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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 am. and 6:00 am.

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.)

**Village Hall will
be closed on
March 21, 2008 in
observance of
Good Friday**

Meet the Easter Bunny on March 22nd!

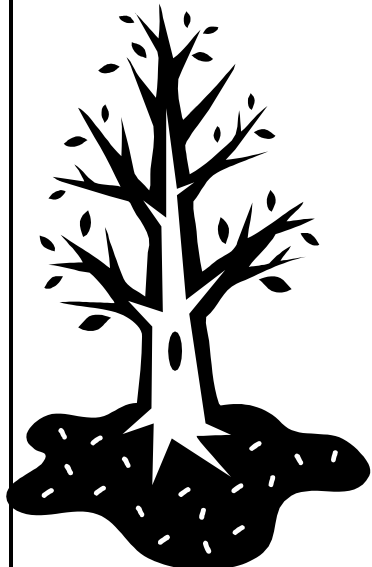
Kids, get ready to meet the Easter Bunny at 38-Acre park on March 22! The Winthrop Harbor Lion's Club will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9 a.m. sharp, where kids ages 1-8 will search for over 4,000 eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny. Afterwards, from Noon—2 p.m., the annual **Lunch with Bunny** event will be held inside the Schlader Recreation Center. This event, hosted by the Village, is an annual favorite and you'll want to be there by 12:30 for the special "bubbleologist" performance, don't miss it! (details on page 3)



Branch Pick-Ups Begin in April

The Winthrop Harbor Branch Pick-Up Program will begin with pick-ups on Mondays in **April**. This service is intended for residents who prune their own trees. Please mark your calendars for the dates that the Public Works Dept. will be picking up pruned branches: April 7, 14, 21 & 28. (A second round of pick-ups will be made in the fall, with details published in the Newsletter and on-line beforehand.)

Residents are reminded that Public Works will only be collecting trimmed branches. **Branches that are left from entire tree removals will not be picked up.** In addition, Public Works will not pick up lawn refuse, leaves, grass clippings, tree trunks and/or logs, etceteras. To facilitate timely pick-ups, the length of the limbs and branches should be left as long as possible. Whole limbs chip up much better than small, cut up pieces. Please spread out evenly along the parkway, with cut ends of branches and limbs facing the street. **Tangled piles of limbs or branches placed haphazardly will not be picked up.** If a tree trimming service or lawn service takes down, trims or prunes your tree, please have the service company provide removal of the debris. The Public Works Department will not remove debris or branches left by tree trimming companies or lawn service contractors.



Please note that small amounts of branches or twigs that can fit into lawn refuse bags should be placed into bags instead of in the parkway. These smaller piles of twigs do not go through the chipper well.

For questions or information, please call Village Hall at 847-872-3846, ext. 248, or the Public Works Dept. at 847-872-5275.



Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

- VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

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- 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.

New Alert Services Available to Residents

From time to time the Village posts **Notices** and **Alerts** on the Village Web site (www.winthrop harbor.com). **Notices** may include announcements about upcoming Village events and meetings, while **Alerts** are more time-sensitive announcements about water boil orders, major road closures, emergency situations, etceteras.

Two new services are now available for receiving Notices and Alerts via e-mail and/or cell phone text messaging. The **E-Alert** service sends Notices and Alerts to your e-mail address, while the **TEXT-Alert** service sends Alerts only to your cell phone via text messaging.

Details about both of these free services may be found on-line at the Village Web site, where you can also subscribe to one or both services. These are opt-in services and you may unsubscribe at any time.

It is important to note that these services are not intended as a substitute for other, traditional means of information distribution. Subscribers must not rely solely on these services for accurate and timely distribution of emergency information.

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. 4 & 18 / Apr. 1 & 15	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Mar. 11 / Apr. 8	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Mar. 12 / Apr. 9	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Mar. 10 / Apr. 14	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 Programs

*For the latest information on these and other Recreation Department programs, please visit our on-line **Community Calendar** at www.WinthropHarbor.com.*

VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP — We need your help! This year's Annual Park Clean-Up will be on Saturday, **April 26th** at 9am. The Recreation Dept. is asking our residents, organizations and service groups to help with our 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 have had a great turnout in the past and hope to continue the tradition this year. For more information or to sign-up, please call us at 847-746-3505.

LUNCH WITH BUNNY — This annual event will be held on March 22nd from 12-2pm at the Schlader Building. Cost is only \$2 and includes lunch. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$3.50. New for this year will be entertainment by Geoff Akins, a bubbleologist. Geoff will perform all kinds of tricks using bubbles. He will juggle them, fill them with smoke, and even put one lucky child into a bubble! Geoff will perform from 12:30-1:30pm, so make sure you get here early. 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 Egg Hunt at Village Park, which begins at 9am sharp. Come out to the park and enjoy Easter with us!

TEEN DANCE — **March 14th** and **April 11th** are set for the next two Teen Dances, 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 next Social Night is scheduled for **March 28th** 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.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2008 — March 16th will be the final day to register for this year's Baseball/Softball season. 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 5th & 6th (see the online calendar for times). After this weekend, teams will be formed and practices will start up in mid-April. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 12th. All games will be played during the week, and every team will play two games each week. The night of games and practice will depend on the coach of the team, and what night they can work out. Practices will be held at least once a week, if not twice, before games begin. Once the games begin, there will be no regular practice, only games. If your child does not receive a phone call from a coach by April 14th, 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 847-746-3505.

WALK'N WALK'N — Looking for a way to stay in shape without having to be outside? The Schlader Recreation Center will be open for walking from 8-10 am Mondays through Fridays through the end of May. The gymnasium is available for all who wish to participate, and there is no charge. Note that the building will be closed on most holidays.

OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS — 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 is for high-school age and older, and runs through the end of April.

SKATE PARK — The Winthrop Harbor skate park is tentatively scheduled to open on March 24th, weather permitting. Pre-registration and a photo ID, issued by the Recreation Dept., is required for all skate park users. A parent must sign the registration form for users under 18. Costs are \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

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Recreation Program Details and Schedules
Available On-Line at
www.WinthropHarbor.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.

SENIOR FREE-RIDE PROGRAM BEGINS 3/17/08

Seniors age 65 or over are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra & Pace. You will need the RTA Senior reduced fare card. You may register at the Township office, please call for an appointment and bring a photo ID. Processing takes 3 to 4 weeks after registration.

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS AT GAS STATIONS

Every Wednesday until April 1st from 9am-1pm the Winthrop Harbor Marathon station at 9th and Sheridan, the Marathon at Wadsworth Rd. and Green Bay Rd., and the Phillips-66 at Rt. 173 and Kenosha 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 station 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.

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.

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. Our Post has grown to 68 members and has been recognized as the fastest growing post in Illinois for two years running.

As Easter approaches, the Post will be putting together baskets for children of needy families. If you know of any area families with children who would like an Easter basket, contact us by letter addressed to Samuel Schiera Post 1943; P.O. Box 334; Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096.

We are continuing to support our troops overseas. Last month we mailed over ten pounds of pocket calendars to our men and women serving in Iraq. As most vets will tell you, while away from home, it's easy to lose track of time and dates. Care packages are always welcome to our troops, but remember you must have a name and address of a service member to send packages to. Girl Scout cookies are always welcomed and they are already packaged. Please come join the fastest growing post in Illinois 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.

Our next regular meeting will be held **March 18th**. We are currently arranging for general topics of interest for this meeting.

Our **April 15th** meeting will be held at the Benton Township Office (29th St. & Green Bay Rd.) at 1pm. The Supervisor will explain the new *Senior Ride Free Program* and will register seniors. Please bring a photo ID (State ID Card or Driver's License). Once registered it takes approximately 3 to 4 weeks before you will receive your Senior Reduced Fare Card.

Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at jerryplarson@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

The Lions recently completed their 22nd annual Steak & Egg breakfast, held at Stone Creek Grill. We would like to thank everyone who attended this event. Next to

(See *COMMUNITY NEWS*, page 7)

Economic Development News

TIF District Redevelopment Project

After requesting conceptual plans from over 40 developers, we received a proposal for the redevelopment of the corner of Sheridan Road and 7th Street known as "the Triangle". Obtaining a proposal is only the first step in determining if the project is feasible and in the best interest of the Village. Within a short time the plan will be evaluated and if it meets the goals of the TIF Redevelopment Plan the project will move to the next step of entering into a Redevelopment Agreement. This agreement would outline the terms of a public/private partnership between the Village and the Developer for the completion of the project.

7th Street Streetscape Planning Continues

Preliminary engineering work is continuing on plans to add decorative lighting and landscape elements that will convert 7th Street to a harbor themed entryway to the lake front. Funding for these plans is being provided through a grant administered by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT). Look for updated conceptual drawings of the proposed improvements on the Village Web site or at Village Hall.

When the engineering plans are finished they will be submitted to IDOT for approval. This process can take 6 to 9 months to work through. During this time we will be considering all possible sources to fund the construction of the project when the plans are ready. Funding can come from a variety of sources, like an additional IDOT grant, Tax Increment Financing or from general budget funds allocated in a Capital Improvement Plan.

The planned improvements to this area of our business district are an important part of the Village's overall economic development strategy. They will help set the stage to encourage future investment in the community. Business investment will balance the tax burden between residential and commercial uses, helping to maintain

financial stability for the Village.

If you have questions about these subjects 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@winthropharbor.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.

Fire Department Fundraiser

The Winthrop Harbor Firefighter's Association will soon be hosting its **10th Biannual Photo Fundraiser**. This is the major fundraiser for the Fire Department to purchase much needed items. In the past your help has allowed us to purchase communication systems, a 6-wheel ATV with snow plow, pulse-ox-meters and 12-lead defibrillators.

We are awaiting the arrival of a new 75-foot Seagrave quint ladder truck with a delivery date of June 1st. We are going to need many items for this apparatus, including four gas monitors, thermal imaging camera, truck man belts and positive pressure fan. Your support will go a long way toward purchasing this equipment.

As in the past, we have asked Midwest Portraits of Mahomet, IL to be our photographers. We ask homeowners to donate \$30 to the association for which you will receive one free 8-1/2x11 portrait with photo packages available. This year you will receive a flyer in the mail instead of someone coming door to door. Please return your donation in the enclosed envelope within two weeks of receiving the flyer. We've had great success with your thoughtful contributions during past fundraisers, please let this one be another wonderful year. We hope you will support us once again as many of you have done in the past. For further information, please call the non-emergency Fire Dept. number, 847-872-5957.



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!

MARCH 2008

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	<u>EVERY MONDAY</u> Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	<u>EVERY TUESDAY</u> Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Open Play B-ball 7pm-SB Boy Scouts 7pm-CC	<u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm-SB	<u>EVERY THURSDAY</u> Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB	<u>EVERY FRIDAY</u> Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do	
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APRIL 2008

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Bingo, it's our largest fundraiser. The majority of the money is used locally to help the visually and hearing impaired. We also support many community events. The Lions express our sincere gratitude to Tim and Ron and all the folks at Stone Creek Grill. They let us use their wonderful facilities as well as donating food.

The Easter Bunny will visit Winthrop Harbor on **March 22nd** at 38-Acre Park. Children ages 1-8 are invited to search for 4,000 eggs! We will also be giving away 4 bicycles and other goodies donated by local businesses.

On **April 26th** the Lions will have a rummage sale from 9-5 at 38 Acre Park. Stop by and see what bargains you can find. If you would like to donate items for the sale, we'll be collecting them at the park on April 25th.

BINGO is held at the Schlader building each Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 pm at which time pull-tabs are sold. Regular BINGO begins at 7 pm. Refreshments are available. Please join us for some BINGO fun and help us continue to help those in need.

V.F.W. Memorial Post 7448

V.F.W. Memorial Post 7448 offers a Lenten Fish Fry in our upstairs hall, from 5-8pm on March 7th and 21st, and 5-9pm on March 14th. Adults are \$8, children under 13 are \$6.

Any citizens that may be or know of someone that may be eligible to join the VFW, please call Commander John Patterson at 847-746-3348. Anyone that knows someone on active duty, please call Commander Patterson.

Cub Scout Pack 667

Congratulations to *Trevor Burns, Alex Peters* and *Austin Sperry!* These three boys have earned all 20 Webelos badges and their Arrow of Light to cross over to Troop 667 as Boy Scouts. The ceremony complete with the Order of the Arrow Indians took place on Feb. 17th and Pack 667 is very proud of these boys. They worked very hard to complete all of their requirements to become Boy Scouts. If any boy in grades 1-4 is interested in joining Cub Scouts, please call Corky at 847-746-8263.

Boy Scout Troop 667

Boy Scout Troop 667 congratulates *Nathan Ellison* on being the latest to be awarded the highest honor of Eagle Scout!

Troop 667 has been very active already in 2008 with activities including ice fishing and downhill skiing. Future activities include cabin camping, the Lincoln Pilgrimage and caving. The Boy Scouts will be doing their annual scouting for food drive in March and your support is appreciated in advance!

Join the Memorial Day Parade

Winthrop Harbor's annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26th, with line-up at 10am and step-off at 11am. Anyone wishing to participate in this year's parade, please contact Kathy Luke at 847-872-0114.

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This one-time fee ensures use of the park until Nov. 1st when the park closes for the winter. The fees help maintain the ID system and the park and equipment.

The two prior Thursdays to the tentative opening of the park (March 13th & 20th) the Schlader building will be open from 5-7pm to accept skate park registration forms and fees, and to have the photo ID's made for those who wish to get a jump on the process. Please call the Recreation Dept. for more information.

MUNCHKIN PROGRAMS FOR AGES 3-8 —

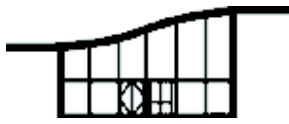
This summer the Recreation Dept. will have a new kid's program to offer boys and girls ages 3 to 8. They will be under instructors from the Mark Miller Munchkin programs.

These programs have been very successful and popular in the Chicagoland area, and have appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, WGN, Bozo's Circus and CLTV. They were also featured nationally in Small Business and Home Based Business magazines, the Chicago Tribune and many local newspapers.

Beginning June 14th and continuing for 8 weeks until Aug. 9th, classes will be offered on Monday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Monday nights from 6-6:30pm will be "Parent and Me soccer" for ages 3 to 5. 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 fun games, all in a relaxed and fun environment. From 6:30-7pm ages 4 to 8 will have their own version of the class, led by an instructor only. Class fees are \$85 per child for the entire 8 week period, June 16—Aug. 4.

Saturday afternoons will be "Parent and Me Wide World of Sports" for ages 3 to 5 from 2:30-3pm. 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 4 to 8 will be 3-3:30pm, taught by an instructor. Class fees are \$85 per child for the entire 8 week period, June 14—Aug. 9.



Zion-Benton Public Library

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 has copies of the most-requested federal, Illinois and Wisconsin tax forms. If you need additional forms or instructions the librarians will be happy to help you locate them online.

Heard any good books lately? The library offers audiobooks in these formats:

- Playaways—individual digital audio players
- NetLibrary—download to your computer or MP3 player for 3 weeks
- CD's and cassettes

Library Program Highlights:

Korean Style Grill & Kimchee

Saturday, March 8th, 2-3pm

Ying Stoller will demonstrate how to make the delicious Korean-style grill short rib, plus spicy Korean pickled cabbage. Samples provided! Reservations required. Call 847-872-4680 ext. 110 to reserve your place.

Antiques Appraisal

Thursday, April 3rd, 7-9pm

Are they trash or are they treasure? Karl Gates returns to ZBPL to appraise whatever it is you'd like to know more about! He will evaluate the first 35 items that the audience brings—up to three per person (time permitting); no firearms or coins. Co-sponsored by the OLH Women's Club. Registration required.

Ellis Island

Saturday, April 19th, 1pm

Four out of ten Americans can trace their ancestry to

Ellis Island. Dan Niemi presents Ellis Island from the immigrant's point of view. He'll also describe how to find genealogical information using sources the immigrants left behind on their way to American citizenship.

Wisconsin Lighthouses

Thursday, April 24th, 7pm

Lighthouses are part of the Wisconsin shoreline from Lake Superior to Lake Michigan, and along Green Bay and Lake Winnebago. Barb and Ken Wardius have traveled to , photographed, and researched all of Wisconsin's lighthouses. They are avid lighthouse preservationists and will share their photos and the stories behind the structures.

Positive Discipline for Parents and Teachers

Wednesday, April 23rd, 7-8:30pm

Gail Reichlin will present "That Child is Driving Me CRAZY! Positive Alternatives to Yelling, Bribing, Nagging, Criticizing and Punishing (...WARNING: Be prepared to laugh!)" for parents and teachers of children 2-12.

How to slim down.

Save energy.

Complain effectively.

Heat with wood.

Check for breast cancer.

Select a smoke detector.

Help kids to study. Control pests.

Cope with arthritis. Get a patent.

Control your blood pressure.

Make toys out of junk.

Repair a leaky faucet.

Prevent drug abuse.

Pay for an education.

Start a small business.

Eat better. Learn to knit.

Find a job. Retire.

The more you need to know -
the more you need the library!



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