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Life in the 1920's—Winfield Celebrating 100 Years

By Lisa Goodwin

It's fun to imagine what life must have been like in the 1920s in Winfield. Women had just earned the right to vote, the Wheaton and Gary families were busy subdividing land and building homes, and the DuPage County seat was in nearby Wheaton. The Prohibition Amendment had passed in 1919 and wouldn't be repealed until 1933. "Whiskey Creek" was rumored to be running a few stills producing illegal liquor. World War 1 was only a few years in the rearview mirror and the Great Depression was yet to come in 1929.

Reading some interviews in old editions of the Winfield Glimpses, the main businesses in the 1920s were the Higgins General Store, Miller's Greenhouse, Abbott's Garage, and the Winfield Coal Yard, which later became Winfield Fuel and Material. Schmidt's Meat Market, Hammer-schmidt's blacksmiths, and other small retail shops were in business along the train tracks. Peter Schmidt also had built a man-made pond and during the winter cut ice to supply his market and residents during the summer. The original location of John's Buffet was also selling ice cream and confectionaries, because of Prohibition (wink wink).

There were very few cars in Winfield in the 1920s. It seems the Schmidt's Meat Market truck was used to transport the local baseball teams to neighboring towns for Sunday games. The railroad provided the transportation for work and shopping,

The big issue in the 1921 election in Winfield was a referendum on incorporating the town. People who favored incorporation felt that Winfield was at a standstill and they wanted progress. They hoped to bring streetlights and improvements to Winfield. Those against incorporation were afraid of government taxes.

The election to incorporate passed, and L. O. Thieme served as Winfield's first president. The first Winfield Board of Trustees were John Heinz, Oliver C. Atkinson, John Enders, Peter Schmidt, Jacob Miller, and Hugo Schmidt. John Enders also served on the Judiciary, Police, Fire, and Health Committee during that time. The Enders home was on the property where Winfield Flower Shoppe is today.

George Higgins served as the first Village Clerk along with being one of the founding members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the owner of the Winfield Coal Yard. George Higgins was also the person who convinced Frank Weiss of the need for a village newspaper, which eventually became the Winfield Glimpses. Jacob Miller was Winfield's insurance man, as well as the Notary Public for the community.

The biggest problem early Winfield faced was the lack of funds and constantly deteriorating roads. Not much seems to change there! Bridges over the area waterways were especially problematic. Today for example, the bridge over Winfield Creek on Church St. is a picturesque spot with a view of the gazebo. In 1921, the bridge was designed for horse-drawn wagons to cross the river. The old Winfield post office location was a little north of there.

Many residents grew large vegetable gardens, providing their families with a significant part of their diet. Almost everyone raised chickens for their eggs, and chickens free ranged throughout the town. It wasn't unusual to see cows grazing in front of homes either. Smokehouses were also common in Winfield, where residents smoked their own meat and fish.

Some things in Winfield have changed a lot over the last 100 years, but many things have remained the same. The first village hall was moved to the site of a former tavern, and today's village hall is considering a move across the street. The remnants of the 1918 flu pandemic were still being felt, and a tuberculosis sanitarium was a major influence in the development of early Winfield. Now, another one hundred years later, residents are reflecting on 2020's coronavirus pandemic, and taking lessons from our past.

which is why so many local commercial districts are located along the railroad tracks in DuPage County. Even then, many Winfielders commuted to Chicago for work. It looks like that trip took about an hour and ten minutes, just like today.

From a 1970s interview, Mrs. Anna Klein recalled how dirty the train rides were because of the steam engine. Passengers would be covered with soot by the time they arrived, and breakdowns were com-

mon. Horses were a bit of a luxury, worth about \$30 back then, but you could rent a horse and buggy in Wheaton.

Sledding and skiing at Boie's Hill were popular winter pastimes through the 1920s and 30s. According to an old edition of the Winfield Glimpses, there was a barbed-wire fence at the bottom of the hill. If you couldn't make the turn, you had to fall to avoid the fence!



Left, top to bottom: John and Mary Enders, the Enders house.

Right, top to bottom: Newspaper clippings from the early 1920's reveal infrastructure concerns and leisure time activities for Winfield residents.



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Old Church Street Bridge



The old "wagon bridge" on Church Street, photographed in 1921. This is the site of the present stone bridge just south of the Post Office.

Gay Blades of the '20's



WINFIELD'S "GAY BLADES" of the 1920's are pictured on the top of Boie's Hill in readiness for an afternoon of skiing. Pictured from left to right are: Clem Mueller Sr., Al Besch, Henry Higgins and Bob Stuart.

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Local Artist Creates Collage Celebrating Winfield's Centennial

By Chris Bartelli

My inspiration for the Winfield Centennial Collage took shape during a conversation with my neighbor, Phil Hardy. He is a member of the Winfield Foundation Committee, which is planning different activities for the Centennial and is organizing an art fair with local artists as a community event to help celebrate Winfield's 100 years. Three years ago, I took my first colored pencil drawing

class and was hooked. I have continued taking art classes and learn how to work with different mediums. I have participated in several art shows and sold a few art pieces. I felt that I could create an art project for the village that would represent the history of our village, so decided to create a collage of 20 iconic landmarks in the village. I took photos of important sites around Winfield, organized them

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Development Comes to Winfield

By Dan Janowick

The sights and sounds on Winfield Road are unmistakable; progress is coming to downtown Winfield. Multiple construction projects have begun in town center including the Winfield Station apartments, the multi-faceted development agreement with Northwestern Medicine, and the start of the Winfield Riverwalk.

The Winfield Station Apartments, on the site formerly occupied by Winfield Fuel & Material, is expected to be completed this summer. The 162-unit, 5-story complex will offer studio, one- and two-bedrooms units and features a fitness center, an outdoor pool and boasts its proximity to Central DuPage hospital and the train station. The \$35 million project on the long vacant property was made possible by financial incentives provided through a TIF and will provide much needed foot traffic for downtown businesses.

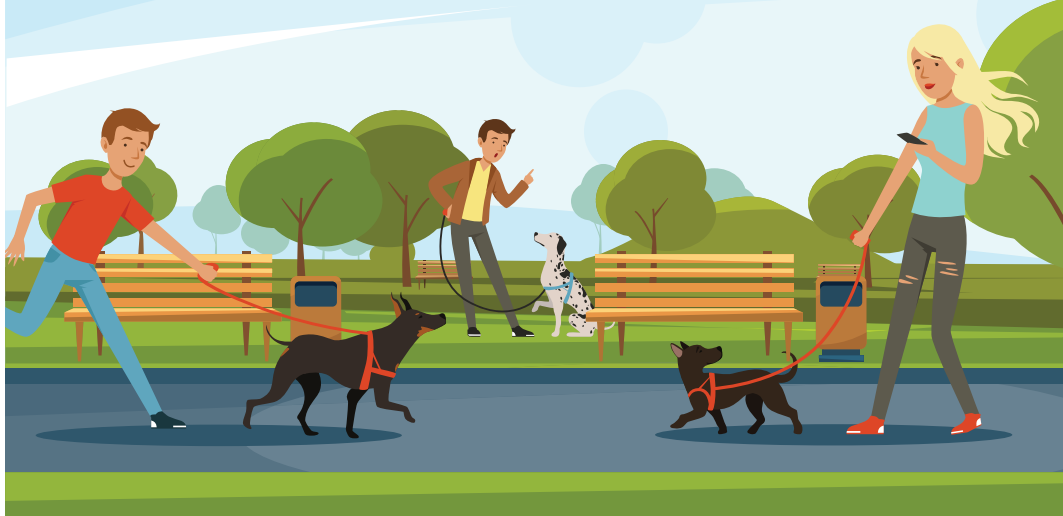
In October 2020, the Village of Winfield and Northwestern Medicine inked the long-awaited Development Agreement for Winfield's Town Center. The \$70 million multi-phase agreement allowed the start of Phase 1A, the construction of an 833-space parking deck with ground floor commercial space on Winfield Road just south of Ronald McDonald House. The parking deck expected to be completed in late 2022 will include a pedestrian bridge over Winfield Road and will help ease parking concerns for hospital visitors and staff.

Phase 1A.1 includes the now complete 180-space parking lot on High Lake Road just east of Church Street that will serve town center when all construction is complete. This lot constructed using permeable pavers to improve stormwater management will be used for temporary hospital staff parking until the completion of the parking deck. Pending final approval, the construction on Phase 1B.1 is expected to begin this summer and will include the 3 story, 60,000 square foot anchor building for town center on the corner of Jewell Road and Church Street, directly across the street from the current Police Station and Municipal offices. Projected to open in winter of 2022, the ground floor will include

20,000 square feet of commercial space, and the top two floors will be used for medical offices. Two stand-alone buildings totaling 10,000 square feet are planned for the area of the former John's Buffet location. These buildings will only be built once tenants are identified for 50% of each building.

agreed to donate up to \$1 million in additional funds for a community plaza on that site. The village does not currently have funds available to build a new Police Station/Municipal complex without changes to the town center TIF or asking residents to approve a bond issue.

Construction has started on the Winfield Riverwalk, which will ultimately include trail and open spaces, a watercraft launch area and many more amenities.



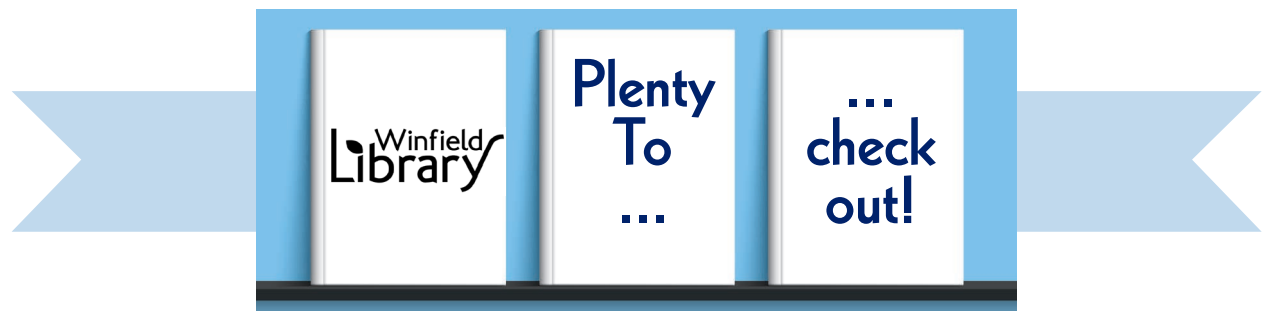
All commercial spaces included in the development agreement, even if owned by the non-profit hospital, will pay property taxes in perpetuity and the parking deck, which would have been exempt from paying taxes due to the hospital's non-profit tax status, will pay property taxes for at least the first 20 years.

Finally, the Winfield Riverwalk, after more than a decade of planning has seen construction start in the area behind Chase Bank. The Riverwalk Park is planned to include trail and open spaces near the banks of the West Branch of the DuPage River. Once complete, residents can enjoy a watercraft launch area, fitness stations along a walking path, and a permanent

The final phase (1C) of Town Center development includes relocating the Police Station and Municipal offices so their current location can be transformed for commercial use. If the village moves to either the Snyder Building or to a newly constructed Police Station and Municipal Offices on High Lake Road, Northwestern Medicine has

bandshell for community events. The park is expected to total near \$2 million and is being funded by Northwestern Medicine, the Village of Winfield, a state OSLAD grant, and private donations.

The combination of these projects will create a town center that's a walkable destination for Winfield residents to shop, dine, relax, and enjoy.



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Someone You May Have Known

By Adrienne Rose

Have you ever been in the position of hearing of the passing of a person that you wish you had known? That was me this past summer when I learned of a home in Winfield being on the U.S. Register of Historic Places. Winfield? Yes! And it belonged to the Samuel and Eleanor

Himmelfarb family.

The person I wish I had known was the lady of the house, Eleanor. Eleanor was born in 1910 in St. Charles. She studied art history at the University of Chicago but at that time did not paint seriously. She took up photography after leaving the University and had a dark room setup in Hyde Park.

Eleanor and her husband, Samuel, moved to Winfield in 1942. Samuel was a well-respected artist in his own right and built their home to accommodate a working studio. The structure was erected according to the Frank Lloyd Wright design of "Usonian" architecture. Characteristic of the "Usonian" design is that the front of the home is rather inconspicuous to the public, but open and outreaching in the back to include the natural setting. Being set in the wooded west side of Winfield, the home/studio met the criteria which Wright espoused during the 1930's. With her move to Winfield, Eleanor became associated with the Morton Arboretum and fell under the spell of Mae Watts. It was then that Eleanor took a more active interest in painting and delved into the medium wholeheartedly. She studied with artists in the Chicago area, but she received most of her training in her husband's studio. From the 1960's on she maintained an active painting and exhibiting schedule to her death.

In addition to her own painting, Eleanor taught courses in painting and design at the DuPage Art League, Rosary College, Triton College, and the College of DuPage. Both she and her husband Samuel are considered "Modernist" painters,

and both had many of their works, which are too numerous to list here, exhibited over the years. Samuel died in 1976, but Eleanor continued an active schedule.

Eleanor loved to travel, and her experiences figure prominently in her work. An example of her painting is seen here and is titled "Soft Geometry" done in 1997. In 1993, Eleanor was artist-in-resident at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois



Soft Geometry by Eleanor Himmelfarb

and in 1999 the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington D.C. acquired one of Eleanor's paintings for their permanent collection.

If your curiosity has been piqued, you can learn more about Eleanor from her website: www.eleanorhimmelfarb.com. Eleanor died in 2009. Eleanor and Samuel were the parents of two children. They are Susan, who lives in the home, and John.



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Community Supporting Community

By Amy-Jo Wieregna

The pandemic has created many challenges; however, our Winfield Education Foundation has been trying to be a support and help to our community.

Working with compassionate community members, WEF has provided support to local families, school staff, essential workers, businesses, and organizations. We have set up an "essential needs" fund to help struggling families with the basics and facilitated winter gear and clothing drives. Collaboration with other Winfield school districts has helped us address food insecurity, expand our reach, and opened new doors to address critical needs.

Recently WEF enlisted the creativity of District 34 students to create video messages of gratitude for local healthcare workers and first responders. The students also created messages of love and compassion for people living in local nursing homes. These videos will be accessible on the WEF website and social media.

In response to the need for blood at our local blood bank, WEF partnered with Versiti Blood Center to host three blood drives at School District 34. Thanks to community partners spreading the word, the February drive brought in enough donors to save up to 90 lives! If you are interested in helping, make an appointment at the Winfield Versiti center.

As a thank you for their generous support of our school, WEF continues to share weekly news from local businesses and organizations. We

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McCormick House Turns Over a New Leaf

By Ellen M. Manyon

Colonel Robert R. McCormick's snow-kissed home initially served as a summer retreat for his maternal grandfather, Joseph Medill, one of the founding editors of the Chicago Tribune newspaper. Medill, who served as an advisor to Abraham Lincoln, built the 15,000 square foot home in 1896



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Medill's daughter, Katherine McCormick, inherited the home in 1899, and gave the retreat to her son Robert in 1910. The Colonel added two wings onto the central section in 1935 and re-named the estate Cantigny after a WWI battlefield in France. Upon McCormick's death in 1955, his 27,000 square foot mansion, nestled within his expansive equestrian and agricultural estate, became a public park for the education and recreation of all.

Today the Cantigny Foundation, a branch of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, manages Cantigny Park with its gardens, museums and visitor center. In 2016, Cantigny Park began "Project New Leaf," a three-tiered, park-wide structural and landscape improvement project.

Phase I included improvements to the First Division Museum. Phase II includes improvements to grounds and landscaping elements guided by designer Sasaki & Associates. Phase III began in October of 2020 with improvements to McCormick House.

Featherstone, Inc. serves as project manager and Vinci Hamp as architects for the mansion's renovations. Pickens Kane packed and moved most of the mansion's fine and decorative arts objects to a storage facility in Chicago, and Haslett Movers

packed the rest of the museum's artifacts and office furniture for storage in Addison. So, the house is empty, full of construction dust and undergoing a major restoration and renovation.

The East Wing's Freedom Hall, a two-story butternut wood clad library with hidden Art Deco bar will be preserved along with the Colonel's private Gold "movie" Theater. The central Reception Hall, Dining Room and South Porch will also benefit from Project New Leaf's conservation efforts.

The mansion's West Wing, which functioned as period bedroom settings, will evolve into new exhibition galleries, a modern plated kitchen with ADA-accessible restrooms and elevator, and a multi-purpose space available for public rental. Other New Leaf projects at McCormick House include installation of a sprinkler system, improved lighting and climate controls, and a



Cantigny's McCormick House, Wheaton
Aerial photo of Cantigny by Lee Hogan

fresh coat of exterior paint.

According to Cantigny's Executive Director Matt LaFond, the overall goal of the Project New Leaf is to improve visitors' enjoyment of Cantigny Park while continuing to support the McCormick Foundation goals of civic engagement and education. LaFond is "looking forward to presenting the McCormick House to the community in the Spring of 2022."

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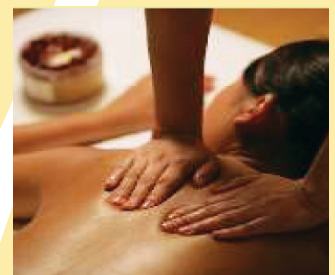
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Debra L. Piscola, Dan Janowick, Don Longacre, Marianne Bruss

Winfield Fire Protection District – Fire Trustee – Vote for (1) –
Robert D. “Robb” Hannen, Bob Kost

Community Unit School District 200 – Member of the Board of Education to Serve a Full 4 Year Term – Vote for (4) –
Mary Yeboah, Anjali Bharadwa, Tom Paulsen, Rob Hanlon, Steven E. Gross, Brad Paulsen, Kevin Nickell, Angela L. Blatner, Michael Evans, Amanda J. Spans

Winfield School District 34 – Member of the Board of Education to Serve a Full 4 Year Term – Vote for (3) –
Lynn C. Kammes, Manuel A. Figueroa, Alisa Wolfe, Norman Bothwell

Community High School District 94 – Member of the Board of Education to Serve a Full 4 Year Term – Vote for (4) –
Gary R. Saake, Douglas J. Orlyk, Rich A. Nagel, Katherine M. Doremus, Dean Klapatch, Jovany Zuniga

Winfield Township – Township Supervisor – Vote for (1) –
Nicole Prater (R), Maury Goodman (D)

Township Trustee – Vote for not more than (4) –
Barbara C. Bernacki Alekna (R), Zachary Halley (R), Michael Konewko (R), Donald R. Voelz (R), Shawn Patrick Hacker (D), Judith M. Lukas (D)

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Rich Nagel

Resident of district for 43 years. Engineer, husband, father, grandfather. IASB Master Board Member designation. Community volunteer with the District 33 Education Foundation, and Gallery 200 Theatre.



Gary Saake

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Resident Safety, Taxes on Spring Ballot

by Luke Allen

**When your home is on fire, who do you call?
When a loved one falls, gets sick, or goes into
labor- who do you call?
Who do you call when your family
is having a crisis?**

Chances are you're going to call the Winfield Fire Protection District. WFPD is not a part of the Village of Winfield but is its own distinct legal entity that serves nearly 30,000 residents in an area three times larger than the Village of Winfield.

Voters have not approved a tax rate increase in over 30 years but calls for service have grown 170%. The fire trucks and ambulances we depend on are breaking down weekly. The gear that protects our first responders is failing. Our firemen and paramedics are leaving their jobs here for towns that are willing to provide them with adequate safety gear and equipment that does not break down.

Would you risk your life for an employer that didn't have your back?

We all moved to this area for the beautiful surroundings, great schools, excellent medical facilities, and wonderful neighbors who care about their community. So why aren't we investing in the people who protect us? Which neighbor's life would you cut short to save the cost of your daily coffee?

This Spring the Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District are asking voters to approve a tax rate increase to add one crew of full-time firefighters/paramedics at their South station and replace their aging fire engines and ambulances. Their proposal would raise taxes on a home worth

\$300,000 by \$23.60 per month by increasing the tax rate from 0.3637 to 0.6469.

Voting yes will ensure that an ambulance can reach your home quickly. Voting yes ensures professional, well-equipped public servants who want to live and work here in our community.

Voting no will not cause the Fire District to end immediately. However, it will force the trustees to begin "giving away" property at the furthest corners of the fire district – likely the Klein Creek and Cantigny areas. Slowly the experienced firemen and paramedics will leave, and the Fire Chief will slash the budget. Maintenance will continue to be postponed, assets will be sold, and they will probably shrink to only one crew of staff.

Eventually, our neighbors will force us out of the mutual aid agreements as we are no longer able to offer reciprocal aide to them. It is likely that you would have to wait for an emergency crew to arrive until the previous call is finished. Oh – and nearly two-thirds of the Winfield Fire District territory is unincorporated and has no fire hydrants – if there is only one crew, how will they haul water to your fire? Slowly the fire district will shrink until the voters approve a merger with West Chicago or Carol Stream – who are both taxed significantly higher than this referendum is seeking. Are you ready to pay higher rates and lose all say over future rate increases?

I take a lot of pride in my home and community. It's our slice of heaven. We need first responders who have ambulances that start, fire trucks that don't break down, and safety gear that protects them.

We need to act now because unlike property, life is fragile. If we squander the health of our community out of thrift what have we gained? Voting yes for the Winfield Fire District referendum is the frugal, responsible, and right thing to do. Voting yes is ensuring that someone arrives when you are having the worst day of your life.

Winfield Fire District Facts-At-A-Glance:

- 83% of the 2,109 emergency calls in 2020 were for medical assistance.
- 401 times in 2020 the WFPD requested calls for Mutual Aid assistance from neighboring agencies (this is more than twice as often as we sent aid to a neighbor)
- 170% Increase in calls to the WFPD in last 30 years with no tax increases.

Source: Du-COMM and WFPD

Nicole Prater for Winfield Township Supervisor! ★ ★

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- was appointed to the position of Supervisor on December 4, 2020 and was previously the Winfield Township Clerk for the past 3½ years.
- served as a Warrenville Park District Board member from April 2015 to December 2020, during which time I also served a term as President.
- am a Precinct Committeeman and Chairwoman for the Winfield Township Republican Party.
- have lived in Warrenville for over 25 years and went Hubble Middle, graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School, graduated from College of DuPage, and from Northern Illinois University.
- am happily married to my Husband Michael and have a beautiful infant son, Blake!
- am a PROUD U.S. Air Force Veteran and served in the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am a Life Member of the Warrenville VFW, and a Member of the Warrenville American Legion.
- look forward to continuing to serving our community to my fullest ability with your vote on April 6th to continue as your Winfield Township Supervisor.

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For Winfield Township Trustee



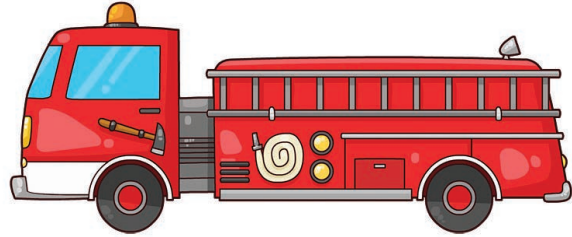
Why I'm Running:

I have been a lifelong resident of Winfield Township, and I have enjoyed helping residents explore everything the Township has to offer. Being a current Trustee, I have witnessed the Township grow and improve to meet the residents' needs. I will remain a strong supporter of meeting all the needs of the Township, big or small.

Experience:

- **1988 - present** – Elected Republican Precinct Committeemen
- **2013 - present** – Elected Winfield Township Trustee
- **1995 - 2013** – West Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners
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have launched "Winfield To-Go", a Facebook group to promote all our local businesses. Find the link on our WEF homepage. We invite all local businesses and organizations to join and post news and specials, so we can share your information with our school community. While on social media, check out the hashtags #winfield34 and #D34tigerson-thehunt to see photos from D34 PTO's Centennial selfie scavenger hunt, where teams took photos at fun locations and businesses around town!

Pending future IL guidelines, WEF and PTO hope to hold the Winfield Tiger Run 5K run/walk (virtual or in person) on May 2. If you or your business is interested in partnering for this year's run, please contact Amanda Kammes at akammes108@gmail.com.

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Survival for the Longest Year – COVID

By *Kathe Doremus*

It has been 12 long months since Covid-19 crept in and turned the world upside down. We are all suffering from not just winter burnout, but Pandemic burnout as we wait for our turn for a vaccine, the return of Spring and to venture out again to a new normal. The impact of this long year for many of us has been high levels of anxiety, depression, panic, frustration, rage and an overwhelming lack of trust in any of the news we are relentlessly pelted with on a daily basis. The knowledge that this is a worldwide pandemic and that the pain is being borne universally does not alleviate the very real suffering and isolation that is felt individually. As the pandemic and its shock effects drag on into another year, the heightened sense of abrasion and frustration are exacerbated. We are all bone-weary and desperately in need of ways to survive until it finally dissipates. There is no magic wand that will make this all disappear or take us away from it – not even the much promoted and highly elusive vaccine. For the sake of maintaining some semblance of hope and sanity, the following are a few resources, survival techniques and hopefully a new thought or two, to help keep body, brain and psyche whole until the day we can all emerge from our hideouts and once again, lift our faces to the sun and gather together.

Meditation – it’s not just for old hippies any more. There are many free apps that can give you daily respite from anxiety and panic and help you

find a bit of calm. They range from simple “white” sound and music to sleep and breathing techniques to help find a quiet spot in the center of your day. Some of these are literally brief seconds/minutes of respite, and others to give you longer periods to totally decompress. “Calm” is highly advertised, but there are many others that work also.

Sensory stimulation – whether it be the music you love, essential oil infusers, in-house waterfalls, Tibetan singing bowls, or a handful of worry stones



– create an environment that brings peace and relaxation. Mini-breaks throughout the day allow you to step back and let yourself drift away, take a deep breath and find your own “happy space”, rejuvenate and just keep going.

Exercise – many fitness centers remain open but there are ways both at home and alone to give yourself a fitness break. Taking a walk can provide both exercise and a bit of meditative time alone or an opportunity to share some calm time with a friend. Here in Winfield, we have many trails and parks that offer perfect places to walk. Many local Park Districts are offering Zoom/on-line programs also and allow you to have a “guided” exercise routine interacting with other participants. There are yoga and exercise groups that meet outdoors even in the ugliest of weather – safe (albeit a bit cold) – but gathered together. A whole potpourri of Yoga

classes can be found on-line to address almost anyone’s need to explore this exercise/relaxation method. YouTube is a great resource to search for free programs.

Escape to a book – if you are a book lover or have always meant to go back to reading, now is a perfect time to revisit this escape route. Winfield Public Library offers virtual checkout and apps that allow you to access their resources delivered electronically to whatever device you choose. If looking for new discoveries and learning opportunities, old favorites you wish to revisit, or just need a “fantasy escape”, books and virtual libraries are a great way to do it and they could not be more accessible. (One of the many positives of the “virtual library” is that you never pay late fines; the flipside, when your book is due, it disappears from your device, finished or not!) Contact the library – there are many options including audio books for those who don’t remember how to read!

Projects/hobbies: Many of us find we are spending more time close to home that we have in a long time – what a great time to get projects done that have been lingering on the “to-do” list. Challenge yourself to accomplish things that have been waiting or put off and set goals to finally get them done – dreaded closets, paint a room, rearrange, re-organize, re-sort, build, decorate, change it up, paint a picture, write a poem, learn to cook, learn a foreign language – let your imagination take you places that will give you a definitive sense of accomplishment and remind you that you can be somebody besides a lump on the couch watching reruns. There are so many apps and “How To” programs available on YouTube – learn a language, or refresh basic skills, trace your ancestry. (In case anyone wants to know, my family line goes back to Henry VIII, so if you see me wearing a tiara now, you will know why!) Churches, Cantigny and different organizations are offering all types of adventures – you can explore times and places you have always wanted to visit! YouTube is not just a platform filled with silliness and music videos – there is a wealth of useful and interesting content available including a wide variety of videos – you can learn to perform a Chinese Tea Ceremony, paint in watercolor, learn to cook (or teach your children to cook), woodworking techniques, etc. – you name it, you can probably find and learn it on YouTube.

Reach out and touch someone – call a friend or a family member or send a note – make it a point to be in touch with a human being outside of your

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Sheriff Keeps COVID at Bay

By Sheriff James Mendrick

2020 was the most chaotic year I've ever seen in my life, and public safety was in the eye of the storm. The year started with the Covid-19 pandemic and escalated from there. Early in the year we saw it coming. A potential outbreak in our correctional facility would be devastating. First thing we thought of was that there were two most probable forms of

transmission, air and/or touch. We immediately had our ventilation system within our facility dialed up beyond its normal capacity and externally vented. That eliminated particulate matter from the air to stymie transmission. Our second conclusion was unwittingly implemented in 2019. We had created inmate job training teams, specializing in sanitation services, that earn certifications to gain employment after they're released. Those teams quickly became contagion control teams. They are constantly working to keep our correctional facility clean and sterile; clean air keeps a clean environment. The third component to address was incubation duration. How long can someone have Covid-19 and actively transmit it to another person? The Health Department said 14 days. We vacated the fourth floor of our facility, and anyone new to our environment is required to serve their first 15 days on this vacated floor. After that, they can be safely moved into our general population. As you can imagine, there are a lot of moving parts to mitigating a 500-person indoor facility with 200 employees who go home every day and return during a pandemic. We also utilize 17 nega-

tive pressure cells that are also externally vented so we can do safe, emergency quarantines at any time. All these elements, implemented simultaneously, allowed us to have zero Covid-19 outbreaks within our general population for the entirety of 2020.

The pandemic also caused a great deal of financial hardships for many of our citizens. In April of 2020, we started our "It Takes A Village" program. We worked with local restaurants and food providers that donated food for impoverished people, partnered with groups like Meals on Wheels and SCARCE of DuPage, and fed approximately 10,000 families in 2020. Thanksgiving was our biggest event when we gave away 1,000 turkeys, stuffing, corn and cranberries. This year we have already helped feed 1,600 families and have an Easter event planned when we will be providing 600 hams to needy families.



Sheriff James Mendrick

When a crisis occurs, we all must work together and do things differently than we used to. If anything good has come from Covid-19, it is all the wonderful people that I have been working with who otherwise I may have never met.

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Winfield Library Features Centennial Programs

Dawn Leardi

The Winfield Library is excited to help the community celebrate its Centennial through a series of virtual programs this spring. All programs require registration at "winfield.evanced.info".

Laurie Russell celebrates our strong women during Women's History Month with her Zoom-based program "The Women of Cantigny" on Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. A lack of male heirs pro-

duced the women in the Medill, McCormick and Patterson families to do amazing things. From serving in Congress, breaking flight records, winning the Pulitzer Prize and owning their own newspapers, each woman has a fascinating story. Registration is required to receive the Zoom invitation.

The Library pays homage to the Roaring Twenties with a YouTube program on Mae West. Martina Mathisen portrays this legendary actress who shattered box office records and public sensibilities. She rocketed from Broadway during the Roaring Twenties to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood. Her one-liners scandalized the censors yet made her an icon. She rescued studios from bankruptcy and created stars. Registration is required to receive the video link, which will be available beginning on Tuesday, April 27, and stay active for one month.

We return to our roots in May with a presentation on "The History of St. James Farm" on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. Join Kevin Davis, St. James Farm Forest Preserve Lead Researcher and Volunteer Interpreter, for an insightful and lively overview of the history of the farm. The Zoom-based presentation will include an overview of the buildings, farm life, and a brief insight into the lives of the McCormick family. Several historical photos and materials from Davis' collection will be highlighted. Registration is required to receive the Zoom invitation.

All programs are featured in the Library newsletter and on our Facebook page. Please contact us at wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us for more information.

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Plenty to check out!



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New Gazebo at Winfield Community United Methodist Church

By David Adams

Winfield Community United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the completion of an exterior gazebo on the church's campus. The gazebo is built near the church's wooded area which places it in a beautiful setting. The gazebo will be used for outside worship opportunities in the spring and summer time along with outdoor weddings and community activities like concerts and theatrical events. The youth of the church will also be able to use the gazebo for their activities and gatherings. The gazebo construction was completed by church members and friends led by Chad Olson of Carol Stream. The group included Jeff Olson of Winfield, Shawn Olson of Warrenville, Marvin Landeros of Oswego, Luke Landeros of Wheaton, Josh Olson of Carol Stream and Steve Hay of DeKalb. In the spring, the church will dedicate the gazebo in honor of the memory of past church members including Bill Miller, Arliss Chase, Dan Olson, Jim Wig-



gins, and Bob Chezem. Winfield Community United Methodist Church is located at 0S347 Jefferson (Jefferson and Sunnyside) in Winfield with Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Details about services can be found on the website winfieldumc.org.

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four walls. Keep it light, find things to laugh about, vent, and share your adventures in survival – but use this as a chance to hear a real voice rather than a text or e-mail – find a way to really be connected. Someone else may need it even more than you do, and you will make their day.

Take a trip to a virtual museum or zoo. Shedd Aquarium started it all back last March by letting some of their penguins wander the empty aquarium and filming it. Now they have a number of videos available on their YouTube channel. The penguins are also taking trips to the Field Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Brookfield Zoo regularly posts videos on their YouTube channel with staff interacting with animals, including in Spanish. The Field Museum has a “Dinosaur” prowling around the empty museum – all can be visited from the comfort of your own home. Also, slowly but surely, many of these often forgotten but tremendous places in our City are reopening for real-life visits. Take a mini-vacation and enjoy seeing what our wonderful area has to offer. With limited capacity, you may have to wait a bit longer but enjoy the lack of lines/crowds!

Local Resources – all of us in Winfield are very aware that CDH resides in the heart of our town, but did you know that they provide more than just in-person medical treatment? They offer a tremendous number of support services and survival techniques on-line – from cooking programs, exercise, journaling, quitting smoking – there are all sorts of support programs out there and can be found on their website. NAMI DuPage offers resources and outreach to people who are finding it harder and harder to cope emotionally. The resources available can be



found on their website at <http://namidupage.org/resources/community-resources/> or if you need someone to talk to NOW, call 630-752-0066. If you are in crisis and need a lifeline, they have a text contact available 24/7 at Text HOME to: 741741. You can also find help at the DuPage County Department of Health and their website: <https://www.dupagehealth.org/27/Health-Services> provides a wide variety of services and information.

Look out the window and see that Spring is almost here, and with it, hopefully a return to normalcy. Stay safe, stay healthy and use this crazy time to find joy. We ARE all in this together and upon arriving at the other side, be able to say we made it through a pandemic and are better for the experience.

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Centennial Collage

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into a collage and began drawing a replica of each photo. My artwork is a collection of these uniquely Winfield locations. I also decided that this would be a great way to give something back to our community. My husband volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House before COVID-19 arrived, and he would relate stories about the patients undergoing cancer treatment. I decided that if I sell prints of the Col-



Winfield families enjoyed the abundance of snow this Winter!

lage, I will donate the profits to the House. I reached out to their director and she was enthusiastic about the idea. All profits from the sale of the prints will be donated to Ronald McDonald House near Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

People interested in supporting the Ronald McDonald House by purchasing the Collage can contact christinebartelli@gmail.com. The donation for an 8x10 print is \$20 and a 5x7 print is \$15.



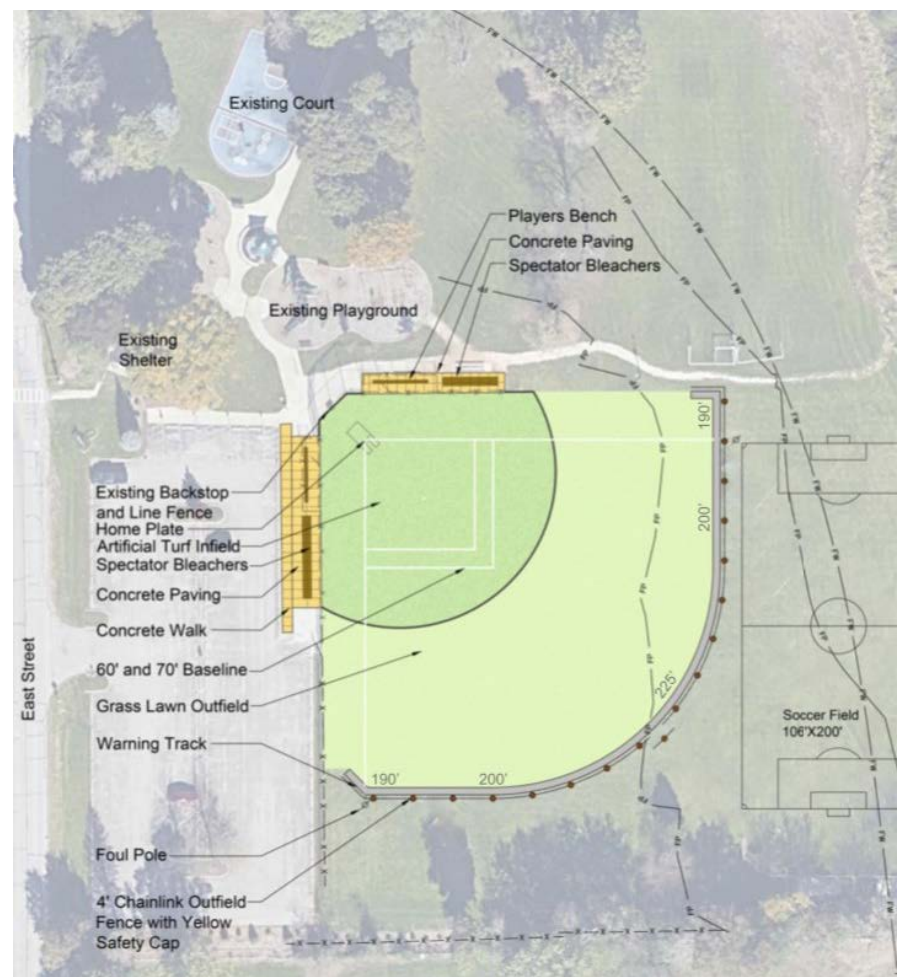
The Centennial Collage

Enhancements at East Street Park

By Dan Janowick

The Winfield Park District is giving the athletic fields at East Street Park a complete facelift this winter as part of their 5-year capital development plan. The rejuvenated fields will be ready for spring play and include a dedicated softball field and a new soccer field. The softball field will primarily be used by Winfield in Action and the Winfield Wolverines girls' softball teams. The adjustable base distances and portable mound will be able to accommodate multiple age levels from t-ball through varsity level play. The softball field will feature an artificial turf infield, permanent outfield fences, and concrete pad dugout/bleacher areas. "We are excited to provide the community with a premium softball space," Park District Executive Director, Mark Pawlowski shared.

Deb Moran of Winfield in Action had this to say, "The amazing improvements at East Street's softball field will offer our Winfield In Action girls a new home field to be



proud of. What a statement this premium, dedicated softball field will make in our community! Winfield in Action softball players will have a beautiful complex they can be proud of and truly have a HOME field advantage. It will be awesome to not have to worry so much about rescheduling games and focus on the enjoyment of the sport. This is the first official home run fence set up for softball in Winfield and I am very excited about the day when a Winfield girl smacks the ball over the home run fence at the new East Street field for the very first time!"

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