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## **From the Winthrop Harbor Building Department**

### ***Swimming Pool Safety Update***

You are probably wondering why we are talking about pools in the middle of winter? Well, you may recall that the village board committed to addressing the issue of ensuring that all pools are installed properly before the beginning of the 2010 season. So we are bringing you the latest update on requirements for the installation and safe use of pools in Winthrop Harbor.

Building Department staff conducted a review of all of the village codes and ordinances related to private swimming pools and would be happy to answer any of your questions. The bottom line is that whenever a new pool is installed or an existing storable pool is reinstalled (if either has a capacity of 1000 gallons of water or more) a permit must be obtained. There are specific guidelines for each type of pool that must be followed so please check with the building department in advance to see that you meet village requirements.

### ***Helpful Information on the Web***

The building department has also been working to update our website with a series of "Helpful Information" flyers providing straight forward details on what you need to know to complete a variety of construction projects here in the Harbor. We hope that you find the information useful and welcome your suggestions for adding to the series.

If you have any questions regarding these issues or anything else related to the building, planning and zoning, please contact the Building Department at **847-872-3846 Ext. 268**