**Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

Don't be late for the annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn of Village Hall. You'll delight in the blaze of color when the tree is illuminated and be enthralled by sweet voices singing holiday carols.

#### Holiday Parade

**Saturday, November 23rd at 10:30 a.m.**

Bring the kids, grandparents, friends and neighbors for the annual Holiday Parade, Saturday, November 23rd, kicking off at 10:30 am from the CTA parking lot at 4th Street and Linden Avenue and proceeding west on Central Avenue to Village Center at Wilmette Avenue. Gather along the parade route to watch local bands, classic cars, clowns, street performers, school groups, businesses, community and civic organizations and more. Bring your cameras and snap your holiday card photo with Santa in front of Village Hall immediately following the parade. Relive the fun and watch the Parade on WCTV-6, Wilmette Community Television, during the month of December.

Keep the fun going with complimentary horse-drawn sleigh rides through the Village Center. Board the sleigh on Greenleaf Avenue. Community groups and businesses are encouraged to create a float or drive a decorated car, bus or truck in the Holiday Parade. Judges will be choosing awards for the best floats or decorated vehicles.

To participate in the Holiday Parade, contact the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce for an application by calling (847) 251-3800 or emailing [info@wilmettechamber.org](mailto:info@wilmettechamber.org).





## CONSIDERING A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT? MAKE SURE TO GET A PERMIT

It's never too early to start thinking about improving your property. Follow these tips to ensure a speedy building permit review process:

- Apply early for building permits. If there are any issues with building plans that require a variation or changes, these can be addressed well before the construction season – allowing your project to start construction as soon as possible when warm weather returns.
- Residents can receive a preliminary zoning review from Village staff that details specific floor area, setback and other zoning requirements specific to your property. A plat of survey is needed for staff to conduct this analysis, and a report will be issued in about a week's time.
- Submit all the necessary information required on the building permit application form. A sample permit form and a checklist are available on the Village's website.
- Verify that the contractor has a valid Village license (plumbers, electricians, and roofers have additional licensing requirements); provide full information on each contractor.
- When in doubt whether your project needs a permit, please call the Community Development Department at (847) 853-7550.

For more information about building permits, see our website at [www.wilmette.com](http://www.wilmette.com).

## SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

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

- Snow plowing operations begin when snow accumulation is greater than 2 or more inches 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 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 that 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](mailto:wilwork@wilmette.com).

A frequently asked questions information sheet on the Village's snow and ice control program is available at the Village Hall and on the Village's website in the Public Works Department section at [www.wilmette.com](http://www.wilmette.com).

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Village of Wilmette, in partnership with Elgin Recycling and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will be accepting holiday lights for recycling from Monday, November 25, 2013 through Friday, January 31, 2014.

Holiday lights can be dropped off at the Wilmette Public Works Facility, located at 711 Laramie Avenue. The recycling boxes will be located in the visitor's parking lot, accessible 24 hours a day.

The recycling program will accept all holiday string lighting (all colors and lengths); includes:

- Mini-lights (or Italian lights)
- C7 lights
- C9 lights
- Rope lights
- LED lights
- Extension Cords

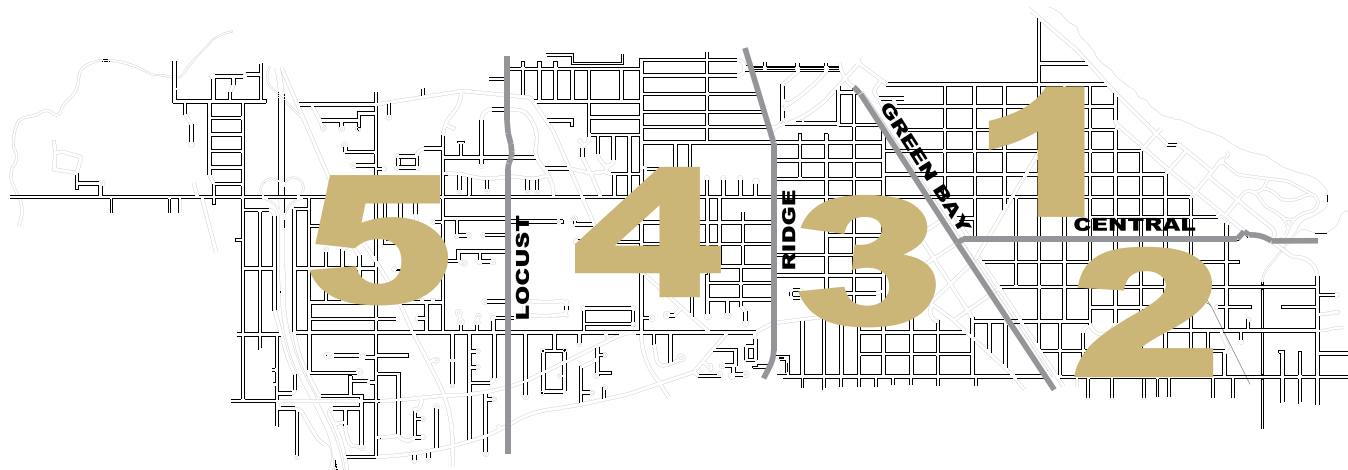
\*\*\*Garland, live greens, and wreathes are not accepted with this program. These items should be disposed of through the regular solid waste program. If you have any questions regarding the Holiday Lights Recycling Program, please contact Public Works at (847) 853-7500 or [pubworks@wilmette.com](mailto:pubworks@wilmette.com).



# Leaf Collection



## 2013 LEAF PICK-UP ZONES AND SCHEDULE



## SCHEDULED LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

### OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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 ZONE 5	25 ZONE 5	26
27	28 ZONE 1	29 ZONE 1	30 ZONE 2	31 ZONE 2		

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** During a two-day collection period, only **one** collection is made for each street and will occur on **either** the first **or** second day of scheduled collection. Residents must have their leaves raked out no later than 7:00 a.m. on the **first** scheduled collection day.



## HEALTH BEAT

The Health Department is offering the following programs for its residents:

### **Cholesterol and Glucose Screening**

The Health Department is offering a Lipid Profile and Glucose screening for residents on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 and January 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 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.

### **CPR Course**

A CPR course for residents will be offered at the Village Hall on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$20 for class materials payable prior to the class.

### **Blood Pressure**

Blood Pressure Screenings are held on Tuesdays, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Health Department office located on the second floor of the 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](mailto:baderd@wilmette.com).

## MOTORISTS AND BICYCLISTS: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

How well do you know Illinois laws and safety techniques regarding car-bicycle interactions? Go to [www.bikesafetyquiz.com](http://www.bikesafetyquiz.com), a new online resource, to brush up on your skills.

Bicycling is a fun way for people to be active and healthy. Biking is also used for transportation, either by choice or necessity. But, most of us received little or no training in school or Driver's Ed on proper riding – or driving around bikes.

To help fill the gap, the League of Illinois Bicyclists, a statewide bicycle organization, has developed [www.bikesafetyquiz.com](http://www.bikesafetyquiz.com). The interactive resource includes separate quiz lessons for Adult Bicyclists, Child Bicyclists, and Motorists.

In each lesson, users progress through a total of 25-33 multiple-choice questions divided into bronze, silver and gold levels. The learning comes from explanations in the question response feedback, with users getting up to three chances to answer each question correctly. If users finish at least one level, they may create a "certificate of completion" to print or email. The Secretary of State was a project partner.

The Village encourages residents – bicyclists and motorists alike – to take the quiz. We'll all get where we're going more safely.

## PARKING PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - 2014 CHANGES

Beginning in 2014, Illinois will introduce a new type of disability parking placard. Persons with disabilities will no longer be exempt from the payment of parking meters unless they have certain types of disabilities. The categories of placards in 2014 will include: meter-exempt permanent placards, permanent placards, temporary placards, and organization placards. For more information regarding the parking program for persons with disabilities, please visit the Secretary of State's Office website, [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

Please remember, in Illinois, the illegal use of a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities carries a minimum \$250 fine. Unauthorized use of disability plates or a parking placard carries a minimum \$600 fine, driver's license suspension and/or revocation of the plates or placard.





### UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

#### Exhibits:

##### **"Voices of Early Wilmette"**

**Opening Sunday, November 3, 2013**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. • Free**

Our newest exhibit, "Voices of Early Wilmette," will bring the fascinating experience of Wilmette and Gross Point's settlers, landowners, farmers, merchants, and tradespeople to life through their own words. Through these people's voices, visitors can learn about the lives of families (some with quite familiar surnames) from the earliest days of organized settlement to the great changes ushered in along with the turn of the 20th century. Themes of settlement, agriculture, marriage, government, immigration, and even the excitement and fury of the Gold Rush will be explored through artifacts, documents, and images. Museum-goers are also invited to share their own family's story at the exhibit's "Family Story Tree." The exhibit opens on November 3rd.

##### **"Sacred Spaces" • Open Now**

Opened this past May, "Sacred Spaces" takes a look at the history of Wilmette's religious organizations and buildings. Using photographs and documents from the Museum's collections and from institutional archives, the exhibition examines such topics as early church architecture, new developments after World War II, and controversies that troubled local churches. The history runs from the 1840s, when St. Joseph Catholic Church was established, to recent years, when Congregation Sukkat Shalom was founded. Don't miss this chance to learn about a little-known aspect of Wilmette's history.



### 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.

#### Programs:

##### **Historic Preservation Awards and Stained Glass Presentation**

**Sunday, October 20 • 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. • Free**

Please join us for Wilmette's Historic Preservation Awards. Find out who this year's winners will be in the categories of stewardship, restoration, sympathetic addition and streetscape compatibility. Following the awards program, Rolf Achilles, Art Historian and curator of the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, will present a captivating lecture on "Chicago Stained Glass and Sacred Spaces." Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission.

*The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. For more information, stop by the Museum at 609 Ridge Road, call (847) 853-7666, or visit our website at [www.wilmettehistory.org](http://www.wilmettehistory.org).*

### ARTS AWARENESS MONTH

In celebration of Arts Awareness Month, the Human Relations Commission presents a Community Photography Exhibit 'Frames of Mind' featuring 19 Wilmette photographers.

The exhibit will take place at the North Shore Community Bank, 1145 Wilmette Avenue, from Tuesday, October 1st to Thursday, October 31st. The exhibit will be open during normal bank hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### NEW RESTAURANTS

##### **The Avenue**

1168 Wilmette Avenue  
(847) 920-5963

##### **Cocomero**

##### **Frozen Yogurt**

1163 Wilmette Avenue  
(847) 906-4174

##### **Nick's**

1168 Wilmette Avenue  
(847) 251-3262

#### NEW RETAILERS

##### **John Plunkett Design**

Plaza del Lago  
(847) 710-7775

##### **Rouzati Rugs**

1209 Wilmette Avenue  
Coming Soon!

#### PERSONAL SERVICES

##### **NorthShore University Health System**

1515 Sheridan Road  
(847) 733-9701





★ OCTOBER 2013 / JANUARY 2014 ★



Fire/Police Emergency 9-1-1

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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251-1101

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256-1200

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After Hour Emergency

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853-7535

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853-7550

Development

853-7660

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853-7609

Finance

853-7507

Health

853-7511

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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

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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.

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

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

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## VILLAGE E-MAIL LISTS

You can now sign up for one of the many e-mail lists provided by the Village on your smartphone. To sign up, either text the word "WILMETTE" to 22828 or use your QR code reader app to scan the QR code on this page. You can also sign up online on the Village's homepage at [www.wilmette.com](http://www.wilmette.com).



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## VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving, Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas, and Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. Refuse and recycling collection will be affected during those weeks.

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