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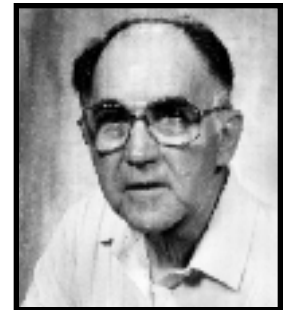
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## John "Bud" Schramer Retires

**J**ohn "Bud" Schramer will be retiring from Township Government at the end of his term, May 2009. Bud is a lifelong resident of West Chicago. You may remember Bud as the owner of Bud's Market which he ran for 20 years. Bud has been married to Elsie for over 60 years, and they have eight great-grandchildren. Bud also served with distinction as an Army battalion engineer in World War II.

Bud has been a Trustee for Winfield Township since July 1998, but that is not where his involvement in Township government started. Bud worked for the Township as a Deputy Assessor for 20 years as well. He has served Winfield Township well and we are saddened by his choice to retire, but we are also

thrilled that after all the years of service to the residents of Winfield Township he will be taking more time for himself and his family. Bud has been a wonderful addition to the Board and has brought many years of Township experience to the table and he will be missed. "Bud, we thank you for all you have done. I know I speak for the Township Board and employees that it has been an honor and pleasure to work with you. Enjoy!"



*Dona*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK - MARCH 1-7, 2009

**T**he first full week in March has been designated as "Local Government Week" in Illinois. In recognition, Winfield Township will be holding an Open House on Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Township Office located at 130 Arbor Avenue in West Chicago. We encourage everyone to come in and meet the elected officials and employees. Come ask questions and learn more about local township government.

During the Open House we will be collecting unwanted used cell phones, old eyeglasses and hearing aids. After the Open House these items will be distributed to the appropriate organizations.

We will also be accepting worn American Flags that will be taken to an American Legion or V.F.W. for proper disposal.

We are also pleased to announce that Winfield Township will be a drop-off site for food for the food pantries located in Winfield Township. This program is sponsored by "4 the People." Please bring in your non-perishable donation to the office after March 1st, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. This will be an on-going project.

We hope to see you at our open house. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 630-231-3591.



# SPRING TIME

REMINDERS:

## Brush Pick-up (Unincorporated)

### Start Dates

- April 6, 2009
- May 4, 2009
- September 8, 2009
- October 6, 2009

### Chip Program

- Call the Road District office to be placed on the list

### Parking Permit

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

### Keep your Mailbox Healthy...



- Replace rotted or rusted posts. Make sure mailbox is securely fastened.

# highways

ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION  
630 231 8850

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## ROAD DISTRICT Q & A's

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### The price of petroleum has greatly decreased; will this mean paving costs will be lower?

The asphalt which is used to make blacktop mix is the most costly ingredient. It is expected the asphalt will not be readily available, therefore the cost is not expected to go down.

### How many employees does the Road District have?

The road district often refers to our different job functions as "crews", such as the ditching crew, snow removal crew, tree crew, brush crew, sign crew and so on. The Road District has 4 full-time employees and it is these four people who make up the various road crews getting the work done.

### Why is there a red "X" and a number on a road Right-of-Way tree?

Dead trees located on the Township road Right-of-Way are marked during the summer. Dead trees are removed during the winter months when the employees are not plowing snow.

### Why do I need to post a road bond for my home improvement project?

Many home improvement projects require heavy equipment to come onto the homeowner's property. The bond is the Road District's insurance for the restoration of road Right-of-Way damages that may result due to the project. Winfield Township taxpayers need not be responsible for the cost to restore ROW damages due to a single homeowner.

### Why must brush be bundled securely with twine?

The employees find that bundling cuts down on the chance of getting injured and it is a more efficient means of performing this task. The chipper does not jam from the twine.

### What do I do when my driveway culvert collapses?

Immediately call the Road District office because the Township will replace rusted culverts.

# What Property Tax Exemptions Do I Qualify For?

**QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE EXEMPTIONS OR ASSESSMENTS PLEASE CALL 630-231-3573 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.WINFIELDTOWNSHIP.COM](http://WWW.WINFIELDTOWNSHIP.COM)**

- **Residential Homestead** – You must own and occupy the home to receive this exemption. This exemption is 5,500 of the Assessed Value. To see if you are already receiving this exemption, look on your most recent Tax Bill just above where the second payment coupon rips off.
- **Senior Homestead** – You must be 65 years of age during the tax year. A copy of the deed and driver's license or birth certificate 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.
- **Returning Veterans' Exemption (New in 2007)** – 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 (New in 2007)** – 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 (New in 2007)** – 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.



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

## FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

**T**he Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage, in concert with business students and faculty from Benedictine University and North Central College, will assist low income families and individuals with preparing their tax returns free of charge. **Families and individuals with income of less than \$42,000 are eligible to participate.** This service will be offered at the Naperville Public Library. Nichols Library is located at 200 W. Jefferson St., Naperville. If you are eligible and would like more information, please contact Mario Mauro at 630-355-7177.

## EARLY VOTING MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

**E**arly voting is available to all registered voters in DuPage County from Monday, March 16th through Thursday, April 2nd, **WINFIELD TOWNSHIP IS NOT AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION.** For a list of early voting site locations and hours in DuPage County, or for more information on Early Voting, visit the DuPage County Election Commission website: [cms.dupageelections.com](http://cms.dupageelections.com)



## 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
- **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 Monday through Friday 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 and the disabled who live within Winfield Township boundaries. Ride reservations are taken Monday through Friday between the hours of 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, i.e. (If you need a ride on Tuesday you call on Monday). 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 for exceptions.) The bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift. If you would like additional information please call the West Chicago Park District at (630) 231-9474.
- **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 attention to the poor who are not covered by other programs

## OFTEN ASKED PASSPORT QUESTIONS

### What do I need to bring in to apply for a passport?

You must have 2 passport pictures, a valid state ID Card, and an original certified copy of your birth certificate and completed application (these are available at the office and on-line at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)).

### How much does it cost?

The chart below outlines the fees associated with applying for a passport. Please note that two separate checks are needed for payment.

	Age	Passport Fee	Execution Fee to Facility	Total to Passport Services
<i>Please note passport fee changes, effective February 1, 2008</i>	16+	\$75.00	+\$25.00	= \$100.00
	-16	\$60.00	+\$25.00	= \$ 85.00

### How long does it take to get the passport?

From the time that the passport application is mailed, it takes approximately 4-5 weeks to receive your passport and the return of your original birth certificate in the mail.

### Do both parents need to be there when applying for youth under 16 years old?

Yes, both parents have to be present.



## WAYS: 630-231-7166

WAYNE/WINFIELD TOWNSHIP AREA  
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES (WAYS)

TO REGISTER OR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL WAYS INTAKE AT 630-231-7166.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED NEEDED IN ADVANCE

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

\*Individual & Family Therapy in English & Spanish with licensed therapists

\*After-school - 3 to 6 pm weekdays

\*Special Event Days are offered from 10 am – 4 pm (extended hours available) on several days off from school this year.

\*Youth Tutoring - One-on-one tutoring by certified teachers is available all year.

\*Adult Anger - Classes held Wed. 8-9 pm; certificate of completion given.

\*Teen Anger - includes a pre and post consultation with parents; Tues. 6-7 pm.

\*Parenting Classes - Classes are Mon. 7-8 pm; certification of completion given.

\*Women's Group in Spanish - with Martha de Nunez Wilson on Wed. from 6-7 pm.

\*Senior Computer classes - Tues. 1 pm; free to seniors. Advance registration required.

\*Computer Classes - available free for low-income adults; Mon. 7-8:30 pm.

\*Summer Day Camp - sign up for all summer or weekly from June 8th to August 21st.

# BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

**C**ommunity Food Pantry & Northwest DuPage Walk-in Ministry will serve anyone who lives in Winfield Township. You will need to document your address. The pantry is located at 163 Garden St., West Chicago and its phone number is (630) 293-4958. Hours of operation are: Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon. **The Church of Christ**, located at 1N501 Ingalton Av., West Chicago has a small pantry which will serve families by request. Call (630) 231-2062 to make an appointment for food pick-up. **People's Resource Center**, 201 Naperville Rd., Wheaton serves the residents of DuPage County. Call (630) 682-5402 for the hours and documents required to register.

Staff at the Winfield Township office can assist with referrals and also schedule an appointment for you to apply for Emergency Assistance which can include grocery vouchers. Food Stamp (federal program) applications are available upon request. Assistance guidelines are posted in the township office at 130 Arbor Avenue, West Chicago, IL.

**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.

## RENTAL ASSISTANCE

**Y**ou may call DuPage County Human Services at (630) 407-6500 for rental assistance. **The Northwest DuPage Walk-in Ministry** at (630) 293-4958 may also be able to help. If you live in Warrenville you can contact **Warrenville Youth and Family Services** for rental assistance; their phone # is (630) 393-7057 x 10. Winfield Township's Emergency Assistance program can include rental assistance; call for an appointment: (630) 231-3591. Each assistance program will require certain documentations.

## HELP WITH UTILITIES (GAS & ELECTRIC)

**W**infield Township takes applications for the **LiHeap (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)**. You must schedule an appointment by calling (630) 231-3591. This program ends May 31st or when the funding runs out. It is a one-time payment against your gas and/or electric bill. Documentation is required: proof of 30-day income, proof of Social Security numbers, latest gas and electric bills, etc. Guidelines are available in our lobby. When the LiHeap program is in effect, the township cannot assist with your gas or electric bills. However, assistance with city or village water bills is available as long as you have a Final Notice Prior to Disconnection and meet the Emergency Assistance Program requirements.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

**Y**ou may apply for a program called **Access DuPage** by making an appointment at the Winfield Township office; these applications are taken one day per week year-round. This is a program to help eligible people in DuPage County receive primary care medical services; to be eligible you must be a DuPage County resident for at least 90 days, be under age 65, have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty level and not be eligible for other health insurance programs. Call (630) 231-3591 to schedule an appointment to apply. Families with minor children should make application through the State of Illinois. Ask about other medical assistance available through the township on a one-time emergency basis.

## THANK YOU...

**S**ALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING during the month of December raised an additional \$953.89 for emergency use by the residents of West Chicago. This amount was added to the \$5000 budget already allotted for 2008-2009. These emergency funds are used for residents of West Chicago (including those in Wayne Township, as well as Winfield Township.) \$100 per family per year is available for basic needs, such as food, utilities, rent, etc. Thank you to the volunteer bell ringers who weathered the cold... Bev Day, Nancy Mantz, Scott Wiesbrock, Mark Malay, Sergio Martinez, Peggy Powell and Will Hinckley, Min Fry, Ted, Ronnie and Tommy Pavlica, Ray Campos to name a few. My apologies if I have left your name off this list! Please let me know.

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM...

**126** families were registered for the Adopt-a-Family holiday assistance program in 2008... all names came through the township or the Northwest DuPage Walk-in Ministry. 100 of the families were "adopted" by a church, a business, a civic group or another family and were provided with gifts and grocery gift cards. The rest of the registered families were provided with gift cards from local grocery stores which were purchased with the cash donations received from the community at large. Thank you to those volunteers who organized and bagged and helped to distribute the 1200 pieces provided by Toys for Tots: Township Supervisor Dona and Phil Smith, Township Trustee Fred and Maryann Dusza, Sharon and Zac Ushman, Bev and John Day, Judy Gonzalez and Peggy Powell. Also, a big thanks to the Winfield Township Road District Highway Commissioner Joe Jedlovec, Road District employee, John Dusza and Fred Dusza who picked up the items from the Toys for Tots warehouse.

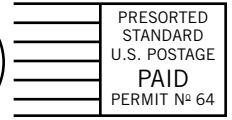
*Debby*

**BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE REQUESTS MUST BE BY APPOINTMENT. CALL (630) 231-3591, EXTENSION 104 TO SCHEDULE.**

*Ask About Prescription Discount Cards*

# winfieldtownship office

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**630-231-3591** TEL  
**630-231-3697** FAX

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Monday - Friday

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Highway office:  
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## IN MEMORIAM



**William Dettmann**, Foreman for the Winfield Township Road District passed away on December 16, 2008. Bill began his employment with the Township in 1982. Outside of the Township work day, one might have found him

on one of the local golf courses or spending time with his family such as having breakfast together. One of his favorite conversation topics were the times he spent with his wife on their boat fishing. Bill's dedication, along with his gentle heart, allowed him to tackle the many tasks that were presented to him. His sense of pride in his work and loyalty to the Township's residents was inspirational to us all. He will truly be missed and long remembered.



*The kindest heart  
stopped beating  
his hard working hands  
put to rest.  
Never to forget his  
easy-going smile,  
all who knew Bill will  
Remember him as "the best".*