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## Welcome to Winthrop Harbor

With plenty of new home construction and new businesses in Winthrop Harbor, it's time to say "Welcome" to all of our new neighbors! All of us at the Village are glad that you've chosen Winthrop Harbor, and we're sure that you will find this community an ideal place to call home. As we come into Summer our Village has a lot to offer, with recreation programs and events for all ages. Our annual **Summer Carnival & Fair**, which begins on May 31st, is a great opportunity to come out with the family and meet your neighbors (*details on pg. 3*). Whether you've come to Winthrop Harbor to open a new business, or settle your family, we welcome you and encourage you to take advantage of all we have to offer. Winthrop Harbor truly is *"the Cornerstone of Illinois"*!

## Did you know?

Carbon Monoxide detectors are required in every dwelling. Contact the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department if you need assistance obtaining and/or installing this potentially life saving device!

## NEW WEB SITE!

Visit our expanded Web site for up to the minute information and an on-line, interactive

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

[www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com)

## Memorial Day Parade and Service

Come celebrate Memorial Day with your friends and family in Winthrop Harbor! Our annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11am on Monday, May 28th. Line-up will be at 10am at Pfeiffer's Transmission, corner of State Line Road and Sheridan Road. The parade will travel south on Sheridan to 9th St., then west on 9th to Village Park. New for this year will be Ken Harvey announcing the parade as it passes by the north parking lot of Village Hall (by the Fire Department). New additions to the lineup include the Shriners, Young Marines, North Chicago High Steppers and more. The Winthrop Harbor VFW will hold a Memorial Service at the monument in Village park following the parade at approximately 1pm. Come out and help us honor our service men and women on this important holiday!



## Two Options for Yard Waste Disposal

Residents in Winthrop Harbor have two options through Veolia Waste Service for the disposal of ordinary yard wastes this summer. The **Flat Rate Program** runs from April through November with a one-time fee, which includes weekly pickup of yard waste for the entire eight month period. Residents who sign up for the Flat Rate Program can place up to six 32-gallon containers of yard waste at the curb for pickup each Friday. The flat rate fee remains the same regardless of what time of year current residents sign up, however it will be prorated for those customers who have just moved into the Village. For rate information, or to sign up for the Flat Rate Program, please call Veolia at 847-623-3870.

The second option is the **Yard Waste Sticker Program**, which is ideal for residents who have a less frequent need for yard waste disposal. Simply visit Village Hall to purchase a \$1.50 sticker which can be attached to a standard paper yard waste bag to be placed by the curb.

**Village Hall will  
be closed on  
Monday  
May 28th  
in observance  
of Memorial Day.**



## Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

### - VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Dr. Michael Bruno	Recreation Dept.
Terry Isaacs	Planning & Zoning
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Richard Robards	Police / ESDA Dept.

### - VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS -

Joel Brumlik, <i>Chief</i>	Police Dept.
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Laura Ruckebeil, <i>Director</i>	Building, P/Z Dept.
Lisa Shaw, <i>Director</i>	Finance Dept.
Neal Wollert, <i>Chief</i>	Fire Dept.

### - IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS -

Village Hall	847-872-3846
Police Dept.	847-872-2131
Fire Dept.	847-872-5957
Recreation Dept.	847-746-3505
Public Works Dept.	847-872-5275
Building/Zoning Dept.	847-872-3846 x 268
Economic Dev. Dept.	847-872-3846 x 255

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### - VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

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

## Electronic Recycling May 18th & 19th

The Village, in conjunction with the *Solid Waste Agency of Lake County* (SWALCO), will provide residents an opportunity to recycle residential electronics on May 18th (8am-5pm) and 19th (8am-Noon). Electronic devices that are generated from households, excluding devices used for business, may be brought to the Public Works facility at 940 W. Broadway.

Residents who are dropping off materials must live in Lake County. The program cannot accept materials from commercial or industrial locations. All items must be free of any packing materials. Examples of acceptable residential electronics include desktop and laptop computers, monitors, televisions, computer peripherals and home-office equipment (keyboards, fax machines, printers, etc.). Also acceptable are small home appliances (vacuum cleaners, toasters, etc.) and consumer electronics such as radios, stereos, etceteras.

This is not a chemical waste collection program and no batteries, fluorescent light bulbs or other items containing chemical waste can be accepted. For information about this electronics recycling program and upcoming chemical waste programs, visit the SWALCO web site at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

## 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	May 1 & 15 / June 5 & 19	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	May 8 / June 12	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	May 9 / June 13	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	May 14 / June 11	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](http://www.accesschannel.com).

# Recreation Department News and Activities



## SUMMER CARNIVAL & FAIR—

Get ready for some summer fun during *Winthrop Harbor Days!* Beginning Thursday evening, May 31st, and running through Sunday, June 3rd, this popular event at Village Park includes fun for all ages. The carnival begins Thursday night with the carnival from “Big H Amusements”. Ride specials will run through 10pm on Thursday. Friday night from 7-11pm features live music by the band *Southern Exposure*. Saturday, the carnival opens at 12 noon and we’ve got scheduled contests and presentations including a cutest baby contest, dog contests, K-9 presentation, tae-kwon-do exhibition and much more. The list of event times will be posted in the Recreation section of [www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com). The *Billy Childers Band* will play Saturday night from 7-11pm, and a spectacular fireworks display will blast off at 9:30pm. The carnival will wrap up on Sunday. Bring all your friends and family to this great annual event!

**THANK YOU** - The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped make our Fun Fair a success! The turnout was great, and we couldn't have had such a successful event without the hard work of over 100 volunteers. We thank everyone who worked a game, baked a cake, worked the kitchen, helped setup, decorated the gym, sold tickets, the Fire and Police Departments, Carrie Trimmer from North Prairie Jr. High for coordinating student council members, Cheryl Degler and 1st Baptist Church for recruiting enough volunteers to work the entire first shift of games, Robin Ruchti and the Winthrop Harbor Queens, and last, but not least, the Recreation Advisory Board for all of the planning, decorating, and just making this event come together. Thank you all for your help.

## BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

**2007** - All teams, boys & girls, have been separated and are practicing as we speak. It will not be long until all of the diamonds are filled with cheer and energy of the games to come. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 14th for older kids, and the week of May 21st for younger groups. All games will be played during the week, and every team will play two games a week. The night of games will depend on the team coaches. Once the games start, there will be no regular practice, only games. All boys and girls teams age 7 and up will be playing against the neighboring communities of Zion and



Beach Park. We expect to continue to add to the previous success of playing these towns as our kids meet new coaches and players, and participate against different teams while playing in new surroundings. Each age group will play each team once in the Harbor and once away in Zion or Beach Park. Good luck to all teams and remember to enjoy your time while playing this summer!

**TEEN DANCE** — The Recreation Dept. will host its last Teen Dance of the school year from 7pm-10pm on Friday, **May 11th** at the Schlader Building. Students attending 5th-8th grades at Winthrop Harbor schools may attend, as well as students who live in Winthrop Harbor but attend alternative schools. (Students attending alternative schools, please call ahead so we can add you to the list for entry into the dance.) Admission is only \$2, and pizza & soda will be available for sale. Please note that the normal school dress code is strictly enforced, and 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. We're always looking for help with chaperones, if you're available, please call 847-746-3505.

**MUNCHKIN PROGRAMS FOR KIDS 3-8** - This summer the Recreation Dept. will have a new kid's program to offer boys & girls ages 3-8 under instructors from the Mark Miller Munchkin Programs. These programs have been very successful and popular in the Chicagoland area. The programs have appeared on all of the major television networks and in major newspapers & magazines across the Nation. Starting June 11th and continuing 8 weeks until August 6th, classes will be offered on Monday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Monday nights will be “The Wide World of Sports”. At each class children will learn a different sport, including soccer, t-ball and basketball. This is a perfect way for children to learn a variety of activities. The classes will be fun and an excellent learning experience. Ages 3-5 years will be from 6-6:30pm and ages 4-8 will be 6:30-7pm every Monday. Cost for the class is \$96 per child.

Saturday afternoons will be “Parent and Me Soccer” for ages 3-5 from 4-4:30pm. This program gives parents an opportunity to help teach their children the game of soccer. With guidelines from an instructor, parents will spend quality time with their children as they learn the basic skills, coordination drills and fund games, all in a relaxed and fun environment. From 4:30-5pm, ages 4-8 will have their own version of the class, led by an instructor only. Class fees are \$96 per child.

To register for these programs, please visit the Schlader Building or our Web site at [www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com). Call us at 847-746-3505 for more information.

## American Legion Post 1943

The American Legion Samuel Schiera Post 1943 began in May 2006 with 17 members. Less than one year later we have 48 members, an all time high. Our meetings are held at the Schlader Building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. All visitors are invited to join us.

## AARP Chapter 871

The Winthrop Harbor AARP Chapter meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday each month. Meetings are held at the Community Center on 7th Street. The **May 15th** meeting will include a presentation by Ann and Ken Miller on their travels in Peru.

Refreshments are served after each meeting, and guests and new members are always welcomed! Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at [jerryplarson@comcast.net](mailto:jerryplarson@comcast.net) for further information.

## Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

Spring is upon us and what a warm welcome it will be. The Winthrop Harbor Lions Club hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 38 Acre Park and what a success it was. Community participation was enormous, and the chill in the air was overshadowed by the warm smiling faces of all the children waiting in anticipation to hunt for thousands of eggs. A special Thank You goes out to all Lion members that helped stuff eggs, solicit prizes, put up tents and help with the clean up.

Again we had a successful Steak & Egg Breakfast at the Schlader Building. The meal was outstanding, however the gathering of old friends was even more memorable. Thank You, Sue Hastings, for again coordinating a wonderful breakfast, and a special Thank You goes out to all that participated in making our 21st annual event one to be cherished.

Ready for some weekly FUN? Come out every Wednesday at 7pm to the Schlader Building for a fun filled night of BINGO! Lots of cash to be won with new games lots of fun. For information about BINGO, please call Al at 847-872-2328.

If you are interested in what the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club is all about, or for more information on upcoming events, please contact Steve Willett at 847-208-0099.

## Winthrop Harbor Pageant

The public is invited to come and cheer on the girls as they compete for the chance to represent Winthrop Harbor as the 2007 Miss, Junior Miss, Little Miss and Tiny Miss.

The 2007 Pageant will be held Saturday, **May 19th**, at 3pm at North Prairie Junior High School. Tickets for the

event are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. The 2007 contestants and newly crowned Queens will be in the Winthrop Harbor Memorial Day Parade. The Queens will also be busy at the Winthrop Harbor Summer Fair, Zion Nostalgia Days and at many area Pageants and parades.

Please call Pageant Director, Robin Ruchti, at 847-872-7140 for more information.

## Boy Scout Troop 667

Congratulations to our three new Eagle Scouts; *Reid Stuck*, *Sean Turner* and *Dan Wienke*! Achieving Eagle Scout is a tremendous honor and a lot of hard work.

Our *Scouting for Food* event was very successful with the collection of 122 bags of food from our generous community. The food was donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to help provide for those in need.

Congratulations to *Noah Ellison* for achieving the highest wreath sales in the troop and thanks to our community for supporting this annual fundraiser.

Thank you to the troop for supporting the Lions Club Steak & Egg breakfast held in March.

The troop will be canoeing on the Des Plaines River in May, and we'll have a campout with climbing in Bloomington in June. Summer camp in Nebraska will be in July.

## Foster Parent Info Meeting

Catholic Charities of Lake County will be conducting monthly foster parent informational sessions on the first Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at 671 S. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. For more information or to register, contact Lucy Rivera at 847-782-4249. Se habla Espanol.

## Next Branch Pickup in October

Residents are reminded that the Village's Branch Pick-Up Program, which is intended for residents who prune their own trees, occurs on Mondays in **April & October only**.

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gresses. Parking lots and a portion of the public boat launch ramps will also be temporarily closed as improvements are made. This project will extend into September.

**Dredging** of the harbor entrance and recreational channel began April 9th and was to be completed in approximately fifteen days.

Our goal is to create as little inconvenience as possible as these improvements are made. We will provide information often on our Web site at [www.npmonline.com](http://www.npmonline.com). Should you have any questions regarding the marina, please contact David Suthard at 847-746-2845 or [David.Suthard@illinois.gov](mailto:David.Suthard@illinois.gov).

## Economic Development News

### *Busy Summer Season Fast Approaching*

After a long winter it is time to prepare for our busy summer season. We would like to ask all business owners to consider what they can do to help make our shopping district more appealing. Sprucing up your location's paint and landscaping, or completing repairs to parking lots and signage are all good ways to show customers and our community that you are here to stay.

The Economic Development Department reminds businesses about our Façade Program. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to assist business in making improvements to their store fronts. If you are not sure if your project will qualify, come on in and see us.

### *Looking to start or buy a business? Need a location?*

The Village has compiled information on many of the available business properties in the Village. Whether you need office space, vacant land or want to purchase an existing business, find out what is available by contacting Pat DiPersio, our Economic Development Coordinator. Pat can be reached by calling 847-872-3846, ext. 255, or via email to [pdipersio@whpd.org](mailto:pdipersio@whpd.org). Also, check out the Economic Development link on our newly designed Web site; [www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com).

### *Congratulations and Welcome*

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Winthrop Harbor Chamber of Commerce Board who will take over on May 1st. We also say thank-you and welcome to the following recently opened business: *At Harbor Plaza—Harbor Hobby & Raceway, Executive Cleaners, Jewelry & Electronics Exchange, Tai-Hwan Garden and Happy Candy Party Supplies. At 1038 Sheridan Rd.—Technical Marine Support. At 1706 7th St.—The Station Grill & Pub.* And welcome back to the Marathon gas station and Dockside Deli. All of these businesses are very important to our community and we wish them much success.

## Building, Planning & Zoning Dept.

The Winthrop Harbor Building Dept., located on the 2nd level of Village Hall, is open 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. We are available and happy to help residents with any questions regarding home improvements, construction projects and permit issues.

### *Local Building Project Updates*

**HAPRBOR PLAZA:** This plaza is nearing full capacity, with only three units left to lease; two in the main plaza and one in the new out-building. Developer Will Goldstein has worked hard to remodel and construct this retail area and promises that there is more to come!

**STATION GRILL & PUB:** Business owners Dave & Ashley Shultis, together with developer Will Goldstein, are working together in remodeling the former Winthrop Harbor Post Office into a new business; *The Station Grille & Pub Restaurant*. Watch for their grand opening, tentatively scheduled for early May.

**COUNTRY MANOR PHASE I:** Maki Construction / Winhar Properties are the builders of this beautiful new subdivision located on Lewis Avenue and 5th Street. Ten homes are under contract with two closed and eight under construction. Winthrop Harbor is building and selling!

**WALNUT HILL** is located on Pennsylvania Ave. between 11th and 13th streets. One home is nearing completion, one is under construction and a third lot has just been sold.

**HARBOR MEADOWS—GRAND POINT HOMES:** This development at Lewis Ave. and 9th Street has seen completion of the engineering revisions. Plans are expected to come before the Planning & Zoning Board soon for recommendation of final plat approval.

Remember that with Spring comes additional building and remodeling activity. If you are going to begin a project in your home or business, and you're not sure if a permit is required, please call the Building Department. We are here to help you!

## North Point Marina Projects

Another winter season is making way for Spring, and soon Summer will be upon us. With the new season we are beginning to see more pedestrian traffic on the boardwalk and trails. Welcome back!

By the time you read this there will be two construction projects underway at the marina. These projects may affect where you go as you walk, bicycle, job or drive through the marina.

**Renovation for ADA (American Disability Act) compliance** that includes the installation of a new access ramp and replacing fourteen finger piers from C to F docks began on April 23rd. Substantial completion is expected by June 30th.

**The Department of Transportation's Road Resurfacing Improvements** began on April 15th. As part of this project, a new public parking lot will be constructed on the hotel parcel running on the West side up to the North side of the playground equipment. At different locations and at different times, we know there will be detours as this project pro-

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# May 2007

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>Kids—Don't miss the Teen Dance on 5/11!</b>		<b>1</b> Village Board Walkin' 8-10am-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	<b>2</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	<b>3</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Co-Ed Volleyball - SB	<b>4</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 am At VFW Hall	<b>7</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC	<b>8</b> Planning-Zoning Walkin' 8-10am-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	<b>9</b> E.D.C. Walkin' 8-10am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	<b>10</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Co-Ed Volleyball - SB	<b>11</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC TEEN DANCE 7-10pm -SB	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Recreation Com. Walkin' 8-10am-SB Cub Scouts 7pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC	<b>15</b> Village Board Walkin' 8-10am-SB AARP Mtg. 1pm -CC Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	<b>16</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	<b>17</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Co-Ed Volleyball - SB	<b>18</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	<b>19</b> Winthrop Harbor <b>PAGEANT</b>
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Village Hall Closed  MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC	<b>29</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	<b>30</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	<b>31</b> Walkin' 8-10am-SB <b>CARNIVAL!</b> 38-Acre Park		

# June 2007

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**



**Shop & dine locally... and the ride is on us!**  
**Call the Harbor Shuttle at 847-514-7274**

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## Fire Department News

With the warm weather comes outdoor yard work and maintenance, and the Fire Department would like to remind residents that our Village has a burning ordinance. Titled *Comprehensive Fire and Burning Regulations*, this document outlines the requirements to be met for any outdoor burning in the Village. To obtain a copy, please contact the Fire Department at 847-872-5957.

Bonfires or camp fires are permitted, however these general rules apply:

- Burning shall take place away from any building or structure.
- Only clean wood shall be burned.
- The resident shall have some means of extinguishment available and fire shall be extinguished when unattended.
- No smoke hazard shall be permitted both affecting vision or breathing of neighbors.
- No burning shall take place if wind conditions are higher than 10 miles per hours.

Our Fire Department recently received two brand new ambulances. These vehicles replace the two ambulances that have been in service for over 10 years. Members of the Fire Dept. have worked hard to place these new ambulances into service, and after passing the State Public Health Dept. inspections they were placed in service. Residents are invited to stop by the fire station to see the new vehicles. Stop in any time between 8am-8pm and the firefighters on duty will give you a personal tour.

## Benton Township Programs

Benton Township offers a variety of services to citizens of all ages. For more information about any of the services listed below, please call Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, at 847-746-2100.

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

We would like your opinions about what you like about your community, and/or what changes you would like to see take place. Please visit the Township Web site at [www.bentontownship.com](http://www.bentontownship.com) to fill out the survey.

### PACE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Pace Dial-A-Ride bus service is available for Benton Township residents. Service hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am until 4pm. This service will take you anywhere in Benton, Newport and Zion Townships, as well as the Villages of Beach Park, Wadsworth, Winthrop Harbor, Gurnee and Zion. Cost is \$1.60 one-way for adults; 80 cents for seniors and children ages 7-11. To schedule a ride, call 800-201-6446 at least one day in advance.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS

For those without prescription insurance, Prescription Discount Cards are available at the township office. Average savings at a participating retail pharmacy is 20% and the card may be used over and over. Income or age is not a factor in obtaining the discount card.

### FREE EMERGENCY CELL PHONES

For seniors and disabled citizens without a cell phone, the township office has free emergency cell phones available. The phones are programmed for calling 911 only. Residents who have an old cell phone to donate, please bring them to the Township office.

### HALF FARE TAXI PROGRAMS

Seniors 65 and older, and disabled residents of any age, may apply for half-fare rates on taxi rides. (Max. \$3) Please apply at the Township office.

### DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP's Driver Safety Program for drivers age 50 and over, allows you to take advantage of an 8 hour classroom refresher course. The next class will be held **June 12th & 13th** from 10am to 2pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. There are no tests, and cost is only \$10. Space is limited, please call 847-746-2100 to register.

### MISC. SERVICES AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Need a document notarized? Could you use a new Illinois State Highway map? These and other services are always available at the Benton Township Office.

Stop in any time and we'll be glad to assist!

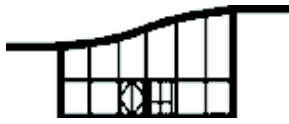


The Winthrop Harbor Police Department offers a free *Vacation House Watch Program* to help our residents enjoy peace of mind while away on summer vacations.

When making plans for your vacation, let us know when you're leaving and returning and we'll keep an eye on things while you're away!

The program provides the department with information about who should be contacted in the event of an emergency, what vehicles will be at the residence, and the status of lights, alarms, etceteras. Routine checks are performed on these homes to ensure that doors are locked and nothing out of the ordinary has occurred.

Registering for the program is quick and easy, simply visit [www.whpd.org](http://www.whpd.org) and fill in the Vacation House Watch Request Form. For further information, please call us at 847-872-2131 or stop by the Police Department.



## Zion-Benton Public Library

\* **Free Wi-Fi access is now available @ ZBPL. Use your own computer—no passwords, no reservations. You can surf the 'net, check your e-mail, use online resources from any spot in the library.**

\* **Downloadable audiobooks are a click away. Log on to [www.zblibrary.org](http://www.zblibrary.org) and go to NetLibrary.**

### Library programs are FREE!

Call 847-872-4680 x 4 for adults, x 5 for children. Registration is requested so we'll have chairs, refreshments, and supplies for all. Registration is required when seating is limited or when the presenter specifies a minimum or maximum. Don't hesitate to call the day of a program -- more than likely, there will be a space for you.

### Avoiding the Overdue Blues...

- Use the library's automated voice activation system to renew items, check your account, and see if you have items on hold. Call 847-590-8706. You'll need to have your library card number to access your information.
- Log on to your account. Go to [www.zblibrary.org](http://www.zblibrary.org) and click on "catalog", then "my account" to renew items.
- Sign up for Library Elf for e-mail notices of items due and to be picked up.

### Garden Party and Plant Swap

This springtime event is "perennially" popular. Bring herbs, bulbs, annuals and perennials to swap with other gardeners. Enter to win great door prizes!

*Saturday, May 12, 1 pm*

### Sweepstakes Secrets

Winthrop Harbor residents Bruce & Debbie Jackola will tell you how they've won sweepstakes prizes ranging from t-shirts to Bulls tickets to a fully loaded fishing boat!

*Tuesday, May 1, 7 pm*

### Finding the PT-109

Dale Ridder will tell about the amazing expedition he took with Robert Ballard and the National Geographic to locate John Kennedy's sunken PT Boat.

*Monday, May 21, 6:30 pm*

### Buying and Selling on eBay

Do you want to buy or sell on this online auction site, but don't know how? This class will show you the way...

*Thursday, June 7, 7 pm*

### Science Fair Showcase

K-8th grade students can show off their science projects at the library. Oral presentations, demonstrations, or table displays are welcome.

*Thursday, May 3, 7 pm*

### Blast-Off in June MISSION READ—To the Library and Beyond!

Reading clubs for all ages are a library tradition and favorite summertime activity for our communities. From preschoolers to teens to seniors, read or listen to the books of your choosing and win great prizes. Adults who sign up on the first day of the club are eligible to receive free Ravinia lawn passes.

## 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.**

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