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Did you know?

Winthrop Harbor has a leash ordinance. **Dogs may not be allowed to run free on public property.** For questions, please call Village Hall at 847-872-3846

VOTER REGISTRATION

March 20th

Last day for registration

April 17th

Consolidated Election

April 19th

Registration Re-opens

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, April 6th in observance of Good Friday.

Easter Bunny to Hide 4,000 Eggs!

Official news from the Easter Bunny is that there will be more than 4,000 Easter Eggs hidden at Village Park on Saturday, **Apr. 7th**. The Winthrop Harbor Lion's Club will host its annual **Easter Egg Hunt** beginning at 9am sharp! There are no entry fees, and all kids age 8 and under are invited to attend. Kids will be grouped by ages of 1-1, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. The Lion's Club thanks the numerous businesses that have come forward to help with this event.



Following the egg hunt will be the Recreation Department's **Lunch With Bunny** from Noon to 2pm. Details on page 3.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms Now Required

The State of Illinois has joined a growing majority of states in adopting a statute which recognizes the dangers of carbon monoxide to life and health. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that has the capacity to cause brain damage or death in persons exposed to high concentrations of it. Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of combustion of natural gas and gasoline, making the potential for dangerous concentrations of this gas in our homes very real possibilities.

The purpose of this new law, which went into effect on January 1, 2007, is to provide citizens with improved early warning protection against deadly concentrations of carbon monoxide by requiring a carbon monoxide detector/alarm in every home. This will save lives and protect health.

It is the responsibility of the owner of a structure to supply and install all required alarms. It is the tenant's responsibility to test and provide general maintenance for the alarms, including battery replacement. For further information, and details on where to place your carbon monoxide detector/alarm, please call the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department at 847-872-5957.



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
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.

Branch Pick-Up Program Revised

The popular Winthrop Harbor Branch Pick-Up Program, which is intended for residents who prune their own trees, has been revised for 2007. As tree maintenance is generally performed in early Spring or late Autumn, the pick-up service will occur on Mondays in **April & October only**. Please mark your calendars for the dates that the Public Works Dept. will be picking up pruned branches: April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, and October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Residents are reminded that Public Works will only be collecting trimmed branches. **Branches that are left from entire tree removals will not be picked up.** In addition, Public Works will not pick up lawn refuse, leaves, grass clippings, tree trunks and/or logs, etceteras. To facilitate timely pick-ups, the length of the limbs and branches should be left as long as possible. Whole limbs chip up much better than small, cut up pieces. Please spread out evenly along the parkway, with cut ends of branches and limbs facing the street. **Tangled piles of limbs or branches placed haphazardly will not be picked up.** If a tree trimming service or lawn service takes down, trims or

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Village Meetings Open to the Public

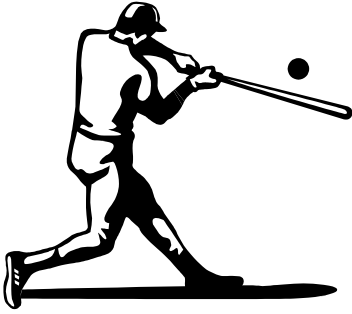
Mayor Joe Leech, Jr., the Board of Trustees and Village staff encourage residents to attend the Village Board and committee meetings, held monthly at Village Hall or the Schlader Memorial Recreation Center. We value the input that our residents provide, and are committed to addressing all questions and 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	Mar. 6 & 20 / Apr. 3 & 17	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Mar. 13 / Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Mar. 14 / Apr. 11	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Mar. 12 / Apr. 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

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL 2007 - The end of March marks the end of Baseball/Softball registration. March 30th will be the final day to register for this year's season. T-ball starts at age 5, for boys and girls, and 18 is the oldest age for boys and girls. All players, except T-ball, need to come out for evaluations at the Schlader Building the weekend of



March 31st & April 1st. After this weekend, teams will be formed and practices will start up in mid April. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 14th. All games will be played during the week, and every team will play two games a week. The night of games and practices will depend on the coach of the team, and what night they can work out. Practices will be held at least once a week, if not twice, before games begin.

Once the games begin, there will be no regular practice, only games. If your child does not receive a phone call from a coach by April 16th, call the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505. If anyone would like to receive more information on coaching, umpiring, or general league questions, please call 847-746-3505.

WALKIN' WALKIN' - Come indoors from 8am 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! (note that the gym is closed on holidays.)

TEEN DANCE — The Recreation Dept. will host Teen Dances from 7pm-10pm on Fridays, **Mar. 9th & Apr. 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. 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.

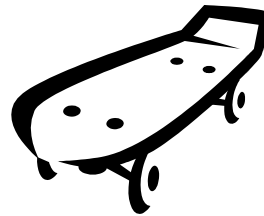
VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP - We need your help on Saturday, **Apr. 28th** at 9am at Village Park! Recreation is asking our residents, organizations and service groups to help with the Annual Spring Cleaning of our park. Simply bring yourselves and a little energy, as we try to

get the park ready for a summer filled with activities. All garbage bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided. We have had a great turnout in the past and hope to continue the tradition this year. For more information or to sign-up please call the Rec. Dept. at 847-746-3505.

OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL — Come to the Schlader Building on Monday and Tuesday nights for some friendly competition and camaraderie! Open-play volleyball is on Mondays from 7-9pm, and basketball is on Tuesdays from 7-9pm. For only \$2 (\$3 for non-residents) you'll have a great time! (This program runs through the end of April)



WINTHROP HARBOR SKATE PARK — The skate park is tentatively scheduled to open for the season on Friday, **Mar. 23rd**, weather permitting. We will continue the Photo-ID program again this year. All participants will be required to complete a registration form, and those under the age of 18 will need the form signed by a parent or legal guardian.



Cost for the season will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. This on-time fee helps us maintain the park and equipment. The skate park season runs through November 1st. On Thursday March 15th and Thursday

March 22nd the Schlader Building will be open from 5-7pm to accept registration forms and fees, and to have the photo ID's made for those skaters who wish to get a jump on the process. Please call us at 847-746-3505 if you have any questions.

LUNCH WITH BUNNY — This annual event will be held on Saturday, **Apr. 7th**, from Noon to 2pm at the Schlader Building. The cost to attend is only \$2, which includes lunch. There will be a clown for amusement, as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny for \$3.50. All children, 9 and under, who attend will be entered to win a door prize. This all takes place after the Lion's Club is finished with their annual Egg Hunt at Village Park, which begins at 9am sharp. Come out to the park and enjoy Easter with us!



Winthrop Harbor V.F.W.

The Winthrop Harbor VFW would like to thank the citizens of Winthrop Harbor for all your support. Our next breakfast is on **Mar. 4th** from 8am to 11:30am with a cost of only \$6 per adult.

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry began on Feb. 23rd and will continue every Friday from 5-8pm through April 6th. The Fish Fry is in our upstairs hall, which is handicapped accessible from the West side of the building. Carry-outs are also available.

On **Mar. 10th** from 10am-4pm, also in our upstairs hall, we are sponsoring a *Life Source* Blood Drive. All are invited to come donate blood, which is in critical need. Appointments can be made by calling John Patterson at 847-746-3348. If you reach voice mail please leave your name, number and the time you'd like to come in.

We are always looking for veterans to join our organization. If you think you are eligible, please call John Patterson at 847-746-3348.

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.

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 jerrylarson@comcast.net for further information.

Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

Spring is almost upon us and the Lions Club is in full swing with our springtime activities. Our 21st Annual Steak & Egg Breakfast will be Sunday, **Mar. 25th**, from 7am-Noon at the Schlader Building. To reserve your tickets, please contact Sue Hastings at 847-662-1056, or tickets will also be available at the door. This year we'll have take-out containers, so stop by and stock up!

We had our Annual District Bowling get-together on Feb. 11th, and what a good time we had. Thank you to Sue Hastings for organizing this event for the Club.

Please join us for a fun filled night of BINGO every Wednesday at the Schlader Building. New games, new friends, and if you play your cards right, new money!

If you are interested in what the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club is all about, or for more information on upcoming events, please contact Steve Willett at 847-208-0099.

Toys 4 Our Tots

We are pleased to announce that with all of the donations we received, we were able to provide assistance to

25 local families, including 42 children, this past Holiday season. Each child received a coat, outfit, socks, underwear, shoes, pajamas and, of course, toys. Each family was also given a food basket.

This was all made possible by your generous donations. We collected over \$1,347 through the donation cans. The Toys 4 Our Tots committee would like to thank the following residents and businesses for their donations: The Kiwanis Club, Uline, Gurnee Walmart, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Harbor Foods, Bill & Donna Stried, Art Fossland, Jim Fout, Harbor Coin Shop, Jane's License Service (Jane Hall), Meridith Jumisko, Cleveland Corporation, Winthrop Harbor Lion's Club, State Farm Insurance (Chris Redic), Ace Hardware, Phyllis Davison (In memory of Thomas E. Davison), Becker's Landscaping Services, Ms Maryjean Pierce, Marty & Sandy Meyer, Benton Township, Jimmie and Mary Harris, Clark, Inc., Ken Richardt Trucking & Excavating, Inc., Norstates Bank, David and Gwen Wimer, Stried Builders, Inc., V.F.W. Post 7448, John & Susan Warren, Jean, Angela & Brandy Hamann, Gene's Automotive, Modern Heating Co., Harbor Optical, Marilyn Schumann, Stone Creek, Kim Evans, Bruno Chiropractic, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Mike Damko, Shane & Rochelle Dukas, Gina Ennesser, Tanya DeBoey & Serena Miller. Thank you from the W.H. Toys 4 Our Tots Committee.

Pam Humphres, Cindy Loy, Scott Fuller

Winthrop Harbor Pageant

The 2006 Queens and 1st runners-up will be helping at the Lion's Club Steak & Eggs Breakfast on March 25.

Applications for the 2007 Pageant, to be held on Saturday, May 19th, are available at the Schlader Building and at Village Hall.

Please call Pageant Director, Robin Ruchti, at 847-872-7140 for more information.

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, ext. 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.

Economic Development News

The Department of Economic Development, with the support of the Village Board and the Economic Development Committee, has started implementing a marketing campaign designed to encourage economic growth in our community.

Through the use of new marketing materials, a revamped Web site and attendance at trade shows and conferences, it is our hope to locate and attract investment in our existing facilities and in new development.

As always, we acknowledge and continue to appreciate the commitment of our existing businesses that provide valuable services to our residents today. We encourage everyone to support these local businesses whenever possible and we encourage all local businesses to support the Winthrop Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

An existing business community that is vibrant and well supported is the best marketing tool we have, so please remember to *"Shop Here First!"*

Benton Township Programs

Benton Township offers a variety of services to citizens of all ages. For more information about any of the services listed below, please call Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, at 847-746-2100.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

We would like your opinions about what you like about your community, and/or what changes you would like to see take place. Please visit the Township Web site at www.bentontownship.com to fill out the survey.

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS AT GAS STATIONS

Every Wednesday, until April 1st, from 9am-1pm the new Winthrop Harbor marathon station at 9th and Sheridan, and the Marathon at Wadsworth Rd. and Green Bay Rd., will have an attendant available to assist Benton Township Seniors with fueling their vehicles. To participate you'll need a placard which is available at the Township office or Winthrop Harbor Village Hall. We thank the Marathon owners for their generosity in providing this service.

PACE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Pace Dial-A-Ride bus service is available for Benton Township residents. Service hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am until 4pm. This service will take you anywhere in Benton, Newport and Zion Townships, as well as the Villages of Beach Park, Wadsworth, Winthrop Harbor, Gurnee and Zion. Cost is \$1.60 one-way for adults; 80 cents for seniors and children ages 7-11. To schedule a ride, call 800-201-6446 at least one day in advance.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS

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

FREE EMERGENCY CELL PHONES

For seniors and disabled citizens without a cell phone, the township office has free emergency cell phones available. The phones are programmed for calling 911 only.

ANNUAL SENIOR RESOURCE DAY

The 6th Annual Senior Resource Day will be Wednesday, **Apr. 25th** from 8:30am until 12:30pm at the Zion Park District Leisure Center, 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive. Various agencies will showcase services that are of interest to Seniors. There is no charge to attend the event.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Early voting for the upcoming April 17th election is available at the Benton Township Office from March 26th thru April 12th. Hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9am-4pm, Friday & Saturday 9am-Noon. (Please note the office will be closed on April 6th & 7th.)

Absentee voting will be available Friday and Saturday, April 13th & 14th, from 9am-Noon, and on Monday, April 16th from 9am-Noon and from 1pm-4pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Faith Food Pantry needs volunteer workers on Wednesdays from 5-7pm.

Meals-On-Wheels needs volunteers on Tuesdays for deliveries to Winthrop Harbor residents.

If you're interested in volunteering, please call the Township office at 847-746-2100.

HALF FARE TAXI PROGRAMS

Seniors 65 and older, and disabled residents of any age, may apply for half-fare rates on taxi rides. (Max. \$3) Please apply at the Township office.

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prunes your tree, please have the service company provide removal of the debris. The Public Works Department will not remove debris or branches left by tree trimming companies or lawn service contractors.

Please note that small amounts of branches or twigs that can fit into lawn refuse bags should be placed into bags instead of in the parkway. These smaller piles of twigs do not go through the chipper well.

For questions or information please call Village Hall at 847-872-3846, ext. 248, or the Public Works garage at 847-872-5275.

March 2007

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

Enjoy Spring in Winthrop Harbor!

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April 2007

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29	30 Walkin' 8-10am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do 6pm -CC Open Play V.B. 7pm-SB	Come out to Village Park on April 7th!					

HOT WATER SAFETY TIPS

High-risk groups for scalds are infants and young children, older adults and people with disabilities. Most scald burn injuries occur in the home bathroom with hot tap water. In December 1998 the National SAFE KIDS Campaign reported that nationwide, nearly 24,000 children are treated in hospital emergency departments every year for scald injuries. More than 30 percent of the patients cared for at burn centers in the United States are treated for scalds. The American Burn Association and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance recommends the following tips to decrease the risk of tap water scalds:

- Set your home water heater no higher than 120 degrees. An easy method to test this is to allow hot water to run for three to five minutes, then test with a candy, meat or water thermometer. Adjust the water heater and wait a full day to allow the temperature to change. Re-test and re-adjust as necessary.
- Provide constant adult supervision of young children or anyone who may experience difficulty removing themselves from hot water on their own. Gather all necessary supplies before placing a child in the tub, and keep them within easy reach.
- Fill tub to desired level before getting in. Run cold water first, then add hot. Turn off the hot water first. This can prevent scalding in case someone should fall in while the tub is filling. Mix the water thoroughly and check the temperature by moving your elbow, wrist or hand with spread fingers through the water before allowing someone to get in.
- Install grab bars, shower seats or non-slip flooring in tubs or showers if the person is unsteady or weak.
- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish or clothes washer while anyone is showering.
- Install anti-scald or tempering devices. These heat sensitive instruments stop or interrupt the flow of water when the temperature reaches a pre-determined level and prevent hot water that is too hot from coming out of the tap.

In an effort to prevent scald burns in the home, all babysitters and others who provide care to those in the high-risk group should review the safety tips listed above. Remember the safest temperature for bathing is about 100 degrees.

FIRE DEPT. CHILI DINNER

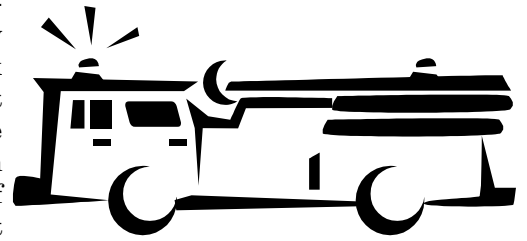
The Winthrop harbor Fire Association is having a Chili Dinner on Wednesday, **Mar. 7th**, from 5 to 7pm at the Fire Station. The all-you-can-eat chili is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

The chili is being provided by Stone Creek restaurant. Not only will you be able to gorge on chili and all of the fixings, but pop and desserts will be provided too! There will also be hot-dogs available.

Please come out to support the Winthrop harbor Fire Department! All money raised will be used to help purchase equipment for the department.

In other news, please remember that the fire department's smoke detector program is in full swing and if you would like to receive a detector, please contact us at 847-872-5957 or e-mail kyohe@whpd.org.

If you would like to stop by and visit the station or get your blood pressure checked, we welcome visitors every day from 8am to 8pm.



Veolia Yard Waste Pick-Up Service

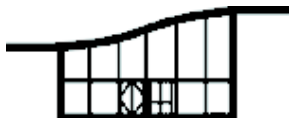
Residents are reminded that Veolia Waste Services provides a flat-rate yard waste pickup service from April through November. There is a one-time fee, which includes weekly pickup of yard waste for the entire eight month period. Residents who sign up for the program can place up to six 32-gallon containers of yard waste at the curb for pickup each Friday. The flat rate fee remains the same regardless of what time of year current residents sign up, however it will be prorated for those customers who have just moved into the Village. For rate information, or to sign up for the flat-rate service, please call Veolia at 847-623-3870.

Another option is available for residents who have a less frequent need for yard waste disposal. Simply visit Village Hall to purchase a \$1.50 sticker which can be attached to a standard paper yard waste bag to be placed by the curb.



As Spring approaches the Winthrop Harbor Police Department would like to remind parents that the Village has a curfew Ordinance. All children and teenagers under the age of 18 must be in by 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday, or by Midnight on Friday and Saturday. A parent or legal guardian must accompany persons under 18 years of age who are out after curfew hours. Please note that brothers or sisters do not qualify as "legal guardian". Additionally, Illinois State law states that drivers under the age of 18 may not operate a motor vehicle after curfew hours. In fact, if a person is 16, his or her driver's license is not valid after curfew hours!





Zion-Benton Public Library

* **Free Wi-Fi access is now available @ ZBPL. Use your own computer—no passwords, no reservations. You can surf the 'net, check your e-mail, use online resources from any spot in the library.**

* **Downloadable audiobooks are a click away. Log on to www.zblibrary.org and go to NetLibrary.**

Library programs are FREE!

Call 847-872-4680 x 4 for adults, x 5 for children.

Registration is requested so we'll have chairs, refreshments, and supplies for all.

Registration is required when seating is limited or when the presenter specifies a minimum or maximum.

Don't hesitate to call the day of a program -- more than likely, there will be a space for you.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Classes will be held from 10am to 2pm at the library, and are sponsored by Zion Township. Each class consists of two 4-hour days. The primary audience is for motorists age 50 and over, but any licensed driver may attend. The class covers information needed to pass the Illinois State License Exam, in addition to information regarding the eyesight, hearing and physical changes that drivers experience as they age. Completion of the class may entitle participants age 55+ to a discount on their auto insurance. Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling Zion Township at 847-872-2811.

Dates: Apr. 10/11, Jun. 12/13, Aug. 7/8, Oct. 9/10

Parent & Child Internet Resources

Learn together about the Internet and the resources for homework help that are available on the library's web site, www.zblibrary.org. One parent or care-giver and one child, in the 5th through 8th grades, in pairs, may attend. Presented by library staff, this program will be hands-on, with help in the library computer lab. Space is limited, please pre-register with the library.

Dates: Wednesday, March 7th, 7-8pm.

Annuals & Perennials for 2007

April Meyers, a former horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden and a lifetime resident of northern Illinois will give a brief history of annuals, then introduce new annuals and perennials for the coming year. A questions and answer session will follow. Registration is requested.

Dates: Monday, March 19 at 7pm

What's your credit history and score?

Karen Chan of the University of Illinois Extension will show a sample credit history, explain factors of a credit score, help you determine how long it takes to pay off debts, and discuss how to build a better credit report.

Date: Thursday, March 29, 7-8pm

Join the Sweepstakes winners!

Win valuable prizes by playing the sweepstakes. Winthrop harbor residents Bruce and Debbie Jackola will show how they have won prizes by researching sweepstake websites and subscribing to sweepstake newsletters. The couple have won dozens of prizes from T-shirts to Bulls tickets to a fully-loaded fishing boat. Learn the tricks of the trade! Registration is requested.

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 7-8pm

Earth Day Program

Whoa! Who trashed the library? Separate trash from treasure as we clean up together, and then settle in for an Earth Day story. Create a sprout-able something to take home and pitch in as we build a terrarium for the library. Green thumbs aren't necessary, but dirty hands are inevitable!

Date: Wednesday April 25, 3:30 to 4:45pm

Pocket Circus

Crafts, Face Painting, Piñata, Prizes & Snacks! Join us for this special bilingual celebration of children, books and reading. We will have a joyful and interactive performance from the smallest circus in the World. Registration required.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 1-3pm

Acro-Cats

Our fantastic felines will amuse and amaze your guests as they ride skateboards, ring bells, roll barrels, walk the high wire, climb ropes, push a shopping cart, jump through hoops, and even run a cat-size agility course!

Date: Monday, March 26, 1:30-2:30pm

Open Mic' & Ice Cream Sundae Fun

For 'TWEENS (5th-8th graders). Come for your 5 minutes of fame at the library! Share your own writing (poetry, jokes, riddles), browse our selections to read aloud or just join the audience and have some fun!

These are just a few of the many programs available at your ZB Library during March & April. Visit www.zblibrary.org for many more fun and exciting programs for all ages!

Think Spring!