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Did you know?

Village Ordinance 72.13 prohibits overnight parking from **Nov. 1st through Apr. 1st**. Residents are reminded that during this period it is unlawful to park a motor vehicle on any street or parkway in the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Village Ordinance 154.314(L) provides for up to two garage or yard sales each year, for no more than 72 hours each.

For further information please contact Village Clerk Jana Lee at 847-872-3846, extension 245.

**Village Hall
will be closed
on Monday,
Sept. 4th, in
observance of
Labor Day.**

Enjoy Autumn in Winthrop Harbor

Mark your calendars for plenty of fun activities in Winthrop Harbor as autumn arrives! Our September & October calendars are full of events for people of all ages, starting with the **Labor Day Parade** on Sept. 4th, and the fun-filled **Harvest Fest** on Sept. 9th. If golf is your game, break out the clubs for the **Harbor Lights Golf Classic**, or if you'd rather learn some martial arts, consider joining the weekly **Tae-Kwon-Do** classes.

Open Play Basketball and Volleyball begins in September on Monday and Tuesday nights at the Schlader Recreation Center, or try your luck at **BINGO** on Wednesday nights!

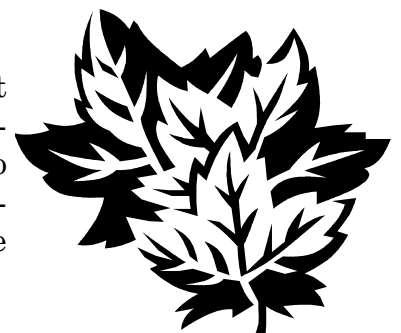
Do some **Walk'n** around the indoor track at the Schlader Building on weekdays beginning in October, or join a **Basketball or Volleyball League**. Teens will want to kick up their heels at the **Teen Dance**, and there are plenty of opportunities for the younger kids with **Scouting**, a **Halloween Party, Library Programs** and so much more.

These and other events are detailed in the pages of this newsletter, and whether you're new to the Village or a long-time resident, we think you'll like the line up of "things to do" in Winthrop Harbor and the surrounding communities.

Fall Leaf Pick-up Begins in October

Veolia (formerly Onyx) will begin the fall leaf vacuuming service on **Oct. 16th**, continuing each week Monday through Friday until Nov. 30th. (Note that there will be no pickups during the week of Nov. 20th due to the Thanksgiving holiday)

Onyx will follow a particular schedule, subject to change due to weather, leaf volume, etceteras. Please call or stop by Village Hall to learn the dates that the pickups will be conducted on your street. You may also view the map at www.winthropharbor.com.





Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

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- IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS -

Village Hall	847-872-3846
Police Dept. *	847-872-2131
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- VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

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

Trick-or-Treat: Oct. 31st, 4-7 pm

Kids & parents, here are a few safety tips so we can all have a safe, secure and fun time on Halloween!



- Wear a costume that you won't trip over, and a mask that allows you to see clearly.
- If you're not wearing light-colored clothes, be sure to attach reflecting tape to your costume. Be careful when crossing the streets!
- If an adult is not with you, make sure that an adult knows exactly where you are going, who is going with you, and how long you will be gone.
- Do not walk in the street!
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit.
- Accept treats only from people you know.
- Do not eat anything from your bag until it has been checked by an adult.
- Never eat candy or chewing gum that has been unwrapped.
- If you put a candle inside a jack-o'-lantern, be sure to place the jack-o'-lantern away from walls or other objects that could catch fire.

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	Sep. 5 & 19 / Oct. 3 & 17	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Sep. 12 / Oct. 10	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Sep. 13 / Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Sep. 11 / Oct. 9	7:00 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

WALKIN' WALKIN' - Starting in October, come indoors from 8am to 10am on Mondays through Fridays at the Schlader Recreation Center to walk & talk while staying warm & dry. (note that the gym is closed on holidays.)

TEEN DANCE — The Recreation Dept. will host Teen Dances from 7pm-10pm on Friday, **Sep. 8th & Oct. 13th** at the Schlader Building. Students attending 5th-8th grades at Winthrop Harbor schools may attend, as well as students who live in Winthrop Harbor but attend alternative schools. (Students attending alternative schools, please call ahead so we can add you to the list for entry into the dance.) Admission is only \$2, and pizza & soda will be available for sale. Please note that the normal school dress code is strictly enforced, and 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. No one will be allowed to walk or ride a bike home. This is the first dance of the new school year, come out and dance to all of your favorite music! The dances are organized by the Recreation Dept. and we're always looking for help with chaperones. If you would like to help, please call 847-746-3505.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL SEASON ENDS — Another youth baseball/softball season has passed, giving way to the start of school and cooler weather to come. This year's softball leagues saw another change in age groups to further help make the skill levels of each group more consistent. The Pee-Wee league is for girls age 7-8; Jr. Girls is for age 9-10, and Sr. Girls age 11-12. We made this transition along with the Beach Park teams that each age group played against. These new ages proved to be more beneficial in the sense that the age gap between players did not exceed one year, as opposed to 2+ years in the past. Based on rained out games and lengthening of the season, the Sr. Girls were the only groups who played an end of year tournament with Beach Park. Our teams finished 4th and below respectively.

We added an age 16-18 girl's team this year, to go along with a 13-15 team. These teams played against Avon, Beach Park, Zion, Woodstock, and other teams from out West.

There were also age 13 and age 14 boy's travel teams. They played in two different leagues, playing teams from Gurnee to Winnetka. Look for tryouts for these teams later in the fall.

The Rec. Dept. would like to thank all of the coaches who spent a great amount of their personal time teaching and working with the kids. Thank you to the umpires for their help in teaching the kids, team sponsors for your generous donations, and parents who cheer and support not only your own kids but all involved. It is because of

individuals like you that the program continues to grow and be successful.

There were a few end of year In-House tournaments; Pinto, Mustang & Bronco:

Pinto:

- 1st place—Lugnuts, Coach Jim White
- 2nd place—River Cats, Coach Bill Fairbanks

Mustang:

- 1st place—Pirates, Coach John Crosswhite
- 2nd place—Braves, Coach Phil Dunteman

Bronco:

- 1st place—Cubs, Coach Frank Mathiesen
- 2nd place—White Sox, Coach Tim Adcock

BASKETBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS — Sign-ups for the upcoming basketball season will begin in October. On Monday and Tuesday, **Oct. 2nd & 3rd**, registration will be open at the Schlader Building from 6pm-8pm. Registrations will also be accepted during the day at the Schlader Building or Village Hall from 8am-4pm Monday through Friday. Registration sheets and information is available online at www.winthropharbor.com. The last day to register will be Friday Oct. 27th. Fees for the league are \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. Evaluations will take place in November with practices once a week beginning in December. Games are played on Saturdays for 1st-4th grades and Sundays for 5th-8th grades from January through mid-March. This is a co-ed league. If you are interested in coaching or being a referee, please let us know when you register. For questions, please call 847-746-3505.

LADIES' VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE — Winthrop Harbor Recreation is looking for teams for this year's ladies' indoor volleyball league. The season begins the last Thursday of September (**9/28**) with a rules meeting and practice at 7pm, and ends in January. Games will be played on Thursday nights from 7-10pm. Maximum number of teams will be eight, with the fee per team being \$275. Sponsors are welcome. There will be a one-time additional fee of \$10 per non-resident. Teams wanting to register or those looking for more information should contact Scott at 847-746-3505. Space will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE — The 2nd annual Winthrop Harbor Mens' Softball League kicked off on Aug. 22nd. This year the maximum of eight teams were filled, and games are played on the middle diamond at Village Park. Teams play a doubleheader one night a week either on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6-10pm. The league will continue through mid-October, so stop by and

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Boy Scout Troop 667

The Boy Scouts' 3rd Quarterly Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, **Sept. 17th** from 7-11am at the VFW. Price for adults is \$5 for all you can eat, and free for children 5 and under.

On **Oct. 13th & 14th** the troop will be assisting one of our Charter Organizations, the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club, with their annual candy sale. We look forward to helping out again this year.

Holiday wreath sales are soon approaching. The Scouts will begin selling wreaths in October, to be delivered prior to Thanksgiving weekend. If you would like to place an early order, feel free to do so at the pancake breakfast or during the open house at North Prairie Junior High School where we'll have a booth set up.

Anyone interested in joining our troop is encouraged to stop by during one of our Tuesday night meetings, held 7 to 8:30pm at the Community Center on 7th Street.

News from AARP Chapter 871

The Winthrop Harbor AARP Chapter meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday each month. Meetings are held at the Community Center on 7th Street.

For our **Sept. 19th** meeting we have been invited by Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, for a tour of the new township offices in Beach Park. Bus transportation from the Community Center to the Township offices will be available, with a departure time of 12:45pm.

Plans for our October meeting are still underway. Refreshments are served after each meeting, and guests and new members are always welcomed! Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at jerryplarson@comcast.net for further information.

School Supplies Needed

Lake County Catholic Charities is in need of school supplies for foster children. As the new school year is beginning, we ask you to remember what it was like having new shoes and getting school supplies.

Children who have been removed from their families and are living in foster homes have limited resources for their back-to-school needs. Could you help a foster child by donating book bags, paper,

pencils/pens, erasers, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, rulers, glue, scissors, note books, folders, or any other needed items? The children will be grateful!

Donations can be dropped off at The Lake County Catholic Charities Office, Foster Care Department (2nd Floor), 671 South Lewis Ave. in Waukegan.

For further information, please call Lucy Rivera at 847-782-4249.

Benton Township News

Please join us Sunday, **Sept. 24th**, from 1-3pm for an Open House at our new offices. Tours and light refreshments will be served. Our new town building is located at the corner of Green Bay Rd. and 29th Street in Beach Park. Everyone is welcome!

Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed for Winthrop Harbor. It takes about an hour, one day a week, Monday through Friday, no weekends.

Free emergency cell-phones for seniors and those disabled are available at the township office. The phones are programmed for calling 9-1-1 only.

Prescription discount cards are available at the township office for those without prescription insurance. Average savings at a retail pharmacy is 20%, and the card may be used over and over. Income or age is not a factor in obtaining a discount card.

Congratulations to Winthrop Harbor resident Ann Paulsen on taking First Place at the 2nd Annual Senior Spelling Bee held on July 26th!

Half-fare taxi program is available for seniors 65 and over and those disabled residents (maximum up to \$3). Must apply at the township office.

Please contact Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, for questions or assistance. The number is 847-746-2100. The township also has a new Web site at www.bentontownship.com.

Harbor Lights Golf Classic

The 4th annual Harbor Lights Golf Classic will benefit the Zion-Benton Kiwanis Club. The 4-person scramble event is scheduled for **Sept. 9th** at the Orchard Hills golf course, with a shotgun start at Noon. The \$50 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, motorized cart, lunch, door prizes, closest to the pin, post golf dinner, and door prizes. USGA rules will govern all play, and scramble rules apply.

Façade Grant Program Announced

The Department of Economic Development, under the direction of the Economic Development Committee and Trustee Terry Isaacs, is pleased to announce an incentive program intended to encourage the rehabilitation of buildings and structures in the Sheridan Road business corridor. Commercial buildings facing Sheridan Road from 1st Street to 15th Street, and those located on 7th Street from Whitney Avenue to Landon Avenue, will qualify to make application to the new Façade Grant Program.

Needed improvements will help to create a cleaner and more attractive environment that encourages new businesses to locate in the area while increasing customer traffic to existing businesses. Grants of up to \$2,000 per building/business space will be made available starting May 1, 2007. Funding for this program will be capped at \$10,000 annually and the program will expire after five years. The Department of Economic Development will begin accepting applications immediately, and each will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis. Therefore it is important to get your application in early.

Incentives will be offered to promote improvement that is physically and architecturally compatible with standards established by a Design Review Committee. The committee make-up will include individuals with appropriate background and experience, and the standards will encourage a unified theme for this shopping district.

This Façade Grant Program shows the commitment of the Village to support its business community. In this, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have acknowledged the important role that our local businesses will play in the future viability of our Village. All residents can show their support by remembering to shop locally first. *"Winthrop Harbor—Open For Business!"*

Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

The Lions Candy Day fundraiser is scheduled for **Oct. 13th & 14th**, and Winthrop Harbor Lions will be out in force at local businesses and street corners to solicit donations. Please give freely as this truly benefits our local community. For additional information, please contact Sandy Bradbury at 847-336-6989.

The Winthrop Harbor Lions annual picnic will be held on **Sept. 30th**, and all Lions members and their families are invited. Invitations are in the mail, please RSVP for a fun day with the club!

July 22nd was a wonderful day of charter fishing with our local visually challenged. We had six chartered fishing boats that delivered 37 of the most awesome fish! A huge picnic followed with bonding of new friends and

reminiscing with old ones. It was truly a fantastic day and special thanks go out to the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club and the boat Captains for all of their support.

Please join us for a fun filled night of BINGO every Wednesday at the Schlader Building. Lions BINGO is open to the public, with new games and lots of excitement!

The Winthrop Harbor Lions Club is in full swing with our summer activities. For more information about the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club, please contact Steve Wilett at 847-208-0099.

Toys 4 Our Tots

It's the time of year when we start working on the Toys 4 Our Tots program. The Winthrop Harbor Toys 4 Our Tots is a volunteer program funded entirely by donations. With your help we can continue to extend a hand to those in need during the 2006 Holiday season. If you know of a family, single parent or a senior who may need help, please contact us. Last year we were able to help 18 families (with 37 children) and two seniors.

Financial donations and donations of a toy, child's coat, gloves, hats, etc., may be dropped off at Village Hall or the Schlader Building. Donated items must be new, as the program does not distribute used items.

Over the coming months we will again place donation cans at various businesses. Please drop your spare change into these cans, and know that every little bit helps. Last year we collected over \$1,240 from the cans!

We would like to thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, or for more information, or to sign up for assistance, please contact Cindy Loy at 847-746-2464, or Pam Humphres at 847-746-3961.

The Toys 4 Our Tots Committee
Pam Humphres, Cindy Loy, Scott Fuller

8th Annual Harvest Fest

Everyone is invited to the North Point Church 8th annual Harvest-Fest to be held on Saturday, **Sep. 9th** at Village Park. Admission is FREE to see the bands! The music will kick off at 12 Noon, featuring some of the area's best music, including Winthrop Harbor's very own *38 Acres*. There will be a different band blasting off the top of every hour all the way through 9 pm. Tickets will be available to purchase for food and kid's activities, including a giant inflatable slide, 2-man inflatable obstacle course, and many games, all at reasonable prices. Other Harvest-Fest attractions this year include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and arts & crafts vendors. For more information, please visit www.harvest-fest.org or call 847-746-5522.

September 2006

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

Don't miss Harvest Fest on Sept. 9th for plenty of live music, games, food and FUN!

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3 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 am At VFW Hall	4 Village Hall Closed LABOR DAY PARADE	5 Village Board Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Open Play B.B. 7pm-SB	6 Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	7	8 Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC TEEN DANCE 7-10pm -SB	9 HARVEST FEST Village Park Harbor Lights GOLF CLASSIC
10	11 Recreation Com. Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC Open Play V.B. 7pm-SB	12 Planning-Zoning Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Open Play B.B. 7pm-SB	13 E.D.C. Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	14	15 Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	16
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24 Benton Township OPEN HOUSE 1-3 pm	25 Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC Open Play V.B. 7pm-SB	26 Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Open Play B.B. 7pm-SB	27 Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	28 Ladies Volleyball Meeting 7pm -SB	29 Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	30

October 2006

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1 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 am At VFW Hall	2 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC Open Play V.B. 7pm-SB B.BALL SIGNUP 6-8pm	3 Village Board Walkin' 8-10am-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Open Play B.B. 7pm-SB B.BALL SIGNUP 6-8pm	4 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB	5 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Ladies V.Ball 7pm -SB	6 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6-9pm -CC	7
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29	30 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC Open Play V.B. 7pm-SB	31 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Open Play B.B. 7pm-SB TRICK-or-TREAT 4-7pm	<p>Kids, get your costumes ready for the Halloween Party on Oct. 28th!</p>			

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join the action!

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW — Winthrop Harbor's Annual Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, **Dec. 9th** from 9am-4pm at the Schlader Building. There will be approximately 50 crafters and artists displaying their unique items for sale. As you begin planning your holiday gift giving, here's a chance to find those perfect items! Come hungry, as we'll have food available. You may also be a lucky winner of one of the door prizes! Crafters who would like to reserve a space, please call the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505.

HALLOWEEN PARTY — The Winthrop Harbor Children's Halloween Party will be held Saturday, **Oct. 28th**, from 10am-Noon at the Schlader Building. This fun event is for kids age 10 and under, and will include costume judging, games and clowns. All kids in attendance will receive a treat bag, and will have a chance to go on a hay ride, weather permitting. See you there!

OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL — Beginning in September and running through April, the gymnasium at the Schlader Building will be available for open-play volleyball and basketball to people high-school age or older. Volleyball will be Monday nights 7-9pm, beginning **Sept. 11th**. Basketball will be Tuesday nights 7-9pm, beginning **Sept. 5th**. Fees are only \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents. Bring your friends for a fun night of exercise and competition!

TAE-KWON-DO — From September through May the Recreation Dept. is sponsoring Tae-Kwon-Do classes at the Community Center on 7th Street from 6-9pm on Mondays and Fridays. Fees for residents are \$25 for the first family member, \$10 for each additional immediate family member. A one-time non-resident fee of \$25 applies. Uniforms, equipment and testing are not included. Classes are limited to 50 people each, so sign-up early! (you may enter the class at any time during the season)

General Election Information

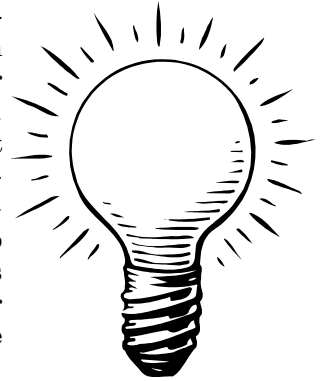
Residents are reminded that **Oct. 10th** is the official "Close of voter registration at the offices of municipal and township clerks and with deputy registrars and agencies." The next general election will be held on Tuesday, **Nov. 7th**, and voter registration reopens on Nov. 9th.

You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age, and a resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election. Two forms of identification are required to register, including at least one that shows your name and current address (only one may be a piece of mail). You may register with the Village Clerk at Winthrop Harbor Village Hall, or at the County Clerk's office in Waukegan.

ComEd's CARE Initiative Assists Residential Customers with Rising Energy Prices

Broad suite of programs to help ease impact as nine-year rate freeze ends.

Customer's Affordable Reliable Energy (CARE) is ComEd's multiyear, multimillion dollar initiative to help residential customers manage their electricity bills in preparation for rate increases coming in January after the nine-year electricity rate freeze expires. Details are available at www.comedcare.com or at 888-806-CARE (2273). A rate increase in 2007 is essential to ensure ComEd can recover its increased costs to buy power and provide the reliable service that customers depend on.



CARE includes a variety of energy efficiency, low-income programs and a rate stabilization proposal to help keep residential customers' bills affordable.

Rate stabilization: Keeping rates low. ComEd has submitted a proposal to the Illinois Commerce Commission to cap residential rate increases over a three-year period from 2007-2009. Costs that exceed the caps would be deferred and recovered over three years, from 2010 to 2012.

Energy efficiency: Managing your use and saving money. ComEd has developed a broad program and customer education campaign to encourage northern Illinois residents to use electricity more efficiently. At www.comedcare.com, customers can submit energy-savings questions to the Energy Doctor, access a provider of discounted energy saving products, view energy efficiency tips or conduct an online energy audit. This fall ComEd will provide customers an opportunity to purchase 1 million ENERGY STAR® compact fluorescent light (CDL) bulbs at a discount.

Low income assistance: Providing help to those in need. In 2006, ComEd will make a \$1 million donation to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help eligible customers with their electricity bills. Additionally, CARE will offer eligible LIHEAP participants four free ENERGY STAR® CFL bulbs. Other programs will continue such as Reduced Energy Needs for the Elderly, which provides low-income seniors with energy efficient products and services.

Brochures about CARE are available at Village Hall. Residents may also get more information about these programs by calling a ComEd customer service representative at the CARE hotline, 888-806-CARE (2273).



Zion-Benton Public Library

Librarypalooza!

Celebrate @ your library -

Your library is better than ever! Come for a day of discovery and celebration on Saturday, Oct. 14th from 9am-1pm.

- Crème de la Crème used book sale—sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- E-resources Exploration—learn how to download audio books, fix your car, find your grandmother, practice for the SAT, check your latest prescription... all online!
- Be a Purple Crayon artist for Harold's 50th anniversary
- Special entertainment and refreshments
- Register for great prizes for all ages

Just Desserts @ Your Library

Second Annual Mystery Dessert Theater

Saturday, Nov. 4th from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

Murder in the library?! The cast will be local celebrities who will give YOU clues to solve the mystery. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Seating limited to 60, for adults & kids ages 9+. Tickets \$15 each, available at the library October 14th.

Fall Into Your Library

For more information about these and other library programs, go to www.zblibrary.org.

DISCOVERY SCIENCE— Come and experiment with this new program for grades K-4. Learn the how and why things happen. Have fun, too. Registration suggested. Watch for posters with more information.

3:30-4:45pm on Wednesdays, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15

JUST FOR 'TWEENS— for 5th-8th graders, it's TAG Jr./Tweens Advisory Group. Snacks provided! Registration requested.

6:30-7:45pm on Tuesday, Sept. 19

BEWARE OF A VERY UNFORTUNATE EVENT!— We are having a "Non-Celebration" as the new & last Lemony Snicket Book arrives. Join us and have a miserable time at the *Ludable Library* with perplexing games and tasteless snacks. Participants from 5th-8th grade are warned not to **register** if they expect to have a good time! This event will take place on the dreadful day of Monday, Oct. 9th, during the terrible time of 1:30-3:00pm.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ @ YOUR LIBRARY— Children who have larger vocabularies are better readers. You can help your child learn new words by

talking and reading together. If you're a parent or caregiver of children from birth to two years old, you will want to come to this interactive workshop. Learn fun ways to interact with your child. Adults only, registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

6:30-8:30pm on Thursday, Nov. 2

HOMESCHOOLERS BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB— A call to all Homeschoolers who enjoy reading! If you are in junior high (5th-8th grade) or high school level student who would like to become part of our Homeschoolers Book Discussion Club, join us for our 1st meeting and let's share ideas. Registration requested, snacks provided!

2:00-3:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 12

How to slim down.

Save energy.

Complain effectively.

Heat with wood.

Check for breast cancer.

Select a smoke detector.

Help kids to study. Control pests.

Cope with arthritis. Get a patent.

Insulate your home.

Control your blood pressure.

Buy an IRA. Spot a con job.

Make toys out of junk.

Repair a leaky faucet.

Prevent drug abuse.

Pay for an education.

Start a small business.

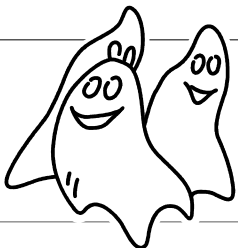
Learn the metric system.

Eat better. Learn to knit.

Find a job. Retire.

The more you need to know -
the more you need the library!

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Happy Halloween!