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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 12, 2016

11:00AM - 2:00PM

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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT OFFICE

Located at 30W575 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, IL 60185
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LEARN MORE ABOUT TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

- Recycling opportunities will be available at the Open House for the following items:
Cell phones, Newspapers, Flags, Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids
- Nonperishable food items will also be collected for local food pantries.
- Hot Dogs and Snacks will be served while supplies last.

IMPORTANT DATES

BRUSH PICK-UP

(Unincorporated areas)

Start Dates

April 4, 2016 **May 2, 2016**

Sept 6, 2016 **Oct 3, 2016**

Day after Labor Day

Brush needs to be bundled securely with twine, bundles not to exceed 50 pounds.

LEAF REMOVAL

(Unincorporated areas)

Start Date

Monday, November 14, 2016

SPRING TIME REMINDERS

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

(Unincorporated areas)

For all work on the Township road right-of-way and private property, permits are required from DuPage County and Winfield Township Road District.

CHIP PROGRAM

Call the Road District Office to be placed on the list for a chip delivery.

LAWN CARE

Avoid excess watering of your lawn
Sparingly use pesticides and fertilizers
Use organic mulch
Keep grass clippings off the road
Sweep up and compost yard waste

PARKING PERMIT

(Unincorporated areas)

There is no parking on Township roads, therefore, Parking Permits will be issued for special occasions and must be arranged 3 days in advance by calling the Road District Office.

PET WASTE

Take along a receptacle for your pet's waste when walking your pet. Flushing pet waste is the best means of disposal.

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ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION

630 231 8850



THANK YOU to all who participated in our October 2015 Recycling event; over 500 vehicles attended this event, double from last year. Collected items were sorted; they were either given away to be re-used or responsibly broken down as recycled products. **Special thank you to Scarce for their continued support; thank you to Elgin Recycling, Working Bicycles, West Chicago Lions Club, CERT, The Crusher, Boy Scouts of America Troop 33, USAgain and ProShred** whose partnership made this event possible.

Thank you to the Winfield Township Elected Officials, employees and all our volunteers who donated their time to make sure vehicles were in and out as quickly as possible.

Partial funding for shredding was provided from a DuPage County grant.



Mark Your Calendar!

RECYCLE EXTRAVAGANZA

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

Winfield Township Road District Facility

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

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT IS A DROP OFF SITE FOR USED VEGETABLE COOKING OIL

Used Vegetable Cooking Oil (No Animal Fat) must be in a plastic container and can be dropped off at Winfield Township Road District, 30 W 575 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, IL every Monday except holidays, between 7:00 am to 11:00 am. (Closed February 15, May 30, July 4, September 5, October 10 & December 26)

visit us at

www.winfieldtownship.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ROAD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Qualifications for Property Tax Exemption

- » **Residential Homestead** – You must own and occupy the home to receive this exemption. This exemption is 6,000 off the Assessed Value. To see if you are already receiving this exemption, look on your most recent Tax Bill.
- » **Senior Homestead** – You must be 65 years of age during the tax year. A copy of deed and driver's license or State ID is required. This exemption is 5,000 off the Assessed Value.
- » **Senior Assessment Freeze** – You must qualify for the Senior Homestead exemption as well as have lived in the home for 2 consecutive January 1sts and have a household income of \$55,000 or less.
- » **Home Improvement** – If you added a garage, addition, deck, patio or other structural change you may qualify for up to 25,000 in assessed value (or 75,000 in market value). This is a four year exemption.
- » **Returning Veterans' Exemption** – Any Veteran returning from active duty in an armed conflict involving the Armed Forces of the United States is able to receive a 5,000 reduction in assessment for only the year in which the veteran returns. The property must be the Veteran's primary residence and they must be the owner of record.
- » **Disabled Veterans' Exemption** – Veteran with VA certified service-connected disability of 30% to 49% will receive a 2,500 exemption, 50% to 69% will receive a 5,000 exemption, or 70% or more will be exempt from taxes.
- » **Disabled Persons' Exemption** – Must be primary residence, owner of record and have a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that is expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. This exemption is for 2,000 off the Assessed Value.

QUESTIONS
REGARDING THESE
EXEMPTIONS OR
ASSESSMENTS

PLEASE CALL 630-231-3573 OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.WINFIELDTOWNSHIP.COM

From The Desk Of...

Sheriff John E. Zaruba

Smart 911

Help us better serve you. By entering critical information online before an emergency, you can ensure that first responders are better prepared to respond when you call 9-1-1. Help DuPage County, help you. Register today.



HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE YOU:

- With Smart911, call takers can notify firefighters of exactly how many people live in your house-including pets- to ensure that everyone is rescued during a fire. Additionally, if you live in an apartment building, firefighters will not only know the address, but the floor and apartment number as well.

HELP EMS TREAT YOU:

- Tell Smart911 about your family's medical issues- like heart conditions, allergies and stroke history. This way when 9-1-1 receives a call, EMS will arrive with appropriate equipment. For those who have a family member with Alzheimer's, Autism or who is deaf, this service helps as well. Instantly 9-1-1 knows the callers conditions and location without having to rely on a verbal communication.

HELP POLICE PROTECT YOU:

- Smart 911 information can help police in numerous ways. Today when a child goes missing, it takes time for police to obtain a photo of the missing child. With Smart911 police will have that photo instantly and can begin a wide scale search sooner. Additionally, this service helps police to locate you and your family more quickly during emergencies.

YOUR INFORMATION IS 100% PRIVATE.

- Your family's profile information is completely private and secure. The details you enter on our secure and protected website are only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders in the field and only when you or your family members call 9-1-1.

YOUR SAFETY PROFILE IS FREE, PRIVATE, AND SECURE

Township Services Meet Special Needs:

- » Notary publics
- » Maintenance of Big Woods Cemetery
- » Township tax assessment services
- » Weed control services
- » Township road maintenance
- » Passports, by appointment only
- » Welfare programs, by appointment only
- » Voter registration
- » Absentee voting
- » Temporary Handicap Parking Placards

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 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)

Plan ahead for **Summer Day Camp** at WAYS: June 6-August 12; 10am-4pm with extended hours 8am-6pm. Cost is \$65 a week (\$5 reduction for pre-paid & scholarships available) with breakfast & lunch included. Weekly fieldtrips, crafts, & fun events with a professional staff of counselors. Registration starts March 1st.



SLIDING-SCALE SCHOLARSHIPS & "WAYS BUCKS" APPLY TO ALL FEES; INSURANCE MAY APPLY; REGISTRATION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE FOR ALL SERVICES.

Senior Computer Classes are \$2

Beginner classes: Tues. 1-2pm
TOPIC CLASSES are Wed. 1-2 pm:

Let us know if you have a request for a class topic!

- 3/2 Introduction to Facebook
- 3/9 Downloading Applications on Smart Phones
- 3/16 Privacy & Security Settings on Facebook
- 3/23 Saving Digital Pictures to the Computer
- 3/30 Attaching Photos to Emails
- 4/6 Texting on Smart Phones
- 4/13 Tablets
- 4/20 Using Contact Lists in Email
- 4/27 Using GPS on Smart Phones
- 5/4 Introduction to Pinterest
- 5/11 How to Pin on Pinterest
- 5/18 Creating an Email Account
- 5/25 Introduction to Facebook

Counseling in English and Spanish for families & individuals on a sliding-scale. WAYS licensed, master's level, professional staff are trained to help with a range of concerns: family conflict, depression, anxiety, youth behavioral problems, anger, marital problems, stress, personality disorders, adjustment to change, work issues, and grief.

WAYS' **Tutoring** helps students improve their grades and learn study skills and strategies to make homework less stressful. Tutoring is for students who are struggle and for those who want to strengthen their skills. Certified teacher are available for elementary, middle, & high school age youth. Cost: \$25 per session, with sliding scale scholarships.

Parenting classes /
Tues 8-9pm or Thurs.
10-11am; **in Spanish**
Tues. or Wed 1-2pm
& Wed. 7-8pm

Adult Anger Management classes /
Wed 8-9pm or Fri 9-10am;
in Spanish Mon 1-2pm & Wed. 8-9pm

Teen Anger Management classes /
Tue 7-8pm

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

Donations needed / \$\$\$ support WAYS programs & get a tax write-off: digital projector, Windows 7 or above computers



For more information see WAYS website: www.ways4change.org or call **630.231.7166**

BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE



WRAP UP of HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Thank you to all who helped make this a happy Christmas for those who are facing difficult financial times...

Ninety-three registrations were mailed to families in Winfield Township; 83 were returned for participation in our Holiday Assistance Program. The names came from the township Emergency Assistance files and also from the local food pantry.

Forty-five family names were assigned to sponsors in our Adopt-a-Family program. Each sponsor shops for its family and delivers directly or drops packages at the township for delivery or pick-up. Thanks to the Malay family for delivering those gifts that could not be picked up.

Forty-nine families were nominated to the Christmas Store. They were then "invited" to shop at the Store on December 8, 2015. New items are purchased and donated to this program. The parents shop for their children and enjoy snacks and Christmas music while volunteers giftwrap the items. Gift cards to Jewel were purchased with donated funds and also distributed to this group of families.

Four children (between the ages of 7 and 11) were nominated to Shop with Law Enforcement. Each child was picked up at home by an officer who volunteers his/her time to take the child shopping. Gifts could be purchased for themselves and their family members. This is a long-standing community program offered during the Christmas Holidays. Thanks to all who participate!

A total of 475 family members which included 285 children benefitted in one way or another by registering with the township.

Thanks!
Debby

LIHEAP PROGRAM

The Low Income Heating Home Energy Assistance Program continues through May 31st, 2016 or until the funding runs out. This is a one-time payment on your gas and electric bills. Contact the Assistance Office at 630-231-3591 to schedule your appointment to apply. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

...is offered once in an 18th month time period with a lifetime limit of 3 times. Residency in Winfield Township and proof of citizenship or permanent resident card is required. Income must be documented. Schedule an appointment by calling 630-231-3591, Monday-Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. You may leave a message for a call back.

SALVATION ARMY FUNDS

Available through Winfield Township for residents of the Village of Winfield and the City of West Chicago (up to Hawthorne Lane.) Contact the Assistance Office to make an appointment. Call 630-231-3591.

City of Warrenville residents must contact Warrenville Youth and Family Services to access Salvation Army Funds. Call 630-393-7057.

WE-GO TOGETHER PANTRY

Leman Middle School, 238 E. Hazel St., West Chicago is open on Tuesdays from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. IT IS NOW OPEN YEAR ROUND SERVING FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN SCHOOL DISTRICT # 33.

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Hosted by Wayne & Winfield Townships
Saturday, March 19th
9:00 am-12:00 noon

to be held at Wayne Township Office
27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL
For MORE INFO call 630-231-3591



WINFIELD TOWNSHIP Senior & Disabled Bus Service

☎ 630.520.0054

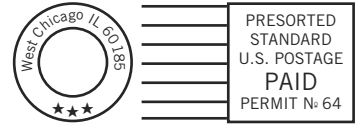
Transportation service is available
Monday through Friday during the following
hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm

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 above for additional information.



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

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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 was recognized for its outstanding efforts at the Annual Township Officials of Illinois Conference in November 2015.

In the category of 'Best Township Program' we received the award for our recycling event, receiving comments that included:

- Effective, colorful ad that works.
- Great to see the inclusion of a Spanish version to communicate the message to more people.
- Great overall program with a well communicated message!

The Township was also given the award in the category of 'Best Newsletter' and received the following comment:

- Newsletter is effective and up-to-date.

Winfield Township is honored to have received this award.

