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## Reminder...

Village Ordinance 72.13 prohibits overnight parking from **Nov. 1st through Apr. 1st**. Residents are reminded that during this period it is unlawful to park a motor vehicle on any street or parkway in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

For further information, please contact Village Clerk Jana Lee at 847-872-3846, ext 245. (The entire ordinance may be read online at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com).)

**Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 1st**  
(New Year's Day)

**Monday, Jan. 21st**  
(Martin Luther King Day)

**Monday, Feb. 18th**  
(President's Day)

## Welcome to Winthrop Harbor

Who says winter needs to be dull and dreary? In Winthrop Harbor there is plenty to do for residents of all ages! Take a stroll in the climate controlled Schlader Recreation Center... play some basketball, join a community sports league... learn Tae-Kwon-Do... and so much more! If you are new to the community, **Welcome!** The living is great in Winthrop Harbor, and we encourage you to take advantage of all our village has to offer. Stop by Village Hall or visit us on-line at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com) for information on the numerous programs available to our residents. There are also plenty of opportunities to become involved in your community. *It's all good in Winthrop Harbor!*

## Get ready for some FUN!

Winthrop Harbor's annual *Fun Fair* is scheduled for Saturday, **Feb. 16th** at the Schlader Recreation Center. Doors will open at 11 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. This is a great place to bring the family to share in all the fun and excitement! There will be approximately 20 different games for your enjoyment, including *The Wheel, Basketball Shoot, Darts, Cake Walk, Pop Toss, Goldfish (win a fish!), Mouse Race (win a mouse!),* and many others to test your skills. Also, returning from last year will be a *MoonWalk* for kids of all ages to bounce until they can't bounce any more! We'll have raffles as well, with a chance to win some great prizes. Last year we were able to give away two new bikes that were donated by Zion Cyclery and Bruno Chiropractic. The Police and Fire departments will be back with their fun and educational booths. The General Store will be filled with goodies for a fair price, and as always, refreshments will be served from the kitchen for your convenience. Keep an eye out in the next month for more information on what is happening at this year's event.



**Volunteers needed!** The true driving force that makes this event such a success every year is the volunteers. We need people to help decorate on Friday, people to help run the games, sell tickets, or work the kitchen on Saturday. Saturday will be broken up into two shifts for volunteers. We also need cakes for our popular cake walk. If you are available and would like to help, please phone Recreation at 847-746-3505. Thank you!



## Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

### - VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Dr. Michael Bruno	Recreation Dept.
Virginia N. Lopez	Police / ESDA Dept.
Ronald Molinaro	Public Works Dept.
Timothy Nearingard	Building/Zoning Dept.
Richard Robards	Fire Dept.
Gene Swindle	Finance Dept.

### - VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS -

Joel Brumlik, <i>Chief</i>	Police Dept.
Pat DiPersio, <i>Coordinator</i>	Economic Dev.
Scott Fuller, <i>Director</i>	Recreation Dept.
John Hogan, <i>Supt.</i>	Public Works Dept.
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.

## Primary Election Information

Residents are reminded that **Jan. 8th** is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming primary election. The primary election will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 5th**, and voter registration reopens on Feb. 7th. You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age, and a resident of your Lake County precinct address for at least 30 days immediately prior to an election. Two forms of identification are required to register, including at least one that shows your name and current address. Only one of the forms of identification may be a piece of mail. You may register with the Village Clerk at Winthrop Harbor Village Hall, or at the County Clerk's office in Waukegan.

## Village Hosts Driver Safety Program

The Village will host an AARP Driver Safety Program on **Jan. 30th & 31st** from 9am-1pm on both days at Village Hall. Cost is \$10 total for the two four-hour sessions. A completion certificate is awarded and may entitle the motorist to an auto insurance discount. Designed for motorists age 50 and older, the course is beneficial for licensed drivers of any age. Call 847-872-3846 to register.

## 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	Jan. 15 / Feb. 5 & 19	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Jan. 8 / Feb. 12	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Jan. 9 / Feb. 13	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Jan. 14 / Feb. 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).

## Benton Township Programs

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

### AARP Driver Safety Program

For drivers age 50+, **Feb. 6th and 7th**, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Zion Benton Public Library. Cost is \$10. No test. Space is limited; call the Township office to register.

### ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS AT GAS STATIONS

Every Wednesday, until March 1st, from 9am-1pm the Winthrop Harbor Marathon station at 9th and Sheridan, and the Marathon at Wadsworth Rd. and Green Bay Rd., will have an attendant available to assist Benton Township Seniors with fueling their vehicles. 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.

### FREE CO DETECTOR & HOME INSPECTION

Seniors age 65 and over may call 847-406-4683 for a free CO detector and home safety inspection.

### PACE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Pace Dial-A-Ride bus service is available for Benton Township residents. Service hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am until 4 pm.

This service will take you anywhere in Benton, Newport and Zion Townships, as well as the Villages of Beach Park, Wadsworth, Winthrop Harbor and Gurnee. 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.

### REDUCED RTA FARES

Reduced fares for RTA Metra trains and buses are available to seniors 65 and older. A photo ID is required. Please call to schedule an appointment.

### FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

Neither age nor income a requirement. Call 847-949-4440 for information.

### 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.

### USED EYEGLASSES NEEDED

Please drop off your used eyeglasses at the Township office. They will be recycled and put to good use!

### CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Benton Greenwood Cemetery, located on Greenbay Rd. in Beach Park, has cemetery plots available. Call for more information.

### HALF FARE TAXI PROGRAMS

Seniors 65 and older, and disabled residents of any age, may apply for half-fare rates on taxi rides. (Max. \$5) Please apply at the Township office.

### 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!

## American Legion Post 1943

The American Legion Samuel Schiera Post 1943 meetings are held at the Schlader Building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Veterans of the U.S. military services are welcome to attend. We are a veteran's organization dedicated to serving our community, our veterans, and those on active duty. We stand for God and Country and for preserving those values that made our nation great. Please come and see what we are all about.

## 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.

In December, our AARP Chapter was invited to participate in the Christmas Tree Lighting parade and ceremony. In spite of the unusual weather, it was an enjoyable experience. Many thanks to those from the Village who were responsible for this event and providing the shuttle bus for the seniors who wanted to participate in the parade and see the tree lighting ceremony.

Our next regular meeting will be held **Jan. 15th**. For our Feb. meeting we will be hosting the AARP Drivers Safety Class at the Community Center on **Feb. 19th and 20th**, from 9 am to 1 pm. Cost for the class is only \$10, with payment requested at time of enrollment.

Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at [jerryplarson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerryplarson@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

## Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

BINGO is held at the Schlader building each Wednesday. In addition to BINGO, we offer pull-tabs, bonanza, double action and the Lions Special. Jackpots have recently been as high as \$5,000. Doors open at 4:30 pm at which time pull-tabs are sold. Regular BINGO begins at 7 pm. Refreshments are available. Lions BINGO is now smoke free. Please join us for some BINGO fun and help us continue to help those in need.

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The Lions Steak & Egg Breakfast will be held in early March. Please watch for more details. For more information on Lions programs, please call Lion Debbie Coan at 847-872-2970.

## V.F.W. Memorial Post 7448

V.F.W. Memorial Post 7448 and its Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank the Village of Winthrop Harbor and all of its entities, and the citizens of our village, for all of their support of our programs this past year. We need you to make these things happen. Dates to remember include **Jan. 6th** and **Feb. 3rd** for our Sunday Breakfasts, 8-11:30 a.m. Our Lenten fish fry starts on Friday **Feb. 8th** and continues each Friday through **Mar. 21st** in the upstairs hall from 5-8:30 p.m. Adults are \$7, kids under 13 are \$5.

## Girl Scout Troops

Girl Scout Troops 389, 1189 and 2647 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, **Jan. 26th** from 4-7 p.m. at the Winthrop Harbor VFW. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for kids age 4-10.

## Garbage Pick-Up Reminder

Residents are reminded that weekly garbage pickup service begins at **6 a.m.** Please place your items at the curb the night before, or no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled day of service!

## Local Businesses News

**E&L Bedding** has opened a new store in Winthrop Harbor at the corner of 13th and Sheridan Rd., offering brand-name mattresses at liquidation prices. According to co-owner Lisa Gauze, they are able to sell the same mattress that costs \$1,000 at regular stores for \$400, including free delivery, because they purchase factory extras. Co-owner Ellic Gauze adds that they will soon offer bedding linens, mattress pads, headboards and other bedding accessories. This wonderful addition to the retail offerings in the Village includes a child play area so while parents are busy shopping, the kids can entertain themselves with building blocks, Legos and coloring books.

**The Track at Harbor Hobby** at 1225 Sheridan, next to the grocery store, has changed ownership. New owners Eric and Karen Whiteside have brought high powered excitement to radio-controlled (RC) race cars with Lake County's largest indoor race track. Get in on the fun with their regional tournaments and weekly races by creating your own parent-child race team. RC racing is fun for all ages. The Track is offering free race passes to anyone accompanied with a paid race pass. This offer is a great way to give RC racing a try. They also offer the track for birthday parties where kids can

race cars with all of the friends.

**United Liquors** at 1203 Sheridan Rd. has added a walk-in cigar humidor. The cedar lined, humidity controlled humidor is stocked with some of the world's best known cigars, including Rocky Patel Vintage 1992, Romeo y Julieta Viejo, 5 Vegas Miami, Montecristo Media Noche and Cusano 18. Cigar Aficionado magazine recommends cigars to be carefully stored in humidors to retain freshness, flavor and even burn. United Liquors offers it customers free storage of purchased cigars in the humidor until they are ready for consumption.

**Tai-Wan Gardens** restaurant has added two tables so that this traditionally carry-out service is now an eat-in location as well. Located at the corner of Sheridan Rd. & 13th St., Tai-Wan offers the largest selection of Asian cuisine in the Village. There are shrimp, pork, chicken and beef lunch specials for under \$5 and veggie specials for under \$4 which include fried or white rice. In the warmer weather you can see owner Shanny Huang doing Ta-Chi exercise with traditional swords in the parking lot.

**Dollar Mania** is the first dollar store in town, and they are setting the bar high with over 9,000 square feet of retail space filled with merchandise. Owner Mike Sulejman plans to stock all the necessities that we need which will save us time and money from having to drive to other towns for these convenient purchases.

**Read & Become Bookstore** has re-located to 1275 Sheridan Rd., Suite J. This Christian bookstore may be small but has a wonderful assortment of Christian books, Bibles, music, jewelry, collectables and greeting cards. For churches in the area, communion supplies are available along with helping you with your small group Bible Study needs. They also will be offering weekly story time for children on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. Another program being offered at the store will be a community Bible study for women. Come and join in on discussions, book readings and group activities. The first topic will be on weight loss. The class will begin Jan. 4th from 7-8 p.m. Ladies this is a great way to start out the New Year!

## Winthrop Harbor E-Alerts

Register at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com) for this free service. You'll receive Notices & Alerts about events and incidents that are time sensitive and important to Village residents. Details on-line!

## Economic Development News

### *Shop Here First!*

Looking for a New Year's resolution? How about *"I will show my community spirit by supporting local businesses whenever possible!"* Local business owners are asking for you to come back to our downtown to see what they have to offer before you shop elsewhere. This will not only keep sales tax dollars here to help pay for local services, but it also supports the investment of the business owners, most of whom have been a part of the Harbor for many years.

**Did you know?** There are more than 70 downtown businesses in Winthrop Harbor. Here's a small sampling of the goods and services you can find in your own home town;

**Grocery**—Harbor Foods, 1235 Sheridan Rd. (Harbor Plaza)

**Bank**—NorStates Bank, 700 Sheridan Rd.

**Pharmacy**—Harbor Pharmacy, 1707 7th St.

**Photography**—Fedler Studios, 1332 Sheridan Rd.

**Computer Service**—Future Tec, 731 Sheridan Rd.

**Eye Care**—Harbor Optical, 1217 Sheridan Rd. (Harbor Plaza)

**Sportsman Gear**—The Outdoorsman, 221 Sheridan Rd.

**Dental**—Winthrop Harbor Dental Center, 1001 Sheridan Rd.

**Books**—Galaxy of Books, 1702 7th St.

**Travel Agent**—Byrne North Point Travel, 1213 Sheridan Rd.

**Financial Advisor**—Edward Jones, 644 Sheridan Rd.

Also; 12 places to eat, 2 full service insurance agencies, gas stations, convenience stores, dry cleaner, automotive sales & service, 5 motels, real estate agents, home heating service, pet care, beauty salons, flooring store, car wash, laundromat, embroidery store and so much more. So the next time you are heading out to shop, why not make downtown Winthrop Harbor your first stop. That way we can all have a happy and prosperous 2008!

If you have questions about this subject or any of the Village's Economic Development plans, please feel free to contact Pat DiPersio at 847-872-3846, ext. 255, or e-mail [pdipersio@winthrop harbor.com](mailto:pdipersio@winthrop harbor.com).

The Economic Development Commission holds open meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at Village Hall. Agendas and Minutes are posted on the Village Web site at [www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com).

## Fire Department Safety Tips

The Winthrop Harbor Fire Department offers these helpful tips that will make accessing the emergency system easier and allow the Fire Dept. to respond more quickly.

### Dial 9-1-1 for Fire, Ambulance & Police

**9-1-1...** these are the only numbers you need to remember in an emergency. While talking to the dispatcher, please remain calm, speak slowly and describe the situation as best you can. For all emergencies, please use the 911 system, whether for fire, medical or police. It is a very efficient system that will help protect you.

### Number Your Homes

We ask that all residents mark their homes with the street address in a highly visible area. Sometimes it is difficult for responding personnel to locate the house number. Please keep your numbers conspicuously posted so we can assist you as quickly as possible.

### Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are an important step in providing a safe environment in your home. They provide quick recognition of smoke within a dwelling and allow the occupants to more easily escape a burning building. Minimally, detectors should be placed outside of your bedrooms and on each floor of the building. If you need a detector or a detector installed, please call us for assistance.

### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a tasteless, odorless gas that is a silent killer. Illinois State law requires that each home be outfitted with a CO detector within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes, in addition to smoke detectors. If the detector is activated, our advise is to leave the house and call 911, especially if you or your family members feel ill. The Fire Dept. is equipped to monitor your household in the event your detector goes into alarm. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Remember that fire safety starts with you. If you would like additional information on fire safety, or any fire prevention programs, contact the Fire Dept. at 847-872-5957.



## Protecting Your Property Against Theft

The Police Dept. reminds you to always take your keys and lock your vehicle, whether it's overnight in your driveway, or "just for a couple minutes" in a store parking lot. Never leave your wallet or purse, iPod, GPS, or other valuables in plain view inside your car, as this is too tempting to those who are peering into vehicles looking for opportunities. Another precaution we urge you to take is to remove your keys and lock the doors while you are pumping gas into your vehicle. It takes less than 5 seconds for a thief to pull along side your car on the opposite side, open your door and remove items sitting on your passenger seat. *All of us at the PD wish you a safe, secure and happy 2008!*

# JANUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EVERY MONDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	EVERY TUESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Open Play B-ball 7pm-SB Boy Scouts 7pm-CC	EVERY WEDNESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm-SB	EVERY THURSDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB	EVERY FRIDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	
		1 Village Hall Closed	2	3	4	5
6 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 at VFW	7	8 Planning-Zoning American Legion 7pm-SB	9 E.D.C.	10	11 TEEN DANCE 5th-8th graders 7-10pm-SB	12
13	14 Recreation Com. Cub Scouts 7pm-SB	15 Village Board AARP 1pm-CC	16	17	18 Social Night 3rd & 4th graders 7-9pm-SB	19
20	21 Village Hall Closed	22	23	24	25	26 Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm at VFW
27	28	29	30	31		

# FEBRUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EVERY MONDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	EVERY TUESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Open Play B-ball 7pm-SB Boy Scouts 7pm-CC	EVERY WEDNESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm-SB	EVERY THURSDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB	EVERY FRIDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	
		1 Village Board <i>Primary Election</i>	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31		



For the latest information, visit the On-Line  
Community Calendar at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com)!

# Recreation Programs

For the latest information on these and other Recreation Department programs, please visit our on-line **Community Calendar** at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com).

**TEEN DANCE** — **Jan. 11th** and **Feb. 8th** are set for the first two Teen Dances of 2008, held from 7-10 pm 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. All students must show their North Prairie school ID, or students attending alternative schools, including home schooled, or 5th graders attending Westfield, must obtain a photo dance ID from the Recreation Dept. The first ID issued is at no charge to the child, however any additional ID's needed will cost \$5. 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. The dances are organized by the Recreation Dept. and we're always looking for help with chaperones. If you would like to help, please call 847-746-3505.

## **SOCIAL NIGHT FOR 3rd & 4th GRADERS** —

Our first Social Night in November was a great success, and the second event is scheduled for **Jan. 18th** from 7-9 pm at the Schlader Building. The building will open to 3rd & 4th grade students who live in the Village of Winthrop Harbor. Activities scheduled for the evening will include music, various games (board games/card games), open gym, and refreshments to purchase. Admission will be \$2 at the door, and no one who enters the building will be allowed to leave before 9pm, unless that child's parent comes to the door to pick them up. This is a Recreation Board sponsored event. We welcome any parent who would like to stay and chaperone. Call Recreation with questions at 847-746-3505.

## **WINTHROP HARBOR YOUTH BASKETBALL**—

Looking for something fun and exciting to do on the weekends? Why not come out and watch as the stars of tomorrow take the floor. The season for Youth Basketball will begin the weekend of Jan. 12th & 13th, and will continue every weekend (excluding Feb. 16th) at the Schlader Building until March 16th. 1st through 4th grades play from 9am-2pm Saturdays, while the 5th through 8th grades play 1-6pm on Sundays. The Recreation Dept. would like to thank all the coaches and assistant coaches who dedicate their time to make this league a great experience for all. We would also like to thank our spon-



sors who graciously give back to the youth of our community. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION** — As February approaches, so does Winthrop Harbor's baseball/softball registration. This year's sign-ups will be from **Feb. 11th through March 16th**. Registration forms will be available at Village Hall and also at the Schlader Building. You may also turn in sheets on Saturdays or Sundays at the Schlader Building as the basketball season continues. Registration sheets will also be available to print on-line at [www.winthropharbor.com](http://www.winthropharbor.com). It is imperative that registrations forms are turned in at either the Village Hall (Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm) or the Schlader Building during this five week stretch in order to secure a spot for your child in this year's league. Anyone wanting to sign a child up after March 16th will go straight to a waiting list and will only have a chance to play if another child decides to exit from the league. Tee Ball starts out at age 5 for boys and girls, and the oldest age groups will be 18 for girls and 14 for boys. For information on this year's fees, or to get involved as a coach, sponsor or umpire, please call 847-746-3505. Practices start mid-April, and run at most twice a week. Games will begin mid-May, with games being played on weeknights with Saturdays used as makeup days.



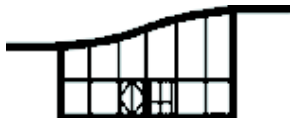
## **CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION**—

This is a recreational league and not meant for competitive level players. The fee is \$275 per team, plus an additional one-time \$10 fee for each non-resident player. There is a limit of 8 teams (10 players per team) for the league so don't miss out! Registration begins **Jan. 7th** and closes **Feb. 1st**. Games will be played on Thursday nights, 7-10pm starting Feb. 7th. If you are interested in reserving a spot, contact Scott Fuller at 847-746-3505.

**WALK'N WALK'N** — Looking for a way to stay in shape this fall/winter without having to be outside? The Schlader Recreation Center will be open for walking from 8-10 am Mondays through Fridays. The gymnasium is available for all who wish to participate, and there is no charge. Note that the building will be closed on Jan. 1-6, Jan 21, Feb. 5, 15 & 18.

**OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL** — Come to the Schlader Building on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm for some friendly competition and camaraderie! For only \$2 (\$3 for non-residents) you'll have a great time! (This program runs through April)

Recreation Program Details and Schedules  
Available On-Line at [www.WinthropHarbor.com](http://www.WinthropHarbor.com)



## Zion-Benton Public 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.

New! Register for library programs online! You can download the event to your personal calendar and get a reminder e-mail 48 hours in advance.

The library will stock the most requested federal, Illinois and Wisconsin tax forms. AARP volunteer tax preparation begins in February.

### Wintertime Fun @ Your Library

#### For Adults:

##### Photo Organization 101

Wednesday, Jan. 16th; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

##### The Cycling Sisters on the Trail of the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, Jan. 23rd; 7:00-8:00 p.m.

##### Album Making 101

Wednesday, Jan. 30th; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

##### Author, Author: Isanne Zoller

Tuesday, Feb. 5th; 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### For Families:

##### Legacy—Our Wealth of Music

Saturday, Feb. 23rd; 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Singer Maggie Brown's one-woman show traces the musical heritage of African-Americans. Song, storytelling, history, and drama for all ages!

#### Just Desserts @ Your Library

Saturday, Feb. 23rd; 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Library sponsor the third annual mystery readers' theatre, with yummy desserts. For adults and kids 9+. Tickets \$15 each. Take a chance to win a themed gift basket and support the Friends. Ticket sales begin Feb. 11th. Drawing will be held at Just Desserts on Feb. 23rd.

#### For Kids:

Storytimes for toddlers, tiny tykes, and preschoolers begin January 7th.

#### Wednesday afternoon @ the Library

For K-4: Each week, 3:30-4:45 p.m.: Explore Club, Geo-Kids, Discovery Science

#### Drop-in Crafts, for all ages

Saturdays, 10-noon; Jan. 5 & 12; Feb. 2 & 9

#### For Teens:

##### Game Day

Saturday, Jan. 19th; 2:00-4:00 p.m.

PlayStation, board games and more!

### 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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