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Did you know?

You can easily search, view and print the Winthrop Harbor local ordinances on-line. Visit the village Web site at www.winthropharbor.com and follow the Local Ordinance link.

BRANCH PICKUPS

will occur on all five Mondays in October.

LEAF VACUUMING

will occur on Mondays through Fridays, Oct. 15th thru Nov. 30th.

See pg. 2 for details on both of these services!

Village Hall will be closed on Sept. 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Recreation Programs for all Ages!

Get ready for a great Autumn in Winthrop Harbor, as your Recreation Department has numerous opportunities for sports and fun events on the schedule.

Open-Play basketball and volleyball begins in September, as does the *Ladies' Volleyball League*. The annual "Walk'n Walk'n" program also fires back up in September, along with the popular *Teen Dances*. *Tennis Lessons* and *Tae-Kwon-Do* classes also begin in September, and on October 1st sign-ups for our *Youth Basketball League* begins. Details on all of these programs are inside this issue, we hope you'll join in on all the fun!

Haunted House - Oct. 20th

BOO! You'll likely be hearing a lot of these at the spookiest place in town on **Oct. 20th**. One-half of the Schlader Recreation Center becomes a ghoulish Haunted House on this special evening from 6pm to Midnight, while the gymnasium will feature a live band, kid's games and a Moon-Walk. Those who dare to enter are sure to be delighted with the frightful things that await... you won't want to miss this Halloween favorite! Residents who would like to participate by helping with setup, working the scenes or being a Haunted House Guide, please call the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505. This is a great activity to get the whole family involved in!



Kid's Halloween Party - Oct. 27th

For Winthrop Harbor kids age 10 and under, our annual Kid's Halloween Party will be held on **Oct. 27th** from 10am-Noon at the Schlader Recreation Center. Activities will include costume judging, face painting, candy scrambles and a hay-ride around the 38-acre park! Refreshments will be served to all, and everyone will leave with a Trick-or-Treat bag. Moms, dads and grandparents... bring those kids or grandkids to the party for a spooky-fun morning in Winthrop Harbor!

Village Seeks School Supplies for Kids in Need

With the new school year comes the need for many school supplies. To help those families who may be struggling to obtain the necessary items for their grade-school aged children, the Village of Winthrop Harbor has organized a drive to help obtain those items. From pencils, paper and crayons, to tissues, glue and markers, the lists for each grade contain numerous small items that each student needs to succeed. Residents who would like to help may drop off items at Village Hall through Sep. 30th. All items will be distributed to students at Spring Bluff School (grades K-2), Westfield School (grades 3-5), and North Prairie Junior High School (grades 6-8). The lists can be obtained at Village Hall, or on-line at our Web site: www.winthropharbor.com. Together we can assure that each student has the tools necessary to succeed... thank you in advance for your help!





Joe Leech Jr., Mayor

Jana J. Lee, Village Clerk

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- VILLAGE HALL BUSINESS HOURS -

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

Fall Branch Pickups & Leaf Vacuuming

BRANCH PICKUP SERVICE: The Public Works Dept. will collect trimmed branches from tree pruning on all five Mondays in October. **Branches that are left from entire tree removals will not be picked up.** In addition, Public Works does not pick up lawn refuse, leaves, grass clippings, or tree trunks and/or logs. Pruned limbs and branches should be left as long as possible and spread out evenly along the parkway, with cut ends facing the street. **Tangled piles placed haphazardly will not be picked up.** If a tree trimming or lawn care service takes down, trims or prunes your tree, they must also remove the debris. Public Works will not remove debris left by tree trimming or lawn care 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. For questions, please call Public Works at 847-872-5275.

LEAF VACUUMING SERVICE: Veolia will be vacuuming leaves on Mondays through Fridays from Oct. 15th through Nov. 30th (excluding the week of Nov. 19th). The tentative schedule includes: **MON-** South of 9th, East of Sheridan; **TUE-** East of Holdridge, North of 9th; **WED-** North of 9th, West of Holdridge, also West of Kenosha Rd.; and **THU-** South of 9th, West of Sheri-

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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	Sep. 4 & 18 / Oct. 2 & 16	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning & Zoning Board	Sep. 11 / Oct. 9	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Economic Development Com.	Sep. 12 / Oct. 10	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Recreation Advisory Com.	Sep. 10 / Oct. 8	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.

Benton Township Programs

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

AARP's DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM:

For drivers age 50+, on Oct. 9th & 10th, 10am until 2pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Cost is \$10, and there is no test. Space is limited, call 847-746-2100 to sign up.

FREE CO DETECTOR & HOME INSPECTION

Seniors age 65 and over may call 847-406-4683 for a free CO detector and home safety inspection.

SENIOR SPELLING BEE WINNERS

First place Stephanie Smith; 2nd place Jerry Larson. Congratulations!

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 and Gurnee. 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.

REDUCED RTA FARES

Reduced fares for RTA Metra trains and buses are available to seniors 65 and older. A photo ID is required. Please call to schedule an appointment.

FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

Neither age nor income a requirement. Call 847-949-4440 for information.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS

For those without prescription insurance, Prescription Discount Cards are available at the township office. Income or age is not a factor in obtaining the 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. Residents who have an old cell phone to donate, please bring them to the Township office.

CONSUMER FRAUD COMPLAINT?

Consumer fraud complaint applications are now available at the Township office.

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Benton Greenwood Cemetery, located on Greenbay

Rd. in Beach Park, has cemetery plots available. Call for more information.

HALF FARE TAXI PROGRAMS

Seniors 65 and older, and disabled residents of any age, may apply for half-fare rates on taxi rides. (Max. \$5) Please apply at the Township office.

MISC. SERVICES AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Need a document notarized? Could you use a new Illinois State Highway map? These and other services are always available at the Benton Township Office. Stop in any time and we'll be glad to assist!

American Legion Post 1943

The American Legion Samuel Schiera Post 1943 began in May 2006 with 17 members. We now have over 48 members, an all time high. Our meetings are held at the Schlader Building on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. All visitors are invited to join us.

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.

Our **Sep. 18th** meeting (1 pm) will include a presentation by the Winthrop Harbor Village Clerk, Jana J. Lee. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome. Plans for our October meeting are underway.

Please call Jerry Larson at 847-746-6567 or email him at jerryplarson@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Winthrop Harbor Pageant

Little Miss Serena Christensen and Little Miss 1st runner-up Nicolette Terracciano competed in the Little Miss Lake County Fair Pageant July 26th. The girls did a great job! Nicolette made it to the top five.

In October, the Queens will be helping at the Lion's Club Candy Days and the Recreation Department's Haunted House (10/20) and Kid's Halloween Party (10/27).

Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

The Winthrop Harbor Lions recently hosted one of our favorite outings, called BOLD fishing. BOLD stands for Blind Outdoor Leisure Development. The Club chartered six boats out of North Point Marina for a fishing trip followed by a picnic for our VIP's (Visually Impaired and Blind Persons). There were also 11 guests from the Northpointe Resource Center in Zion. The weather cooperated and most of our guests had the opportunity to reel

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in a fish or two. It was clear they all had a great time fishing. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed food from Roma's Pizza.

BOLD began in Aspen, Colorado. A ski instructor by the name of Jean Eymere lost his sight due to diabetes in 1969. After a few years he wanted to ski again. With the help of fellow skiers Jean Claude Killy and Spider Sabich, Aspen BOLD was formed.

Southeastern Wisconsin Lions BOLD, Inc. started in 1974. BOLD's purpose is to allow the blind and visually impaired to experience outdoor sports and leisure activities while developing their social and athletic skills. In addition to fishing and skiing, BOLD members may participate in bicycling, horseback riding and canoeing. They even have the opportunity to drive a stock car!

Our Lions Club is able to host events like BOLD fishing through our fundraising activities. Our primary fundraiser is Lions BINGO, held at the Schlader building each Wednesday. Doors open at 4:30 pm at which time Pull Tabs are sold. Regular BINGO begins at 7pm. Refreshments are available. Lions BINGO is now smoke free. Please join us for some BINGO fun and help us continue to help those in need.

For more information on Lions programs, please call Lion Debbie Coan at 847-872-2970.

V.F.W. Memorial Post 7448

Please join the Winthrop Harbor V.F.W. at 38 Acre park for our POW/MIA recognition event, at dusk on **9/21**.

On **9/21 & 9/22**, please support our Buddy Poppy Program by donations to our people selling them in Winthrop Harbor and Zion.

On **10/7** please join us in the upstairs hall for a delicious breakfast from 8-11:30 am. (there will be no breakfast fundraiser in September).

A great big thank you to everyone that supported our incoming Dept. of Illinois State Commander, **Rich Coombe**, at his homecoming on July 28th.

Cub Scout Pack 667

Cub Scout Pack 667 invites all boys in grades 1-5 interested in joining us to attend our September Pack meeting at the Schlader Building at 7pm on Monday, **9/17**.

The Cub Scouts do many fun things and a Popcorn sale fundraiser which will begin the end of September. Please support our boys by purchasing popcorn either when they come to your door or at our various site sales around Winthrop Harbor. This fundraiser helps to pay for our activities which include camping in Galena in April, a swimming party, ice skating, pinewood derby and rain gutter regatta. Thank you in advance for your

support.

If anyone is interested in joining and cannot make it to the September Pack meeting, you can call Corky Monson-Ellison at 847-746-8263 or Kevin Burns at 847-746-3962 for more information.

Toys 4 Our Tots

It's that time of year when we begin working on the Toys 4 Our Tots program, which is a volunteer program, funded entirely by donations. With your help we can continue to extend a helping hand to those in need during the holidays. Please help us make this a joyous holiday season for those in need. If you know of a family, single parent or senior who may need help, please contact us. Last year we were able to help 23 families, including 42 children and two seniors. If you can help with a donation, please drop off at the Schlader Building or Village Hall, or mail to Village Hall at 830 Sheridan Rd., Winthrop Harbor 60096. Checks should be payable to the "Village of Winthrop Harbor" with "Toys 4 Our Tots" on the memo line.

Over the next three months we will have donation cans at various businesses, please drop your spare change in these as every little bit helps. Last year we collected over \$1,300 from the donation cans! We'll have cans for donations of new, unwrapped toys at Harbor Lights, Nor-States Bank, American Family Insurance and Alexander's Auto later in November. Thank you in advance for your help, and for questions, please call Cindy Loy at 847-746-2464 or Pam Humphres at 847-746-3961.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Residents interested in forming a neighborhood watch program in their area are invited to a planning meeting at the Community Center on 7th Street on Thursday, **Sep. 20th** at 7pm. Our first meeting, held in July, had 12 residents in attendance, and we are continuing to evaluate the viability of starting a program with this second meeting. If you are interested in the program, but unable to attend on the 20th, please e-mail Pam Humphres at phumphres@whpd.org. Let's get together and become a Partnership for a Safer Community!

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

An organization of Christ Community Church in Zion, MOPS is a program designed for mothers with infant through kindergarten aged children. Women with similar needs and a shared desire to be the very best mothers they can be come together from different backgrounds of social, religious and cultural experiences. We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, Sep. through May, 9-11:30am. For details about the programs for both mothers and children, visit www.ccczion.org or call the church office at 847-746-1411.

Economic Development News

Winthrop Harbor Ready for Growth (Almost)

Thanks to the support of Mayor Leech and the rest of the Village Board, the EDC continues to prepare Winthrop Harbor for the anticipated growth in our business districts. The Station Area & Streetscape Plan adopted in 2006 to install infrastructure around the Metra station, on 7th Street and north and south of 7th Street on Sheridan Road, has been providing guidance in implementing change. This new infrastructure will support desired commercial and condominium development.

Some of the planned changes include a "Streetscape" program that will add new sidewalks, landscaping and decorative lighting from Whitney Avenue to the Metra tracks on 7th Street and the potential development or redevelopment of properties in this corridor. Development incentives like Tax Increment Financing (TIF) are being considered as a possible way to attract investment in this area.

The long awaited Metra expansion has taken a positive step forward. In June, Metra put out to bid plans to double the size of the parking lot and to build a new warming shelter. It is unclear at this time if the project will break ground before the fall, but we are hopeful that is a sign that the project will be completed before too long.

Efforts are also being made to revive the original plan for the marina, which included a hotel/resort with shops and another restaurant. North Point Marina is a valuable asset to the Village and there continues to be untapped economic benefit for our businesses and the community as a whole.

Featured Local Businesses

This month we officially welcome *Cornerstone Academy* and owner/operator Allison Stoneberg. Allison provides service as an in-home childcare center. Visit their Web site at www.cornerstoneacademy-whil.com or call 847-746-4749.

We would also like to acknowledge *Harbor Treasures Flowers & Gifts* at 1700 7th Street, phone 847-746-2041. Owner/operator Candy Krapf has been providing excel-

lent service to our community for many years. For all of your floral and gift needs, please call or stop by.

Visit www.winthropharbor.com to see other new developments and new business openings.

Recreation Advisory Committee

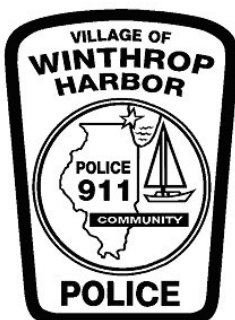
The Winthrop Harbor Recreation Advisory Committee consists of seven members; *Cindy Loy, Kathy Luke, Tanya DeBoey, Nicki Chagoya, Diane Carlson, Gina Ennesser* and Chairperson *Pam Humphres*. Members at-large include *Shawn DeBoey, Kathy Govekar* and *Billy Luke*. We are currently seeking additional Members at-large, and ask interested residents to call Pam Humphres or Scott Fuller at 847-746-3505, or join us at our open Board meetings, held at 7pm on the second Monday each month at the Schlader Recreation Center.

The Rec. Advisory Committee plans, organizes and works numerous recreation events throughout the year, with all time being volunteered so our community can offer these fun programs to residents of all ages. From Teen Dances, Haunted Houses and Christmas events, to the annual Fun Fair, parade floats and Craft Fairs, the Rec. Dept. provides dozens of events that we could use additional help with. Please consider joining the Advisory Committee... you'll have a great time while helping your community!

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dan. Fridays will be for weather contingency or areas needing extra time. Please have your leaves on the parkway no later than the night before your pickup day. Place them as close to the road as possible, without going into the road, as the vacuum can only reach three feet into the parkway.

Some areas of town overlap between the above mentioned schedules. To learn which day of the week your address falls on, please see the detailed map available on-line at www.winthropharbor.com, or visit Village Hall to obtain a printed version of the map.



Safety First while Trick-or-Treating

With Halloween just around the corner, the Winthrop Harbor Police Department would like to remind all drivers to be extra cautious during trick-or-treat hours of 4 to 7pm on October 31st. The ghosts and goblins will be plentiful all around town, so we encourage you to drive a little slower and be doubly aware of your surroundings.

For parents with youngsters who will be trick-or-treating, please ensure that costumes do not include masks that may impair your child's hearing or field of vision. Please also make sure that your child has some reflective item in, or on, his or her costume or clothing, as this enhances a driver's ability to notice a person in the roadway. *We wish everyone a fun and safe Halloween in Winthrop Harbor!*

September 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

EVERY MONDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Open Play V-ball 7pm-SB Co-Ed Softball Tae-Kwon-Do	EVERY TUESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Open Play B-ball 7pm-SB Boy Scouts 7pm -CC Men's Softball	EVERY WEDNESDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Lions BINGO 7pm -SB Co-Ed Softball	EVERY THURSDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Men's Softball	EVERY FRIDAY Walk'n Walk'n 8am-SB Tae-Kwon-Do
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For the latest information, visit the On-Line
Community Calendar at www.winthropharbor.com!

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9	10 Recreation Com.	11 Planning-Zoning American Legion 7pm-SB	12 E.D.C.	13	14 TEEN DANCE 7-10pm -SB	15
16	17 Cub Scouts 7pm -SB	18 Village Board AARP 1pm -CC	19	20 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7pm -CC Ladies' V-Ball Begins	21	22
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	1 Youth Basketball League Signups Begin BRANCH PICKUPS	2 Village Board	3	4	5	6
7 VFW Breakfast 8-11:30 at VFW	8 Recreation Com. BRANCH PICKUPS	9 Planning-Zoning American Legion 7pm-SB	10 E.D.C.	11	12 TEEN DANCE 7-10pm -SB	13
14 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 at VFW	15 Cub Scouts 7pm -SB BRANCH PICKUPS	16 Village Board AARP 1pm -CC	17 Last Co-Ed Softball	18 Last Men's Softball	19	20 Haunted House 6pm-Midnight - SB
LEAF VACUUMING: Monday thru Friday starting Oct. 15th - See schedule at www.winthropharbor.com						
21	22 BRANCH PICKUPS	23	24	25	26	27 Kid's Halloween Party 10am-Noon - SB
LEAF VACUUMING						
28	29 LAST DATE FOR BRANCH PICKUPS	30	31 TRICK-or-TREAT! 4 - 7 pm	Happy Halloween! 		
LEAF VACUUMING - continues through November 30th						

Recreation Programs

OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL —

Come to the Schlader Building on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7-9pm for some friendly competition and camaraderie! Open-play volleyball is on Mondays, starting on Sept. 10th, and basketball is on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 4th. For only \$2 (\$3 for non-residents) you'll have a great time! (This program runs from September through April)

TAE-KWON-DO — Here's a great opportunity to train both body and mind while learning the popular martial art of Tae-Kwon-Do at the Community Center on 7th Street. Registrations will be accepted for three months at a time only (Sep.-Nov., Dec.-Feb. & Mar.-May). Classes will be held Mondays & Fridays from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Cost is \$25/month for residents, and only \$10/month for additional immediate family members. Non residents may participate for a one-time additional fee of \$10. Uniforms, equipment and testing are additional. Limit 50 students per class. A free orientation will be held on **Sep. 7th**, the start date for the program. For more information, please call 847-746-3505.

LADIES' VOLLEBALL LEAGUE — Winthrop Harbor Recreation is looking for teams for this year's ladies' indoor volleyball league. The season starts **Sep. 20th** 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 for the league will be eight. The fee, per team, is \$275 and sponsors are welcome. There will be a one time additional fee of \$10 per person for non-residents. To register, or for more info, please call Scott Fuller at 847-746-3505. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

TENNIS LESSONS — Winthrop Harbor Recreation, in conjunction with the Kenosha Eastside Tennis Club, will be offering fall session tennis lessons. Session #1 begins Sep. 8th and continues for 8 weeks, ending Oct. 27th. Session #2 begins Nov. 3rd and ends Dec. 22nd. Classes will run 1:30-2:30pm and are geared for any level player, any age. Smaller groups will be formed based on registered participants. Fee for each session is \$66 for Eastside members, and \$88 for the general public. Please contact the Recreation Dept. at 847-746-3505 to register, or visit the Schlader Rec. Center on 9th Street to fill out your form. All classes are held at the Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club, 7611 Sheridan Rd. in Kenosha, and taught by their tennis pros. For more information on the Eastside Club, please contact them at 262-652-7373.

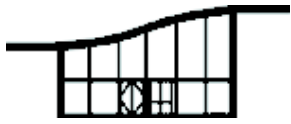
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE — Starting Oct. 1st and continuing through Nov. 2nd, registrations will be accepted for this year's Youth Basketball League in Winthrop Harbor. The league is divided by age groups; 1st grade through 8th grade. League fees are \$45 for resi-

dents, \$55 for non-residents. Information will be handed out during registration, with start dates and times for practices (end of Nov.), and games (starting in Jan.). First through 4th graders will play on Saturdays starting at 9am, and 5th-8th graders will play on Sundays starting at 1pm. All age groups are co-ed, and each team will practice one night a week from Nov. through the end of the season in March. Registrations will be taken at the Schlader Building, or at Village Hall from 8am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday. Please call 847-746-3505 with any questions.

WALK'N WALK'N — Looking for a way to stay in shape this fall/winter without having to be outside? The Schlader Recreation Center will be open for walking from 8 to 10am Mondays through Fridays, beginning on Sep. 4th. The gymnasium is available for all who wish to participate, and there is no charge. Note that the building is closed on some holidays.

New! Are you a stay at home parent with small children, and looking for another way to get a little exercise? On Mondays through Fridays from 10am-12noon, the gymnasium will be open to those of you who would need to bring the kids with to the open walking session. This new session begins Sep. 4th and will continue through the winter. Please keep in mind that everyone participating will have children with them, and each adult will be responsible for their own child(ren). There will be a few items available for kids to play with in the middle of the gym, but you may want to bring a couple items for your child to keep busy with. Babysitters are not being provided and the Recreation staff cannot be responsible for supervising the children present.

TEEN DANCE — With school going back into session, the Recreation Dept. begins its monthly Teen Dance schedule, held from 7pm-10pm at the Schlader Building. The first dance will be on **Sep. 14th**, and then the 2nd Friday of each month throughout the school year. Students attending 5th-8th grades at Winthrop Harbor schools may attend, as well as students who live in Winthrop Harbor but attend alternative schools. New for this year is a requirement to show a photo ID for entry into the dances. North Prairie Jr. High students must show their school ID at the door. Westfield students must have their photo taken at the first dance they attend, and an ID for entry to the dances will be issued (no charge for the ID). Students attending alternative schools must call ahead to setup a time to have a photo ID issued. 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.



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.**

* **Have your next meeting @ the library. The meeting room (kitchenette available) is free to non-profits; a modest rental for commercial groups. Applications are available at the library or online at www.zblibrary.org.**

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.

The Board of Trustees and the Staff are committed to ensuring that the library is pleasant and safe for all library users. Children under age 8 must be in the same area of the library within sight of a responsible person aged 14 or older. All children should bring identification when they come to the library. ID must be presented upon request. Periodic ID checks may be conducted.

Crafters Wanted!

Applications for table space for the 3rd Annual Craft Show (on 11/17) will be available for pick up on 9/4, and are due by 10/20. First come, first served.

LIBRARY PALOOZA!

Library Palooza! was so popular last year that we're doing it again! Join us as we celebrate your library. New information, fun and prizes! Registration is not required.

Crocheting Mini-Course

With the start of a new school year, don't get twisted up in knots! Bring your own supplies and join Beverly Keippel for instruction and guidance. Registration required.

Wednesdays (9/19 - 10/10) at 6:30 pm.

My First Quilt Block

Sharlene Snellman will help participants make a 6-inch finished block using the hand-piecing technique. Before the workshop, a supply list can be obtained from the library, or a kit can be purchased for \$5 from the instructor. Registration required.

Monday 10/22 at 7 pm.

Laugh Out Loud @ your Library

5th - 8th graders come to the library during TWEEN READ WEEK to laugh with a humorous book and check out the daily witty trivia. Registration not required.

10/15 - 10/17 at 3 pm and 10/18 at 6:30 pm.

Storytimes

Weekly sessions begin 9/10 and 10/22, registration requested.

Infants & Toddlers Together (newborn up to 3)

Mondays at 6 pm

Tiny Tyke Time (18 months up to 3)

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Preschool Storytime (3 to 6)

Mondays at 9:30 & 10:30 am. Thursdays at 6 pm

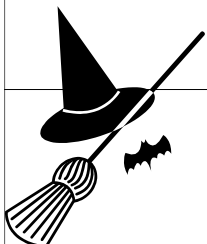
Bilingual Storytime & Crafts (3 to 6 & families)

Saturdays (9/15 and 10/13) at 11 am

Wednesday Afternoons @ Your Library

For children in K-4th grade.

- Explore Club: 3:30 pm (9/5, 10/3)
- Geo-Kids: 3:30 pm (9/12, 10/10)
- Discovery Science Club: 1:30 pm (9/19, 10/17)



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

