



**Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission
Notice of Regular Meeting
October 9, 2019**

The Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission will convene on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in the **Council Room at the Village Hall, 510 Green Bay, Winnetka, Illinois**, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order

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| 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks | Presenter Dowding |
| 2) Public Comment | |
| 3) Review and Summary of Minutes | |
| a. Approval of the July 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (amended) | Presenter Dowding |
| b. Adoption of August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes | Presenter Dowding |
| 4) New Business, Old Business/Updates | |
| a. Review of GRC2 Primary Goals for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update | Presenter Dowding |
| b. EFC Website Revisions | Presenter Bernahl |
| c. RainReady Update | Presenter Kunkle |
| 5) Communications | |
| a. Review September Communications Items | Presenter Bernahl |
| b. Discussion of October Communication Items | Presenter Bernahl |
| 6) Committee/Staff Reports | |
| 7) Student Representation Update | Presenter Kunkle |
| 8) Open Forum | |
| 9) Adjournment | |

Posted Time and Date

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WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
July 10, 2019

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; voting Members present: Chuck Dowding, Chris Foley, Rosann Park-Jones, Mike Nielsen, Barry Sylvester and Liz Kunkle. Voting Members absent: David Varca. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Ex-officio Members present: None. Village Council Representative Present: Anne Wedner. Student Representative Absent: Clark O'Bryan. Staff Representative Present: Matt Havlik, Public Works Analyst. No members of the public were present.

- 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members.
- 2) Public Comment: None.
- 3) Review and Summary of Minutes:
 - a) Adoption of the June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes: Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Foley.
 - b) May 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended): Chairperson Dowding stated that the amended May 8, 2019 meeting minutes are included in the packet for reference. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the May 8, 2019 amended minutes which was moved by Commissioner Foley and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen.
- 4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:
 - a) Comprehensive Planning Discussion: Chairperson Dowding stated that Commissioner Foley has been involved in the comprehensive planning discussion through his involvement with the Village Plan Commission. Commissioner Foley stated that he recently attended a Plan Commission meeting and told the Commission that the Village hopes to bring on a consultant by October this year.

Chairperson Dowding stated that he also attended a comprehensive planning meeting recently with Village staff, Village President and Chairs from other Village

Commissions. Chairperson Dowding mentioned that staff has no plans to create an independent comprehensive planning commission and that the Village's Plan Commission will play a key role in the process. In terms of the overall process, Chairperson Dowding stated that it is the job of the EFC to provide the Plan Commission with information and then the Plan Commission will communicate this information to the Village Council.

Commissioner Foley stated that at the last Plan Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed the draft RFP document and discussed aspects of what should be addressed as part of the process. Commissioner Foley mentioned that the Plan Commission created a list of potential documents to provide the future consultant related to the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Foley asked that the GRC2 framework be included.

Commissioner Foley said that Village staff are planning on issuing the RFP on Friday, July 26th and hope to select a consultant by October 15th. Commissioner Foley stated that the consultant will be tasked with creating the 2040 comprehensive plan for the Village. Commissioner Foley also mentioned that the Plan Commission will base the new comprehensive plan off of past comprehensive plans. Commissioner Foley said the Village will be focusing on public engagement and communication throughout the development of the plan and that Village staff will be creating a dedicated website, hosting open houses and encouraging community presence. Commissioner Foley stated that after proposals are received, staff, trustees and Plan Commission will evaluate and interview consultants.

Chairperson Dowding stated that the EFC has an opportunity to incorporate sustainability and environmental initiatives into the Village-wide comprehensive plan and that the Commission should research other communities, and involve other groups such as, green teams, park districts, garden clubs and schools.

Trustee Wedner stated that the recent Downtown Master Plan lacked environmental initiatives. Specifically, Trustee Wedner mentioned she would have liked to see an electric vehicle charging station included. Trustee Wedner also mentioned that adding bike racks in downtown areas is another good idea.

Commissioner Foley stated that the Plan Commission expects the duration of the development of the new comprehensive plan to take 12-18 months. The Plan Commission made it clear that public engagement is one of the most important aspects of the process. Trustee Wedner asked the Commission to encourage their neighbors and friends to attend meetings and voice their opinions and ideas. Chairperson Dowding

added that the Commission should encourage other environmental groups to attend meetings.

Commissioner Kunkle said that she recently met with staff from the Village of Northfield about the process for the development of their comprehensive plan and how they incorporated sustainability initiatives. Northfield is in the process of finalizing their comprehensive plan and it will be released in December of this year. Commissioner Kunkle added that no other neighboring communities appear to be redoing their comprehensive plans at this time. Commissioner Kunkle also noted, that other than Northfield, the only other neighboring community that appears to have updated their comprehensive recently is Glenview, which did so in 2017.

Chairperson Dowding stated that the next EFC meeting is scheduled for August 14th and that the aim of this meeting should be to put a plan together of what the Commission needs to accomplish in the coming months.

Commissioner Kunkle stated that there are two upcoming workshops in Highland Park and Grayslake focusing on using sustainability planning through the GRC2 framework. Matt Havlik said he will forward the registration information to all Commission members.

- b) EFC Website Revisions: Matt Havlik provided an overview of the EFC website revisions. The Commission discussed the changes and Chairperson Dowding explained his desired changes. Matt Havlik noted that he will work with the Village's communication team on making revisions for the next meeting.

5) Communications:

- a) Approval of August Communications Items: The Commission discussed the draft articles for the month of August and agreed that they can be sent to the Village Manager's office for posting. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the August communications items which were moved by Commissioner Foley and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen. Matt Havlik agreed to send this information to the Village Manager's Office.
- b) Discussion of September Communications Items: The Commission looked ahead to the September communication items and agreed upon who will draft articles for each topic.

- 6) Committee/Staff Report: Matt Havlik announced that his last day with the Village will be August 2nd as he recently accepted a new position with the Village of Lisle as Assistant to the Village Manager. The Commission thanked Mr. Havlik for his service over the last 4 years.

7) Open Forum:

Commissioner Kunkle reported that close to 200 gallons of food waste was diverted from the garbage at the Winnetka Music Festival and that the program was a success for the first year of being implemented. Commissioner Kunkle added that she plans to build upon the program for next year.

Commissioner Kunkle also added that Go Green Winnetka's Yards That Work Tour is scheduled for July 14th.

Commissioner Park-Jones inquired about the status of the refuse discussions at the Village Council level. Matt Havlik explained that this item was discussed at the Village Council meeting the night prior and that the discussion included composting, pay-as-you-throw programs and commercial collection.

- 8) Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Foley and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester. Having the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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August 14, 2019

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; voting Members present: Chairperson Chuck Dowding, Liz Kunkle, Chris Foley, Barry Sylvester and Mike Nielsen. Voting Members absent: Rosann Park-Jones, David Varca. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Ex-officio Members present: none. Village Council Representative Anne Wedner, and Village President Chris Rintz: Student Representative Absent: Clark O'Bryan. Staff Representative Present: James Bernahl, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering. No members of the public were present.

- 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members.
- 2) Public Comment: No public comments.
- 3) Review and Summary of Minutes:
 - a) Adoption of the July 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended): Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Foley and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen.
 - b) Adoption of the June, 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended): Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester.
- 4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:
 - a) Comprehensive Planning Discussion: An overview discussion lead by guest speaker, President Rintz, was given to the Commission members on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. The goal was to remind the members that as the Commission moves forward to keep in mind not only the future vision but also the current and potential future social issues. These items could include the use of solar panels both publicly and privately, future real-estate sustainability, and the importance of LEED certifications in future projects. President Rintz highlighted the roadmap created by the adoption of the GRC2 and how it's a good checklist of things to consider for the future. The Commission

members were also reminded that this study is undertaken about every 20 years, so members should think big picture. President Rintz also asked the member's to think about how best these recommendations could be brought forward to the Village Council.

Commissioner Foley indicated that when the Village selects the consultant the Commission would like to have the consultant come to a future meeting to discuss the GRC2. Chairperson Dowding asked if the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan included a reference to the GRC2 documents and Assistant Director Bernahl confirmed that it was included in the RFP.

Chairperson Dowding indicated that the group should think about how they will want to be involved with the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairperson Dowding also agreed that having the chosen consultant attend a future meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan would be a good idea. Chairperson Dowding said that he would also be interested in inviting other environmental groups and understand what they would like to see in the Comprehensive plan. Commissioner Kunkle indicated that this approach would be better than seeking written comments and then trying to add these items into the Comprehensive Plan at a later date.

Commissioner Nielsen indicated that he believed that it would be good for the group to revisit the GRC2 and begin to focus on the options that most appropriately will work with Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Wedner agreed and asked if the Commission could refine the GRC2 and provide a list of the key items that they would like to see encompassed into the Comprehensive Plan. Chairmen Dowding recommended pulling out the Commissioners' top ten lists of initiatives to begin to focus on what they believe is most attainable and perhaps develop even preliminary costs. Chairmen Dowding requested that Assist Director Bernahl send an email to the Commission members asking each of them to revisit the GRC2 document and bring a list of each member's top 10 items they would like to see in the Comprehensive Plan. Assistant Director Bernahl indicated that he would send out the email to the Commission members.

Trustee Wedner had reminded the group that they need be aware of the budgeting process and should consider this when thinking about future costs and implementation. Commissioner Kunkle indicated that when the members come to the next meeting they could discuss how these will best be implemented in a long term capital plan.

- b) EFC Website Revisions: Chairperson Dowding presented to the Commission copies of proposed changes to the EFC website page. These changes include modifications to the existing text and the addition of icons from the GRC2 document for consistency and reduction of page space. The Commission members agreed on the proposed changes, and

James Bernahl indicated that he would discuss these modifications with the Village Administrative Office on how best to implement.

- c) International Energy Conservation Code (IECC): Commissioner Kunkle presented to the Commission some general information about the IECC program, which sets efficiency requirements for newly-constructed and renovated buildings, and the opportunity for the Village to consider providing input to update the IECC, upon which America's Model Energy Code is based. Commissioner Kunkle stated that the last time input was solicited, three years ago, only .5% of the local government officials in the US that were eligible to vote exercised their option to do so. Commissioner Kunkle also indicated that the Village had a representative, former Community Development Director Mike D'Onofrio, in the past and now a new representative needed to be selected. The new representative must designate 4 people (staff and/or Village officials) by September 23, 2019 who will then cast votes on possible updates to the IECC in mid-November 2019. James indicated that he would present this information to Village Manager Rob Bahan for consideration.

5) Communications:

- a) Approval of September Communications Items: The Commission discussed the draft articles for the month of September. Commissioner Kunkle raised some concerns about providing more guidance in selecting the appropriate articles. The Commission as a whole agreed that they would like to remove the three proposed articles for September and replace them with the February articles "Zero Waste School Lunches (Parts 1&2) - Pack the Right Stuff (and the Right Amount)." Commissioner Kunkle indicated that she would update these articles and forward them to Assist Director Bernahl for publication. The Commission members unanimously agreed that this was a good idea. Assistant Director Bernahl agreed to send this information to the Village Manager's Office.

Commissioner Kunkle asked whether the Commission could take a closer look at the list of articles and perhaps update the content and scheduling. Chairperson Dowding agreed to bring this topic up at the next meeting.

- b) Discussion of October Communications Items: The Commission looked ahead to the October communication items and agreed that it would update the articles and context based on further discussions in September.
- 6) Commission/Staff Report: Assistant Director Bernahl notified Chairperson Dowding that there was no report for this month.
- 7) Open Forum: Trustee Wedner informed the Commission that, based on some of the comments raised in the past about pursuing an electric vehicle charging station, the Village

will be looking to install one in the Post Office Parking lot as one of the improvements being done as part of the Streetscape project.

Commissioner Kunkle provided a quick overview of a funding program, “Rain Ready” offered by a company called the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Commissioner Kunkle offered that the program provides subsidies for stormwater solutions for private property, she believes that this is a priority for the Village, and would like to look into this program for the future. Commissioner Kunkle believes that the program could help to incentivize people to make these improvements on their property. Commissioner Kunkle will see if she can have someone from the organization come and present on the program perhaps for the September meeting. She also said that Wilmette just did this program with their residents as well.

Commissioner Kunkle also asked about the status of the Commission’s student representatives, as she believes that the currently designated student representative, Clark O’Bryan, may have graduated. Commissioner Kunkle also wondered if the Commission could have two student representatives, or an alternate, to increase the chances of student attendance at the Commission’s meetings. Commissioner Dowding indicated that a single student representative is dictated by Village ordinance. Commissioner Kunkle indicated that she would check with the Environmental Club at New Trier High School to see if a Club member might be interested in being the student representative.

- 8) Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Nielsen and seconded by Commissioner Kunkle. The motion having passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Proposed Consensus Recommendation from the GRC2 Framework

PO: Council proposes ordinance, or other Council-level action

DS: Council directs Staff to undertake

EFC: Council directs EFC to undertake

Climate: undertake efforts to reduce GHGs, develop resiliency to climate change impacts, and engage the Village community in climate change mitigation and adaptation

1. Measure emissions from Village operations to develop a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction target for those operations, followed by monitoring to validate success or propose further efforts to reduce GHGs **(DS)**
2. Engage the Village community in climate change mitigation and adaptation by educating the public about climate change, its effects, and opportunities for the community to meaningfully respond **(EFC)**

Energy: adopt policies that promote energy efficiency, reduced energy usage and renewables, and engage the Village community in clean energy practices

1. Audit, benchmark, and track energy usage in Village facilities, and promote energy audits and retro-commissioning studies of residential and commercial entities, and other governmental units, in the Village **(DS)**
2. Where feasible and economic, adopt energy efficiency measures, procure from or install renewable energy resources for Village facilities, and develop renewable energy resources on underutilized Village properties (i.e. brownfields, rooftops, etc.) **(PO, DS)**
3. Support the adoption of renewable energy technologies, particularly those that expand economic development opportunities in the Village or access to alternative energy options for residents (i.e., community solar) **(DS, EFC)**

Land: encourage strategic development that incorporates sustainability principles, conserve, restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems, and ensure accessibility to and use of parks and other outdoor space

1. Redevelop underutilized or contaminated properties **(PO)**
2. Prioritize redevelopment and infrastructure projects, and public-private partnerships, that support public transit-oriented locations and uses **(PO, DS)**
3. Adopt guidelines for future development that encourage management and conservation of natural resources, existing topography, views, drainage patterns, existing ecosystems (including vegetation and biodiversity), and historic or cultural assets **(PO, DS)**
4. Continue to maximize the amount of public spaces and parks accessible to residents **(PO)**
5. Where practical, replace turf with sustainable landscaping alternatives **(DS)**
6. Enact and enforce land use policies that protect valuable natural assets, support resiliency, and increase the quality and amount of sustainable landscaping in the community **(PO, DS)**
7. Enact and enforce land-use policies that preserve open space **(PO, DS)**

Leadership: collaborate to achieve a more sustainable Village and region

1. Partner with federal, regional, state, other local governments, and other entities to undertake initiatives that promote energy efficiency and sustainability (EFC)

Mobility: support diverse, safe, and efficient transportation that uses resources wisely

1. Review existing bicycle and pedestrian plans, then propose recommendations for implementation by the Village (EFC)
2. Incorporate sustainable roadways into capital improvement planning, and proactively plan for major transportation infrastructure improvements (DS)
3. Collaborate to provide alternative fuel infrastructure at public sites, and to support a network of alternate fueling infrastructure elsewhere (DS, EFC)

Municipal Operations: set the example by demonstrating sustainable values and practices, operate a safe and efficient fleet, and collect and manage data to advance sustainability

1. Ensure municipal finance practices and purchasing policies are consistent with sustainability and re-invest cost savings into sustainability initiatives (PO, DS)
2. Evaluate opportunities to migrate fleet to alternate fuel vehicles (DS)
3. Track, analyze, and manage data to advance sustainability (DS)

Sustainable Communities: cultivate community values and principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable, and that promote a sustainable identity for the Village

1. Cultivate and preserve a welcoming and inclusive community character (PO, DS, EFC)
2. Promote third party certification for sustainable private facilities (EFC)
3. Establish or strengthen an inter- and intra-entity Green Team (EFC)

Waste & Recycling: support policies and actions that contribute to sustainable material management and increased recycling

1. Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw program (PO)
2. Make public events Zero Waste (DS)
3. Support and incentivize expansion of existing services to include food scrap composting, commercial & multi-family recycling, and discouraging the use of unrecyclable products (e.g., plastic bags) (DS, EFC)

Water: use and distribute water efficiently and sustainably, protect and improve water quality, and optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater

1. Reduce community water consumption by implementing water efficiency measures in Village operations and encouraging residents and businesses to identify and mitigate water losses (DS, EFC)
2. Protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination, support post-development runoff reduction and mitigation, and encourage residents and businesses to address flood risks on their property (DS)

3. Support regional and state initiatives to protect water supplies and support stewardship of Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River (EFC)
4. Comprehensively and sustainably manage water infrastructure (DS)
5. Collaborate to enhance wetlands for improved ecosystem services (DS)
6. Adopt codes that enable rainwater harvesting for non-potable uses (PO)
7. Review and adopt codes to eliminate barriers to green infrastructure BMPs including cisterns, green roofs, bioswales, and permeable paving (PO, DS)

2019 EFC Communications Plan

EFC Communication Process for Monthly Postings

1. EFC and Staff work together to draft and finalized monthly topics and supporting text.
2. Topics and supporting text are discussed and approved by the EFC at monthly meetings.
3. Topics and supporting text are sent to Village Manager's Office each month to be published in the appropriate communication channel (Weekly email newsletter, Winnetka Report, etc).

January

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- EFC Green Awards Application Reminder
- Reduce - Consider how to reduce energy use and costs in your home and business
- Reduce - Switch from incandescent bulbs to LED bulbs (and put incandescent into garbage/landfill and recycle LED bulbs in the lobby of the Winnetka Public Works)

February

EFC Green Awards Application Deadline – February 28

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Reduce – Think before you buy
- Reduce - Think before you pack

March

Spring Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – March 19

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Coal Tar Sealant Reminder
- Paper Shredding Event
- Electronics Recycling Program Resuming
- Clean-Up Week

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Electronics Recycling Program Resuming
- Reduce - Use your car less
- Reduce - No Idling
- Composting - Backyard

April

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Compost available at Village Yards
- Paper Shredding Event
- Phosphorus Ordinance
- Earth Day – April 22nd, 2019 and Arbor Day – April 27th, 2019

May

Summer Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – May 11 (Include Recycling Guidelines Insert?)

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Green Award Recipients

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- EFC BMP Guide – Summary & link to document
- Recycling - Break down all boxes
- Recycling - Leave lids on plastic containers

June

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Coal Tar Sealant Reminder
- Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers from June 1 through Oct. 1.
- Recycling - Make sure all containers are free of liquid and food residue
- Recycling - Plastic bags & film
- Forestry - Remove buckthorn and other invasive species

July

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Shredding Event
- Recycling - Plastic silverware
- Recycling – Styrofoam
- Forestry - Look into landscaping solutions as stormwater solutions

August

Fall Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – August 23

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Curbside Leaf Collection

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Recycling - #3 plastics
- Recycling - Paper napkins, towels, and tissues

September

Weekly E-Newsletter: **(Modified at 8/14/19 Meeting)**

- Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 1) - Start with the Right Gear
- Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 2) – Pack the Right Stuff (and the Right Amount).

October

Weekly E-Newsletter: (Discuss and potentially modify)

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Recycling - Textiles
- Recycling - Look for bins in business districts
- Purchase unlimited recycling bins at Village Hall

November

Winter Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – November 2

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Holiday Lights Recycling

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- America Recycles Day (11/15)
- Composting - Leaf collection
- Battery Recycling
- Plastic bag, film and wrap recycling

December

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Christmas Tree Pick-Up
- EFC Green Awards Application Reminder
- Holiday Lights Recycling
- Commercial District Business Lighting

Back to School EFC Green Tips (elk Aug. 2019)

Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 1) - Start with the Right Gear

Whether you've been packing lunches for years or are sending off your first child to school, give some thought to how to make a dent in the incredible amount of trash generated by kids' school lunches. Rather than "brown bagging" it, invest in some long-lasting supplies that can be used again and again. Sturdy metal lunch boxes will last for years and prevent exposure to the toxins that packaging can leach into food. Use reusable metal water bottles or insulated mugs instead of single-use plastic bottles or drink boxes or pouches. Use reusable containers to hold individual items rather than single-use plastic bags. Send cloth napkins and reusable (metal or bamboo) utensils. Buy menu items in bulk and decant them in amounts suitable to your child's lunch rather than buying single serving packages. By making these changes, you will have slashed the waste generated by lunch significantly by preventing hundreds of paper and plastic bags and beverage containers from getting made, shipped to you, and sent to the landfill.

Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 2) - Pack the Right Stuff (and the Right Amount)

Two advantages of packing reusable everything are: 1) leftovers come home to be eaten later or composted; and 2) you can see what your child ate. Variety is critical to getting kids to enjoy (and finish!) their lunches. Mix up the veggies, fruits, and mains often and get your kids to join in the process of planning and packing their lunches. If it's healthy and your kid will enjoy it, consider it lunch. Parent brains are already taxed by the zillion things to remember each morning, so don't feel you need to constantly come up with new ideas yourself. Take stock periodically of what's working and what's not and invite your child to help you develop some more go-tos for your repertoire. You'll also have an easier time on busy mornings if you plan your week of lunches ahead when you're making the grocery list. Though zero waste lunches take a little planning and investment upfront, you'll likely recoup your money and then some.

October 2019 EFC Communications Content

1. 2019 Pumpkin Composting Event

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Village of Winnetka is hosting its 4th annual one-day pumpkin collection. Residents are encouraged to bring in pumpkins for the Village to properly dispose of, limiting the amount brought to landfills. The Public Work Department will provide a designated drop off location at the Municipal Yards Facility at 1390 Willow Road from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6th. Please remove any solid waste (candles, bags, etc.). Collection of garbage, food scraps or other landscape waste will not be accepted.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 with any questions.

2. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: *Textile Recycling*

E-Winnetka Newsletter

Before getting rid of your old clothes, consider recycling or donating them to some of the textile recycling organizations in the area. Check with your local community organizations, church, shelter, hospital, schools or libraries for available programs. Some of these organizations that offer textile recycling programs include: Christ Church of Winnetka, Winnetka Thrift Shop, Amvets, Goodwill Industries, Avenues to Independence, Winnetka Congregational Church, Salvation Army, Chicago Textile Recycling and USAgain.

3. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: *Commercial District Recycling Containers*

E-Winnetka Newsletter

Commercial recycling dumpsters are strategically placed throughout each business district. Recycling dumpsters throughout the Village may be used by any business to increase their recycling. Recycling dumpsters are serviced by Lakeshore Recycling Systems and there is no cost to businesses for using these.

4. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: *Purchase Recycling Bins at Village Hall*

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Environmental and Forestry Commission wants to remind residents that they may purchase as many recycling bins as they want. The Village's contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems allows for unlimited residential recycling. Extra recycling bins can be purchased at Village Hall for \$67 and a Public Works team member will deliver the bin to your house.