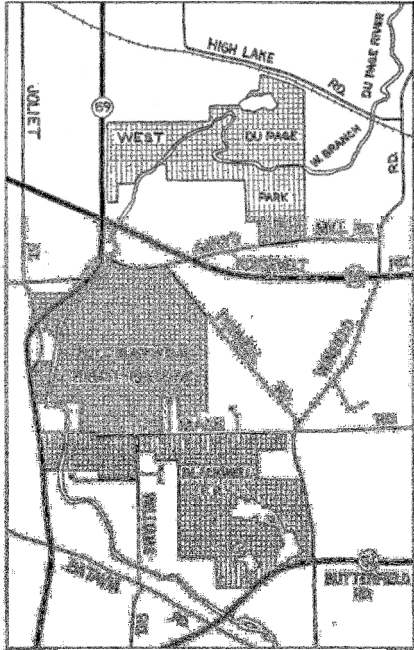


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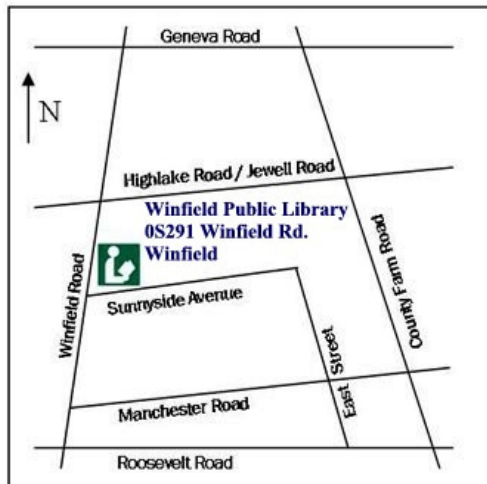
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NOTE: April 22 meeting is at Winfield Public Library

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**Spring General Meeting Agenda
 Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

Where :	<u>Winfield Public Library</u> – lower level. 0 S 291 Winfield Rd. Parking lot to the North of the building. See location details inside.
6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to Road Commissioner, Forest Preserve Commissioner and Sheriff's Liaison • Pay annual dues.
7:15 p.m.	Brief business meeting including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Board Members.
7:35 p.m.	Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New law on cell phone use in cars • Update on the Forest Preserve • Protecting your property value - Winfield's Comprehensive Plan
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn. Cleanup and Volunteers welcome.



WEST-WIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

... dedicated to a rural lifestyle

JOIN WEST-WIN AND OUR EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

Nowadays progress moves very swiftly. Many times this progress interferes with our lifestyles and forces us to face conditions that are contrary to our "country living." There may be other unfavorable situations or issues that concern you. By joining the West-Win Homeowners' Association, you will be one of many organized to protect our rural atmosphere and any other interests of concern to our unincorporated area. Join us - give your opinions and ideas for a better environment. If you are new to our neighborhood or are an eligible household recently added to our mailing list, welcome!

Occasionally a situation occurs about which we need to quickly notify our members. The news cannot wait until the next Newsletter edition. For such situations, email is an effective notification method, so we urge you to be sure that we have your correct email address. What we currently have is on the cover sheet where your mailing address is printed. If one or more email addresses need to be changed, you can write the correction on the cover sheet and hand it to us at the next meeting. You also can email the correction to West-Win@comcast.net. Please include the email address to be changed, the new email address and your member number, found on the top line of the cover sheet.

Your current Board of Directors to contact with ideas is:

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NOTE: MEETING LOCATION IS WINFIELD LIBRARY

The April 22, 2014 General Meeting will be held at the Winfield Public Library, 0S291 Winfield Rd, Winfield, IL 60190, in the recently enlarged and remodeled community room. Access is via the doorway adjacent to the parking lot, just as it was before the renovation. (It's still located on the lower level just off the north parking lot, so there are no stairs.)

West-Win is very grateful to Cantigny Park for offering us the use of their facility for our General Meetings last year, while the library was undergoing renovation.

ANNOUNCING CANDIDATES FOR THE WEST- WIN BOARD

Officers		Directors
President	Herb Wigder	Judy Cummings
Vice President	Vicki Weyer	Kathy Earley
Treasurer	Eileen Kelly	

The candidate for President will serve on the Board only for 1 year to keep term ending dates balanced.

The other candidates will serve on the Board for 2-year terms.

NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Unrelenting snow and frigid temperatures have made this a winter to remember. The Township crews have done an outstanding job working many hours plowing and salting to keep roads open. Now, with spring on its way, we turn to assessment of winter damage and road maintenance. As you begin your spring yard work, please remember to keep grass clippings off the road pavement to avoid slippery conditions. Also pesticides and fertilizers as well as grass clippings can wash into the storm water runoff, thus posing a problem to the environment. Questions? Concerns? Call the Road District office at 630-231-8850. And call the office to get your name on the list for chip delivery. We look forward to hearing from you.

John S. Dusza, Winfield Township Highway Commissioner

To remove grass clippings from the road, run the mower over the clippings with the discharge aimed to deliver the clippings onto the lawn, **not the ditch**, as a final clean up. Another method is to collect the debris in the mower's grass-catching bag. Then compost it or dispose of it in yard waste collection. Thank you to the homeowner who shared these tips. *Ed.*

TRIPLE-HEADER OF SPEAKERS!

Tues. evening, April 22, 2014

Invite a neighbor and take in a "triple-header" at the spring West-Win General Meeting! You have not one, but three, "short" topics this time, each speaker taking approximately 20 minutes.

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Topic 1: NEW LAW ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

Speaker: Dave Kotovsky, Your Sheriff's Neighborhood Liaison

There's been lots of "buzz" regarding the new law on cell phone use while driving. Below are some of the questions being tossed around. You may have some more to add. Come on out of Tuesday evening, April 22, and in 20 minutes get your questions answered.

Questions on new law regarding cell phone use while driving:

- a. Is the new law in effect now?
- b. I have a hands-free cell phone and can even give it voice commands to dial a certain person; but I have to push a button to get it started. Will that get me in trouble with the law?
- c. If a person forgets and uses a hand-held cell phone while driving, can they be pulled over for that one reason only? If so, what is likely to happen next?
- d. What are the fines?
- e. Is there a problem if a passenger uses a hand-held cell phone? What if a passenger holds the cell phone to the driver's ear?

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Topic 2: WHAT'S NEW AT THE FOREST PRESERVE?

Speaker: Shannon Burns, Your District 6 Forest Preserve Commissioner

What is the possible future of the newly acquired St. James Farm? Will it have walking paths and horseback riding trails? Will cross country ski trails be created? Will it become the Ravinia for the western suburbs and feature the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and other concerts?

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Topic 3: COMMERCIALIZATION OF ROOSEVELT ROAD NEAR WINFIELD ROAD

Don't miss this one. Things are moving fast. Proposed changes can devalue your property and affect your rural lifestyle well beyond this intersection. (Think 1.5 miles past Village of Winfield borders.) Our speaker will fill you in on the latest development on this subject and let you know what you can do to prevent this commercialization in our beautiful area.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU TO TWO FAITHFUL BOARD MEMBERS

We are sorry to see **Dennis Clark** and **Stuart Feinberg** leave West-Win's Board of Directors.

During his approximately 6 years on the Board, Stuart has been a great asset during many of our brainstorming sessions, often supplying us with unique suggestions for newsletter articles and meeting topics and speakers. He and his family have moved from the West-Win unincorporated area but they are still in the western suburbs and we hope to continue our friendship with them.

Dennis Clark has been on the West-Win Board for about 15 years and served as a Director and most recently as President of the Board. As a true steward of the land, Dennis has been a tremendous advocate for our semi-rural surroundings. He has made major contributions to our unincorporated community over the years as well as to the larger community where he has been actively involved in programs at the Morton Arboretum and the Prairie Path organization. We feel fortunate to have had such an individual on the West-Win Board and hope to continue our relationship with Dennis and his family as well.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Being united as a homeowners' association, we have been very effective in protecting the environment in which we reside. Your paid-up membership helps us ensure that you receive information to help protect one of your most valuable assets, the large lot sizes and natural land around you.

The newsletter cover sheet indicates if you have already paid for 2014. If you have, we thank you. You have helped us to continue our efforts to protect our semi-rural atmosphere. 2014 dues are \$20. If you have not yet paid, please mail your dues to:

West-Win Homeowners' Association,
PO Box 367, Winfield, IL 60190-0367.

Your member number is on the top line of the cover sheet. Please put it on your check and fill out and enclose the cover sheet.

Some of our members contribute more than the stated dues, and others pay for years in advance. We appreciate not only those who pay the regular dues but also those who are generous enough to pay more than the required amount. Thank you for supporting West-Win at whatever level you choose!

If you have questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to West-Win@comcast.net.



TRASH HAULER COMPARISON COMING SOON . . .

One of our West-Win Board members is gathering cost and service information on waste removal companies in our area.

If you would like to submit your information, including hauler, fees and what they include, and day of pick-up, please do so by emailing: tandem2vicki@earthlink.net.

WEST-WIN, NEEDS YOU

Volunteer Opportunities Available

West-Win is thankful our "Volunteer Help Wanted" list in the autumn newsletter yielded a great volunteer! And already that person has benefited personally from networking with our Board. Don't pass up other opportunities still available, as shown below. And don't forget that most of these volunteer positions work well with the buddy system: do it together, so if one can't the other can. Find a buddy and both of you sign up! Or ask us to find a buddy for you.

Positions are listed below to help you select the one(s) that you would like to do. Please send email with contact information, name of buddy if possible, and the position(s) you're interested in, to **West-Win@comcast.net**. Thanks!

Assembler of newsletters, twice per year

Time frame: probably first weekends in April and October. Join others as the newsletter and a cover letter are inserted into envelopes and help prepared for mailing.

Greeter for General Meetings, twice per year

Time frame: probably 4th Tuesday evening of April and October. Your friendly face near the door will help attendees feel welcome, and you can direct them to the various tables for sign-up, dues paying, and handouts.

Webmaster and IT Coordinator

Time frame: various times throughout the year. Time commitment and need will fluctuate. This person will be in charge of the West-Win website, entering information composed by members of the Board and other writers. Additional responsibility is to maintain the database, send email alerts to members and provide mailing labels for the newsletters.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Especially if your Newsletter was Addressed to "Current Resident"

You've selected a beautiful, unincorporated, rural setting in which to live. To stay connected and current on issues within our area, please email your contact information to us at **West-Win@comcast.net**.

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FOR LONG-TIME NEIGHBORS . . .

Let us know when a house near you gets a new owner so we can welcome them to the neighborhood and send or hand deliver to them an issue of our Newsletter. Please email their house address to **West-Win@comcast.net**.