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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

**HOT DOGS &
SNACKS WILL BE
SERVED WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST!**

- 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.

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

PAVING IN 2018

The Woodland Subdivision is anticipated to be paved this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 10, 2018
11:00 am – Noon

BRUSH PICK-UP

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Start Dates

April 2, 2018 May 7, 2018

Sept 4, 2018 Oct 1, 2018

Day after Labor Day

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

RECYCLE EXTRAVANGANZA

September 29, 2018

9:00 am – noon

\$10 cash drop-off fee for Electronic Recycling

LEAF REMOVAL

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Start Date

Monday, November 12, 2018

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 at 630-231-8850.



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

SPRING 2018

From The Desk of... Highway Commissioner John S. Dusza

ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION

30W575 ROOSEVELT ROAD
WEST CHICAGO, IL

630 231 8850

RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

THANK YOU to all who participated in our 2017 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.



Saturday SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

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

visit us at

www.winfieldtownship.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ROAD DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Crime Prevention at Home



Lights and Alarm- Having an outside light can deter criminals who use the cover of darkness to commit crimes undetected. Turning on an outside light can be a deterrent and light your property. An alarm can be a deterrent and also contacts police if the alarm is set off when you are away.

Doors- You might keep the deadbolt locked on the front door at all times, but what about the back door off the patio? Or maybe you leave the garage door wide open during the afternoons? Be as conscientious about your less-used entrances as you are with your main one. Also reinforce sliding doors with a sliding lock or even a metal or wood piece along the rails can be effective.

Keys and Valuables- That bowl or basket where everyone tosses keys, wallets, phones and other valuables may also help criminals. Sure, you'll know where they are—but so will a burglar. The best place for car keys is beside your bed. If you wake up to noises that sound like someone breaking in, hit the alarm on the fob to scare the criminal away. No one likes to get locked out, but a spare key stashed under a rock or above the door frame is bound to be discovered, so exchange yours with a neighbor you trust in case of emergency.

Automobile- Lock your car doors and close all windows on your automobiles. Never leave your keys in your vehicle! Also make sure to take all valuables and paperwork with personal information. Most auto burglaries occur on unlocked automobiles.

Friends, Followers, and Fiends- When you're out of town have a neighbor pick up your mail and stop newspaper delivery so thieves won't see them piling up. Also block any social media posts to the public that may say you are out of town or not at home. All a burglar has to do is look up your address and then leisurely go to your home, knowing you won't be back from Italy until Sunday.

Please report any suspicious people and autos to police by calling 911.

From The Desk of... Assessor Mark Malay

Know Your Property Tax 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 30% service related disability as certified by the US Dep. of Veterans Affairs.
- Veteran or surviving unmarried spouse of disabled veteran must own and occupy as primary residence. The property cannot have a value of more than \$750,000.
- 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.

Will you be 65 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.
- **NEW FOR 2018** - Must have a total household income of **\$65,000** or less. The income limit changed for 2018 Application, it was \$55,000.
- Apply before October 1st at Assessor or County Office.
- Must be applied for each year.

» 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
- » Absentee voting applications
- » Township road maintenance
- » Temporary Handicap Parking Placards
- » Weed control services
- » 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 (X158 IN SPANISH)

WAYS offers counseling in English and Spanish for families, couples, & individuals. Sliding scale is available based on household income & insurance may apply. Our licensed, professional staff are trained to help with a wide range of concerns such as: family conflict, depression, anxiety, school problems, communication problems, marital problems, stress, behavioral problems, work issues, and grief. For Spanish speaking services, dial extension 158.

WAYS Tutoring helps students improve their grades, earn proper study skills, organization tips, & memory strategies to make homework time less stressful. **Tutoring** is also for those who want to strengthen their skills. Certified teachers



tutor elementary, middle, and high school age youth. Tutoring is \$25 per session, with a sliding scholarship scale.

Summer Day Camp: May 29-August 17; 10am-4pm with extended hours available from 7:30am-6pm. Full cost is \$70 a week with breakfast & lunch included; sliding scale scholarships are available. Weekly fieldtrips, crafts, & fun events with a professional staff. Registration now open.



Senior Computer Classes are \$2 for all classes and dates are March through the end of May.

Please see website for specific class topics.
Beginner Computer Classes are Tuesdays 1-2pm
Technology Classes: Tuesdays 3-4 pm

Parenting classes —
Wed 8-9pm or
Thurs 10-11am; in
Spanish Wed 7-8pm
or Sat 9-10am

Teen Anger Management classes
Tues 7-8pm

Adult Anger Management classes
Tues 8-9pm or
Fri 9-10am; in
Spanish Wed 8-9pm
or Sat 8-9am

Youth Social Skills group —Wed 6-7pm

One Time Seminars:

\$5 per person; register at least two business days in advance

Understanding the Teen Brain:

Tues Mar 13th 5-6 pm; learn how the brain develops & influences teen behavior /choices

Managing Chronic Pain:

Beyond Medication: Mon Mar 19th 5-6pm; learn alternative ways to cope with pain

Coping with Anxiety:

Tues Apr 24th 5-6pm; learn about anxiety, strategies toward challenges & embracing strengths

Keeping Your Brain Healthy:

Tues Apr 3rd 3-4pm; learn easy tricks to help your brain stay in tip-top shape

Parenting a Child with ADHD:

Mon Apr 9th 5-6pm; learn about ADHD, strategies to use, & embracing strengths

How Anxiety and Emotions Affect Health:

Tues May 8th 5-6pm; learn how mood affects health & how to cope with it

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE FOR ALL SERVICES.
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.WAYS4CHANGE.ORG**

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

BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is a program which provides a minimum grant for individuals who live in Winfield Township and do not fit into other categories for assistance from the State or Federal Government. There is a work component attached to this grant.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is administered to persons once in a twelve month period with a lifetime max of 5 times. Applicant must be a Township resident who has received a five day notice and/or utility disconnection notice. Must meet all financial and non-financial requirements.

LIHEAP PROGRAM

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is a program that assists eligible households in paying their gas and/or electric bills. Eligibility is determined by household size, income, and geographical location. This program runs through May 31, 2018 or until the funds run out.

ACCESS DUPAGE

Access DuPage is a program to help eligible persons in DuPage County receive primary care medical services.

BIG WOODS CEMETERY

Located on Eola Road, is maintained by Winfield Township. Plots are available for purchase. The price of a adult grave ranges from \$1,200 to \$1,3500. The price of a cremation ranges from \$800 to \$950, and the price for an infant grave ranges from \$375 to \$450. For more information on **Big Woods Cemetery**, please call the office at **630-231-3591**.



Wrap Up of Holiday Assistance Program

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



Eighty-four families were invited to participate in the Winfield Township Holiday Assistance Program. The names came from the Township Emergency Assistance Program and the local food pantry. Forty-two families were assigned to donors. Each donor shopped for the family and provided them with a gift card for a holiday meal.

Twenty-seven families were invited to shop at the Christmas Store, of which twelve families made an appointment to shop. This program has new items that have been purchased or donated. The parents shop for their children and enjoy snacks while volunteers giftwrap their items.

Four children (between the ages 7 and 11) were also invited to shop with law enforcement. Each child got picked up at their home by an officer who volunteered his/her time to take the child shopping for his/her family.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS
OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR
ANY OF THESE SERVICES PLEASE
CONTACT CLAUDIA GABRELS MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM AT
(331) 240-2665 OR AT (630) 231- 3591.

...from the desk of Supervisor Dona L. Smith

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP SENIOR & DISABLED BUS SERVICE: 630-520-0054

Winfield Township is proud to offer our senior and/or disabled bus service. This program has been in existence since 1974, with our current bus driver, Terry Klingberg, driving since 1977.

The service is available for those age 65 and older and/or disabled (18 and older) who reside within Winfield Township. Proof of age and Winfield Township residency, and disability, if appropriate, are required. We currently have 256 regular riders and 25 caregiver riders registered for our program.

If you qualify for the program and have not signed up yet all you need to do is come in to our 130 Arbor Avenue office and complete the form and bring in proof of residency and age. The forms are in our office and can also be printed off our website
www.winfieldtownship.com.



"The senior bus is a lifeline for many seniors and people with disabilities within Winfield Township. If we didn't have the bus and Terry we would not be able to go places. He takes us to the hospital, grocery stores, and just everyday things. Terry the bus driver is wonderful. For him it's not just a job, he cares about each and every rider. He was the first person I met when I moved to West Chicago." – John Boyle



General information of our program is listed below:

- **Transportation service is available Monday through Friday during the following hours: 8:15 am to 4:45 pm**
- **Ride availability is on a first-call, first serve basis the day before you are to ride. Cost is \$4.00 (cash only) 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 or closings due to holidays.

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP 
PROUD TO SERVE

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 - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday

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

Town Clerk
Nicole Prater
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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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

