



## news&notes

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### WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

# OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**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!**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
AT 630-231-3591 OR THE ROAD DISTRICT OFFICE AT 630-231-8850.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 11, 2017  
11:00 am – Noon

### BRUSH PICK-UP

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

#### Start Dates

April 3, 2017      May 1, 2017

Sept 5, 2017      Oct 2, 2017

Day after Labor Day

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

### RECYCLE EXTRAVANGANZA

September 30, 2017

9:00 am – noon

\$10 cash drop-off fee for Electronic Recycling

### LEAF REMOVAL

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

#### Start Date

Monday, November 13, 2017

## SPRING TIME REMINDERS

### 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.



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

SPRING 2017

From The Desk of... Highway Commissioner John Dusza

ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION

630 231 8850

# RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in our 2016 Recycling event; over 600 vehicles attended this event. Collected items were sorted; they were either given away to be re-used or responsibly broken down as recycled products. **Thank you to SCARCE, CERT, Elgin Recycling, ProShred, Working Bicycles, The Crusher, West Chicago Lions Club, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 33** 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.**

## RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

9:00 AM TO NOON

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ROAD DISTRICT FACILITY

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



THERE WILL BE A \$10 (CASH) FEE PER CAR TO DROP OFF ELECTRONICS

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD LATEX and OIL-BASED PAINT

NEW FOR 2017

Epaint Recycling Solutions (847-666-8351) on September 30, 2017, will be onsite to collect paint. Epaint will accept cash or credit card for this service.

#### LATEX PAINT

1 Quart Can = \$1.00/can

1 Gallon Can = \$2.00/can

5 Gallon Pail = \$10.00/pail

#### OIL-BASED PAINT

1 Quart Can = \$4.00/can

1 Gallon Can = \$8.00/can

5 Gallon Pail = \$20.00/pail

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FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ROAD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

From The Desk of... Assessor Mark Malay

# 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

# New Law and Pilot Program

**S**heriff Zaruba and members of The DuPage County Sheriff's Office were honored to receive a generous donation

from the Annie LeGere Foundation for the purchase of EpiPens for Deputies to carry. The LeGere family tragically lost their daughter Annie to an allergic reaction in August 2015. Had an EpiPen been available to law enforcement at that time, it may have saved her life. Annie's Law was passed in August 2016 and authorizes law enforcement to administer an EpiPen. The Law goes into effect in January 2017.

Sheriff Zaruba is proud to be the pilot Law Enforcement Agency for the EpiPen Program. The donation from the LeGere Foundation will be used to buy and equip deputies.



**NEW  
FOR  
2017**



## 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 applications
- » 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
- » **DuPage Children's Center 630-681-2426** / Offers child sexual abuse investigations, treatment referrals, 24-hour emergency services
- » **Warrenville Youth and Family Services 630-393-7057** / Offers counseling, advocacy, referrals, crisis intervention to residents of Warrenville
- » **Access DuPage 630-510-8720**  
Provides medical assistance to the poor who are not covered by other programs



# 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:  
**May 30-August 19; 10 am-4 pm** with extended hours available. Cost is \$65 a week with breakfast & lunch included (\$5 reduction for pre-paid, and sliding scale available). Weekly fieldtrips, crafts, & fun events with a professional staff of counselors. Registration has already started, so call soon.



**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.

## Senior Technology Classes are Monday, 3-4 and \$2 for each classes; *Reminder: bring your device to class!*

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| <b>2/27</b> Attaching Photos to Emails or Text Messages  | <b>4/17</b> Using GPS on Smart Phones                  |
| <b>3/6</b> Introduction to Facebook                      | <b>4/24</b> Using the Calendar on Smart Phones         |
| <b>3/13</b> Uploading Pictures to Facebook               | <b>5/1</b> Texting on Smart Phones                     |
| <b>3/20</b> Downloading Games on Your iPad or iPhone     | <b>5/8</b> Attaching Photos to Emails or Text Messages |
| <b>3/27</b> Introduction to Pinterest                    | <b>5/15</b> Downloading Applications on Smart Phones   |
| <b>4/3</b> Downloading Books on your iPad                | <b>5/22</b> Introduction to Facebook                   |
| <b>4/10</b> Creating a Free Email Account & Email Basics |  |

## BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASSES are also held Mondays 1-2 pm

### WAYS ALSO OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES:

**Parenting classes** —Wed 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; Spanish Wed 8-9 pm or Sat 8-9 am

### ONE-TIME SEMINARS:

**The Impact of Electronics on Children:** Thurs Feb 9th 7-8 pm \$15/person; register by Feb 7th

**Internet Safety for Families:** Thurs Mar 9th 5-6 pm \$5/person; register by Mar 7th

**Parenting a Child with ADHD:** Wed Mar 22nd 7-8 pm \$5/person; register by Mar 20th

### WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT WAYS:

**Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction:** Tues Apr 18th

**DuPage County Human Race** – Sat May 6th; register to join Team WAYS!

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

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

# BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

## LIHEAP PROGRAM

**LiHeap (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications will be taken at the township office through May 31st or until the \$\$ is spent.** Eligible households are determined by household size, income, geographical location and type of fuel used. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required.

**Appointments are required. Call 630-231-3591, 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday to schedule an application appointment.** You will be required to bring proof of SS#s for all members of the household, your latest gas and electric bills, proof of income for all household members for the 30 days prior to the date of your application and your lease, if you rent. You will need to continue paying your heating bills while you are pending a decision on your application.



## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

There are churches and pantries in Winfield Township which may be able to assist in an emergency. A list is available by request through the General Assistance Office at 630-231-3591.

## SALVATION ARMY FUNDS

Salvation Army funding is again available to residents of Winfield Township. One must meet the income guidelines used for Emergency Assistance provided by the township and as in all other programs, an appointment is required. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Proof of residency in Winfield Township (West Chicago south of Hawthorne Lane or Winfield) must be provided along with proof of SS#s along with other general information about the family. Call 630-231-3591 to schedule.

## THE Emergency Assistance Program

**EA is available every 18 months with a lifetime limit of 3 times.** You must live within the boundaries of Winfield Township and have income at 150% of the Federal Poverty Level or less. For rental assistance there must be a 5-day notice in order to consider it an emergency. While the LIHEAP program is in effect, the township can't assist with gas or electric bills. Water bills are eligible year round if there is a Final Notice Prior to Disconnection.

## HOLIDAY/ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM 2017

Donations made to the Holiday programs were used to purchase grocery gift cards from Aldi and Jewel for the families who are registered with us for the holidays and also those we may encounter after the close of the holiday program. Games, toys, gloves and hats, and gift cards were also donated by generous residents of the township.

98 families were mailed Holiday Registration forms in October and 72 families returned the forms which made them eligible to be "adopted" by another family, a business or a church. This year all family registrations were assigned.

Four children from Winfield Township participated in the "Shop with Law Enforcement" program organized by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. The children were accompanied by law enforcement personnel who assisted them in shopping for themselves and their family members.

Several families were invited to "shop" from The Christmas Store which is supported by several churches in the area. The feedback from these families was "very positive."



## WINFIELD TOWNSHIP Senior & Disabled Bus Service

**Transportation service is  
available Monday through Friday  
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 round trip 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. Must be registered to ride the bus.

# 630.520.0054

# winfieldtownship office

130 Arbor Avenue | West Chicago, Illinois 60186-0369



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STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT N: 64

**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

## From The Desk of... Supervisor Dona L. Smith Coast2coast Rx Program Passes \$350,000 In Savings

**W**infield Township has been offering the Coast2Coast Rx Card, (this FREE prescription drug card can benefit your entire family) since September 2011. 5,680 prescriptions have been filled using the Winfield Township Rx Discount Card saving residents over \$351,589. Winfield Township is celebrating its fifth anniversary of participation in this beneficial program.

While the card is generally for people without any prescription coverage, in many cases it may offer better pricing than certain health insurance plans. It is important for residents to compare pricing whether or not they have insurance. Some medications may not be covered in other health plans that may be covered by the Coast2Coast Rx Card.

The program is now offering additional discounts for dental, vision and hearing along with those currently available

for lab and imaging tests.

You can pickup this card at the Township office located at 130 Arbor Avenue, West Chicago. For further details, visit the Coast2Coast website at [www.coast2coastrx.com](http://www.coast2coastrx.com)

There are over 59,000 participating pharmacies including all major chains and many independent pharmacies. Ask your pharmacist if the Coast2Coast program could save you money.

**NOTE: THE COAST2COAST Rx CARD IS NOT INSURANCE AND NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE INSURANCE.**

