

# Village of Winnebago Newsletter

## Fall & Winter 2022

108 W. Main Street Winnebago, Illinois 61088  
(815) 335-2020 [www.villageofwinnebago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebago.com)

### October Happenings

Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce will host annual [Trunk or Treat Event](#)

October 22, 2022 10am—12pm

Location: downtown along Benton Street  
Visit the Haunted Town Hall—116 S Benton!  
1K MONSTER DASH age 10 and under  
Halloween

Trick or Treat— October 31, 2022  
4pm—7pm

**HYDRANT FLUSHING**  
Beginning October 10th

A colorful illustration of a blue car with its trunk open, decorated for Halloween. The trunk is filled with pumpkins and candy. The car has a sign that says "TRUNK OR TREAT" and a license plate that says "H-WEEN". The background shows other cars and trees with autumn leaves.

Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Location: Benton St. Winnebago, Illinois 61088

### Winnebago Community Citizens Group

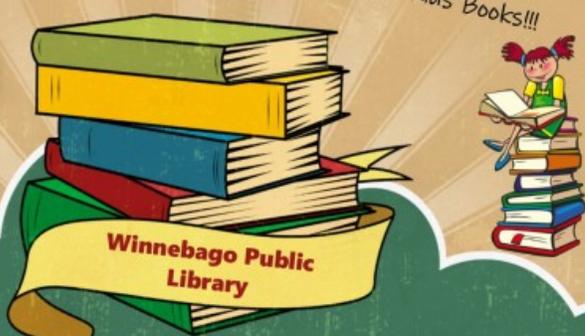
Come and play cards and games  
on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays  
of the month from 1-3:30pm  
in the library community room.  
Games include 500, 5 crowns,  
euchre, golf, and dominoes.

A purple poster with a cartoon illustration of a ghost and a witch in front of a house with lit windows.

Have Some Spooky Fun!

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
10am-noon  
During the WACC Trunk or Treat Festival!  
Winnebago Town Hall  
116 S. Benton St., Winnebago, IL  
Presented by Winnebago Community Historical Society

*"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." Jim Bishop*



100's of barely-used Kids Books!!!

**Winnebago Public Library**

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Preview Night: \$3 Charge  
 Tuesday, October 18th, 2022  
 5:00 - 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 19th — 10:00am - 6:00pm  
 Thursday, October 20th — 10:00am - 7:00pm  
 Friday, October 21st — 10:00am - 6:00pm  
 Saturday, October 22nd — 9:00am - 1:00pm

Readers & Crafters Alike:  
 Support the Library!  
 Buy Lots of Books

210 N. Elida St.  
 Winnebago, IL 61088  
 815-335-7050  
[Winnebagopubliclibrary.org](http://Winnebagopubliclibrary.org)

Call Paula Black (815) 335-2568 for questions, to volunteer or to donate.

**Soon the snow will be flying**

Watch your local news stations for weather alerts regarding snow emergencies and parking restriction on streets within the village to allow for the snow removal visit our website [www.villageofwinnebago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebago.com), or like us on [Facebook](#) for more information Click the link to the [Snow removal ordinance](#)

**No overnight parking in downtown on Benton Street**

**Welcome to the Skip Leden Golf Outing**



**Sponsored by Winnebago FEE**

The Skip Leden Golf Event will be held at Prairie View Golf and Grill (Byron) Saturday November 5, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. \$50 per person; \$400 for 8-person 2-hr bay rental includes food to learn more about the event visit [www.winnebagofee.org](http://www.winnebagofee.org)

Weather will determine when the Winnebago Ice Rink will open -time will be dusk to dawn. Watch for more information



**FAMILY FRIENDLY -1K Monster Mash Dash.**  
**Open to kids 10 and under. Register early and receive a event t-shirt and more!**  
**Cost \$12 Check in at 9:30 -9:45 a.m. Race Starts at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park.**

# December



**Bago Jingle & Mingle  
Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**Fun for the whole family spread  
throughout the day all over town**

**Winnebago High School will host our  
local vendors, movie, indoor snowball  
fight and more**

**Participating local businesses will have  
activities, specials and/or giveaways**

**Are you a business wishing to  
participate?**

**Email us at:  
[bagojinglemingle@gmail.com](mailto:bagojinglemingle@gmail.com)**

**Check out our facebook page  
[Bagojingleandmingle](https://www.facebook.com/Bagojingleandmingle)**

*"There is something beautiful  
about walking on snow that  
nobody else has walked on"*

*Carol Rifka Brunt*

## **Old Fashioned Holiday Open House**

**Hosted by  
Winnebago Community  
Historical Society  
Shop local on Small business  
Saturday 9a-3p  
November 26th  
at the Winnebago Town Hall  
116 S Benton St  
Door prizes !**



*Small Business Saturday November 26th 2022*

*Be sure to check out the local businesses for your holiday gifts and decorations.*





Frank Eubank, Jr.



# Village Of Winnebago President's Message



We have seen in the news about how our energy costs have gone up, whether it be for gasoline, natural gas, or electricity. Residents and small businesses in the Village of Winnebago have benefited for many years now from Aggregation of Electricity agreements that allow us to negotiate with various electricity suppliers for the best rates available. Two years ago, the Village entered into an Aggregation of Electricity agreement, along with several other smaller area municipalities, with Dynegy Energy Services. We were able to secure a low rate of 6.009 cents per Kilowatt Hour (KWh). That rate was locked in for a total of 24 months and ended with our Com Ed bill that was issued on August 30, 2022.

When we started looking at negotiating a new agreement in early June of 2022, Com Ed had its current rate of 11.041 cents per KWh for summer rates and non-summer rates were 9.122 cents per KWh. The initial rates we received from various electricity suppliers with a starting time of September of 2022 were very high. A single year agreement was anywhere from 11.20 cents per KWh to 12.590 cents per KWh. 2-year rates were anywhere from 9.49 cents to 10.77 cents. There was a 3-year rate of 8.425, but that same day that we were going to lock in with that rate, the energy provider said it could not guarantee it and would not let us lock in at that rate. As you are aware, the energy market fluctuates daily. It then became apparent that trying to lock in with a satisfactory rate commencing in September of 2022 was not feasible. We did see that energy suppliers were providing agreements to start in April of 2023 with lower rates at around 8.69 to 9.35 cents per KWh. We then received a better offer of 8.170 per KWh, if we waited until June 2023 to lock into the agreement for 3 years. We opted to take this agreement, believing that even though the current Com Ed rate would be a little higher, at least we would have the lowest rate possible in June of 2023 and have that guaranteed rate for 3 years. Fortunately, the actual Com Ed rate for the non-summer months actually fell below the stated rate of 9.122 cents per KWh and is currently 8.418 cents per KWh. Energy Harbor will be the electricity supplier for the village starting June 2023 and notices will be sent out around April 3, 2023, to all residents and small businesses. As with all previous agreements, if the regular Com Ed rate ever goes lower than our contract rate, the electricity supplier has the right to either match that lower rate or go lower than that rate, otherwise, we may opt out of the agreement and have Com Ed be our supplier of electricity. If you have questions or would like some additional information, we do have information regarding the aggregation of electricity on our village website under "Residents" and you will also find a link in that message to some questions and answers that was posted on August 1, 2022.

## Interested in serving in your community?

The Consolidated General Election for the Village of Winnebago, will be held on April 4, 2023, with the following offices of Village Trustee: two 2-year terms, three – 4-year terms.

Petitions and nominating papers can be picked up between 8am and 4pm Monday through Thursday.

Completed petitions must be returned to the Village Hall between December 12th and December 18th.



**THANK YOU  
TO ALL THOSE WHO  
SUPPORTED THE  
VILLAGE OF  
WINNEBAGO FOURTH OF  
JULY FIREWORKS AND  
PARADE!**



## **Bully: “A person who seeks to harm or intimidate those whom they perceive to be vulnerable”**

The act of bullying may not seem to be a “big deal” to those who bully others, but I must beg to differ. Bullying cannot only psychologically impact the target of the bullying, but it can also affect the ability of the person who these actions are focused on to have meaningful relationships with others, distracts them from school studies and the enjoyment of their lives. The subject of the bullying thinks less of themselves because others are treating them in this way.

Take a minute to look back in your own lives and remember how you were treated as an elementary, middle school or high school student, or even in an employment setting. Did anyone think or say things that made you feel less of a person or question the person that you were because you looked a little different, or maybe had a hobby that others didn't understand? Albeit everyone at some point in their life has been ridiculed or made fun of for some reason. Any small thing that others pick up on and used that “difference” from others to make “fun” of someone, such as a mispronunciation of a particular letter or word, the gate at which a person walks or something as benign as how they choose to dress.

People in history have been labeled as outside the acceptably perceived norm. Some of these people have gone on to achieve greatness status. Nikola Tesla, the inventor of the concept of alternating current, (AC electricity) that powers your home, was a visionary, yet he suffered from near debilitating obsessions and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Ludwig van Beethoven, the renowned composer, suffered from bipolar disorder consisting of periods of mania followed by bouts of depression.

Everyone in our lives have their quirks but should not be defined by their differences from anyone else. All of us need to learn to not treat others differently than how we would like to be treated, no matter what our distinct physical, mental, or psychological attributes are.

When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior, they send the message that treating others in this manner is unacceptable.

Respectfully,  
Chief White

### **Contacting Winnebago Police**

We are located inside Village Hall at 108 W. Main Street. A Winnebago police officer may be contacted by calling 815.335.2351 for non-emergencies, or by calling 9-1-1 for any emergency situation. These numbers are answered by a call taker at the Winnebago County 9-1-1 Center. An officer will be dispatched if necessary.

### **Facebook**

Please visit our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/winnebagopd](http://www.facebook.com/winnebagopd), for information about the police department and the Village.





**Activities**

**Every Thursday!**

“Yogalates” (Yoga/Pilates) Session 1 is 6-weeks and starts Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Winnebago Park District. Bring your own mat. Registration fee is \$60.00

**Zumba is Coming Soon!** Watch for more information

<https://winnebagoparkdistrict.org/>

**Boys and Girls Basketball** (K-1st Grade)

Starting November Practice weekdays 6-8p.m. Games on Saturday mornings 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Thursday evenings. Registrations Deadline OCTOBER 14, 2022

Registration fee \$50 in-district / \$60 out-of-district.



**MAILBOX REGULATION AND DAMAGE POLICY**

Properly installed mailboxes physically hit by a Village snowplow or truck may be replaced by the Village. The Village will not replace mailboxes that are damaged by snow thrown from snow plowing operations. The Village may provide a temporary mailbox until weather permits a permanent replacement. If your mailbox is damaged during snow plowing operations please contact the Public Works Department at 815-335-2230.

**KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW!**

You can help WIN-BUR-SEW Fire Department by remembering to keep fire hydrants clear of snow, as well as the path from the street to the hydrant!!



~VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS~  
 Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m  
**CLOSED on FRIDAYS**  
 And in observance of the following  
**Holidays**  
 November 24th—THANKSGIVING DAY  
 December 26th for Christmas



**VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO *Payment Methods***

Water/Garbage Bills, Permit Fees and Police Fines  
(Have your account number ready to pay online or by automated phone service)

Look for the link to on website at [www.villageofwinnebago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebago.com) to pay using your credit/debit card or e-check

You can also use our SECURE automated phone service (877)-712-3629

For your convenience enroll in Automatic debit from checking or savings account, simply complete the form [ACH Authorization Form](#)  
Or you may drop off your payment at the Village Hall in our drop box slot located on the front of the Village Hall building.

***To avoid late payment penalty please submit your payment on or before the 15th of each month.***