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Think Spring!

Winthrop Harbor - A Great Place to Live!

With Spring on the horizon things are heating up in Winthrop Harbor. Are you new to the Village? **Welcome!** And whether you are a new resident or have lived here for years, you'll be pleased to know that March and April are full of community activities and events for everyone to enjoy. Take a few moments to read through this issue of our community newsletter, then mark your calendar for some good times with friends and family. Enjoy!

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Firefighter's Association Photo Fundraiser

The Winthrop Harbor Firefighter's Association will host its **9th Biannual Photo Fundraiser** throughout the Village with door to door canvassing beginning early in March. This is *the* major fundraiser for the Fire Department to help procure major items, including communication systems, a 6-wheel ATV and snow plow, self contained breathing apparatus, pulse-ox meters and a thermal imaging camera. This year we are prepared to help by using the funds to offset the purchase of two 12-lead defibrillators, which become mandatory for EMS service beginning in January 2007. We hope this campaign will go a long way to support the Village in its effort to maintain the highest quality of emergency medical services. As in the past, we have asked Midwest Portraits of Mahomet, IL to be our photographers. We ask homeowners to donate \$25 to the association for which you'll receive one free 8-1/2x11 portrait with photo packages available. Over 800 households of our 2,200 homes participated in 2004. The association will also host an **Open House Chili Supper** on Wednesday, **Mar. 8th**, from 4-7pm. For a nominal donation bring the family to the Fire Dept. to enjoy all you can eat chili with all the fixings. For further information, please call the non-emergency Fire Dept. number, 847-872-5957.



**Village Hall
Will be Closed
on Friday,
April 14th in
observance of
Good Friday.**

Winthrop Harbor Vehicle Sticker Tax Repealed

At the February 7, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting, Winthrop Harbor Trustees voted to repeal the long standing vehicle registration tax, or "vehicle sticker" program. The new Ordinance [2006-O-3], which became effectively immediately, states in part "... *The corporate authorities have found and determined that the vehicle registration tax is no longer necessary for operations of the Village, and that the taxpayers should be relieved of the burden imposed by this tax.*" Therefore, residents are no longer required to purchase or display the Winthrop Harbor vehicle stickers.



Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana Lee, Village Clerk

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- IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS -

Village Hall	847-872-3846
Police Dept. *	847-872-2131
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- VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Help us find you when seconds count!

You may be asking "when do seconds *really* count". It's a fair question! Imagine driving an ambulance en route to help a victim of a heart attack, car crash or any of the many other emergencies dealt with daily by our Police and Fire Departments. Dispatch has given you the address, however that residence has small, dark colored numbers attached to dark colored siding. Virtually impossible to see from the road at night. This situation occurs far too often, however it is easily remedied. Our Village prides itself in having top-quality Fire, EMS and Police services... however these service providers need to find you to help you! Please take a few minutes to evaluate your own address markings, both residential and commercial. Are the numbers clearly readable from the street? How about at night? Large, reflective numbers are best. Yes, a few seconds can be critical when help is needed. Help us avoid wasted seconds while looking for your address!

Village Meetings Open to the Public

Mayor Joe Leech, Jr., the Board of Trustees and Village staff encourage residents to attend the Village Board and committee meetings, held monthly at Village Hall or the Schlader Memorial Recreation Center. We value the input that our residents provide, and are committed to addressing all questions and concerns in a constructive, positive manner. Please consider joining us at any of the meetings listed in the table below:

<u>Board / Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Village Board of Trustees	Mar. 7 & 21 / Apr. 4 & 18	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Mar. 14 / Apr. 11	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Mar. 1 / Apr. 5	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Mar. 13 / Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.	Schlader Building

Village Board of Trustees meetings are televised on Comcast Public Access Channel 19 on Wednesdays (1 p.m.), Thursdays (12:00 p.m) and Saturdays (9:00 a.m.). For the full schedule please visit www.accesschannel.com.

Recreation Department News and Activities

VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP - We need your help! Saturday, **April 29th**, 9am at Village Park 2700 9th Street. Recreation is asking our residents, organizations, and service groups to help with the *Annual Spring Cleaning* of our park. Simply bring yourselves and a little energy, as we try to get the park ready for a summer filled with activities. All garbage bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided. We've had a great turnout in the past and hope to continue the tradition this year. For more information, or to sign-up, please call the Recreation Department at 847-746-3505.

OPEN GYM - On *Mondays and Tuesdays* the Schlader Building is open to the public for two hours of gym time from 7-9 pm. The fee is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents, and all participants must be High School age or older. Volleyball is on Monday, and Basketball on Tuesday. *April will be the last month of Open Gym.*

WALKIN' WALKIN' - Come indoors from 8am to 10am on Mondays through Fridays at the Schlader Recreation Center to walk & talk while staying warm & dry. *This will continue through the end of May* (note that the gym is closed on most holidays.)

LUNCH WITH BUNNY - This annual event will be held on Saturday, **April 15th**, from 12 noon – 2pm at the Schlader Building. The cost to attend is \$2, which includes lunch. There will be a clown for amusement, and also pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$3.50. All children, 9 and under, who attend will be entered to win a door prize. This all takes place after the Lions Club is finished with their annual Easter Egg Hunt, at Village Park, which starts at 9am sharp. Come out to the park and enjoy Easter with us!



WINTHROP HARBOR SKATEPARK — The skatepark is tentatively scheduled to open on Friday, **March 24th**, weather permitting. This will begin the 4th year the park has been in operation, and Recreation wants to ensure that every year continues to be more successful than the last. We will continue the Photo ID system, and all participants are required to fill out a registration form and have it signed by a parent if the participant is under the age of 18. Cost will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for

non-residents. This one time fee will ensure use of the park until November 1st, 2006, when the park will close for the winter. These fees help defray the costs for maintaining the park and equipment. The two prior Thursdays to the tentative opening of the park, March 16 & 23, the Schlader Rec. Center will be open from 5pm–7pm to accept registration forms and fees, and to have the photo ID's made for those individuals who wish to get a jump on the process. Please call the Recreation Dept. for more details.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL 2006 - The end of March marks the end of Baseball/Softball registration. **March 17th** will be the final day to register for this year's season before being charged a \$10 late fee. T-ball starts at age 5, for boys and girls, and 18 is the oldest age for boys and girls. All players, except T-Ball, need to come out for evaluations at the Schlader Building the weekend of April 8th, and 9th. After this weekend, teams will be formed, and practices will start up at the end of April. Games are tentatively scheduled to start the week of May 15th. All games will be played during the week, and every team will play two games a week. The night of games and practice will be determined by the team coaches. Practices will be held at least once a week, if not twice a week, before games begin. Once the games start, there will be no regular practice, only games. If your child does not receive a phone call from a coach by April 14th, please call the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505. If anyone would like to receive more information on coaching, umpiring, or general league questions, please call us.



TEEN DANCES — Get your dancing shoes ready! The Recreation Dept. will host Teen Dances from 7pm-10pm on Friday, **Mar. 10th** and Friday, **Apr. 14th** at the Schlader Building. Winthrop Harbor residents in 5th to 8th grades are invited to attend for a great time with all your favorite music to dance to! Cost for admission is only \$2, and pizza & soda will be available for sale. Please note that once you've entered the dance you may only leave when it's over at 10pm, unless a parent comes to the door to pick you up earlier.

Life Line Screening

10 Minutes That Make a Difference!

Each year more than 750,000 people experience a stroke and a third of them are under the age of 65. *As many as one-half occur without warning!* The good news is that vascular disease is often preventable and treatable. Problems can be detected early and taken care of before symptoms occur and become a major issue. *Life Line Screening* provides a painless opportunity to identify your level of risk, with all results being sent to you, with referral (if necessary) back to *your own physician*. These low cost, non-invasive screenings using ultrasound technology will be available at *First Baptist Church*, 3001 9th Street, on Wednesday, **Mar. 15th**, beginning at 9am. The screening options include:

- Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening (\$45)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (\$45)
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening (\$45)
- Osteoporosis Screening (\$35)

Each test takes approximately 10 minutes. Also available is an "All 4 Tests" package for \$129, or a "Complete Vascular Package" for \$109. Appointments are required, please call 800-324-1851 to make your appointment today!

Reduced Water Rates for Seniors



Winthrop Harbor residents age 65 or older qualify for a 10% discount on their water rates. Applications are available at Village Hall, and we encourage all of our seniors to take advantage of these savings. Please call

847-872-3846, extension 247, for further information.

Voter Registration Assistance

If you are a new resident or your voter registration information needs to be updated, please stop by Village Hall and we'll be glad to assist you. Be sure to bring in two forms of identification, one with your current address. For further information please call Village Clerk Jana Lee at 847-872-3846, ext. 245.

News from AARP Chapter 871

The Winthrop Harbor AARP Chapter meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday each month. Meetings are held at the Community Center, located at 1520 7th Street (about 3 blocks East of Sheridan Rd.). The program for the **Mar. 21st** meeting is still being planned, please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at jerryplarson@comcast.net for details.

The **Apr. 18th** meeting will include a tour of *Mid-western Regional Medical Center* in Zion. Seniors should be at the Winthrop Harbor Community Center no later than 12:50pm and bus transportation will be provided to and from the medical center. This tour will entail considerable walking, and wheelchairs can be made available for those who are mobility impaired. Please contact Jerry Larson in advance to arrange for a wheelchair. Refreshments are served after each meeting, and guests and new members are always welcomed!

Chamber of Commerce Profile

The Winthrop Harbor Chamber of Commerce includes member businesses from throughout the area. In each Newsletter issue the Chamber will feature a member business, introducing residents to the vast array of stores and services available nearby.

For this issue the Chamber features *Postal Connections*, owned by long time Winthrop Harbor residents Brad & Lorie Mochel. Postal Connections opened in Kenosha in December 2003, offering domestic and international packaging and shipping services. Customers enjoy a single convenient location to ship via DHL, UPS, FedEx and the US Postal Service, as well as via freight carriers AIT and Danzas. Standard, second-day and overnight options are available, with free quotes available by phone.

Postal Connections also provides copy services (including color), printing, rubber stamps, banners, magnetic signs, passport photos and even an expedited passport & visa service with return in as little as 4 days. Money transfers and Money Orders may be obtained on-site through Western Union. Postal Connections is located at 6804 Green Bay Rd., Suite 114 in Kenosha. For further information, please call Brad Mochel at 262-697-6415.

Benton Township News

EARLY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 21st PRIMARY begins Monday, Feb. 27th, and continues through Mar. 16th during regular business hours at the Township office. Residents may also vote absentee on Mar. 17th & 20th at the Township office. Please call 847-746-2100 for details.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE— Do you know someone looking to buy a home? The Affordable Housing Corporation, a local non-profit agency, offers a variety of low-interest mortgages, down payment assistance options and educational programs that can help. For more information visit www.ahclc.org or call 847-263-7478.

SENIORS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES may pick up a Circuit Breaker application form at the Benton Township office in Beach Park. The program offers discounts for license plates, pharmaceutical assistance or a possible cash grant to qualified persons. Information is also available online at www.state.il.us/aging.

SENIOR DINING PROGRAM— Seniors who are age 60 and over have the opportunity to enjoy a meal 7 days a week for a suggested donation of only \$3.50 per meal. The actual cost of the meal is \$6.00, however the balance is covered by funding received through the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and Catholic Charities. To participate in the Senior Nutrition Program you can obtain an application form at the Benton Township office. The program's dining sites are *The Avalon Family Restaurant*, 4821 Grand Avenue in Gurnee (847-244-0777), and *Paragon Restaurant*, 2101 Grand Avenue in Waukegan (847-623-6820).

ASSISTANCE AT THE GAS PUMPS— Are you a senior in need of assistance fueling your vehicle? Every Wednesday from 9am-1pm the Marathon station on the corner of Wadsworth Rd. & Greenbay Rd. will have an attendant available to assist you. To participate you'll need a placard which is available at the Township office or Winthrop Harbor Village Hall. We thank the Marathon owners for their generosity in providing this service, which will continue through April 1st.

FREE EMERGENCY CELL PHONES— Benton Township residents may apply in person at the

township office for a free emergency cell phone. The phones are programmed for calling 911 only. Please call 847-746-2100 for details.

MEDICARE SHOE PROGRAM— Seniors with diabetes covered by Medicare or Medicaid are entitled to one pair of therapeutic shoes annually and three custom insoles, all at no cost. For more information please call 847-340-9597.

RULES OF THE ROAD BOOKS— The Illinois Secretary of State *Rules of the Road* booklets are available at no charge at the Benton Township office

RESIDENT CALL IN PROGRAM— If you don't call us, *we'll call you!* The Police Department's *Resident Call In Program* is designed to maintain contact on a regular basis with those residents that may be at risk due to age or physical condition.



Participating residents simply call the Police Department's Communications Center daily to acknowledge that they are all right. Should no call be received, a call will be made to the resident, and in many instances a personal visit is made to ensure the person's well being. There is no charge for this service and the peace of mind gained by the resident and his or her family is well worth the effort. For further information please call the Police Dept. non-emergency line at 847-872-2131.

Foster Parents Needed

Catholic Charities is seeking Foster Parents for children in need. For more information please contact Lucy Rivera at 847-782-4249.

Zion-Benton High - Class of '95

The Zion-Benton Township High School Class of 1995 is seeking classmates for its 11-year class reunion, to be held July 15, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Gurnee. Reservations are required. For more information please email your name and mailing address to zbths95@yahoo.com or leave a message between 6-9pm at 262-842-0008.

March 2006

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

Check it out! Skate Park opens on March 24th, weather permitting.			1 E.D.C. Walk-In 8-10am –SB Lions BINGO 7pm –SB	2 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Co-Ed Volleyball 7-10 pm –SB	3 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm –CC	4 Scouting for Food Drive Bag Deliveries
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19 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (At the VFW)	20 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm –CC	21 Village Board AARP Mtg. 1pm –CC Walk-In 8-10am –SB Boy Scouts 7pm –CC	22 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Lions BINGO 7pm –SB	23 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Co-Ed Volleyball 7-10 pm –SB	24 Walk-In 8-10am –SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm –CC	25
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April 2006

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Lions of Winthrop Harbor

STEAK & EGG BREAKFAST— The Winthrop Harbor Lions' 20th annual *Steak & Egg Breakfast* will be held at 8am-12 noon on Sunday, **Mar. 26th**, at the Schlader Building. Many area businesses have been invited to partner with the Lions by purchasing advertising for this fundraiser. Business owners, please consider this opportunity to help us help the less fortunate in the community.

For tickets to the breakfast, please see any Lion, or purchase them at the door. Cost is only \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 years of age.

EASTER EGG HUNT— This fun event, hosted by the Lions since 1954, includes over 4,000 eggs filled with candy & prize slips! Kids 8 and under will scour the park to find all of these eggs on **Apr. 15th** starting at 9am. Following the hunt will be *Lunch with Bunny*, see page 3 for details!

\$2,500 PLEDGED FOR PLAYGROUND— The Winthrop Harbor Lions have made this sizeable pledge to the Spring Bluff Playground Committee and is working with the school in their raffle sales. Tickets are only \$10 with great prizes to the lucky winners.

LIONS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY— Recently the Winthrop Harbor Lions have provided eye exams and glasses to two young adults, donated to North Point Achievement, A Safe Place, school scholarships & awards, and more. Lions will also again be sponsoring the Sedol outing.

If you would like to be a part of this great group of Lions who are giving back to their community, please see any Lion or join us at a BINGO session, held Wednesday nights at the Schlader Building. More information is also available on our Lions Web site at www.winthropharborlionsclub.org.

VFW Friday Fish Fry

The Winthrop Harbor VFW will host a Friday Fish Fry each week from March 3rd through April 14th. Join us in the upstairs hall at the VFW from 5pm to 8pm for a delicious Friday tradition! Cost is only \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Winthrop Harbor Band Boosters

With the re-introduction of band at North Prairie Jr. High school, the band students and boosters have been busy again. We would like to thank our community's residents and businesses for your support in our recent raffle fundraiser. The band performed a concert in January and you can tell the students and band director have been hard at work! We are looking forward to another concert at North Prairie on **Mar. 22nd** at 7pm. Also, in March we will again be selling raffle tickets to win off the Illinois Pick-3 Lottery for the month of April, giving ticket purchasers 30 chances to win \$50 or \$100 if your number is drawn on a Friday. The Boosters will meet on **Mar. 14th** at 5:30pm in the North Prairie Library. All parents of band students are invited and encouraged to attend.



News from Boy Scout Troop 667

Boy Scout Troop 667 congratulates its new Eagle Scout, *Brandon Borre*. Brandon joined the troop in 2004, and his perseverance and hard work allowed him to complete his Eagle Scout requirements before his 18th birthday. We are proud of his dedication and accomplishments!

The troop's first Quarterly Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, **Mar. 19th** at the VFW. Cost for adults is \$5 for all you can eat, free for children 5 and under. Times will be posted in front of the VFW.

We are currently in process of re-chartering and would like to welcome *Daniel Weyant* as our new Scoutmaster. We also take this opportunity to thank Scoutmaster *Duane Dillard* for his dedication and passion in leading Troop 667 during his tenure.

Upcoming activities include a March Food Drive, the Pancake Breakfast, a First Aid Meet at Great Lakes (Apr. 8th), and Camping in Galena (Apr. 28-30).

Anyone interested in joining our Scout Troop is welcome to stop in at one of our meetings, held at the Winthrop Harbor Community Center on Tuesday nights 7pm to 8:30pm. Information is also available by calling Duane Dillard at 847-321-1473.

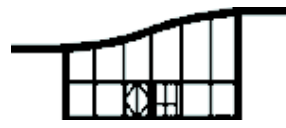
News from Cub Scout Pack 667

On Jan. 28th the Cub Scouts held their annual Pine Wood Derby with 25 boys participating. The winners were as follows: **Tigers Den 6**— 1st place Brandon Heath, 2nd place Christian Hall, 3rd place Kody Anderson. **Tigers Den 3**— 1st place Sean McClure, 2nd place Justin Ferguson, 3rd place David Ryherd. **Wolves**—1st place Ian McClure, 2nd place Kian Baxter, 3rd place Seth Gudeman. **Bears**—1st place Alex Peters, 2nd place Trevor Burns. **Webelos**—1st place Mitchell Mavec, 2nd place Joshua Sukowski, 3rd place Seth Thomas.

On Feb. 19th the Cub Scouts held their annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Schlader Building. Food was catered by Stone Creek Grill and the ceremony was done by the Order of the Arrow from the Aptakistic District. The Boy Scouts of Troop 667 welcomed our three boys crossing over to Boy Scouts. All three earned their Arrow of Light and all 20 badges. The boys crossing over were Sean-Paul Stickelman, Joshua Sukowski and Seth Thomas. These boys worked hard to earn their badges and were presented with their Boy Scout books and a gift for their accomplishments.

On Saturday, **March 4th**, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will join together for the annual **Scouting for Food Drive**. The boys will walk around Winthrop Harbor placing bags on front doors. The bags are to be filled with non-perishable food items and placed on your front porch on Saturday, Mar. 11th, when they'll be picked up and taken to the area food pantries. Please support the Scouts by participating. Everyone should receive a bag, but if not you may use any bag, all will be picked up by the Scouts on March 11th..

For questions about the Scouting for Food Drive, the Cub Scouts in general, or how to sign-up your child, please contact **Corky Monson-Ellison** at **847-746-8263**. Cub Scouts are for boys in grades 1 through 4, and in May boys currently in Kindergarten will also be eligible.



Zion-Benton Public Library

Winthrop Harbor residents are reminded that the Zion-Benton Public Library hosts numerous programs for adults and children. Library programs are convenient and free. Watch your mailbox for the March-May issue of the Library newsletter, or log on to www.zblibrary.org for program details. *Today is a great day to visit your Library!*

Take Time to Read

Want to read more? Talk less. Keep a book in your briefcase, by your bed. Get up 15 minutes early. Read a new poem aloud each night before dinner.

Can't sleep?

Don't count sheep.

Read!

Turn off the tube.

Log off the computer.

Tune into books.

Expand your horizons.

Read for fun.

Read for information.

Use your library.

Zion-Benton Public Library

www.zblibrary.org

With thanks to the

American Library Association



Happy Easter!