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**Don't miss the
lake-front fun!**

Venetian Festival

Saturday
August 9th
Noon—11pm

End of Summer Celebration

Saturday
August 30th
7pm—11pm



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the ride
is on us!**

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Where are all the pages?

Due to technical difficulties, this issue of our newsletter is reduced to only 4 pages. Next issue will be back to the full 8 pages.

“Harbor Business Buzz”

Formally *Economic Development News*, this new section will attempt to report on a broader scope of issues related to economic opportunity and growth.

Economic Development Commission Update

The EDC meets on the second Wednesday each month at 6:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and activity can be followed through meeting minutes posted on the Village website.

Currently the Commission is working on several key projects including 7th Street streetscaping, the Metra station expansion, a TIF redevelopment project on the corner of Sheridan Road and 7th Street in the area known as the “Triangle” and the realization of the original master development plan for the marina.

While these projects take significant time to bring to fruition, progress is being made by way of achieving a series of important milestones. A new application for funding was recently submitted to the state for construction costs for the streetscape, Metra has indicated that construction could begin this summer on the expanded parking lot and warming shelter, a developer has submitted a proposal for the triangle and the state has been open to discussing additional development around the marina. The EDC is committed to continuing to work hard on these initiatives, in an effort to improve the economic prosperity of our community.

It has been a cold and rainy spring, but flowers are blooming again. Thank you to EDC Members Kurt Melander and Carl Simmons for coordinating with the local Girl Scouts for the planting of the flower pots along Sheridan Road and 7th Street. This is only one of the several ways that Kurt and Carl work to beautify the community and their efforts are very much appreciated.

If you have questions about any of the Village’s Economic Development plans, please contact Pat DiPersio at 847-872-3846, Ext 255, or send an email to Pat at pdipersio@winthrop harbor.com.

Highlight on Business

VFW Memorial Post 7448, 1112 Sheridan Road

On May 30th the local chapter of the VFW celebrated its 50th anniversary with a ceremony that was attended by 4 of its remaining 5 charter members. Congratulations to the organization and thank you to all those who have served.

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Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

- VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

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Joel Brumlik, <i>Chief</i>	Police Dept.
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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.

Next Branch Pick-ups set for October

Public Works Dept. reminds residents that the annual Branch Pick-up program occurs on Mondays in May and October only. There is no branch pick-up service provided by the Village outside of these dates.

Businesses asked to update Key-holder Info

The Police Department asks that all business owners/managers provide updated information regarding key-holders. Often times, when responding to alarms or calls of suspicious circumstances, a key-holder cannot be reached due to outdated information on file. Please contact the Police Dept. at 847-872-2131 with your current information.

Residents asked to Close Garage Doors

The Police Department reminds residents that all garage doors, including overhead and walk-in doors, should be closed at night. With recent incidents of residential/garage burglaries, it's best not to invite unwanted subjects with doors left open. This also assures your good night's sleep, as the officers will not need to wake you in the night when doors are noticed to be open!

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	July 1 / August 5	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	July 8 / August 12	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	July 9 / August 13	6:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	July 14 / August 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.

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Harbor Animal Hospital, 1915 9th Street
 Congratulations to owner Dr. Ned Bartlett for recently celebrating 20 years in business in the Harbor.

Harbor Treasures & Flowers, 1700 7th Street
 Congratulations to owner Candi Krapf for recently celebrating 10 years in business in the Harbor.

Please patronize all of our local businesses. For a complete list of community businesses check out the Winthrop Harbor Business Directory online at www.winthropharbor.com.

Special Events

Special events are wonderful opportunities to showcase what is great about our community. Congratulations to Trustee Mike Bruno, Recreation Director Scott Fuller and all of the Recreation Board members and volunteers who did such a terrific job on the Winthrop Harbor Pageant, the Summer Fair and Memorial Day parade.

The **Winthrop Harbor Downtown Summer Concert Series** is a new event planned for Saturday afternoons in July and August this summer. A variety of music styles will be performed at Morgan Williams Park, north of Village Hall, from 3:00 – 5:30 over a four week period. Come downtown and enjoy a free concert in the park.

Summer Concert Schedule:

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| July 19th | Crossroads -Classic Rock |
| July 26th | Kal Bergandahl Project - Modern Jazz ensemble |
| August 2nd | Burro Creek - Well known Country band from Kenosha |
| August 9th | Too Much Saturn - Up and coming Rock/Power Pop original music |

Lakefront Happenings

Did you know that there are many things for Winthrop Harbor residents to do at North Point Marina? There are grills on the docks just outside each bath house that are open to the public on a first come, first served basis, beach side fire rings are available, but must be reserved at the Marina office and there is a sand volleyball court. The public beach on the north side of the Marina has plenty of parking and a picnic area in Harvey Park. Don't forget the numerous bike and walking paths, with an abundance of wild life, throughout the area.

If you are more adventurous there are plenty of opportunities for water sports, from the only free public boat launch on Lake Michigan to the handicap accessible fishing pier. There are sailing lessons offered by the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club and even a world class salmon fishing derby planned for **August 23rd**.

North Point Marina, the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club and the Winthrop Harbor Chamber of Commerce will be hosting **National Marina Day - Venetian Festival 2008** on **Saturday, August 9th** from Noon until 11:00 pm. Activities include arts & crafts vendors, food booths, live music, children's activities, Venetian parade of boats and topped off by a fireworks display. Admission and parking are free.

Also, on **Saturday, August 30th**, North Point Marina, Skipper Bud's and the Tropics Restaurant will be hosting the annual **End of Summer Celebration**. Live music featuring the "New Odyssey" band will be presented in the Skipper Bud's storage building, from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm. The Tropics Restaurant will be hosting a cookout. Admission and parking are free.

No need to spend lots of money on gas this summer, just come on down and enjoy your lakefront!

Winthrop Harbor Pageant

The 2008 Winthrop Harbor Queens have been crowned!

Miss Winthrop Harbor-

Queen—Brittney-Jade Colangelo; **1st Runner-up**—Christy Degler; **2nd Runner-up**—Lauren Ball; **Miss Friendship Award**—Brittney-Jade Colangelo

Junior Miss Winthrop Harbor-

Queen—Maggie Potter; **1st Runner-up**—Kelly Wenzel; **Friendship Award**—Maggie Potter

Pre-Teen Miss Winthrop Harbor-

Queen—Breanna Keulen; **1st Runner-up**—Kelsi Goshinsky; **2nd Runner-up**—Lexi Richardson; **Friendship Award**—Lexi Richardson

Little Miss Winthrop Harbor-

Queen—Nicolette Terracciano; **1st Runner-up**—Alexis Christensen; **2nd Runner-up**—Rhiannon Graham; **Friendship Awards**—Alexis Christensen, Rhiannon Graham, Steffanie Richardson, Nicolette Terracciano

The 2007 Queens and 2008 contestants raised \$125.45 at their bake sale to aid childhood hunger. The 2008 Queens' first event was the Memorial Day Parade and VFW Memorial Service. They also supported the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast and the VFW's 50th anniversary celebration, along with working at the WH summer fair, all in their first two weeks. The summer will be very busy with Nostalgia Days, 15 area pageants and 5 more parades. Congratulations, girls, on a job well done!

JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	EVERY WEDNESDAY Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	EVERY THURSDAY	EVERY FRIDAY	
		1 Village Board	2	3	4 Village Hall Closed	5
6 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 at VFW	7	8 Planning-Zoning	9 E.D.C.	10	11	12
13	14 Recreation Com. Cub Scouts 7pm -SB	15 AARP 1pm American Legion 7pm-SB	16	17	18	19 Summer Concert 3pm
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AUGUST 2008

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For the latest information, visit the On-Line
Calendar at www.WinthropHarbor.com