

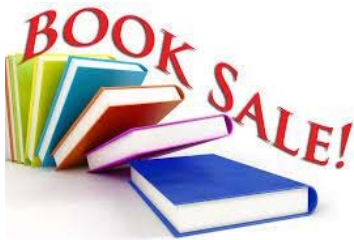
# Hello FALL !

## Village of Winnebago Newsletter

108 W. Main Street Winnebago, Illinois 61088 (815) 335-2020

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**The Village of Winnebago Accepting Candidate Petitions:** The office at 108 W Main Street will be open December 14, 2020 through December 18, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020 for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021, for the offices of Village President (4-yr term), Village Clerk (4-yr term), and (3) Trustees having 4 year terms, and (1) Trustee having a 2 year term. Petitions for the above named offices may be obtained from the same location starting September 15, 2020 with petition circulation beginning on September 22, 2020. Petition objections may be filed within 5 days following the last day of the filing period. For more information please call Kellie Symonds, Deputy Clerk at 815.335.2020.



### Winnebago Library's

#### **"Spook-tacular Book Sale" Has Been Scheduled!**

**Bargain Hunters Get Ready!** Winnebago Library's Fall

"Spook-tacular Book Sale" will be held from Wednesday through Saturday, October 14-17, with a special preview evening sale on

Tuesday, October 13. **The Preview Sale on October 13 will run from 5:00 to 7:00pm.** The cost for this "early look and purchase event" is \$3.00. (Children under the age of 12 are free when accompanied by a paying adult.) Sale dates and times that are admission-free are: **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 14-16, from 10am-6pm; Saturday, October 17, from 9am to 1pm.** (Books will be half price on Saturday).

*Masks are required and a limited number of customers will be allowed into the sale*



Winnebago Park District has added 2 new basketball hoops to the park. The hoops are adjustable for our younger participants to enjoy! If you would like the hoops lowered please contact the WPD office 815.335.3211 and we can lower them. Please be respectful of players on the court. No dunking or horseplay on the hoops.



**Frank Eubank, Jr.**

## *Village Of Winnebago President's Message*

Over the past year we have seen some odd things occur (or not occur) in our area. The freaky snow storm on Halloween that dropped almost 4 inches of snow in our village, a hail storm in April, the cancellation of 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades and fireworks shows, weddings being postponed indefinitely, and graduation events held much later than usual and not with the customary pomp and circumstance with family and classmates. We have all felt the impact of either not having a planned event this year or having it on a different day or in a different way. We are all cognizant of certain restrictions in place around our state and around our country that remind us there are some limitations as to what we can do, how we can do it, where we can do it, and when we can do it.

Your Village Board and village employees have been hard at work over the past year making decisions and taking action to lessen the impact of these problematic situations. When the snow fell on October 31, 2019, the trustees quickly responded to come up with a plan to postpone trick or treating to Sunday during the daytime. The village employees were then able to get the information out quickly through various media and social platforms. The new date was November 3, which turned out to be a beautiful day with the temperature reaching 50 degrees.

When we had the hail storm on April 7, many homes and business buildings sustained damage. Our office staff received well over 700 permit applications for new roofs. The flood of applications that occurred at the same time as restrictions were in place due to the pandemic, made it a daunting task for our small office staff. However, through the work of the village building inspector and the office staff, they were able to meet the demand and issue those permits in a timely fashion. I have to give a very special mention to Carrie Parent, our village Administrative Assistant, for her dedication and devotion to making sure that each and every permit was taken care of from beginning to end.

When Governor Pritzker issued the Executive Order requiring non-essential workers to stay at home, the trustees met to discuss the possible impact on the village, including the residents and the businesses. The trustees decided to delay the annual fees to be paid by businesses with liquor licenses, since that was coming up at the end of April. They extended the due date until July 1, 2020. The trustees also put a temporary hold on any late fees for water accounts to assist those homeowners and businesses that might have difficulty in paying those bills due to a reduction in incomes during the stay at home order. That hold will now be lifted at the end of October.

The Village Board conducted its regular monthly board meeting on September 14, remotely, via GoToMeeting, as it has done since April. One of the items on the agenda was discussion regarding trick or treating in the village this Halloween. At the time of the meeting, the Governor's office had indicated that only haunted houses would not be allowed to operate this year, but nothing was stated about Halloween. Halloween falls on Saturday this year. The trustees voted unanimously to pass a resolution that Halloween would occur on October 31, 2020, unless there was a specific mandate by a legal executive order from the Governor or legislation that prohibited trick or treating in the State of Illinois or in Winnebago County. The trustees believe that those residents and businesses that want to participate in trick or treating will take all proper precautions to limit the spreading of any virus and limit contact with those children that come to their residences or businesses. The trustees also set the time for trick or treating this year to be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If a resident does not want to participate in trick or treating this Halloween, that resident should turn the porch light off.

We look forward to celebrating Halloween this year in the manner that we are all accustomed to celebrating it, at least with trick or treating around our community. I am excited to see all of the various Halloween decorations on display outside of the houses and businesses in the village this year. It will be interesting to see the wide variety of costumes worn by the trick or treaters and some of the parents who are brave enough to don a costume as they accompany their children around the village. Please be safe and pay special attention to those trick or treaters as they go from house to house walking along the roadway.



**VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO**  
**Residential Cross Connection Control Survey**

In order to protect the Village of Winnebago water supply from being contaminated, we are conducting a survey to determine if there are any hazardous conditions that could affect our drinking water. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Chad Insko at the Public Works Department phone number, 815-335-2230, ext. 111.

Please enter your water account number and address below:

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you have any other source of water, such as a private well, pond, lake, tank, or reclaimed water that is connected to your plumbing?

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\*If so, has the device been tested? (If yes, please provide a copy of the test results to one of the following: e-mail to [cinsko@villageofwinnebago.com](mailto:cinsko@villageofwinnebago.com), fax to 815-335-7533, or mail to 108 W. Main St., Winnebago, IL 61088):

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\*Do you have a permanent in-ground lawn irrigation system installed on your property? This does not include lawn water devices attached to a garden hose:

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\*Do you have a swimming pool?

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

If yes, is the pool a permanent connection to the water system?

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\*Is your building heated by a boiler?

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\*Do you operate a business out of your home?

\_\_\_ Yes If yes, type of business \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ No

**The Illinois Department of Public Health Plumbing Code require hose vacuum breakers to be attached to all outdoor faucets. These devices protect the plumbing system from being contaminated by any substance which might enter the water hose (lawn fertilizer, herbicide, soap, etc.) Hose vacuum breakers are available at most hardware stores or through your local plumbing contractor. The information provided in this survey form is an accurate and current description of the water system at this address. Please provide your name below as confirmation of the person completing the survey:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO**  
**Commercial Business Cross Connection Control Survey**

In order to protect the Village of Winnebago water supply from being contaminated, we are conducting a survey to determine if there are any hazardous conditions that could affect our drinking water. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Chad Insko at the Public Works Department phone number, 815-335-2230, ext. 111.

Please enter your water account number business name, and address below:

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you have any other source of water, such as a private well, pond, lake, tank, or reclaimed water that is connected to the public supply?  Yes  No

\*Are there any backflow prevention devices installed on the premises? This does not include devices installed on the Village water meter or outside water/garden hose:  Yes  No

\*If so, has the device been tested? (If yes, please provide a copy of the test results to one of the following: e-mail to [cinsko@villageofwinnebago.com](mailto:cinsko@villageofwinnebago.com), fax to 815-335-7533, or mail to 108 W. Main St., Winnebago, IL 61088):

Yes  No

\*Do you have a permanent in-ground lawn irrigation system installed on your property? This does not include lawn water devices attached to a garden hose:  Yes  No

\*Do you have a swimming pool or hot tub on the property?  Yes  No

If yes, is the pool a permanent connection to the water system?  Yes  No

\*Is your building heated by a boiler?  Yes  No

\*Do you have any of the equipment listed below on the premises? (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Sprinkler System   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Heat or Boiler        | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Cooling Tank or Evaporator      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Water Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Wash Facilities             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Feeder                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Washer         | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap Injector                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Fluid System               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steam Equipment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck or Tank Filling Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Drink Dispenser                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Cooled Equipment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Booster                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sterilizer                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Processor         | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Fountain/Tub          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Softener                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo Bowl            | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Yard Hydrant            | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Air Conditioning Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Washer              | <input type="checkbox"/> Condenser Washer                | <input type="checkbox"/> Grease Traps                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other water uses:       |  |  |

The information provided in this survey form is an accurate and current description of the water system at this address. Please provide your name below as confirmation of the person completing the survey:

Name of person completing the survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Looking for senior care? Not sure where to look? Whether you're looking for a senior living community or help with in-home care? This is a directory linking you to local resources. <https://www.caring.com/senior-care/in-home-care/illinois/winnebago/>



**Deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is December! You can respond online at: <https://my2020census.gov/> A complete and accurate count is critical for our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect funding, congressional representation, and more. BE COUNTED!**

**Winnebago Park District has two seats open on the Board if you are interested contact: Michelle Cunningham at [mcunningham@winnebagoparkdistrict.org](mailto:mcunningham@winnebagoparkdistrict.org)**



# TRASH TALK!



It's Fall Clean Up Time! Yard waste collection runs through the end of November. (weather permitting) Leaves are acceptable yard waste and should be placed in brown lawn & leaf bags or containers marked with an "X". Branches and sticks no larger than 4", and no longer than 3 feet in length should be tied with twine in bundles weighing no

For further information visit [www.gillsfreeportdisposal.com](http://www.gillsfreeportdisposal.com) or contact Gills Freeport Disposal at 815.233.5644.

## VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO PAYMENT OPTIONS

Water bills, permit fees and police fines can all be paid with a credit or debit card online using Illinois ePay on our website at [www.villageofwinnebago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebago.com).

**NEW!** Phone payments are now available for water billing (only) via an automated phone payment system. The phone number for this service is 877.712.3629. Please have your water account number available when using this system.

Automatic debit from checking or savings account – An [ACH Authorization Form](#) must be on file at the Village Hall for this option.

Payments can be dropped off at the Village Hall or deposited in our drop box slot located on the front of the Village Hall building.

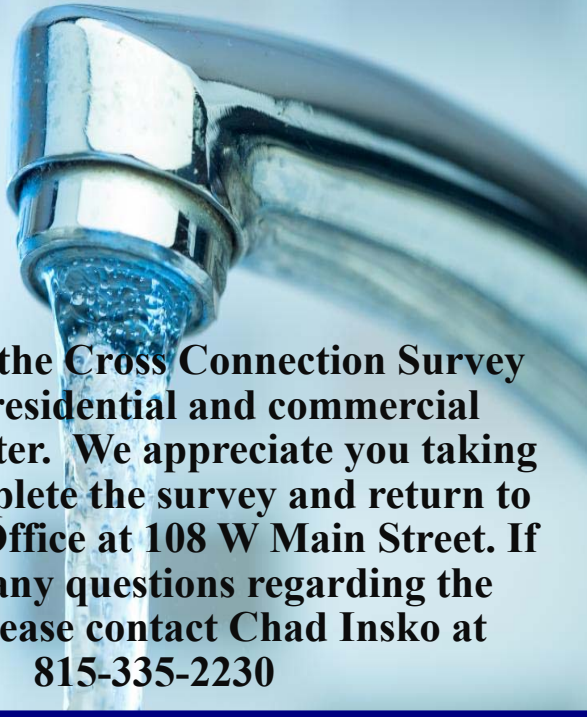
**Mailed payments should be addressed to:**  
Village of Winnebago  
108 W Main Street

## Soon the snow will be flying—

Watch local news stations, go to [www.villageofwinnebago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebago.com), or our Facebook page for snow alerts. The Snow Ordinance states that after 2" of snow no vehicles are allowed on any street located within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnebago until the snow has been plowed to the side of







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Want to learn more about the Village of Winnebago? Go to <https://wchs61088.org> learn Winnebago history and upcoming events.

**Be sure to check out the Village Website and our Facebook page for meeting notices and important announcements.**  
[www.villageofwinnebaago.com](http://www.villageofwinnebaago.com)

## 2020 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

September 14, 2020  
 October 12, 2020  
 November 9, 2020  
 December 7, 2020

## 2021 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES

January 11, 2021  
 February 08, 2021  
 March 08, 2021  
 April 12, 2021  
 May 10, 2021  
 June 14, 2021  
 July 12, 2021  
 August 09, 2021  
 September 13, 2021  
 October 11, 2021  
 November 08, 2021

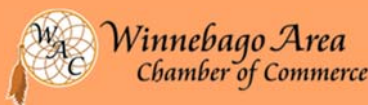
### WINNEBAGO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **Virtual Halloween Contest.**



**Virtual Costume Contest:** 3 age groups & 1 winner for each group! 0-5 yo 6-10 yo & 11-15 yo. Each winner will receive \$20 gift card to THE SCOOP! *(Include age, name & permission to share images)*

**Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest:** 2 Winners! To be chosen with the most original & scariest pumpkins. Winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Cimino's Pizza and Pasta.

**Business Decorating Contest:** Dress up your storefront! Best decorated will win lunch for up to 25 employees from Sullivan's Foods!. To enter submit your photos to the Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce FB pages through Messenger, please include contact info and photo release to use on our Facebook page and website. Contest open for entries beginning 10/01/2020 & deadline to enter is October 28th. Winners to be announced on Halloween Oct. 31st.





October 2020: An interesting year we have had! I am not sure "interesting" is the correct term but challenging it has been. The Winnebago School District has opened, and students are either enrolled in remote learning or they are attending classes in person with restrictions and an altered school day. Adjustments are being made daily to ensure students are provided an educational environment that suits their needs without compromising their safety. School buses are back on the road and transporting children to and from classes. The safety of our children is of great concern and I ask that everyone be vigilant when school buses are making stops, picking up and dropping off students.

Telephone scams seem to be on the rise and have become a common occurrence. The police department has taken more of these types of reports recently. The purpose behind these calls are ultimately to steal your identity. The most notably affected community group receiving these calls are the elderly. Most companies will not call you and inquire about your personal information. If you do receive a call asking you to confirm specific personal information, refuse to provide the information, and end the call. Take a few minutes of your time and call the company yourself, not at any telephone number that was provided to you by a caller, but a number provided by the company. These numbers can be found on billing statements and are the most reliable numbers. All credit card companies list a customer service telephone number somewhere on the card and they can be called 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. An excellent resource on how to protect yourself from not only telephone scammers, but to protect your personal information and what to do if you become a victim of identity theft is the Illinois Attorney General's website. There is a wealth of information on the website and too lengthy for me to cover all the topics here. The website can be found at, <https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/>

Do not hesitate to contact the Village of Winnebago Police Department with any questions or concerns.

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.

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**October 31st Trick-or-Treat 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**~VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED~**

**November 3rd -Election Day!**

**November 26th—THANKSGIVING**

**December 24th—25th CRHISTMAS HOLIDAY**