



# THE WINFIELD GLIMPSSES

Celebrating Our Community

May 2024

Wonderful Winfield



## Winfield's State of the Village Address

The annual State of the Village address was held on the evening of Thursday, April 11th in the beautiful new community room at the Winfield Park District. Approximately 50 residents and business owners were in attendance, along with Village employees, Village board trustees and Police Chief Dave Schar.

The crowd mingled and enjoyed appetizers and drinks catered by Winfield's Aurelio's Pizza and sponsored by the Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce.

At 6:00 pm, Village President Carl Sorgatz gathered the crowd and spoke for about 30 minutes on current and future developments in Winfield.

President Sorgatz stated the State of the Village is Strong! The Village has maintained a Moody's Bond rating of Aa2, a balanced budget and over 25% reserves, one of the lowest property taxes in DuPage County at 4.0%, has grown sales tax and property tax revenue through commercial development, and increased investment income, all of which contributes to holding the line on property taxes. In fact, the Amazon and Casey's developments alone will add \$507,000 in new real estate taxes. Also, the Village Finance department has earned three awards from the Government Finance Officers Association: Audit Award 29th year, Budget Award 20th year, and Popular Annual Financial Report 8th year (all Consecutive).

One of the biggest financial challenges the Village faces is the loss of over \$900,000/year in total resident income tax collections through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LDGF) due to the Legislature and Governor's office refusal to return the LDGF to the 10% share of our Winfield residents income tax collected by the state. This is money that would be used for police pension, road maintenance, and other Village services and assist in holding the line on property taxes.

Regarding Capital Projects, Fiscal year 2024 and upcoming Fiscal year 2025 capital improvements total \$6.6 Million. Here are some of those projects:

- Water meter battery replacement project
- Beecher Avenue bridge replacement
- Phase 1 of the new municipal building to house the Police Station and Village Hall
- Phase 3 of the Riverwalk will add a playground on the south end
- 4 new Village entryway signs have been added around town

Also the Village recently signed a 17-year agreement with the DuPage Water Commission to continue having the City of Chicago deliver Lake Michigan water (the previous agreement was for 40 years). There is a possibility before this new contract expires that we may be able to directly receive Lake Michigan water instead of going through the

City of Chicago.

President Sorgatz also emphasized the Village's continued support of our local businesses and the progress made in attracting new development. Some examples are Winfield Station apartments are 95% leased, Town Center apartments to be completed in May, the newly proposed Winfield Reserve luxury 147-unit apartment building in Town

duces new sales tax revenue, examples being the new Casey's gas station and Amazon warehouse. And now Sweet Reserve Bakery is set to move into the first floor of the NW/CDH Medicine medical office building in late summer thanks to tenant funding support from TIF-2 funds.

President Sorgatz emphasized planning is an important part of what the Village does on a regular basis, such as the Town Center Vision 3.0 Plan to make Winfield's Town Center a destination for our residents through private and public investment. Also, Strategic planning is key to identifying the highest priority issues in coming years along with providing a vision of success for each strategic priority. The 4 goals of the Village's Strategic Plan are: Improved sustainable revenue, effective communication, maintain quality of life, and commercial Development.

With the goal of keeping Winfield a safe community, in 2023, all Winfield police officers were fitted with body cameras. This was completed two years ahead of the State of Illinois requirements. The Village will look to increase our police force in the coming years as the number of residents and businesses continue to increase.

President Sorgatz concluded by recognizing the great work done by the Village Board of Trustees, Village employees, and Village police officers. Winfield truly is "A place to discover!"



Residents and business owners gathered for the April State of the Village meeting conducted by Carl Sorgatz, Village of Winfield President.

Center, and the Façade Grant program expansion. Winfield's equalized assessed value (EAV) has increased by over \$65 million or 17% from 2019 to 2023. That equates to \$5.2 million in new property tax revenue and \$3.6 million more for our 5 school districts. New commercial development also pro-

## Treasure Hunters Paradise in Winfield

Photos and Text by Ellen Manyon

Three antique and resale shops are located within the historic heart of Winfield just south of the Union Pacific West railroad tracks, off Winfield Road.

Antiques of Winfield, Rejoice Resale and Antiques & Chic are all within walking distance of each other. Each shop specializes in having beautiful displays of antique, vintage, and re-purposed items for sale. This hot spot for antique buffs draws out-of-towners into the Village of Winfield.

### ANTIQUES OF WINFIELD

Antiques of Winfield was initially an Ace hardware store. The Schauer family purchased the building at 27w461 Beecher Avenue in 1971. As the "Big Box" stores cut into the Schauer's profit margins, owner Nancy transformed the place from a hardware store into an antique shop. Nancy's daughter, Dawn Gallichio, has brought this antique store into the digital age with popular Facebook and Instagram posts.

Antiques of Winfield is open 7 days a week from

10 am to 5pm. Friendly staff greet shoppers near the entrance. Also inside the shop offers coffee and snacks, which is a nice, hospitable touch.

When I visited, the place had visitors wandering through all three floors. There were grandparents with grandchildren, groups of gal pals out for a lark, and serious solo antique hunters. This store carries items of historical interest, such as the Uranium Glass collection from the 1930s which glows green under ultraviolet light. For more information on Antiques of Winfield, call 630-665-2525.

### URANIUM GLASS AT ANTIQUES OF WINFIELD

Antiques & Chic is just a block east of Antiques of Winfield. It is located within a beautiful 1868 Victorian historic house at 0S125 Church Street. Kathy Agresti, the owner of the Winfield Barber Shoppe, opened Antiques & Chic in 2018. Like Antiques of Winfield, Antiques & Chic has antiques, vintage

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Left to right: Antiques of Winfield, Uranium Glass.

# WINFIELD WIDE Garage Sale

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
JUNE 7 - 8**



**9am - 4pm**

## DON'T MISS THIS!

Take advantage of the annual Winfield Wide Garage Sale. Sign up begins May 1st at Winfield Antiques or Antique & Chic. Register no later than June 1, 2024. Registration fee is \$10.00.

**Questions? Contact:**

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## & Summerfest



WINFIELD CRITERIUM AND SUMMERFEST

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CATEGORY	START	FINISH
Men Novice (JR 15-18 reduced entry fee)	10:00	10:30
Women Cat 4/N (JR 15-18 reduced entry fee)	10:40	11:10
Men Cat 4 (JR 15-18 reduced entry fee)	11:20	11:50
Men Cat 3	12:00 PM	12:40 PM
Team MACK Masters 50+/60+ Cat 1-4 (5-day mini-series, scored separately)	12:50 PM	1:30 PM
Volunteer Shift Change	1:30 PM	1:40 PM
Women Cat 2/3	1:45 PM	2:25 PM
Men Cat 2	2:35 PM	3:35 PM
Masters 40+ Cat 1-4	3:45 PM	4:35 PM
Volunteer Shift Change	4:35 PM	4:45 PM
FAMILY FUN RIDE	4:50 PM	5:20 PM
Women Pro/1/2	5:20 PM	6:35 PM
Men Pro/1/2	6:45 PM	8:00 PM



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Attention Riders: Absolutely no rider parking south of the railroad tracks in Winfield or other areas posted "no parking except for local business patrons". This applies especially to Beecher Avenue. Vehicles in violation may be towed.



**THE 4TH ANNUAL WINFIELD CRITERIUM**  
**CHICAGO GRIT CYCLING SERIES**

**10 AM-8 PM**

MUSIC - FAST & FIERCE CYCLING RACES - COWBELLS  
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**FOOD TRUCKS & BEER TENT  
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**CREEKSIDE ARTISAN MARKET**

**11 AM-3 PM**

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**KIDZONE AND FAMILY BIKE RIDE**

**11 AM-6 PM**

TWO CASTLE INFLATABLES  
BUBBLE MACHINE - GIANT TWISTER  
FACE PAINTING (NOON - 4 PM)  
BALLOON TWISTING (11:30 PM- 3:30 PM)  
FAMILY BIKE RIDE (5 PM)



# Winfield Farmers Market Opens 32nd Season, Wed., June 5th

By Rich Bysina

It's the same convenient corner location— Prairie Trail Center shopping plaza, SW corner of Geneva & County Farm Roads – with plenty of customer parking.

Same day and hours – Wednesday, 7am to 1pm.

Same five months – June through October, a total of 22 shopping days.

Same five fresh produce farmers – Stojan Family Farm, Tidey Farms, Noffke Family Farms, Gundersen Orchards and the Guerrero Farm (the latter two not opening until early July).

Even the same two (Naperville) bakeries – Great Harvest Bread at the east end, DeEtta's Bakery at the west end.

The only thing that changes from year to year is the makeup of the other 40 vendors. While a few leave for various reasons, there have always been new business vendors – from specialty foods, hand-crafted jewelry to homeowner services – who have taken their place.

"The toughest loss over all these years," says Market Manager Rich Bysina, "was the passing of Doug Klatt earlier this year." Doug, along with his youngest daughter, Grace, started a floral shop, Gracie's Petals, which unfortunately has now gone out of business.

"Doug's family not only participated in last year's Good Old Days Parade, handing out flowers to parade watchers along Winfield Road, but helped me carry the Winfield Farmers Market banner as we walked behind his car. At the young age of 62, it was an untimely loss, not only to his family, but to the entire Winfield community."

The Winfield Farmers Market will continue to work with The GardenWorks Project, which fights hunger by helping local residents and families grow produce for themselves and their neighbors, creating a more equitable and accessible local food system. Excess produce is diverted to food pantries to reach those who need it most.

The popular WFM Vendors Directory is undergoing some minor changes, being reduced to a more compact 5 1/2 x 8 1/2-inch fold-out flyer. These directories are displayed in the shopper's aisle all season long for customers to take and refer to throughout the year to contact all participating vendors.

And for the kids who visit our market with their parents (mostly the moms) and grandparents during July, they will again be given the opportunity to pick up coloring sheets of Bugs Bunny to bring back, colored however they like, and receive five complimentary WFM Vendor Bucks.

This fun and unique kids' program began a couple of years ago, when it was discovered that the U.S. Postal Service had issued a Forever stamp sheet in honor of Bugs' 80th birthday, July 27th, 1940, in 2020.

Says Bysina, "Bugs is an absolutely natural fresh produce promoter. He's the only cartoon character I know who is almost always seen holding and/or chomping on a raw vegetable. There is no greater spokesperson I know of than Bugs to help promote farmers markets across America. I'll be expecting to hear from Warner Bros. soon to hopefully get their blessing."

One last reminder from the market manager: "Cut out and use the \$4 Gift Certificate here on our Opening Day! It's worth only half as much if used any other day."



See you this summer at the

Winfield Farmers Market!

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th**

## WINFIELD FARMERS MARKET

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Winfield's  
**RIVERWALK  
MUSIC NIGHTS**

Hello  
Winfield residents!

You are invited back to another year of Riverwalk Music Nights! We have added 2 additional nights for a total of 6 rocking summer nights where you can enjoy a variety of great music, food, and drinks with family and friends!

This event is FREE to all, and food and drinks will be available for purchase. So pack up your lawn chairs or blankets, and we look forward to seeing you at Riverwalk Park!



# Schedule



Music from 6:30-9:30pm

**June 7th**  
Vital Signs  
Radio Gaga

**July 12th**  
Shining Star

**June 28th**  
Anchors Away

**August 9th**  
The Chicago Experience

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**June 28th**  
Anchors Away

**August 23rd**  
Cowboy Co.  
Mackenzie O'Brien



**September 20th**  
Sammy and the Knights  
Hi Infidelity



Beverages will be sold by  
Winfield Lion's Club and Winfield Foundation



# New Faces, New Equipment at WFPD

By Luke Allen

Residents of the Winfield Fire Protection District who haven't visited the fire station for a couple of years may see a lot that they don't recognize if they stop by.

"We have been in a transformative time in the evolution of the Winfield Fire Protection District," said Chief Steve Evans. "Nobody would have thought almost 100 years ago, when our fire district was formed, that we would be on track to respond to a record number of calls- over 2400 emergency responses per year. We are in the process of adding an additional medic crew just to keep up with the demand for services. As the community has continued to grow, our services have had to adapt and change to meet their needs."

One of the new members of the WFPD is Kai Pavlic who took the oath to serve and protect the 30,000+ residents of the Winfield Fire Protection District in February, 2023 and celebrated the end of his probationary year last month. He joined WFPD as a firefighter/paramedic after working for two years in Wheaton as a contracted paramedic.

"It's been a shift for the better. My partner and I worked by ourselves, and here I have a team of 5 working with me. We have better patient outcomes and operational efficiency. Becoming a firefighter in addition to paramedic has been a different experience from my old job. Now my job changes with each call- from medic to fire fighter. I knew about WFPD through trainings and working as neighbors; they had a great reputation as Firefighter/Paramedics and they led by example. That drew me to apply at Winfield."

## Engine 31 Joins the Team

After a nearly two-year build time and several Winter months of preparing, the new Sutphen Monarch fire engine is doing what it was built to do: carry crew and tools to emergencies. "Our fire engine is much more than a truck that pumps water. It's a mobile tool box, a fully-outfitted ambulance (without the stretcher) which allows us to go from any emergency to the next and be completely prepared for whatever we encounter," says FF/PM Andrew Martin.

"It's been so nice" said Martin of the new engine. "This vehicle was designed to be rugged and durable. We opted out of as many electronics as we could. We have been adjusting our training based on the controls and functionality of how the drive-train and pump works. It's simple, it's reliable, and it works."

During the warm sunny weather the week of April 15, firefighters took the opportunity to practice using their new equipment and train the newer crew members how to operate their first fire engine.



Nice spring weather allowed firefighters to practice using the new Engine 31. They also took the opportunity to train new crew members how to operate the engine. Photo courtesy Andrew Martin

"This vehicle was designed to be rugged and durable. ... It's simple, it's reliable, and it works."

## Treasure Hunt

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jewelry, re-purposed and hand-crafted items. This place is a decorator's dream house! Here you can find unique items that make a room pop and can spark conversation.

### ANTIQUES & CHIC

The Daily Herald newspaper named Antiques & Chic as the Best of the Best People's Choice Award in 2018. The shop is open 7 days a week from 10am to 5pm. Like their posts on Facebook and follow their Instagram updates. Call 630-949-8169 for more information.

### REJOICE RESALE SHOP

In 2015, Linda Mueller opened Rejoice Resale at 27w460 Chicago Avenue, on the north side of Winfield Market Square. Linda greets her guests with a warm, gracious smile. Her nice arrangement of dealers' booths makes it easy to meander through without worrying about breaking anything.

### MID-CENTURY MODERN ITEMS AT REJOICE RESALE SHOP

Rejoice Resale has popular Mid-Century Modern items from the 1945 to 1965 era. Works of art on the back wall add to the feeling of being on the set of the Mad Men television series. This shop also specializes in small furniture items which patrons love because they are easy to move. Call 630-836-1663 for more information.

All three shops have seasonal sales. This Spring, Rejoice Resale hosted a tent sale on Saturday April 20, 2024. Then on the following weekend of April 27th and 28th, both Antiques of Winfield and Antiques & Chic hosted their Spring Sales events with outdoor tents and furniture displays. Look ahead also for their Summer and Fall events. Enjoy your treasure hunt in what Kathy Agresti calls the "Winfield Vintage District." You will not be disappointed!



Clockwise from top left: Antiques & Chic, Rejoice Resale Shop entrance and interior.



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# Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce News

By Jennie Fleming

The Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to so many local, summer events! June kicks off the Winfield Farmer's Market, the Winfield-Wide Garage Sale weekend, Summer Cruise Nights, Riverwalk Music Nights and The Criterium & Summerfest. GWCC is participating in each of these events. We have a sponsored table at the Farmer's Market on many Wednesdays throughout the summer. GWCC organizes Monday night Cruise Nights June-August in Prairie Trail Center. Riverwalk Music Nights and Summerfest are looking for volunteers during each of their events. These are great ways to help within the community, meet your neighbors, and promote your business. Contact me if you have any questions or are interested in participating in these events.

We hosted our first Women In Business event on April 4th with a presentation on cybersecurity and the dark web, given by Jennifer Speaker of SMB Advantage Group. Jennifer shared how vulnerable our personal information is and how much criminals are willing to pay for it. She had many great suggestions on how to keep our information safe. Contact Jennifer today for your personal or business IT needs.

Several businesses have taken advantage of the Compass Mortgage studio and created video ads for their businesses! These video clips will be shared on social media, look for them on the GWCC Facebook page soon! This opportunity was offered free to Chamber members by Matt Moore, Sheena Tovt, and Eron McCormick.

GWCC is assembling welcome packets to distribute to new residents. You can drop off materials from your business, including business cards, coupons, flyers, magnets, brochures, etc., at Admiral Builders' office in Prairie Trail Center.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new Chamber members Northwestern Medicine,

Shamrock Garden Florist, Trust Bank Wheaton, The Written Word Center for Dyslexia and Learning, Senior Tech Support, Numark Credit Union, and Klein Creek Golf Club! We look forward to supporting and promoting your business!

Chamber members Matt Moore (Compass Mortgage) and Sheena Tovt (Re/Max All Pro) are coordinating this year's town-wide garage sale weekend on June 7th and 8th. Visit Antique and Chic or the Antiques of Winfield to register as a seller and get a yard sign. \$10/household. Enjoy Touch-a-Truck at the fire station on Saturday. Take advantage of local business deals and sales around town all weekend.

Our networking meeting schedule is as follows:

- May 7th  
Dave Nelson's Farmers Insurance
- June 4th  
Winfield Historical Society at Hedges Station

Photos, clockwise:

**The GWCC around town:**

March 5th, Pet Wants Ribbon Cutting

April 2nd, networking meeting at Compass Mortgage Compass Mortgage recording studio

Jennifer Speaker presents Cyber Security and the Dark Web

See page 2 for information on our upcoming Garage Sale.

- July 9th  
The Glimpses at The Barn
- Aug 6th  
The Barber Shoppe
- Sept 3rd  
Daniel and Assoc Real Estate
- Oct 1st  
Healthcare Assoc Credit Union
- Nov 5th  
Berger Bros Pub
- Dec 3rd  
Winfield Park District Rec. Room



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### A note from the President

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- Summer Cruise Night sponsorships
  - Fall Arts and Crafts Festival sponsorships
  - Directory Advertising
  - Networking meetings
  - Sponsored booth at Good Old Days festival
  - Chamber website, [www.greaterwinfieldchamber.org](http://www.greaterwinfieldchamber.org)
  - Chamber-sponsored ad in the *Glimpses* newspaper
  - Social media marketing
  - Sponsored table at the Winfield Farmer's Market
  - Community volunteer opportunities
  - Ribbon Cutting for new businesses

- Admiral Builders**  
Mike Rootberg, Denise Cubel, Beth Ciabattari
- Antique & Chic**  
Kathy Agresti
- Berger Bros Pub**  
Judy Anetsberger, Greg Anetsberger
- Cantigny Park (Robert R. McCormick Foundation)**  
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# Musings of a Snowbird – Be Informed

By Maureen Nolimal

The time of life that you've worked for and dreamed of has arrived – retirement or semi-retirement! Careers and/or jobs that sustained you and gave structure to your days are now in the rearview mirror. Perhaps you've chosen to remain active in the workforce by working part-time or have completed the "pare down your stuff" project by clearing out all things not needed any longer in your home. Visits with grown children and grandchildren may color your days as well. But one fact remains - the winters here can be quite long and gray for those with mileage on our bones! Navigating ice and snow becomes more dangerous as well the more trips you make around the sun. Solution: a warm climate get-away or a second home.

There is a feeling of exhilaration in exploring a new area away from all that is familiar, the feeling of no expectations other than to gain knowledge of your new surroundings. Character a new course in the latter half of life by opening up oneself to embrace new experiences that were not always possible when you were younger and caught up in the frenzy of everyday life. Meeting others from different areas of the country who've traveled different life journeys adds to the enriching mix of this big step, and all this in balmy, warm temperatures!

While all of this sounds dreamy, and it is, there's the practical "meat and potatoes" side of things to consider before taking the plunge and becoming a seasonal resident. Even though you may have frequently vacationed at your warm weather destination of choice, a few weeks in one place only gives a small picture of what it actually means to live somewhere other than home for a number of months. The list of things to consider below, while seemingly simple and obvious, is important to mull over. Surprisingly, many snowbirds invest in a second home and find that they didn't take into account some of the points listed.

Things to consider:

- Will you stay a few weeks or a few months?
- Will you change your state residency for tax

reasons?

- How much are the property taxes?
- If you change residency, how will it affect your pension taxation if you have a pension?
- Does the state you are going to have residency requirements such as six months there to claim residency?
- Will you live in a 55 and over community? Condo



or home? Assessment costs?

- What amenities does the HOA of your new community offer and the monthly cost?
- How is the healthcare rated in your new community? What is the proximity to hospitals and doctors?
- Will you have two cars or will you drive each season to your second home?
- Car insurance rates?
- Utility costs? General upkeep of the property budgeted for?
- Are there "Home watcher" services available so that your property can be checked on in the off season? How about your home here in Winfield?
- Mail delivery options in both locations?
- All bills transferred to online payment status?
- Close proximity to airport for ease of travel?

This list may seem rather sobering, but it's important and believe me you will be proud of yourself knowing that you made a wise and informed decision having covered all your bases. Of course, there's always the option of renting each season but many of the above-listed points will still apply. Here are just a few of the many choices online to help

inform and educate yourself on the process of snow birding:

[55places.com](http://55places.com), [Snowbirdingcentral.com](http://Snowbirdingcentral.com), [Midlifesnowbird.com](http://Midlifesnowbird.com)

So, after all the decisions have been made, the logistics worked out, the get-away abode chosen and enjoyed, springtime comes calling. As your refreshing seasonal jaunt comes to an end, there's a little voice inside that says, "it's time to go home", time to return to what you know and love best. Your home base. Time to recharge among family and friends, to balance things out.

We are lucky here in Winfield to offer a community that beckons us home with a woodsy, quiet, safe atmosphere. Winfield has walking trails to sooth and nurture both body and spirit, an outdoor music bandshell that offers local talent that energizes warm summer nights, sprawling parks, a top-notch hospital, great schools and restaurants with wonderful food. Winfield defines hearth and home and has a small town feel while still offering all urban conveniences. It is the best kept secret of Chicago's Western Suburbs. When you are driving into town from Roosevelt Road, you are drawn into its protective aura. It's definitely worth coming home to...until that first snowflake.

## Read. Renew. Repeat at the Winfield Library

By Nicole Heffro and Dawn Leardi

Winfield Library is excited about a new travel resource and our upcoming Summer Reading Program for kids and adults. Our theme this year is "Read. Renew. Repeat," with an emphasis on conservation of resources.

As families plan their summer vacation trips to visit attractions in the state, they can utilize a NEW program called "Explore More Illinois, a companion service to our popular "Museum Adventure Pass." "Explore More Illinois" is a cultural pass program that allows Library cardholders to get offers from museums, performing and visual arts centers, and other attractions. Adults age 18 years and older can log in using their library card number and password to place reservations. Each attraction's requirements differ, but with a library card and the pass, library members will receive free admission

or discounts. Login information is available at [www.winfield.lib.il.us](http://www.winfield.lib.il.us).

Summer reading for kids and adults begins on June 1 and runs through July 31. In order to conserve paper, our program is completely virtual! Families can download the READ Squared app or register through our library website at [www.winfield.lib.il.us](http://www.winfield.lib.il.us). Kids receive prizes based on the number of hours they read, and adults enter the prize drawings based on the number of books they read. The grand prize for adults is a membership to the Cosley Zoo in Wheaton, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

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# In Memoriam



**DAVID L. 'SKIP' HIGGINS**

David L, "Skip" Higgins, 92, of Winfield, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Alice J. Higgins for 62 years; loving father of Becci (Jeff) Naatz, Denise (Tom) Ralph and Michele (the late Jeff) Conn; cherished grandfather of Tim (Priscilla) Naatz, Heather Conn, Dan (Amy) Naatz, Lauren Miner (Patrick) and Danielle (Cody) Wilson. Dear son of the late Richard and Leona Higgins. Loving brother to Richard "Buzz", and the late Philip "Bunk", Sandra "Honey" Brass. Uncle to many loving Nieces and Nephews. Skip served in the Air Force in the Korean War from 1951-1955. Skip joined the Winfield Fire Protection District in 1955 and served as the Fire Chief for several years before retiring in 1991. He was a long-time member of the Winfield Lions Club as well as St. John the Baptist Church. His career was spent working in the Lumber business. Services were held.

The Higgins family would like to thank the Wynecemere/ Westbridge Staff and the staff from Lighthouse Hospice for all their care.



**JOSEPH A. DINICOLO**

Joseph A. DiNicolo, of Winfield, beloved husband of Chrissy DeVine, loving father of Valerie DiNicolo and Katie Seelinger, Dear brother of Valerie (David) Thorsen, Louise (William) Dolen, Tricia (Sonny) Sassano, Lisa (Bob) Kaplan, Kasie (Bob) Hannan and Christopher (Bonnie) Griffin. Cherished grandfather of Declen, Adalynn, Colten, Claire and Gavin. He will be missed by many living Nieces and Nephews. Joe grew up in Winfield and was the proud owner of Midwest Saw. He loved music and the outdoors and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved people and a great conversation.



**STEVEN MUEHLFELT**

Steven Muehlfelt, 61, lifelong resident of Wheaton, went to be with the Lord on April 19, 2024. He was born December 30, 1962. Beloved husband of Terri (nee Hebert), for 34 years; loving father of Ryan; dear son of the late Joseph and Marcella Muehlfelt; brother of Lynda (Ron) Schultz, Shirley (Gary) Grossman, Sue (Eric) Givens, Sallie (Paul) Craig, Cindy (Scott) Rogers; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Steve graduated from Wheaton North High School in 1981. He was an entrepreneur at heart. At age 22, Steve started a bar and restaurant with his sister. Later he became a realtor, and then owned a hardwood flooring business. In 2013 he realized his dream when he opened his own restaurant in Winfield - Coopers Corner. Where he extended his friendships and impact across many

Steve is known for his love of people and for throwing large, memorable holiday parties. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and mischievous pranks. Many people thought of him as the father or brother they never had. He will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph, and mother, Marcella, and siblings, Virginia Clausen, Maryann Schmitz, Harold Muehlfelt, Dean Muehlfelt, Ron Muehlfelt, Joey Muehlfelt, and Dolores McCance.

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# District 200 Math, Reading Growth Scores Trending Above National, State Averages Since COVID-19 Pandemic

We are proud to share that District 200 has made significant learning recovery in the areas of math and reading based on the Educational Recovery Scorecard, a report on post pandemic academic recovery from 2022-2023 issued by The Center of Education Policy at Harvard University and The Education Opportunity Project at Stanford University. Based on the report, when District 200 students returned to testing in 2022, there was no learning loss in math scores, and 2023 results improved as well. In reading, District 200 students made up more than a year's worth of learning in 2022, compared to the state's average of half a year of learning recovery. To view the Educational Recovery Scorecard and District 200's report, visit [www.educationrecoveryreport.org](http://www.educationrecoveryreport.org).

The Educational Recovery Scorecard was created based on a study using standardized test

scores in math and reading from 8,000 districts in 30 states. Overall, this study shows that nationally, District 200 students have recovered one-quarter of the loss in math, and one-third of the loss in reading in a single year (2022-2023).

At the state level, research shows that Illinois is one of three states that were studied whose achievement in reading now exceeds pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, between 2022 and 2023, it is estimated that students in Illinois made up roughly half of the original loss in math.

District 200 was able to prioritize learning acceleration efforts due to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grants that were given to school districts across the nation to help schools operate safely during the pandemic, and support students' social-emotional needs and academic recovery. From March 2020 through Sep-

tember 2024, we received approximately \$14 million through ESSER grants.

The ESSER funds enabled District 200 to purchase high-quality instructional materials to enhance the reading and math curricula. Additionally, we used grant funds to hire additional teachers at each elementary and middle school to support the implementation of new math instructional materials and provide interventions for identified students. We also prioritized increasing staff to support math because national research was showing this was the area impacted the most by the pandemic. Finally, we focused on writing skills after the pandemic because this was an area that was difficult to teach virtually.

While ESSER funds aided some of our success, we credit our academic recovery success to the staff, students and parents who demonstrated resilience, hard work and unwavering commitment to our learning acceleration efforts the last few years. We look forward to continued academic excellence as we work together to inspire, educate, challenge and support all students to reach their highest level of learning and personal development.



*Left: The KOC Snack Shack opens June 1st, grilling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sausages, hot dogs, and serving cold drinks! See page 2 for more details, and savor summer!*

*Below: The DuPage Care Center works to fund otherwise unfunded quality of life programs and activities, including this resident's garden club, and many other programs that help residents do as much as they can, as well as they can, for as long as they can. The DPCC Foundation is hosting their annual Golf Outing fundraiser on June 28th – see page 8 to golf for a good cause!*



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# Lyme Disease Awareness 5K

By Dean Dameron

Join us in recognizing Lyme Awareness Month (May) with a fun Sunday afternoon at Oakwood Park, in Winfield. Hosted by Winfield locals, the Dameron family, and sponsored by the Lyme Warrior organization, the Winfield Lyme Warrior 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held June 2 from 12 - 3PM. Linda, the matriarch of the family, was officially diagnosed with Lyme disease in 2016 after suffering from various health ailments for decades, without obtaining a specific diagnosis. Tyler, one of our two children, has also been diagnosed with Lyme disease, and we are hosting this event to help spread awareness of the dangers of ticks and the subsequent health consequences of not receiving a prompt diagnosis.

In addition to the fun run/walk, you'll hear stories from those afflicted by the disease and some information on what to look for and how to stay safe while enjoying the great outdoors. Medals for 1st and 2nd place finishers, for both adults and children (12 and under), will be awarded. Included in the price of admission, each registrant will receive a swag bag and a raffle ticket. A special award will also be given to the participant wearing the most green!

For only \$25 per adult and \$20 for children, come have some fun and support a worthy cause. Register today, at [bit.ly/WLW5K2024](http://bit.ly/WLW5K2024).



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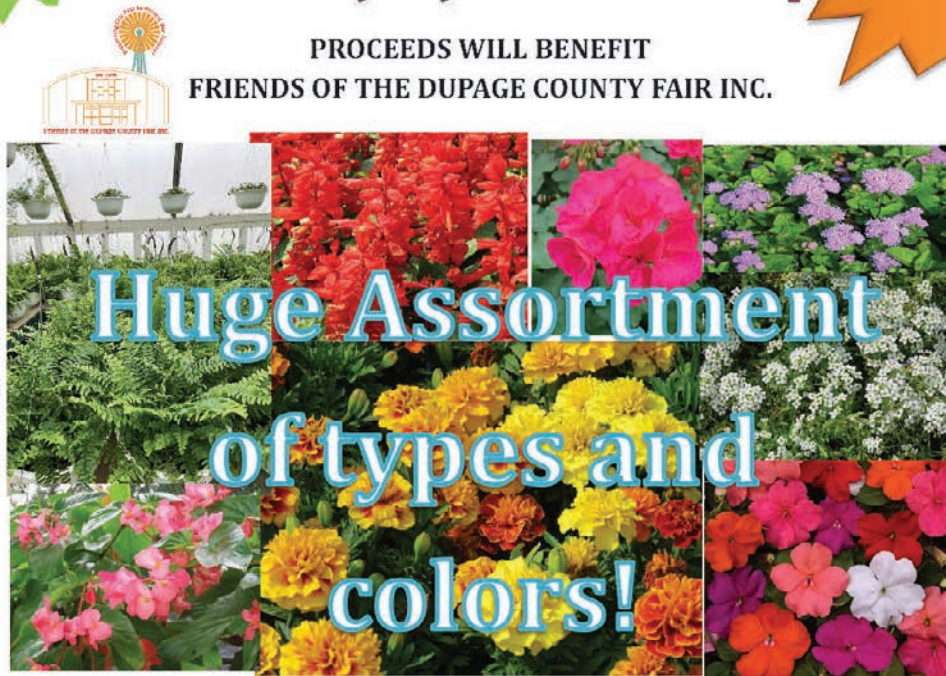
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The Library also offers a variety of themed programs for kids and adults. The conservation organization SCARCE gets us into the spirit of the summer on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. by presenting "Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Beyond." Other programs for adults include "Caring for Keepsakes" and "Crafting Herbal Mocktails." The DuPage County Animal Services presents three programs this summer for kids, teens and adults. Topics include "Pet Protectors," "Our Wild Neighbors" and "Pet Training 101". Please register for these programs through our Library calendar at [www.winfield.lib.il.us](http://www.winfield.lib.il.us).



The Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce held an April 2nd networking meeting at Compass Mortgage. See more about Chamber activities on page 9.

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Over the next year, Tim and Tom have conversations of discovery and compassion, of hope and regret, and as they do, they learn from each other that friendship is a treasure, visiting someone who is terminally ill need not be uncomfortable, and facing death with grace can be fulfilling. This book offers a new, heartwarming way to help patients and their families through the journey. Readers will be uplifted by the surprise gift Tim leaves for his loving wife and young son.

A loyal Midwesterner and Viking fan, Toftey grew up in Grand Marais, Minnesota, taught English and journalism in Madison, Wisconsin, then moved to Chicagoland for jobs in communications, corporate relations, and qualitative research, before adding "author" to his list of careers with this book.

"While eating hamburgers with my Lutheran pastor, I shared some writing based on conversations with Tim," Toftey said. "I watched as he reached for napkins – expecting him to prevent dripping juice on my original manuscript – but instead, he repeatedly dabbed his eyes. His reflection told me how life-changing this story could be for many adults."

*Unexpected Gifts*, (5 1/2" x 8 1/2," 220-page paperback, ISBN 9798880071951), is available from Amazon at \$14.95 and Thriftbooks for \$17.10

# The 20 safest cities in Illinois in 2024

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- #2 Libertyville
- #3 Wauconda
- #4 Pingree Grove
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