



**Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission
Notice of Regular Meeting
November 13, 2019**

The Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission will convene on Wednesday, November 13, 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 October 9, 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. RainReady Update | Presenter Kunkle |
| 5) | Communications | |
| | a. Review October Communications Items | Presenter Mendoza |
| | b. Discussion of November Communication Items | Presenter Mendoza |
| 6) | Committee/Staff Reports | |
| 7) | Open Forum | |
| 8) | Adjournment | |

Posted Time and Date

NOTICE

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WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 9, 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, October 9, 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, Rosann Park-Jones, Chris Foley, Mike Nielsen and David Varca. Voting Members absent: Barry Sylvester. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Ex-officio Members present: none. Village Council Representative absent: Anne Wedner. Student Representative present: Marcus Buccellato. Staff Representatives present: James Bernahl, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering and Brendon Mendoza, Public Works Analyst. Public present: Ted Wynnychenko.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members. The new Student Representative Marcus Buccellato was introduced. Staff representative Brendon Mendoza was also introduced to the Commission as the Village's new Public Works Analyst.

2) Public Comment:

Mr. Wynnychenko stated that the Village should review how it provides storm water credits. Mr. Wynnychenko stated that he believed that native plants absorb more water than trees. Mr. Wynnychenko mentioned that he was considering reconstructing a portion of his parkway and installing a raingarden, however the Village Engineer had indicated that this would not be permitted.

3) Review and Summary of Minutes:

a) Approval of the July 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended):

Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes as amended which was moved by Commissioner Nielsen and seconded by Commissioner Foley.

b) Adoption of the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen.

4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:

a) Review of GRC2 Primary Goals for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update:

Commissioner Foley reported that he has been involved in the Village's comprehensive planning discussion with the Village's Plan Commission. Through the most recent Village Plan Commission Meeting, he stated the Plan Commission discussed items to be included in the Village's comprehensive plan. Commissioner Foley stated that sustainability was suggested to be included in the Village's comprehensive plan. The Commission collectively discussed ideas for the Village's comprehensive plan.

The Commission asked Village staff to review the "Proposed Consensus Recommendation from the GRC2 Framework" and provide feedback. Staff representatives agreed to review the proposed recommendations and provide feedback at the November EFC meeting. Commissioner Varca mentioned that the Commission should review the list and select the items that are important to the Commission as time has passed and the group may want to reprioritize items. The group will bring their updated recommendations to the November EFC meeting.

Chairperson Dowding asked the Commission if it would be worthwhile to meet with other local organizations to discuss environmental suggestions for the Village's comprehensive plan. Staff representative Bernahl asked Chairperson Dowding to discuss with Village Manager, Rob Bahan on how to proceed with inviting other organizations, as they may already be included in the current comprehensive plan discussions.

b) EFC Website Revisions:

Staff representative Bernahl provided an overview of the revisions made to the EFC website from the suggestions at the previous EFC meeting. Staff representative Bernahl mentioned that Village is in the process of updating the Village's website.

c) RainReady Update:

Commissioner Kunkle recently spoke with staff from the Center for Neighborhood Technology ("CNT") Rainready Initiative. Commissioner Kunkle discussed the potential program and how it would operate. Commissioner Kunkle asked the group if it would like to meet with the Rainready staff at the November or December EFC Commission Meeting. The Commission agreed that it is a good idea to meet with Rainready staff. Commissioner Kunkle will reach out to Rainready to coordinate.

Commissioner Kunkle mentioned that Community Development and Public Works staff may want to attend the presentation to be given by Rainready staff. Prior to meeting, Chairperson Dowding requested that Commissioner Kunkle ask Rainready staff to review two (2) studies related to storm water and provide their opinion.

5) **Communications:**

a) **Review September Communications Items:**

The Commission stated that the new, September communications items were an excellent addition. The Commission stated that the two (2) articles regarding zero waste in school lunches should be included annually.

b) **Discussion of October Communications Items:**

The Commission reviewed the upcoming October and November communication items and suggested to place a leaf and pumpkin collection information article for October. Staff representative Mendoza will make the changes to the communication items.

6) **Commission/Staff Reports:** None.

7) **Student Representation Update:** None.

8) **Open Forum:**

Commissioner Park-Jones asked for an update on the Hubbard Woods Train Station project and pay as you throw recycling. Staff representative Bernahl provided information for both projects.

Commissioner Kunkle stated that the possibility of RFID chips within refuse containers is exciting. Commissioner Kunkle asked if the RFID chips will be included in upcoming topics. Staff representative Bernahl provided an update.

9) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Park-Jones and seconded by Commissioner Foley. The motion 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)

ATTACHMENT B

CHAPTER II: VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 A 2020 VISION FOR WINNETKA

As a basis for the development of goals, objectives and policies for Winnetka, a vision was developed to convey the desirable characteristics of the Village:

...a village in a natural setting committed to its tradition of residential neighborhoods, citizen involvement, local shops and educational excellence...

2.2 COMMUNITY GOALS

Purpose and Formulation Procedure

Goals and objectives provide the foundation for the Plan recommendations. *Goals* are long-range ideals that set the framework for public policy. *Objectives* are more specific, representing opportunities for achieving goals.

The goals and objectives that follow were prepared for the Village as a whole and are designed to achieve the ideals expressed in the Vision Statement.

Community goals appear below. Objectives designed to support these goals are listed in the remainder of this chapter under each community goal heading. *Goals, objectives and policies relating to the Green Bay Road Corridor and its four business districts appear in Chapter Five.*

Village Character and Appearance: Preserve and enhance those public assets, public lands, natural resources and architecturally significant structures that create the attractive appearance and peaceful, single-family residential character of the Village.

Residential Areas: Preserve a high-quality residential community. Encourage a range of housing types and sizes to meet the needs of residents of all ages.

Local Government: Plan for and provide appropriate government facilities and services that will accommodate the needs of the Village. Encourage a high degree of citizen concern for and participation in local government.

Educational and Community Institutions: Support educational excellence and the enrichment of Winnetka's religious and cultural environment.

Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Environment: Preserve or expand the quantity, quality and distribution of open space and recreational opportunities. Protect the Village's natural features and environmental resources.

Transportation: Provide for safe pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular movement consistent with the scale and peaceful character of the Village.

Growth Management: Limit commercial, institutional and residential development within the Village to minimize potentially adverse impacts on adjacent residential neighborhoods and to prevent the need for significant increases in infrastructure (streets, parking, utilities, sewers) and other community resources (schools, parks, recreational facilities, etc.). Provide for Village expansion via annexation if deemed appropriate.

2.3 VILLAGE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE

Goal: Preserve and enhance those public assets, public lands, natural resources and architecturally significant structures that create the attractive appearance and peaceful, single-family residential character of the Village.

Objectives

1. Ensure that commercial, institutional and residential development is appropriate to the character of and minimizes the adverse impact on its surrounding neighborhood.
2. Place overhead utility lines underground along major streets: Willow, Sheridan, Green Bay, Hibbard, Winnetka/Hill, Elm and Tower by 2010. Place other utility lines underground, beginning with parks and open spaces, after the major streets are completed.
3. Recognize the critical role of the Village's historic architecture in defining Winnetka's unique character in public, institutional, commercial and residential areas and encourage its preservation.
4. Require the screening and buffering of off-street parking lots while considering the safety of pedestrians and motorists.
5. Continue to implement and supplement the Village's tree planting program on all public rights-of-way. Encourage tree planting on private property.
6. Encourage landscaping of public and private properties that complements and enhances the mature character of existing plantings and provides a buffer as an alternative to walls and fences.
7. Encourage organizations, schools, religious institutions, businesses and citizens in their efforts to beautify the Village.
8. Strictly enforce the Village's sign regulations and minimize the number of regulatory signs.
9. Encourage and cooperate with METRA to improve the appearance and function of the three train stations in the Village and to improve the appearance of the railroad right-of-way.
10. Encourage and cooperate with PACE to improve the appearance, safety and function of bus stop shelters.

11. Reduce and control light pollution, preserving property rights for natural light and controlling the use and location of artificial lighting.
12. Reduce and control noise pollution.
13. Use high quality design and materials when constructing public improvements. Enhance the beauty of the improvements with appropriate decorative details, artwork or sculpture.

2.4 RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Goal: Preserve a high-quality residential community. Encourage a range of housing types and sizes to meet the needs of residents of all ages.

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain the Village's traditional dwelling density patterns by limiting the scale and density allowed in developments and renovations.
2. Require any new residential development and redevelopment to provide adequate and appropriate landscaping and, where appropriate, to preserve existing vegetation.
3. Encourage residential development that provides an appropriate transition between low-density and higher-density areas.

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve the predominant defining character of Winnetka as a community for owner-occupied high quality single-family residences. Maintain the proportion of single-family detached housing in excess of 80 percent of the total Village housing units.
2. Retain the character of existing residential neighborhoods. Assure that new construction and additions to existing houses respect the scale of neighboring houses, setbacks, open spaces, parkway trees and the pedestrian orientation of the neighborhoods.
3. Protect residential neighborhoods and homes from the encroachment of incompatible land uses and traffic patterns.
4. Encourage the preservation of older houses that contribute to the character of the neighborhood through additions and improvements as an alternative to new house construction.
5. Maintain the quiet ambience of residential neighborhoods.

MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure that multiple-family development provides a variety of housing choices for

- residents of all ages.
2. Ensure that the density of multiple-family development provides an appropriate transition to adjacent single-family neighborhoods.
 3. Ensure that multiple-family buildings complement adjacent single-family residences in scale and architectural style and that architectural styles complement the historic character of the village.
 4. Require that multiple-family development be of high quality materials and design, combined with adequately screened or underground parking and substantial landscaping.
 5. Encourage an appropriate number of rental units compatible with the predominantly single-family residential character of the Village.
 6. Study the possibility of bringing an assisted-care facility for senior citizens to Winnetka.

2.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Goal: Plan for and provide appropriate government facilities and services that will accommodate the needs of the Village. Encourage a high degree of citizen concern for and participation in local government.

Objectives

1. Encourage local governmental bodies to help implement the community goals and objectives in this document.
2. Maintain and encourage the location of public buildings in the Village Center to provide centralized and convenient services.
3. Maintain and upgrade the Village's infrastructure in keeping with Village character and high community standards.
4. If the water plant and electric plant are no longer needed to provide electric power or water service to the Village, a re-use plan should be drafted for the property to serve public purposes.
5. Ensure that municipal buildings and properties exhibit design excellence that respects the character and enhances the appearance of the Village.
6. Ensure that the closed landfill on Willow Road is effectively managed and attractively landscaped.
7. Encourage on-going study and cooperation to bring the latest telecommunication technologies to the Village, while preserving the Village's appearance.

2.6 EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

Goal: Support educational excellence and the enrichment of Winnetka's religious and cultural environment.

Objectives

1. Recognize the critical importance of educational, religious and other community institutions to Village residents.
2. Maintain an atmosphere in which diverse cultural, educational and religious organizations may flourish and in which special activities for residents of all ages may be enhanced.
3. Engage in a public process that balances institutional goals and minimizes any adverse impact to the character of the adjacent residential neighborhood.
4. Recognize that standards of educational excellence may change with time, thus necessitating changes in physical and financial resources.
5. Ensure safe and attractive access to educational and community institutions. Pursue improvements that address public safety as well as traffic, congestion and parking.
6. Cooperate with school districts to make school facilities available for other community needs and emphasize this dual use in future planning and design.
7. Encourage the continued vitality of the Winnetka Community House as a community facility for a variety of programs accessible to all residents.
8. Encourage the preservation of the excellent facilities, central location and availability of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District resources.

2.7 PARKS, OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Goal: Preserve or expand the quantity, quality and distribution of open space and recreational opportunities. Protect our natural features and environmental resources.

Objectives

1. Increase the amount of property that is designated as public or private open space to preserve the natural character of the community.
2. Provide, where possible, open space (public, semi-public or private) between low-density and higher-density land uses.
3. Preserve and enhance natural features such as ravines, woodlands, bluffs, beaches and the Lake Michigan shoreline.

4. Preserve significant trees and encourage new tree planting on public and private properties to the greatest extent possible.
5. Support the development of recreational facilities to meet the needs of residents of all ages.
6. Engage in a public process that balances institutional goals and minimizes any adverse impact to the character of the adjacent residential neighborhood.
7. Encourage the Cook County Forest Preserve District to improve the natural appearance of the public right-of-way and the property adjacent to Willow Road, Forest Way and Tower Road, west of Forest Way.
8. Foster greater cooperation among all institutions--private and public--in the joint use of their recreational facilities.
9. Encourage the preservation of open space inside and outside the Village.

2.8 TRANSPORTATION

Goal: Provide for safe pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular movement consistent with the scale and peaceful character of the Village.

Objectives

1. Improve major streets, especially their intersections, to enhance traffic flow, safety and appearance, as well as use by pedestrians and bicyclists.
2. Ensure safe, efficient and convenient access to all areas of the Village.
3. Develop comprehensive programs to promote traffic safety and to slow traffic.
4. Explore ways to decrease the flow of regional traffic through the Village.
5. Promote alternatives to motor vehicles such as bicycling and walking.
6. Enhance and expand the Village's bike route system.
7. Restrict "cut-through" truck traffic in residential neighborhoods and regional truck traffic on village thoroughfares.
8. Ensure good condition of streets, curbs and sidewalks.
9. Encourage the maintenance and improvement of a rapid and comfortable commuter service to and from all three Village train stations.
10. Foster improvement in public transportation and cooperate with adjacent communities in anticipating future needs and means.

11. Provide for adequate parking in commercial areas. Require people who work in the commercial districts to park in employee-designated off-street or underground parking areas.
12. Provide adequate off-street or underground parking for Winnetka commuters.
13. Enhance the overall appearance and environmental quality of public rights-of-way, including the railroad right-of-way.
14. Provide ease of access to the Edens Expressway (Interstate 94).

2.9 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Goal: Limit commercial, institutional and residential development within the Village to minimize potentially adverse impacts on adjacent residential neighborhoods and to prevent the need for significant increases in infrastructure (streets, parking, utilities, sewers) and other community resources (schools, parks, recreational facilities, etc.). Provide for Village expansion via annexation if deemed appropriate.

Objectives

1. Ensure that development proposals minimize the potential adverse impact they might have on residential neighborhoods, including the impact on pedestrian character, on-site parking, traffic patterns, congestion, open space, storm water management and Village infrastructure.
2. Ensure that annexation of properties will not adversely affect the Village's ability to service existing residences and businesses. Continue to review those unincorporated areas within the jurisdictional planning area that draw upon Village services and resources and ensure that any proposed annexation is compatible with the character of the Village.
3. Ensure that the Village keeps informed about neighboring communities' plans for growth, changes in existing infrastructure or for new infrastructure.

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 - Paper napkins, towels, and tissues

September

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Recycling - #3 plastics
- Recycling - Pizza boxes
- Recycling - Lids from glass bottles

October

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Recycling – Leaf Collection

November (Discuss and potentially modify)

Winter Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – November 20

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
- Recycling – Textiles
- Proposed article - Use of natural light during winter

December

Weekly E-Newsletter:

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

October 2019 EFC Communications Content

1. 2019 Pumpkin Composting Event

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Village of Winnetka is hosting its 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: Leaf Collection

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Village's annual curbside leaf collection program will run from Monday, October 14, 2019 until Monday, November 25, 2019. Under this program, residents may rake their leaves to the parkway just inside the edge of the curb for collection by the Village. The Village recently purchased a new automated leaf machine, which allows the Village to collect leaves more efficiently. Please do not place pumpkins other debris other than leaves for collection as it will damage the leaf collecting equipment.

Leaves collected are then hauled to Antioch, IL for composting which the Village then receives back in early spring for residents to use as compost material. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

November 2019 EFC Communications Content

1. Holiday Lights Recycling

Fall Winnetka Report & E-Winnetka Newsletter

As the holiday season approaches, a reminder that residents may bring holiday lights and other wires to the Public Works Yards for recycling year round. Drop off times are during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am through 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

2. America Recycles Day is November 15, 2019

E-Winnetka Newsletter

This year, America Recycles Day is Friday, November 15, 2019. America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day that is dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States by promoting environmental citizenship and taking action to increase and improve recycling. For more information and to learn about taking the pledge, please visit <https://americarecyclesday.org/>.

3. Fall Leaf Collection

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Village's annual curbside leaf collection program will run from Monday, October 14 until Monday, November 25. Under this program, residents may rake their leaves to the parkway just inside the edge of the curb for collection by the Village. Leaves collected are then hauled to Antioch, Illinois for composting, which the Village then receives back in early spring for residents to use as compost material. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

4. Battery Recycling

E-Winnetka Newsletter

About Alkaline Batteries:

According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, single-use, non-rechargeable alkaline batteries AAA, AA, C, D 6v & 9v are classified as "non-hazardous" and may be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

About Rechargeable Batteries:

Rechargeable batteries Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), Lithium, Zinc-Air, Silver-oxide, and Small Sealed Lead Acid contain mercury and other heavy metals and should be recycled. There are many retail stores (Ace Hardware, Best Buy, IKEA, Lowe's, Staples, Target, etc.) that accept rechargeable batteries. Call retail stores to confirm acceptable batteries. To avoid the risk of cross-contact of battery terminals, which can cause a spark and create a fire, place a piece of tape over each terminal or contact point.

About Lead Acid Batteries:

Lead acid batteries (automotive, marine, and sump pump) are prohibited by Illinois state law from being disposed of in the trash. Gas stations, auto parts stores, and other retail stores provide outlets for disposing of these batteries.

Why do the contact points of rechargeable batteries need to be taped?

The contact points of each rechargeable battery should be covered with masking tape before being taken to a drop-off location. It is important that the end points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation because contact can cause a spark and ignite a fire.

For a list of retailers who recycle rechargeable and lead acid batteries visit SWANCC's **Battery Recycling** web page.

5. Plastic Bag, Film and Wrap Recycling

E-Winnetka Newsletter

A reminder that plastic bags, film, and wrap are not included in the Village's curbside recycling program offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Plastic film – also known as plastic film packaging – is soft, flexible polyethylene (PE) packaging such as grocery, food, zip-top, and dry cleaning bags. It is also the clear plastic that comes wrapped around many paper products. Bags and film wrap are considered “contamination” at facilities where recyclables are processed, because they get tangled in the equipment. Clean and dry plastic bags, film, wrap can be recycled at many grocery and retail stores. Be sure to completely empty the bags, film, and wrap of all food and liquid waste before taking them to your nearest participating store. A list of plastics that may be recycled at most stores is below:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap (e.g. water, soda and juice bottles)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves

- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziplock/reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags

6. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: Textile Recycling

E-Winnetka Newsletter

Before getting rid of your old clothes, consider recycling or donating them to a textile recycling organization 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.

7. Environmental and Forestry Commission Tip: Use of Natural Light During Winter – Proposed Article

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Many of us crave more sunlight during winter's doldrums. Here are some ideas to let more light into a home and make the most of what meager sunshine is available during a midwest winter.

Try cleaning or power-washing your windows to remove summer pollen and other buildup, which allows much more light to come in. Make sure your window coverings aren't sabotaging your efforts to capture more of the sun's rays. If you have drapes, hang them high to the ceiling and wide enough that they only cover the window trim, and not the actual window itself. Use the same outside-mount approach with Roman shades, installing them high enough so that the bottom of the shade, when raised, covers the trim but not much of the actual window, which tricks the eye into thinking the window is taller than it actually is.

Clearing obstructions works on both sides of the glass. Trimming shrubs or low branches outside south-facing windows can immediately let more precious winter sunbeams into your home. But you can also plant and prune with a longer-term plan in mind. The trees that surround your house should not only play their part in the landscape, but in the environmental conditions of your house. For instance, on the south side of your house in the midwest, views notwithstanding, you should have deciduous trees that provide shade in the summer and when they lose their leaves allow light and warmth in the winter.