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WINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, March 13, 2010 | 11:00AM - 2:00PM

**Winfield Township  
Road District Office**

30W575 Roosevelt Road, located at the southeast corner of  
Roosevelt Road and Town Road, West Chicago, IL 60185

*In Recognition of "Local Government Week in Illinois"*

REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

The first full week in March is designated as "Local Government Week" in Illinois by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Last year Winfield Township participated in the event with an Open House at our office located at 130 Arbor Avenue where residents were invited to come see the office, meet the elected officials and office staff and ask questions and/or bring their concerns. Snacks were served.

This year Winfield Township will again host an Open House, on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Open House will be at the Winfield Township Road District Office located at 30W575 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, IL, which is on the southeast corner of Roosevelt Road and Town Rd. Snacks and hot dogs will be served while supply lasts. Come share a snack with your neighbors, the elected officials and office staff.

There will be tours of the office and

garage, as well as some of the equipment. The elected officials and staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Come enter for a door prize drawing.

During the Open House we will again be collecting cell phones, eye-glasses, and hearing aids for recycling. After the Open House these items will be distributed to the appropriate organization for re-use. Our residents' willingness to bring these items to last years' Open House was very much appreciated. We will also be accepting worn American flags that will be taken to an American Legion and/or V.F.W. for proper disposal.

Non-perishable food items will also be collected to be distributed to local food pantries. Pantry donations can be brought to the Open House, or brought to the 130 Arbor Avenue office during any regular business hours. For additional information, please contact the Township Office at 630-231-3591 or 630-231-8850.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## OPEN HOUSE

### Local Government Week

Saturday, March 13, 2010 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

## BRUSH PICK-UP

(Unincorporated)

### Start Dates

\*April 5, 2010 \*May 3, 2010

\*Sept. 7, 2010 \*Oct. 4, 2010

## LEAF REMOVAL

(Unincorporated)

### Start Date

\*Nov. 8, 2010

## SPRING TIME REMINDERS:

### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

For all work on the Township road right-of-way and private property, permits are required from DuPage County and Winfield Township Road District. For more information visit the Township's website, [www.winfieldtownship.com](http://www.winfieldtownship.com) or call the Road District Office.

### PARKING PERMIT

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

### MAILBOX

Spring/Summer is the perfect time to make sure mailboxes are securely fastened to the post and the post is firmly in the ground.

### STREET LIGHTS

Street Light outages on Township roads should be reported to the Road District Office.

# highways

ROAD DISTRICT INFORMATION  
**630 231 8850**

## IT'S STENCILING TIME

Looking for a fun way to enjoy summer while doing something good for your community?

Most polluters do not even realize they're polluting. Many people just don't realize that storm drains funnel water directly to the river--there is no treatment plant in between. Therefore, to dump waste down a storm drain is the same as walking up to the banks of a river and dumping the waste right in. Knowing this, most people would not dump used oil down the drains when changing the oil in their car or sweep grass clippings into the drains.

Storm drain stenciling is a fun way to get a group of friends, scouts, neighbors & co-workers together while

spending time outside. You can spend as much or as little time as you have.

It's so simple and flexible.

The Conservation Foundation supplies everything you need at no charge to you and all we ask is that you fill out a form to tell us the number of drains stenciled, what you found there and how many friends you got together. Drain maps are available from the Road District Office.

**Sign Up Now**

[www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org)



## BRUSH REMOVAL GUIDELINES

Unincorporated residents of Winfield Township are requested to bundle branches securely with twine.

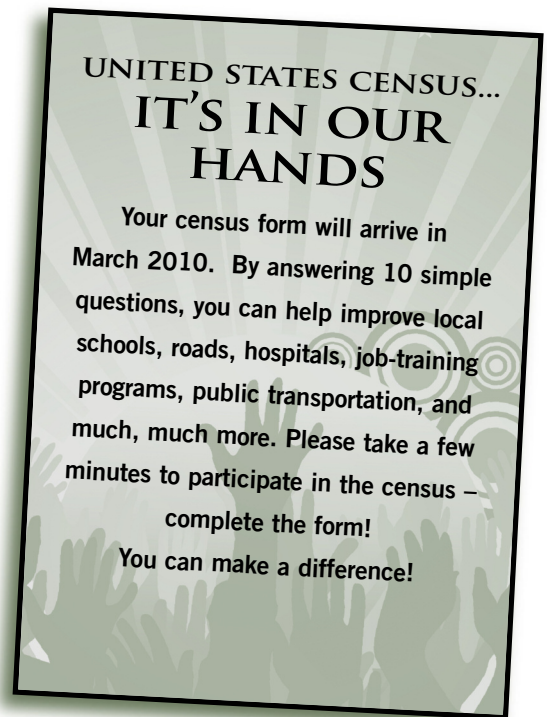
- » Bundles are to be less than 50 pounds
- » Branches to be cut in approximately 6 foot lengths
- » Maximum of 6 inches in diameter
- » Butt (cut) ends facing the street

Bundling the brush is important as it helps the crews to be more efficient and there is less chance of injuries. The chipper will not jam from the twine.

# 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 6,000 in 2009 (was 5,500 for 2008) of the Assessed Value. To see if you are already receiving this exemption, look on your most recent Tax Bill.
- **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.
- **Senior Assessment Freeze** – You must qualify for the Senior Homestead exemption as well as have lived in the home for 2 consecutive January 1st's and have a household income of \$55,000 or less.
- **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.
- **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 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 of the Assessed Value.



- **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.

From The Desk Of... Sheriff John E. Zaruba

## Sheriff's Inmate Reference & Information System - SIRIS

I am proud to announce the implementation of the Sheriff's Inmate Reference and Information System (SIRIS). The system makes it

possible for the public to look up an inmate and view general information regarding their charges, bond amount, and view a current photograph.

The Sheriff's Office currently receives hundreds of calls daily to find information on inmates who are incarcerated at the jail. Now anyone will be able to access general information at the click of a button.

The SIRIS system provides direct access to the DuPage County Jail's

booking system to provide information and photographs of all our inmates that are currently incarcerated. To utilize SIRIS, simply visit [www.dupagesheriff.org](http://www.dupagesheriff.org) and click on SIRIS.

*"It is my hope that SIRIS enhances public awareness as well as provides information regarding incarcerated persons in a more timely fashion."*

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

### FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF SITE

Winfield Township is a drop-off site 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 anytime Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Your help in these hard times is very much appreciated. Every Donation, Big or Small, Helps!

## 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
- **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

# 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 IN ADVANCE

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

- **Individual & Family Therapy in English & Spanish**, by appointment.
- **Youth Tutoring** – one-to-one tutoring with certified teachers.
- **Job Club** – Wed. 11 am-noon; job skills, support, and networking.
- **Senior Computer Classes** – Fridays 10-11 am; 6-weeks session to learn basic skills.
- **Senior Computer Club** – Wed. & Fri. from 11 am-noon; informal meetings toward continuing skills.
- **Summer Day Camp** – registration & sign-up starting now; Come for single week or all summer; June 7th-August 20th. Camp runs 10 am-4 pm with extended hours available for working parents.
- **After-school** – 3 to 6 pm weekdays. Does your child need extra help with homework, social skills, and/or increased time spent in physical activities?
- **Adult Anger Classes** held Mon. 8 pm; certificate of completion given.
- **Teen Anger Classes** – includes a pre and post consultation with parents; Tues. 6 pm.
- **Parenting Classes** – Classes are Mon. 8 pm; certification of Completion given.
- **Teen Club** – Fri. 3-5 pm; Teen Support
- **Walking Club** – Wed. 5:30 pm; Come & get healthy this spring.
- **Donations needed** – digital projector, business file cabinet, laptop computer, paper shredder & youth craft supplies, white board, wii & Nintendo games, kids' movies, chair with arms, flat screen monitors.

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED  
FOR WAYS BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS

## 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 and the disabled 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.

# Holiday Giving Wrap-Up...

## WINFIELD TOWNSHIP'S ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

In partnership with the Northwest DuPage Walk-in Ministry 120 families were registered for the 2009 Holiday Assistance program. Sixty-nine (69) families were "adopted" by other families, businesses or churches. The "adopted" families received gifts and grocery cards purchased by the adopting groups. The balance of the families (51) were provided with Toys for Tots items and grocery certificates made possible by generous cash donations which totaled \$4,535. Thank you to the **Winfield Volunteer Fire Department, the VFW Lightning Account, the Winfield Lions Club, The West Chicago Firefighters Local #3970** and many individual donors who gave to the Holiday Assistance program. Also, a BIG thank you to the West Chicago Rotary Club and Mary Ann Manna for the donation of 30 plus winter coats for children. What a blessing for many families in this cold weather.

This year groups were also generous in providing meals at Thanksgiving. Sixty (60) prepared turkey dinners were provided through a donation program at the West Chicago Jewel store. **Cliff Plummer, Youth & Family Minister at the Church of Christ, Ingaltan Ave, West Chicago,** linked our families to this program and the dinners were distributed from the church the day before Thanksgiving. **Family Video** in West Chicago also provided frozen turkeys to 12 families on our Holiday List.



## SALVATION ARMY KETTLE COLLECTION...

**Thank you** to the volunteers who manned the kettles and rang the bells at the West Chicago Jewel on December 5th, 12th and 19th. \$1306.39 was collected and the Service Extension for the City of West Chicago and the Village of Winfield will benefit from this collection by adding 90% of that amount (\$1175.75) to the regular allotment. Many thanks to **Susan and Brian Lustro, Mark Malay, Mike Cantrell, the Schumachers, Jerry Ruzicka, Juanita Martinez, Peggy Powell and Will Hinckley and the Pavlica family** who contributed 46 man-hours to this effort!

## TOYS FOR TOTS...

The **Toys for Tots** program provided approximately 1200 pieces for distribution through Winfield Township. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the pick-up and delivery, the organizing and bagging of items, and distribution to the registered families: **Fred and Maryann Dusza family and friends group, Phil and Dona Smith, Bev Day, Judy Gonzalez, Peggy Powell, Mark Malay, Ron Diomar, Ted Pavlica, John Dusza, Steve Hensel, Rudy Lopez, Dennis Calay and Phil Bergmann.** Extra items were shared with Wayne Township and the District #33 Early Childhood Learning Center.

## LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY PANTRY...



Beginning February 1st, DuPage County (which includes Winfield Township) residents in need of food assistance may receive a monthly distribution from Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry which is located at 556 W. Fifth Avenue, Naperville. Under the terms of the five-month pilot program, any DuPage County family may visit once each month to receive a Client Choice food distribution. For more information, please visit [www.loaves-fishes.org](http://www.loaves-fishes.org) or call 630-355-3663.

If you do not need to access the food, please consider thoughtfully whether you can offer to volunteer in some way.

## LIHEAP APPLICATIONS



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program applications are being taken by appointment. Phone for appointment; walk-ins cannot be accommodated. (630) 231-3591.

## ACCESS DUPAGE

Applications for the Access DuPage program (helps DuPage County residents receive primary care medical services) are taken by appointment only. You must document your residency, your age and your income for 90 days prior to date of application. If you have questions or wish to enroll, call Debby @ (630) 231-3591.

**OTHER AVAILABLE PROGRAMS ARE ONE-TIME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, PASTORS' FUND AID, AND REFERRALS TO OTHER AGENCIES.**

**BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY...**

**CALL (630) 231-3591, EXTENSION 104.**

Ask About Prescription Discount Cards

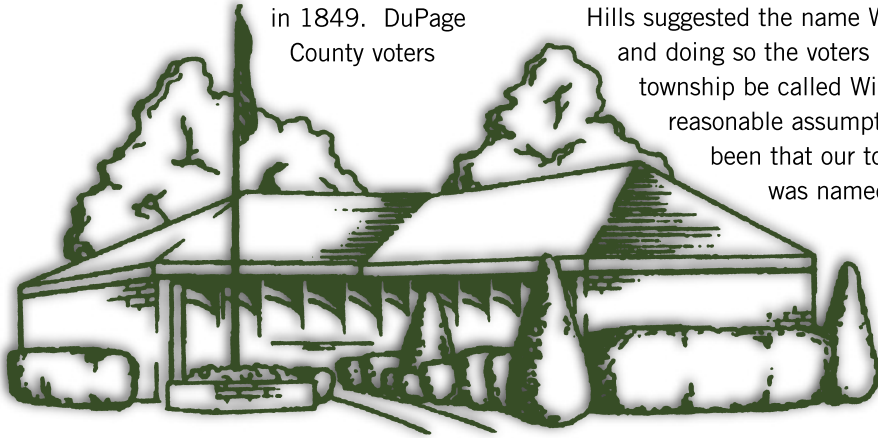
# ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP

**T**ownship government was established in North America in 1636 by the early Americans who wanted to escape from the autocratic government of Europe. In Illinois, township government began in 1849. DuPage County voters

overwhelmingly adopted Township Government in November of that year and the County was divided into 9 townships. Early in 1850 the legal voters in the township held their first meeting to select a name for our township. Erastus Hills suggested the name Winfield, and doing so the voters ordered the township be called Winfield. A reasonable assumption has been that our township was named for

General Winfield Scott who marched across the county during the Blackhawk War. The thirty-six square mile area is comprised of Warrenville, West Chicago, Winfield, and includes small sections of Wheaton, Naperville, Aurora, and Batavia.

Your elected officials from Winfield Township are: Dona Smith, Supervisor; Joe Jedlovec, Highway Commissioner; Mark Malay, Assessor; Cliff Brown, Clerk; and Trustees: Fran Kammes, Jerry Ruzicka, Fred Dusza and Mary Ann Manna. For more information on your Winfield Township Board and services please see our website at: [www.winfieldtownship.com](http://www.winfieldtownship.com)



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## winfieldtownship office

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**630-231-3591**

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**Joseph V. Jedlovec, Jr.**  
**630-231-8850**

Town Clerk  
**Clifford A. Brown**  
**630-231-3591**

**Supervisor and General  
Assistance offices:**  
**630-231-3591** TEL  
**630-231-3697** FAX

**Assessor's office:**  
**630-231-3573** TEL  
**630-231-3697** FAX

General  
Assistance Hours:  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm,  
Monday - Friday

Office Hours:  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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