

Village of West Winfield

PO Box 308
West Winfield, NY 13491

Newsletter: October 2018
Water Bill Insert

Water bills may be paid by mail or in person at Bisby Hall, 179 South Street from 9:30 AM – NOON on weekdays, except holidays: October 8th, November 12th, 22nd, & 23rd, December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st 2019.

Please make checks payable to: **The Village of West Winfield**. If you are paying in cash, please bring the correct amount, as change is not available.

Unpaid 2018 water bills will be placed on the 2019 Village Taxes.

Important Phone Numbers:

Fire, Ambulance, Police.....911
Village Office & Garage315-822-3051
Wheelock Disposal (Refuse Collection).....315-822-3427
Codes Officer (Michael Grann).....315-822-3051
Dog Control Officer (Kevin Crawford)315-292-2258
Assessor (Herkimer County)315-867-1153



Halloween

The official day to celebrate Halloween is Wednesday, October 31. Trick or treating will be held between 4:30 PM and 6:30

PM ONLY. After trick or treating the Village Board is sponsoring a Halloween party for area children. It will be held at the West Winfield Fire Hall from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. A curfew of 8 PM will be in enforced on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, Wednesday, Oct. 31st & Thursday Nov. 1st. Those travelling to or from church, school or business purposes will not be affected by the curfew. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for any damages to property or injuries which may be incurred by their children and to please use caution, especially on the side streets, when dropping off or picking up children who are trick or treating.

Annual Parade of Lights

The Parade is scheduled for Saturday November 24th at 6 PM. Refreshments will follow at the Fire Hall. Watch the West Winfield Star for updated information. Floats, Musical groups and Marchers are welcome to join the parade.



Leaves: Bagged Leaf pickup will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays April - November. Please do not rake leaves into roadways as this causes

clogged drains, slippery streets, and also creates a possible dangerous situation if children decide to play in the leaf piles.

Winter Parking Regulations: From November 1st through May 1st parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on all streets and highways in the village between the hours of 10:00 PM & 6:00 AM. Parking is also prohibited in all village parking lots from November 1st through May 1st during the hours of 8:30 PM & 5:30 AM. In the event of a snow emergency all vehicles shall be removed from streets and parking lots at a time so designated by the mayor. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in the removing of the vehicles at the owner's expense and / or fine.

Sidewalks: Although the village plows some sidewalks, it is the responsibility of the property owners to keep the sidewalks free from ice and snow. Therefore, especially in the case of a heavy snowfall, the village asks everyone's cooperation in providing a clear and safe walkway for pedestrians. Also, please keep fire hydrants adjacent to your property free of snow.

Village Board Meetings: Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month. The public is welcome to attend. To be placed on the agenda, please contact the Village Clerk's office by the Friday before the meeting. Meetings are held in the meeting room in the back of the West Winfield Library and begin at 6:30 PM

Refuse Collection: Garbage and recyclables are collected on Friday mornings.

Please have all refuse curbside by 6:30 AM

Refuse Stickers: Stickers are available at Davis Hardware and the Great American. Be sure to put the sticker around the neck of the garbage bag so it does not blow off or be removed. **The use of large contractor's bags for refuse is not allowed. The maximum bag size is 33.5 gallons. If not in regulated size bags or containers, they will not be collected.**

RECYCLABLE PROGRAM "Put A Lid on It"



Now all recyclables (except shredded paper) may be mixed together in one container. **Plastic bags are not recyclable.** The recycling container needs to be less than 35 gallons as well as

DURABLE & LIDDED. When full, the container must not weigh more than 50 pounds. The use of a lidded container will ensure that the contents will remain in the container. A recyclable sticker for your container is available in the Village office. Please continue placing shredded paper in clear plastic bags.

Yard Waste: Yard waste will be collected on the first & third Fridays from May through November. Leaves should be in plastic bags or garbage cans with lids. Branches must be tied in bundles no more than 3 feet in length branches can be no more than 3" in diameter.

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Village Laws & Ordinances in Effect

Dogs: A leash law is in effect. Do not let your dogs run at large. Dog owners are responsible for damages their animals may cause as well as for cleaning up any messes their dogs may make on sidewalks or other people's property.

Open Burning: The burning or burying of: garbage, refuse, papers, yard waste (including leaves), hazardous waste and or materials is forbidden within the Village of West Winfield. Watch newspapers and television for BANS issued by the NYS DEC

Recreational Burning: No person shall start or maintain a campfire or bonfire on any public property. Recreational burning on private property must be contained and enclosed. The fire must be maintained in such a way as to limit village residents and their guests to smoke and smoke related nuisances or hazards. Violators may be subjected to fines and or imprisonment. **Note: This does not pertain to outdoor grills when being used for food preparation.**

911 Notice: It is your responsibility to notify the 911 Center of any change of address. Since the 911 emergency lists is based on telephone numbers, and since most of the Village residents have Post Office Boxes for mail delivery, the correct information on street addresses is not always on file with 911 officials.

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Small Metal Items: Small metal items may be placed at curb side with trash for regular Friday pickup.

Appliances: Contact Wheelock Disposal to arrange pickup of your appliances (315) 822-3427.

Waterline Responsibility: Property owners are responsible for the installation and repair of waterlines from the main and into their buildings. Should meters freeze because of inadequate heating the replacement cost is also the property owner's responsibility. Any expense incurred in thawing frozen pipes is the property owner's responsibility. Meter reading cards are mailed to owners twice a year. Failure to read the water meter within the specified time may result in additional charges to your water bill, and/or service being disconnected.

Water Leaks, Shut-Down of System: The Village makes every effort to contact residents, schools and businesses in cases when the water service has to be disrupted. Should your water be off for any length of time, it is recommended that you boil your drinking water for at least two minutes until the Village issues a news statement stating that the water tests have been satisfactory. The Village Board also asks your cooperation in conserving water (no watering of lawns or washing cars) in times of drought, power outages or other emergencies. Unpaid 2018 water bills will be placed on next years' (2019) Village Taxes if not paid by April 1, 2019

Building, Demolition & Septic System Permits:

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY ALTERATION, DEMOLITION, OR ADDITION TO ANY BUILDING ON ANY PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE, including:

- Construction, and/or replacement or demolition of structures including garages
- Additions to existing structures
- Repair or replacement of foundations
- Placement of storage sheds on property
- Installation of swimming pools (or replacement)
- Replacement of porches and decks
- Installation or replacement of windows or doors when the structure is altered
- Installation of heating systems, including wood, pellet or corn stoves, chimneys, or replacement of any of these
- Installation or repair of septic systems, including tanks, and leachfields

These are in accordance with New York State Building & Fire Codes

THE USE OF OUTDOOR WOOD OR OTHER FUEL-BURNING FURNACES ARE PROHIBITED IN THE VILLAGE.

Contact the Village office or the Codes officer with any questions.