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26 AUGUST 2016

Dear Neighbors,



Please join us in saluting our brothers and sisters in the police and fire services and our brothers and sisters in arms. A ceremony honoring the lives lost on September 11, 2001 in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and in Shanksville, PA as well as the subsequent military action resulting from these attacks will be held at Wauconda's Heroes of Freedom Memorial at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 11th, 2016. The time

correlates to the approximate time the final airplane crashed in a field near Shanksville that fateful day. There will be special guests and speakers helping us recall not only the disbelief and horror we felt that day but also the heroism and bravery of those called to action as first responders and through military service to protect our freedoms.

Just one short year ago, the Heroes of Freedom Memorial was dedicated on a wooded setting between Memorial Park and the Wauconda Police Department on South Main Street. Please [click here](#) to watch a video of the dedication. The Memorial includes a column from the World Trade Center along with the names of those that lost their lives that fateful day. We hope to have the storyboards depicting the elements of the memorial, events of the day, and the history of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan approved and installed by the ceremony.

No taxpayer funds were used to build The Heroes of Freedom Memorial. Wauconda area residents and businesses graciously supported the Heroes of Freedom Memorial through donations and memorial brick purchases. To buy a brick [click here](#). As a

result of this generosity, the community now has the honor of displaying this Memorial and a part of world history in our community. We encourage our residents to visit the site and pay tribute to the thousands of lives lost, the millions affected, and those who continue the fight to protect our freedom and safety both here and overseas.



### Ask the Mayor

#### Question:

I have asked the Village (Public Works) if our community could get approval to paint the fire hydrants in our subdivision. We would need the correct color and type of paint needed to do the job and we are willing to do the work. I was told the Village does that job because of problems that might arise with allowing volunteers to complete the task. With a definite guideline from the Village, I would think this would save time and money for the Village. It's only a fire hydrant – right?

#### Answer:

The supplier of the fire hydrants used by the Village recommends sandblasting the hydrants down to bare metal prior to applying a primer and final coat which is the process used by the Public Works Department. Public Works is concerned that failing to follow this procedure may result in potential operational issues and sandblasting may be a little too much to ask of volunteers. Public Works takes the maintenance of hydrants seriously and wants to make sure they are operational when needed. This summer, Village staff followed this procedure on 150 hydrants which was completed approximately two weeks ago. We do appreciate your willingness to assist and will keep your offer in mind as opportunities arise on other projects.

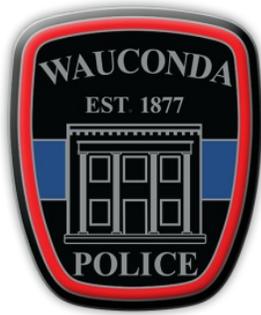


**School is in Session.** As of last Wednesday, August 17th, Wauconda Public Schools are back in session. As you are driving through town, please watch for children at all times but especially around schools and near bus stops.



**Illinois Safe Haven Law.** Recent news reports of an abandoned newborn child found alongside a road near Wheaton are very concerning but is an opportunity to remind the public of the Illinois Safe Haven Law where an infant up to 30 days old can be dropped off at any hospital, police station, or fire station no questions

asked. For more information, type "Illinois Safe Haven" into any web browser or call the Police Department at 847-526-2421.



**Police Commission.** Corey Daun has resigned from the Police Commission due to work obligations preventing him from being able to attend many of the Commission meetings. As such, if you know of someone interested in serving for the remainder of his term or are interested yourself, please forward to me at Village Hall a letter of interest and a resume. Mr. Daun's term was scheduled to expire on April 30, 2017. The Police Commission works to establish hiring and promotion lists for the Police Department.

**Cardboard Boat Races.** Just a reminder that the 14th annual Labor Day Cardboard Boat Races will be held on Saturday, September 3rd at Lindy's Landing and Marina.

### **50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program**

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has affected numerous Ash trees in the Village and will likely continue to have a detrimental impact on the remaining Ash trees within the next few years. To keep parkways in the Village attractive and to protect property values, the Village has removed infested trees as the first priority which will be followed by the replacement of parkway trees to the extent possible.

With limited funds available to commit to this replacement process, the Village is offering a 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program to residents on a voluntary basis to increase the impact of the funds available and to expedite the replacement. If the homeowner adjacent to the location where a parkway tree was removed would like to participate in this program, the Village will split the cost to acquire, plant, and mulch the tree with the resident.



Autumn Blaze Maple

To participate, simply complete the form enclosed, select the type of tree desired, and return the form along with a check in the amount specified to the address included on the form by **September 23, 2016**. At this time, only one parkway tree per household will be granted for the fall planting, which will be completed in October.

This program is on a strictly voluntary basis. If the property owner does not wish to participate in this program, do nothing. The Village will continue to schedule the replacement of parkway trees as funds allow. Questions about this program should be directed to the Public Works Department, (847) 526-9610.



Common Hackberry

The form is available on the Village of Wauconda website <http://wauconda-il.gov/185/Public-Works>.

## Mayor's Community Service Awards



(Picture of 2014 MCSA Winners)

The Mayor's Community Service Awards will be presented at the Annual Street Dance on September 3rd, at 7:00pm.

## 17th Annual Street Dance

Wauconda's 17th Annual

# Street Dance

and Food Drive



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**Saturday, September 3rd**

**4pm-11pm**

**Main Street, Wauconda**

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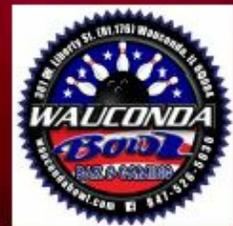
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Meals for All

# \$1 Meals For All \$1

Come support our Police Officers at the Wauconda American Legion, hosted by WHS FBLA!

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



*All Officers Eat for FREE!*



*The meal is sponsored by Middleton's and Bulldogs Grill*

*Next "Meals For All": October 12<sup>th</sup>*



The next meeting is Monday, September 6th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.

Take care and God Bless,

Frank

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