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Winfield Township Serves its Residents by Offering FREE Prescription Drug Card

Winfield Township is joining other townships throughout DuPage, Cook and Lake Counties in offering the Coast2Coast Rx Card... a **FREE prescription drug card that can benefit your entire family.**

While the card is generally for people without health insurance, in some cases it may offer better pricing than certain health insurance plans. So, it is important for residents of Winfield Township to compare pricing whether or not they have insurance. Plus, some medications might not be covered in health plans but may be covered by the Coast2Coast Rx Card.

Below are some of the Coast2Coast Rx plan highlights:

- » Over 60,000 drugs included in the formulary

- » 59,000 plus participating pharmacies including major chains and most independents
- » Savings of up to 65% on brand name generics
- » Card is good for the entire family
- » No expiration date and may be used only as needed
- » May be used for pet prescriptions when filled at a participating pharmacy

Imprinted cards will be available in November. You may pick up your FREE Coast2Coast Rx discount prescription card at the Winfield Township office, 130 Arbor Avenue, West Chicago. In the meantime, download your Rx card by going to: www.coast2coastrx.com; go under township and make sure to download the Winfield Township card.

THE COAST2COST Rx CARD IS NOT INSURANCE AND NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE INSURANCE.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!



Thank you for your help and cooperation with our environmental recycling project. Your response has been wonderful and we hope you will continue to support this project.

Please call our office with any questions: 630-231-3591.

LEAF REMOVAL GUIDELINES

UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WINFIELD TOWNSHIP

- » Place loose leaves, **not mulched**, in a long row, along frontage of property, parallel to edge of road, no further than 5 feet from pavement. Leaves are not to be placed on pavement or road
- » Leaf pick-up is for loose leaves of trees - Do not include branches, twigs, flowers, and ornamental grasses.
- » Do not include any other debris such as cans, paper, bottles, rocks, logs, brush or construction materials.
- » Do not place leaves behind obstacles such as: Parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, etc. (vacuum hose cannot reach leaves behind obstacles)
- » Once the crew has gone down your street, it is considered the one and only pass for your street whether your leaves were out or not.
- » **If you miss the pick-up** you may contact Kramer Tree Specialists at 630-293-5444 to schedule a pick-up for a cost of \$180.00

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ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION
630 231 8850

Construction Projects

(Unincorporated Winfield Township)



Winfield Township Road District paved over 3 miles of roads this fall. On several of the roads a process called Hot In-Place Asphalt Recycling (heat scarification) was used. This is a process where the existing pavement is machine heated and removed; emulsion is added to the mix.



The rejuvenated product is returned to the road and rolled. This becomes a base for the new pavement.

LEAF PICK-UP BEGINS NOVEMBER 7

** UNINCORPORATED WINFIELD TOWNSHIP **



As a reminder fall is a good time to inspect the stability of your mailbox and post. Wood rots and metal will rust, weakening the structure. The mailbox and post should be sturdy enough to hold up against the snow coming off of the snow plows.

We ask you to please refer to our homeowner's handbook or the Winfield Township website, www.winfieldtownship.com for further explanation or contact us at 630-231-8850.

From The Desk Of... Sheriff John E. Zaruba Fight Back Against Identity Theft!



Identify Theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States with over 500,000 people becoming victims each year. This type of crime is defined as the wrongful use of another person's personal information to commit financial or other crimes.

How to protect yourself...

- » Review credit card and bank statements for unauthorized use
- » Shred charge receipts, expired credit cards, and credit offers
- » Do not carry your Social Security card on your person
- » Don't have your Social Security number printed on your driver's license or personal checks

- » Check your credit report at least once a year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com for information on receiving a free report

What to do if your identity is stolen?

- » Make a report with your local police department or sheriff's office
- » Contact the three (3) major credit bureaus and ask them to place a fraud alert on your credit report
Equifax ~ www.equifax.com
Trans Union ~ www.transunion.com
Experian ~ www.experian.com
- » Notify your bank and credit card companies

- » Keep a record of names and phone numbers of the people with whom you discuss your case
- » Call the identity theft hotline (Federal Trade Commission) at 1-877-IDTHEFT. Their counselors will help you resolve financial problems related to the crime

For more information regarding this and other available programs and services, please visit our web site at www.dupagesheriff.org or contact the Sheriff's Office Community Resource Unit at (630) 407-2317.

What Property Tax Exemptions Do I Qualify For?

- » **Residential Homestead** – You must own and occupy the home to receive this exemption. This exemption is 6,000 of 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 4,000 of 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 1st 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 will qualify for up to 25,000 in assessed value. (or 75,000 in market value) This is a four year exemption.

FOOD PANTRIES

Contact the township for a written referral to food pantries in the area. The township can also provide applications for Food Stamps upon request.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE EXEMPTIONS OR ASSESSMENTS

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

- » **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 resident and they must be the owner of record.
- » **Disabled Veterans' Exemption** – Veteran with service-connected disability certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs. With a disability of 50% but less than 75% the exemption is 2,500. A disability of 75% or more is 5,000.
- » **Disabled Persons' Exemption** – Must be primary residence, owner of record and 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 of the Assessed Value.

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 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: 630-231-7166

WAYNE/WINFIELD AREA YOUTH/FAMILY SERVICES (WAYS)
TO REGISTER OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL WAYS INTAKE AT 630-231-7166.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Sliding-scale scholarships & "WAYS Bucks" apply to all the fees; insurance may apply.

- » **Individual & Family Therapy in English & Spanish**, by appointment
- » **Youth Tutoring** – One-on-one tutoring with certified teachers
- » **Job Club** – Mon. 1:00 pm; job skills, support, and networking. \$1 per session.
- » **Adult Anger Classes** Thurs. 8:00 pm; certificate of completion given.
- » **Parenting Classes** – Fri. 9:00 am and Tues. 8:00 pm; certification of completion given.
- » **Senior Computer Classes** – Tues. 1:00 pm starting every six weeks, call for dates.
- » **Senior Club** – Thurs. 1 pm, \$2 per session for coffee, socializing and more computer support.

AFTER-SCHOOL:

- » **Teen Group** – Wed. 7:00 pm. Therapist works on issues relevant to teens.
- » **Social Skills for Kids** – Wed. 6:00 pm
Teaches grade-school kids social skills through fun activities
- » **Teen Anger Classes** – Thurs. 7:00 pm
Includes a pre and post consultation with parents.
- » **Special Event Days** are offered from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (extended hours available). This is a great opportunity for working parents when school is not in session. Advance registration is required necessary. Days: Nov. 21-22, Dec. 19-22, Dec. 27-30.

**VOLUNTEERS
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For more information see WAYS website: www.ways4change.org



Big Woods Cemetery, located on Eola Road, is maintained by Winfield Township. Plots are available for purchase. The price of a grave ranges from \$800 to \$1,000. The price of a cremation ranges from \$600 to \$750, and the price for an infant grave ranges from \$300 to \$400. For more information on Big Woods Cemetery, please call the office at 630-231-3591.



WINFIELD TOWNSHIP BUS SERVICE:

630-231-9474

- » This service is funded by the Township and administered by the West Chicago Park District. The bus runs Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The bus is available to adults 55 and over who live within Winfield Township boundaries. Ride reservations are taken Mon.-Fri. between 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Ride availability is on a first-call, first-serve basis the day before you are to ride. Cost is \$2.00 per roundtrip per person and you are allowed 3 stops. The bus travels within Winfield Township boundaries. Please call the Park District at 630-231-9474 for exceptions and additional information.



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

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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KETTLE COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATION ARMY SERVICE EXTENSION

SERVING WEST CHICAGO
& WINFIELD

Winfield Township will be working with the Oak Brook Corps to raise money through its Kettle Collection. The township will receive 90% of money raised to assist residents of West Chicago and Winfield. These funds are used for help with groceries, medications, rent, and utilities. We have been assigned to ring the bells at the West Chicago Jewel store at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. and the hours are from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturdays, November 19th and 26th and December 3rd, 10th and 17th, also Saturdays. The shifts are 3 hours long. Bring a friend to keep you company and spell you if you need a break. Email debby@winfieldtownship.com or call 630-231-3591 (Debby) if you would like to take a shift.

ACCESS DUPAGE

Applications for this charity medical program continue to be taken at Winfield Township. Please call for an appointment. You will be asked to bring original documents which prove eligibility; this may include check stubs, unemployment benefits payment history, Social Security benefits, etc. You will be required to bring proof of your address (lease, mortgage papers, or a utility bill in your name). If you do not bring all documents to your appointment, you may be asked to reschedule. Call 630-231-3591 and ask for Debby.

Adopt-a-Family

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ant to bless your less fortunate neighbors during this

Holiday Season? You can do so by participating in the Adopt-a-Family program available through Winfield Township. A list of those experiencing financial hardship will be available after November 1st, 2011. Those registered have been invited to sign up because they have received Emergency Assistance from the township in the last 11 months. Walk-in registrations are not accepted.

If you accept the call to adopt-a-family for Christmas, you will receive a Wish List from the family and the township expects that you will purchase one gift per child and groceries (store gift card) for a holiday meal. Toys should be limited to younger children (14 and under.) Again this year, names will also come from the Northwest DuPage Walk-In Ministry. Approximately 100 families are assisted through this program. Call 630-231-3591, extension 104 and ask for Debby or leave a message on voice mail.



LIHEAP

Call 630-231-3591 to check the availability of appointments to apply for LiHeap. Please leave a brief message on voice mail at 630-231-3591 x 104. Leave your name, phone # and the reason for your call and you will receive a return call.

OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH WINFIELD TOWNSHIP ARE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, PASTORS' FUND AND SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE FOR WINFIELD AND WEST CHICAGO RESIDENTS. BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE IS ONLY AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT. CALL 630-231-3591, EXT 104 TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH THE GA DIRECTOR.

ASK ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARDS

Highway Commissioner Receives Bronze Star



When Winfield Township residents call the Highway Department about unwanted limbs or potholes, they often talk to their Highway Commissioner, Joe Jedlovec, Jr. What they may not realize is they are talking to a patriot, a hero who rarely mentions his experiences in Vietnam in 1968, the sergeant who received so many letters while in the service, he had his own bag of mail. The same soldier who brought home a 'jungle hat' requested by a Villa Park boy, one of several schoolchildren who wrote letters to him in Vietnam. The son who picked a flower on Mother's Day and sent it home in an envelope to his mother. The man who still has that flower.

Part of the 101st Airborne unit, Jedlovec never said a word about not receiving the Bronze Star from 43 years ago, until his lieutenant was writing stories and mentioned the medal. On a battlefield near the Vietnamese city of Hue on May 6, 1968, Jedlovec braved "continuous enemy fire" to organize a team to rescue an injured squad leader during an 11-hour battle and get him airlifted out of the scene, according to the certificate that accompanied the Bronze Star Medal. "He was bleeding bad from a chest

wound," said Jedlovec "we did all we could, but he did not make it."

Staff Sgt. Jedlovec moved from position to position and directed the platoon. He was able to keep the unit together and deliver a devastating attack upon insurgent forces. He began as a squad leader, but the first platoon sergeant was shot in the leg, so Jedlovec was called on to be platoon sergeant to 35 men.

Arrangements were made for Joe to receive the Bronze Star with "V" Device at a special ceremony at the Cantigny First Division Museum in Wheaton, Illinois before about 150 friends and family members. The Bronze Star with "V" Device designation signified that he was awarded the medal during direct combat with the enemy. This is not his first Bronze Star. He received one earlier, as well as two Purple Heart awards and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry during his time in Vietnam.

Cantigny First Division Museum Director, Paul Herbert welcomed everyone and gave a very nice presentation of Joe and his accomplishments, as well as an update on what he has been doing

since he returned from the Vietnam War. We watched as a Major and Sergeant Major presented the Medal to Joe.

Joe received a State of Illinois House of Representatives' 97th General Assembly Resolution with Recognition and Congratulations acquired by Rep. Mike Fortner as well as a State of Illinois Senate 97th General Assembly Resolution with Recognition and Congratulations acquired by Senator Tom Johnson.

On behalf of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Dona Smith, Winfield Township Supervisor presented Joe with the Governor's Proclamation that declared May 21, 2011 as Staff Sergeant Joseph V. Jedlovec Jr. Day in Illinois.

Our congratulations and thanks go out to Joe and his family for this special and long overdue honor.

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