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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016 / 9:00 AM TO NOON**

# RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

**Winfield Township Road District Facility**

**LOCATED AT 30W575 ROOSEVELT ROAD, WEST CHICAGO, IL 60185**

**PAPER SHREDDING:** *ProShred Security will be available onsite to shred your confidential paper documents.* Service is FREE; limited to 3 banker size boxes total per vehicle. No hard covers, binders, binder clips, or books. Staples and paperclips are OK. No businesses. Shredding available until truck is full. Partial funding has been provided by DuPage County.

## ACCEPTED ITEMS

THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES A GENERAL IDEA OF THE ITEMS WE WILL ACCEPT FOR RECYCLING

### SCRAP METAL

- » Aluminum Gutters
- » Chicken Wire
- » Fencing
- » Garbage Cans
- » Garden Tools
- » Hangers
- » Lawn Furniture
- » Pipes
- » Pots & Pans
- » Shelving
- » Wagons
- » Wheel Barrows
- » Tomato Cages
- » Radiators
- » Water Heaters
- » Washers
- » Dryers

### ELECTRONICS

- » Computers
- » Monitors
- » Laptops
- » Keyboards
- » Mice
- » Printers
- » Scanners
- » Modems
- » Cell Phones
- » Telephones
- » TVs
- » DVD Players
- » Gaming Devices
- » Stereos
- » Radios
- » Chargers
- » Cords
- » Computer Cables
- » Faxes
- » Copiers

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- » Holiday Lights
- » Bicycles
- » Keys
- » Cooking Oil
- » Old Flags
- » Eye Glasses
- » Hearing Aids
- » Propane Tanks
- » Fire Extinguishers
- » LP Records
- » New or Gently Used School Supplies
- » Ink Cartridges
- » Wheel Chairs
- » Crutches
- » Walkers
- » Gently Used Office Furniture
- » Yarn
- » Clothing Buttons
- » Portable Sewing Machines
- » Musical Instruments
- » Books
- » Crayons
- » Sewing Supplies



## NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY ITEMS YOU MAY HAVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE WINFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT AT 630.231.8850

- » Hazardous Waste
- » Explosives
- » Items Containing Mercury
- » Air Conditioners
- » Batteries
- » Dehumidifiers
- » Fireworks
- » Fluorescent Bulbs
- » Motor Oil
- » Oil and/or Latex Paint
- » Refrigerators
- » Smoke Detectors
- » Tires
- » No TVs with cracked or broken screens

# FALL REMINDERS

## RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA & PAPER SHREDDING

(RAIN OR SHINE)

- » Saturday, October 1, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
30W575 Roosevelt Road  
West Chicago, IL

## BRUSH REMOVAL

(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

- » October 3, 2016
  - » April 3, 2017
  - » May 1, 2017
- (Please follow Guidelines)

## LEAF REMOVAL

(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

- » Start date is Monday,  
November 14, 2016
- (Please follow Guidelines)

## PARKING PERMITS

(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

- » Parking permits will be issued for special occasions and must be arranged 3 days in advance by calling the Road District Office.

## MAILBOXES

- » Inspect mailboxes and posts for needed repairs: they must be strong enough to withstand the snow as it comes off the plow. In most instances it is that lack of maintenance to the mailbox structure that causes damages to occur.



WINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
IS COMPRISED OF MOST OF  
WEST CHICAGO, WINFIELD,  
AND WARRENVILLE  
& INCLUDES SMALL SECTIONS  
OF WHEATON, NAPERVILLE,  
AURORA & BATAVIA.

AUTUMN 2016

# highways

## ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION

# 630 231 8850

### WINFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

30W575 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, Illinois

## COLLECTION SITE FOR USED VEGETABLE COOKING OIL

Every Monday (except Holidays) 7:00 a.m. to Noon

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ANIMAL FAT NOT ACCEPTED / USE PLASTIC CONTAINERS

## UNINCORPORATED LEAF REMOVAL

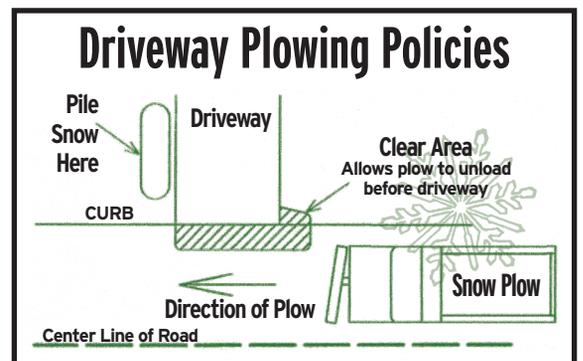
### Start Date: November 14

ALL GUIDELINES APPLY

**A**fter the leaves are gone, winter isn't far behind and the snow will fall. Keep this snow shoveling tip in mind when clearing snow from your driveway.

Shovel or clear snow in the same direction as traffic and make a pocket to give the snow on the blade of the plow

a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice. Remember it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto the road pavement.



visit us at

## www.winfieldtownship.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ROAD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

From the Desk of Mark Malay, Assessor

# Know Your Assessment Exemptions

## All Homeowners...

### » RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION

- You must own and occupy the home as your primary residence as of Jan. 1st.
- To see if you are already receiving this exemption, look at your most recent tax bill.
- This exemption reduces the net taxable value by \$6,000.

### » DISABLED PERSONS EXEMPTION

- Must be owner of record and primary residence.
- A person with a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months.
- This exemption reduces the net taxable value by \$2,000.

### » HOME IMPROVEMENT EXEMPTION

- If you make an improvement to your primary residence that results in an increase in your assessed value you may qualify for this exemption.
- Addition, New garage, deck, patio, shed or other structural change may qualify.
- This is a four year exemption with a maximum amount of the exemption is \$25,000 in assessed value (\$75,000 in Market Value).

## If you are a Veteran...

### » RETURNING VETERAN EXEMPTION

- Any Veteran returning from active duty in an armed conflict.
- Must be the Veteran's primary residence and must be owner of record.
- Only available in the year returning from the active duty.
- This exemption reduces the net taxable value by \$5,000.

### DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION

- Applicant must be a Veteran with at least 50% service related disability as certified by the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- Veteran must own and occupy as primary residence.
- This exemption reduces the net taxable value as follows.
  - 30%-49% disability is \$2,500
  - 50%-69% disability is \$5,000
  - 70% disability is exempt up to a max assessed value of \$250,000.

## If you are or will be 65 years old or more this year...

### » SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- Can apply any time during the year that you turn 65. Best to do before October 1st.
- Simple 1 page application at the Assessor or County offices.
- Need to bring Driver's License and Deed if possible.
- This exemption reduces the net taxable value by \$5,000.
- Annual renewal card comes in mail each spring.

### » SENIOR ASSESSMENT FREEZE

- Freezes taxable value of property. Amount of exemption is the difference between current assessment and frozen value.
- Must have a total household income of less than \$55,000.
- Apply before October 1st at Assessor or County Office.
- Must be applied for each year.

From The Desk Of...

Sheriff John E. Zaruba

# First Step Program

I found some pills and white powder in a baggy hidden in my son's bedroom. He hasn't been himself lately and is hanging around with kids I don't know. His grades are slipping and I'm really worried he may be using drugs. How can I find out what this stuff is?

**F**irst Step can help families take the first step in preventing and addressing drug use with their children by providing them with an opportunity to verify if a suspicious substance is actually a drug without the fear of legal action, anonymously, and free of charge.

Parents who find what they believe to be drugs in their home can call the Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory at 630.407.2100 and tell them they are interested in the First Step program. Parents are not required to provide their name, phone number, or any identification.

The caller will be told how to properly package and deliver the substance to the laboratory. In most cases the caller will be asked to affix an identification number to the packaging. This number serves as a safeguard in the event the parent is stopped by police while en route to the Sheriff's Office. Using the number, the laboratory can verify that the parent possesses the substance because he or she is participating in the First Step program.

Upon arrival at the crime laboratory, a drug chemist will be assigned to screen the questioned substance for the

presence of cannabis or a controlled substance. In most cases this is done while the parent waits for the results.

If drugs are found in the submitted sample, parents will be encouraged to contact one of the drug rehabilitation and referral services provided to them by the Department of Human Services. No legal action will be taken.

The crime laboratory accepts submissions to the First Step program during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## » Township Services Meet Special Needs:

- » Notary publics
- » Passports, by appointment only
- » Maintenance of Big Woods Cemetery
- » Welfare programs, by appointment only
- » Township tax assessment services
- » Voter registration
- » Weed control services
- » Absentee voting
- » Township road maintenance
- » Temporary Parking Placards
- » Senior and Disabled Bus Service
- » Member of DuPage CERT Program



## » Winfield Township Also Assists With Funding To The Following:

- » **WAYS (Wayne/Winfield Area Youth and Family Services) 630-231-7166**  
Provides counseling, crisis intervention, tutoring, etc. to township residents
- » **Warrenville Youth and Family Services 630-393-7057**  
Offers counseling, advocacy, referrals, crisis intervention to residents of Warrenville
- » **DuPage Children's Center 630-681-2426**  
Offers child sexual abuse investigations, treatment referrals, 24-hour emergency services
- » **Access DuPage & Silver Access / 630-510-8720**  
Provides medical assistance to the poor who are not covered by other programs

# WAYS

## Wayne-Winfield Area Youth-Family Services

TO REGISTER OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL WAYS INTAKE AT 630-231-7166 (X155 IN SPANISH)

**WAYS** offers counseling in English and Spanish for families, couples, individuals, and children. Sliding scale is available based on household income. Our licensed and professional staff are trained to help with a wide range of concerns such as: Family conflict, depression, anxiety, school problems, communication problems, anger management, marital problems, stress management, behavioral problems, personality disorders, defiance and acting out, adjustment to change, parenting issues, work issues, and grief. For more information, please call us at 630-231-7166.



**WAYS Tutoring** program, students improve their grades and learn proper study skills, organization tips, and memory strategies to make homework time less stressful. **Tutoring** is not only for students who are struggling, but also those who want to strengthen their skills. Certified teachers are available for elementary, middle, and high school age youth. Tutoring is \$25 per session with sliding scale scholarships for eligible students.



**WAYS** offers a variety of services for seniors:



**Senior Computer Classes** are \$2 for all classes; Call to confirm dates and times, subject to change.

*Fridays 2-3 pm*

- 10/7 Navigating Kindles & e-readers
- 10/14 Introduction to Pinterest
- 10/21 Tablets
- 10/28 Using Contact Lists in Email
- 11/4 Internet Shopping
- 11/11 Using GPS on Smart Phones
- 11/18 Digital Pictures I: Using Your Camera
- 12/2 Digital Pictures II: Uploading Pictures
- 12/9 Attaching Photos to Emails
- 12/16 Finding Pins on Pinterest
- 12/23 Uploading Pictures to Facebook
- 12/30 Texting on Smart Phones

**WAYS** also offers a variety of services for adults and families:

**Parenting classes**

Mon 8-9 pm or Thurs 10-11 am; in Spanish Wed 7-8 pm or Sat 9-10 am

**Adult Anger Management classes**

Tues 8-9 pm or Fri 9-10 am; in Spanish Wed 8-9 pm or Sat 8-9 am

## Ways you can support WAYS:



### » Antique Doll House Raffle:

Tickets now selling from WAYS for \$5; drawing Oct. 18th. (need not be present)

### » Eat Out for Charity:

Tues. Oct. 18th all day at John & Tony's in West Chicago; need a form from WAYS.

**Jewel gift cards**—you get face value gift card & WAYS gets 5% program support.

**Carson's Benefit Days:** Nov. 9-12, 2016  
Get \$5 coupons for your book from WAYS.

## One-Time Seminars:

### Holiday Grief Seminar:

Tues., Oct. 18th 7-8 pm or  
Thurs., Oct. 20th 3-4 pm

### Handling Holiday Stress:

Mon., Nov. 7th 6-7 pm or  
Wed., Nov. 9th 9-10 am

### Beating the Winter Blues:

Mon., Dec. 12th  
10-11 am or  
Tues., Dec. 13th  
6-7 pm

**\$5 per person;**  
**registration required**  
**1 week in advance**



For more information see WAYS website: [www.ways4change.org](http://www.ways4change.org) or call **630.231.7166**

# BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

## LIHEAP 2016-2017

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

**A**ssists eligible households with paying for winter heating services: gas and electric. Eligibility is determined by household size, income, geographical location and type of fuel used.

If eligible there will be a one-time payment to gas service and electric service.

There is also a Hardship Program for ComEd which can be accessed through DuPage County @ 630-407-6500.

**Seniors, and the Disabled or Disconnected households may call now to schedule an appointment to apply at Winfield Township. On October 3rd, households with a child who has not reached its 6th birthday also may make an appointment to apply.**

By November, the rest of the population is eligible to apply for the program.

Please contact the Assistance Office @ **630-231-3591** to make an appointment; walk-ins cannot be accommodated. You also may call DuPage County @630-407-6500 to apply.

## TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARDS

**T**emporary Parking Placards are available through Winfield Township. You must have a form filled out and signed by your physician in order to request a hang tag from the township; this form will be mailed to you. The township office at 130 Arbor Ave, West Chicago is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary. The placards are good for 90 days and are not renewable. If your disability is expected to last longer than 90 days, you will need to apply through the State of Illinois.

## THE HOLIDAYS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING!

**I**f you are interested in "adopting" a family for the Holidays, please contact the township office at 630-231-3591 **AFTER NOVEMBER 1st. Names will not be available prior to the month of November.** Leave a Voicemail with your name, address, phone #, email address and the size of the family which you would like to adopt. You will then be contacted with the family information.



## WINFIELD TOWNSHIP Senior & Disabled Bus Service

Transportation service is  
available Monday through Friday  
during the following hours:  
8:15 am to 4:30 pm

Ride availability is on a first-call, first served basis the day before you are to ride. Cost is \$4.00 per roundtrip per person and you are allowed 3 stops. The bus travels within Township boundaries. Please check our website or call the number listed below for additional information or closings due to holidays.

# 630.520.0054

## BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF WINFIELD TOWNSHIP...

**O**nce every 18 months (with a Lifetime Limit of 3 times) Emergency Assistance may be provided for rent, groceries, water bills, etc. Documents are required to prove residency, citizenship, income and SS #s. You must have a 5-day notice for rent or Final Notice Prior to Disconnection of utility & Emergency Assistance is based on income for the prior 30 days. Call 630-231-3591 for more information.

### Other Resources

- » **Warrenville Youth and Family Services** (if you have a Warrenville address) **630-393-7057**
- » **DuPage Medical Assistance Program** (DuPage County residents) **630-407-6500**
- » **Catholic Charities programs:** **630-495-8008**
- » **Willowcreek Care Center-DuPage:** Food Pantry and Clothing Store held the second Wednesdays of each month from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at Wheaton Academy, 900 Prince Crossing Rd, West Chicago. Items are provided while supplies last. There is a small fee for clothing.
- » **Prairie State Legal Services for low-income families** **630-690-2130**
- » **Veterans' Assistance Commission (DuPage County)** **630-407-5655**

# winfieldtownship office

130 Arbor Avenue | West Chicago, Illinois 60186-0369

**Supervisor and General Assistance offices:**  
630-231-3591 TEL  
630-231-3697 FAX

Office Hours:  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Monday - Friday

Winfield Township  
Supervisor  
**Dona L. Smith**  
630-231-3591

Town Clerk  
**Clifford A. Brown**  
630-231-3591

**Assessor's office:**  
630-231-3573 TEL  
630-231-3697 FAX

Office Hours:  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Monday - Friday

Assessor  
**Mark W. Malay**  
630-231-3573

Township Trustees  
**Jerry Ruzicka**  
**Mary Ann Manna**  
**Dave Tornga**  
**Don Voelz**

Winfield Township  
Highway Department  
30W575 W. Roosevelt Rd.  
West Chicago  
IL 60185

Highway office:  
630-231-8850 TEL  
630-231-9508 FAX

Highway Commissioner  
**John S. Dusza**  
630-231-8850

Office Hours:  
7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Monday - Friday

## Winfield Township Supports Eagle Scout Project

**T**his spring two boy scouts and their dad attended a Township Board meeting to learn more about local government. They showed interest in what we do, and we explained the many services that we provide. One of the topics discussed was the upkeep of Big Woods Cemetery, and how we have been in a cleanup project for the last year. Big Woods is a very old, historic cemetery located on Eola Road and is owned and maintained by Winfield Township. After hearing how some of the headstones are leaning and in need of attention, Boy Scout, Devon Goeckner, was eager to take this task on as an Eagle Scout Project.

This summer Devon led a group of Boy Scout volunteers and parents in this very project. With help from John Reynolds, President of Cemetery Management, Inc.; and the Winfield Township Road District who supplied materials, these stones have been straightened and leveled. The Township is very pleased with the hard work by all the volunteers and know the families of those buried in the cemetery appreciate it as well.

