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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Winter Fun in Winthrop Harbor!

Moms, dads, boys and girls... get ready for the annual Winthrop Harbor *Fun Fair* on Saturday February 18th! Catch all the details on page 3, then mark your calendars for a great time at the Schlader Recreation Center.



Winthrop Harbor has a wide range of activities to keep you moving and warm all winter long. From basketball & volleyball, to indoor walks and teen dances, your Village Recreation Department and many non-profit agencies have plenty of winter programs available free or for nominal costs, all detailed inside this issue of your *Winthrop Harbor Newsletter*.

Have a wonderful, happy New Year and have fun exploring the many programs and activities available to all Winthrop Harbor residents!

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Fire Department Offers Heating Safety Tips



The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many homeowners to search for alternative methods of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing, space heaters are selling and more people are using their fireplaces. All of these methods of heating are acceptable, however they can become a major contributing factor in residential fires. The Winthrop Harbor Fire Department offers the following safety tips to help residents maintain a fire-safe home this winter:

- Be sure the fireplace or wood stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening.
- Do not use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It

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**Village Hall
Will be Closed
on Monday,
February 20th
in observance
of President's
Day.**



Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

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- VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

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- IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS -

Village Hall	847-872-3846
Police Dept. *	847-872-2131
Fire Dept. *	847-872-5957
Recreation Dept.	847-746-3505
Public Works Dept.	847-872-5275

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- VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Hall Provides Many Services

Village Clerk Jana Lee reminds residents that Village Hall provides many beneficial services. From business licenses and special event permits, to new resident packets and public information requests, Village Hall is the place to visit for important information and services. Notary Public service is available at no-charge, simply bring your documents to Village Hall and sign them in the presence of the Notary. Voter registration, Village meeting minutes and vehicle stickers are also available at Village Hall. Seniors (age 65 & up) are encouraged to stop in for RTA passes and water rate reductions.

We would also like to thank *Joe Peddle* and his crew for donating their time and talents to create the beautiful lighting display surrounding Village Hall. Thank you! All of us at Village Hall wish our residents a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Village Meetings Open to the Public

Mayor Joe Leech, Jr., the Board of Trustees and Village staff encourage residents to attend the Village Board and committee meetings, held monthly at Village Hall or the Schlader Memorial Recreation Center. We value the input that our residents provide, and are committed to addressing all questions and concerns in a constructive, positive manner. Please consider joining us at any of the meetings listed in the table below:

<u>Board / Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Village Board of Trustees	Jan. 3 & 17 / Feb. 7 & 21	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Jan. 10 / Feb. 14	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Jan. 4 / Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Jan. 9 / Feb. 13	6:30 p.m.	Schlader Building

Village Board of Trustees meetings are televised on Comcast Public Access Channel 19 on Wednesdays (1 p.m.), Thursdays (12:00 p.m) and Saturdays (9:00 a.m.). For the full schedule please visit www.accesschannel.com.

Recreation Department News and Activities

FUN FAIR! - Winthrop Harbor's annual Fun Fair will be held **Saturday, Feb. 18th** from 11am to 4pm at the Schlader Recreation Center. Here's a great opportunity to bring the family for some great fun and excitement! We'll have over 20 different games for the kids, including *the Wheel, Basketball Shoot, Darts, Cake Walk, Pop Toss, Gold Fish (win a fish!), mouse race (win a mouse!),* and many others to test your skills. The popular *Moon Walk* will be back for kids of all ages to bounce to their hearts delight! We'll also have raffles with a chance to win some great prizes. Last year we were able to give away two new bikes that were donated by Zion Cyclery and Praline Carpet Facilities. The Police and Fire departments will also be back with their fun and educational booths. The *General Store* will be filled with goodies for a fair price, and refreshments will be served for your convenience. Watch for more information about this year's Fun Fair, and mark your calendar for a super fun day on Feb. 18th!

VONUNTEERS NEEDED - Volunteers are the driving force that makes our annual Fun Fair a success. We need help decorating on Friday, and on Saturday people to help run the games, sell tickets and work the kitchen. Saturday will have two shifts for volunteers. We also need cakes for the popular cake walk! If you would like to help during one or both shifts please call Recreation at 847-746-3505.

OPEN GYM - On *Mondays and Tuesdays* the Schlader Building is open to the public for two hours of gym time from 7-9 pm. The fee is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents, and all participants must be High School age or older. Volleyball is on Monday, and Basketball on Tuesday.

Walkin'-Walkin' - Come indoors from 8 to 10am on Mondays through Fridays at the Schlader Recreation Center to walk & talk while staying warm & dry. Don't let winter slow you down!

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGISTRATION - Calling all ball players! This year's sign-ups will be from **Monday Feb. 20th** through **Friday Mar. 17th**. Registration forms will be available at Village Hall and at the Schlader Building. On Feb. 20th and 21st from 6-8pm sign-ups will be taken at the Schlader Building. Forms may also be submitted on Saturdays or Sundays at the Schlader Building as the basketball season continues. It is impera-

tive that registration forms are submitted at either Village Hall or the Schlader Building during this four week stretch in order to secure a spot in this year's league. Registrations after March 25 will be placed on a waiting list with the only possibility of playing being if another player chooses to exit the league. Tee Ball starts at age 5 for boys and girls, and the oldest age groups will be 18 for girls, 14 for boys. This year we're dividing age groups for girls softball to try and keep age and skill levels a little more consistent and closer. Ages will be divided by every 2 years. Pee-Wee girls will be 7-8 years, Jr. Girls will be 9-10 and Sr. Girls will be ages 11-12. Teams of 13-15 years and 16-18 years will participate in League play against surrounding towns, traveling for half of their scheduled games. The communities of Zion and Beach Park are also making this change in age groups in order for us all to compete against each other for our seasons. For information on this year's fees, or to get involved as a coach, sponsor or umpire, please call 847-746-3505. Practices start the end of April and will run at most twice a week. Games will begin end of May, with games on weeknights with Saturdays used as makeup days.

WINTHROP HARBOR BASKETBALL - Looking for some weekend fun & excitement? Join us at the Schlader Building to watch the stars of tomorrow take the floor! The season for youth Basketball begins the weekend of January 7th-8th and will continue every weekend (excluding Feb. 18) until March 12th. First through fourth grades play from 9am to 3pm on Saturdays, while fifth through eighth grades play 1pm to 7pm on Sundays. The Rec. Dept. thanks all of the coaches and assistant coaches who dedicate their time to make this league a great experience for all. We also thank our sponsors who so graciously give back to the youth of our community. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

CO-ED VOLLEBALL REGISTRATION - Register for this recreational league (not meant for competitive level players) is open from Jan. 2nd through Jan. 26th. Fees are \$275 per team plus a one-time \$10 for each non-resident player. There is a limit of 8 teams (10 players each) for the league so don't miss out! Games begin Feb 2nd on Thursday nights 7-10pm. Call Scott Fuller at 847-746-3505 to reserve your spot!

Mailbox Repair/Replacement Policy

The Winthrop Harbor Public Works Dept. has a policy to repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts damaged by Village snow plows. Residents are advised that the policy applies only if the mailbox was located according to the USPS specifications, or if the snowplow jumped the curb or plowed beyond the road shoulder and physically struck the box or post.

If replacement of the box is necessary, a standard rural type mailbox approved by the postal service will be used. If replacement of the post is necessary, a treated or cedar 4x4 wood post will be used. If the property owner desires a non-standard mailbox or post, the Village will reimburse for materials only to a maximum of \$35. Reimbursement will only be made after the owner installs the items to postal service specifications and provides proof of purchase in the form of a dated sales receipt to the Public Works department.

If the mailbox was not installed according to post office specifications (i.e. too close to curb, hanging over curb, etc.) then the department will only attempt to repair the damaged pieces versus providing replacement. Any necessary replacement will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Damage caused by snow thrown by the plow is not covered under this policy. In all cases, a representative from the Public Works Dept. will inspect the mailbox site. The Superintendent of Public Works or his designee will determine what course of action to follow and will advise the property owner. For further information please call the Public Works Dept. At 847-872-5275.

Reduced Water Rates for Seniors

Winthrop Harbor residents age 65 or older qualify for a 10% discount on their water rates. Applications are available at Village Hall, and we encourage all of our seniors to take advantage of these savings. Please call 847-872-3846, extension 247, for further information.

Voter Registration Assistance

If you are a new resident or your voter registration information needs to be updated, please stop by Village Hall and we'll be glad to assist you. Be sure to bring in two forms of identification, one with your current address. For further information please call Village clerk Jana Lee at 847-872-3846, ext. 245.

News from AARP Chapter 871

The Winthrop Harbor AARP Chapter #871 meets at 1 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are held at the Community Center, located at 1520 7th Street. At the Oct. 18th meeting Ron Levin from the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department made a presentation of safety issues for seniors which included a discussion of the Medicare billing for ambulance services. At the Nov. 15th meeting (which happened to be America Recycles Day) Victoria Weidel, from SWALCO (*Solid Waste Agency of Lake County*) made a presentation on the 4R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recover). The Dec. 20th gathering was a holiday potluck luncheon which included the song and dance entertainment of the Happy Cookers. The **Jan. 17th** meeting will be a presentation on Natural Resource Protection in Lake County by a representative from the Lake County Planning and Development Department. A program for the Feb. 21st meeting remains to be finalized. For further information about the Winthrop Harbor AARP chapter, please contact Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567, or by e-mail at jerryplarson@comcast.net.

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is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.

- Never burn charcoal indoors. Doing so can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before going to sleep, be sure your fire is completely out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the package directions. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They can burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

All of us at the Fire Dept. wish you a fire-safe winter season! Feel free to call us during the day at 847-872-5957 if you have any questions.

Benton Township News

Branch Pickups— Homeowner trimmed branches and branches from storm damage are picked up the first Monday of each month. Cut ends must be put toward the curb. Please call 847-746-2100 to be added to the pickup list.

Volunteers Needed— Meals on Wheels needs volunteers one day a week (takes less than one hour) for deliveries to Winthrop Harbor residents. Please call 847-746-2100 for information.

Housing Assistance— Do you know someone looking to buy a home? The Affordable Housing Corporation, a local non-profit agency, offers a variety of low-interest mortgages, down payment assistance options and educational programs that can help. For more information visit www.ahclc.org or call 847-263-7478.

Circuit Breaker Program— Seniors or persons with disabilities may pick up a Circuit Breaker application form at the Benton Township office in Beach Park. The program offers discounts for license plates, pharmaceutical assistance or a possible cash grant to qualified persons. Information is also available online at www.state.il.us/aging.

Discount Taxi Service— A half-fare taxi program is available for Benton Township seniors (65 or older) and disabled residents. Maximum is \$3 and you must apply in person at the township office, 40023 N. Green Bay Road in Beach Park.

Senior Dining Program— Seniors who are age 60 and over have the opportunity to enjoy a meal 7 days a week for a suggested donation of only \$3.50 per meal. The actual cost of the meal is \$6.00, however the balance is covered by funding received through the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and Catholic Charities. To participate in the Senior Nutrition Program you can obtain an application form at the Benton Township office. The program's dining sites are *The Avalon Family Restaurant*, 4821 Grand Avenue in Gurnee (847-244-0777), and *Paragon Restaurant*, 2101 Grand Avenue in Waukegan (847-623-6820).

Medicare Shoe Program— Many diabetes patients may be unaware of the benefits available under the Congress approved *Therapeutic Shoe Bill*. Under the Medicare Shoe Program seniors with

diabetes covered by Medicare or Medicaid are entitled to one pair of therapeutic shoes annually and 3 custom insoles a no cost. For more information please call 847-340-9597.

Free Emergency Cell Phones— Benton Township residents may apply in person at the township office for a free emergency cell phone. The phones are programmed for calling 911 only. Please call 847-746-2100 for details.



Prescription Discount Card

Residents may visit the Benton Township office to obtain a NACO Prescription Discount Card, which provides an average of 20% savings on prescription drugs. There are no membership or enrollment fees, and the card may be used anytime a prescription is not covered by insurance.

Higher discounts are available on selected medications as well as high-tech and injectable drugs. Up to 50% savings may be available through the mail-order program.

For details please call 877-321-2656 or visit <http://nacoadvancerx.com>.

Foster Parents Needed

Catholic Charities would like to remind our residents that as the new year begins we're asked to remember those children in need. Be a foster parent! For more information please contact Lucy Rivera at Catholic Charities at 847-782-4249.

Winthrop Harbor Toys 4 Our Tots

A very special thank-you to everyone who donated in some way to help make the holidays special for those in need. We raised over \$1,000 through the generosity of our residents and local businesses, and provided assistance to 20 families and 40 children. We also thank our Fire Dept. for their support with delivering the gifts and for purchasing board games for every family.

Winthrop Harbor families who need assistance during the holidays please contact a Committee member (*Pam Humphres, Cindy Loy or Scott Fuller*), before September, when our next season will begin.

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	3 Village Board Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	4 E.D.C. Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	5 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Ladies Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	6 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	7 <i>Youth B-Ball games begin</i>
8 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 am At VFW Hall	9 Recreation Com. Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	10 Planning-Zoning Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	11 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	12 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Ladies Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	13 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC Teen Dance 7pm -SB	14
15	16 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	17 Village Board AARP Mtg. 1pm -CC Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	18 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	19 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Ladies Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	20 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	21
22	23 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	24 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	25 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	26 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Ladies Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB <i>Deadline for Co-Ed Volleyball signups</i>	27 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	28
29	30 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	31 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	Call the Recreation Department at 847-746-3505 for more program information!			

February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Teen Dances Jan. 13 & Feb. 10!			1 E.D.C. Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	2 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Co-Ed Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	3 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	4
5	6 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	7 Village Board Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	8 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	9 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Co-Ed Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	10 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC Teen Dance 7pm -SB	11
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19 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet SB	20 Village Hall Closed Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC <i>Baseball sign-ups 20th & 21st</i>	21 Village Board AARP Mtg. 1pm -CC Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	22 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	23 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Co-Ed Volleyball 7-10 pm -SB	24 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	25
26	27 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Volleyball 7-9pm -SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	28 Walk-In 8-10am -SB Basketball 7-9pm -SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC	Sign up for baseball on Feb. 20th & 21st from 6-8pm at the Schlader Recreation Center!			

Teen Dances at Schlader Building

Get your dancing shoes ready! The Recreation Dept. will host two more Teen Dances from 7-10pm on Fridays **Jan. 13th** and **Feb. 10th** at the Schlader Building. Winthrop Harbor residents in 5th to 8th grades are invited to attend for a great time with all your favorite music to dance to! Cost for admission is only \$2, and pizza & soda will be available for sale. Please note that once you've entered the dance you may only leave when it's over at 10pm, unless a parent comes to the door to pick you up earlier.

News from Boy Scout Troop 667

With the beginning of the 2006 Scouting year, Winthrop Harbor Boy Scout Troop 667 would like to thank our continuing Charter Organizations, the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club and the Winthrop Harbor VFW. We would also like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraisers throughout the year, especially the Christmas wreath sales.

Troop 667 would like to recognize our new Eagle Scouts, *Duane A. Dillard II*, *Brandon Japuntich*, *Cameron Japuntich*, and *Tony Melvin*. Congratulations, we are very proud of you!

On Nov. 19th our Scouts completed the last portion of their Hiking Merit Badge by hiking 20 miles. The Scouts began this merit badge in February with a series of 10 miles hikes that prepared them for the final 20 mile hike.

Boy Scout Troop 667 has a full schedule to look forward to, with the following upcoming activities: **Jan. 14th** - Snow tubing at Sunburst Ski in Kewas-kum, WI; **Feb. 4th** - Klondike Derby; **Feb. 19th** - Blue & Gold Banquet; **March** - Food Drive; **Apr. 8th** - First Aid Meet; and **Apr. 28-30** - Camping in Galena, IL.

Troop 667 will also be working with the Winthrop Harbor VFW hosting a quarterly pancake breakfast, details in next issue, and look for communications outside the VFW. This is a fundraiser for the Scouts and we thank everyone in advance for your support!

Anyone interested in joining our Scout Troop is welcome to stop by during our meetings at the Winthrop Harbor community center on Tuesday nights 7 to 8:30pm, or contact Duane Dillard at 847-321-1473.

Lions of Winthrop Harbor News

The Winthrop Harbor Lions Club has been very busy over the last few months. Great things always happen as we serve the less fortunate in our community, and one of those little opportunities to help recently came from the VFW. They were in need of some extra coffee for the VA Hospital to serve all of the guests that came visiting over the holidays. The Lions donated 28 cans, four of which were from Lion *Jeff Storey*.

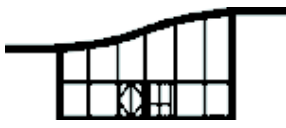
Lion *Sue Hastings* was appointed District Bowling chair. She will lead our Lions bowlers to Bertrand Lanes on **Feb. 12th** to knock a few pins down. The is a great social outing usually followed by pizza at the Quonset.

Please are being set for our annual Steak & Eggs breakfast, which we hope to have in late March (details in next issue). Also being planned are the upcoming conventions. The District Convention is March 17-19 at the Renaissance in Northbrook. The State Convention is May 19-21 in Naperville, and the International Convention will be June 30-July 4th in Boston. At these conventions we meet Lions from all over the World, and the training is super while many Lions also take a little time for vacations and sight-seeing.

Lion Chuck Pushee will head up the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Over 4,000 eggs filled with candy and prize slips are picked up in a matter of minutes by youngsters 1 to 8 years old. It's a great event which we've held since our founding in 1954!

BINGO continues to be our main fundraiser. Every Wednesday we begin setup at the Schlader Building at 1:30pm and by 3:30 the first players are arriving. Games begin at 6:45. We also sell pull-tabs on BINGO nights. For BINGO prizes there are 23 winners of from \$50 to \$500 cash. Three other games pay \$500 for Blackout, from \$100 or \$250 or \$500 or \$1,000 for Bonanza and double action has four \$50 winners with each having a chance at the Jackpot Board that starts at \$600 and can progress to about \$6,000. In December we have had three Jackpot winners, two at \$1,000 and one at \$5,600.

If you would like to be a part of this great group of Lions who are giving back to their community, please see any Lion or join us at any BINGO night. More information is also on our Web site at www.winthropharborlionsclub.org.



Zion-Benton Public Library News

"The Zion-Benton Public Library connects our communities to the universe of knowledge and ideas for discovery, enrichment, and lifelong learning." The library Board of Trustees adopted this mission statement at their Nov. 22nd meeting.

You'll find lots of ways to make the connection @ your library in 2006! Library programs are convenient and free. For more information or to register, call 847-872-4680; ext. 4 for adults and 5 for children. Find updates and more at www.zblibrary.org.

Tax Time @ Your Library

The library stocks copies of the most requested federal, IL and WI tax forms, and Library staff will also help you locate online forms. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will again provide free tax preparation for those who qualify.

Adult Programs @ Your Library

Knitting Mini-Course. Wednesdays, January 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Prepare & Take Home Your Own Advance Directive. Saturday, January 14 from 10-11am.

Declutter Your Life. Thursday, Feb. 9th, 7-8pm

Simple Chinese Cooking. Saturday, Feb. 25th, 1-3pm

Learn It @ Your Library

Computer instruction at the library is friendly and free!

Introduction to Computers. Thu., Jan. 5th, 7-8pm

Microsoft Word. Thu., Jan. 12th, 7-8pm

Internet for Beginners. Tue., Feb. 7th, 7-8pm

Intermediate Internet. Tue., Feb. 21, 7-8pm

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library

For parents, grandparents, teachers and caregivers of children 1-1/2 to 3 years old. There are six pre-

reading skills that children must have in order to read. Find out how to teach them to your child. Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm.

Children's Specials @ your Library

Misty & Friends-Bilingual Storytellers. Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1-3pm.

Polkadot Puppets. Monday, Jan. 16th, 1-2pm.

Hoffman's Kingdom of Animals. Monday, Feb. 20th, 1-2pm.

Stories & Crafts @ your Library

Tiny Tykes. (18-35 months with parent or caregiver). Tuesdays 9:30 **or** 10:30. Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 14, 21, 28; March 7.

Preschool. (ages 3-6) Mondays, 9:30 **or** 10:30, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 13, 20, 27; March 7. Thursdays, 6pm, Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 16, 23; March 2, 9.

Lectura de Cuentos en Espanol. Para ninos de 3 a 6 anos. Martes, 6:30pm, Enero 17 & 31; Febrero 14 & 28.

After School Stores & Crafts. (K-4th grades) Wednesdays, 3:30-4:45pm, Jan. 4, Feb. 1.

Economical Development Committee

by Joe Peddle

Happy New Year! For 2006 the EDC will be featuring some of the wonderful businesses located here in the Harbor. First up is *The Outdoorsman*, one of my favorite stores. Paul and Gail Cox, store owners, have been selling the finest hunting, fishing and shooting merchandise at their 221 Sheridan Rd. location since 1989. They added their popular indoor shooting range in 1995, a favorite for local police and hunters alike. The Outdoorsman also knows how to keep you warm on these cold nights with a full line of exceptional fireplaces. With all of the large stores out there, there's something nice about doing business with great local folks like Paul and Gail, and their in-laws Merry and Earl. I must also mention their terrific gunsmith John Newgent. The Outdoorsman's knowledgeable staff makes this store a great in-town treasure!

Happy New Year!