



Dear Winfield United Members,

Happy New Year !!! We are changing our annual dues letter from September to now so that we can combine our wishes for a wonderful holiday season and continued success for all of you in the coming year. Winfield United for a Better Community members continue to stay involved in the village, serving on numerous committees, helping with projects, and volunteering their time and efforts wherever needed. Our village leaders remain committed to accomplishing aggressive goals to improve our streets, walkways, and businesses while creating so many opportunities for more people to get involved in our community.

We want to continue doing our best to support the efforts of our village government, village staff, and the service organizations that contribute so much toward making our village such a success story. Our organization is fortunate to have dedicated members who graciously and thanklessly donate their time because they care so much about Winfield. We want to do our best to foster the spirit of partnership that allows people with varying talents and skills to stay involved in ways that benefit the community and its residents and businesses.

Our team concept has worked very efficiently over these past 7 years by having the ability to focus our efforts into specific areas of interest or projects. The Community Projects, Civic Involvement and Communications Teams have each had their share of accomplishments this past year that are briefly highlighted below. We are grateful to all of the team leaders and members who serve on these teams and encourage everyone to be actively involved to allow us to do even more for our village.

The Community Projects Team coordinated a variety of projects including leading several village beautification projects and organizing activities for children at the Criterium Races and Good Old Days. The WU Good Old Games once again thrilled youngsters and oldsters alike during the Good Old Days 35th anniversary. The Outdoor Community Classroom at Winfield School continues to “grow” and highlights the efforts of so many people who should be proud of what has been done. Our members also have embraced the Winfield Riverwalk Project as another terrific example of wonderful dreams that can become reality when people share a vision and work collectively toward a goal.

The Civic Involvement Team, while having a short break from the election activities, remains committed to the belief that we all benefit with a strong village board that continues to value the ideals that we embrace as an organization, principally open and honest government that serves the residents of Winfield first and foremost. A special thanks to this team that has worked so hard in the challenging political arena and continues to present a consistent message to our residents that reflects the foundation of Winfield United. People who serve in the public arena often spend countless hours in a thankless job, but without their courage and dedication, we are left without true representation for our residents. We need to show our support and respect for

those who generously give their time and efforts to lead our village government in making the best decisions for Winfield.

The Communications Team also had a very successful year as well, creating a new website www.positiveonwinfield.com designed to bring information directly to our residents. They're working diligently to update this website on a regular basis and working together with the volunteers who take notes during the Village Board Meetings to provide updates to our members. We encourage members to get involved and write stories or articles which may be of interest or be of help to our neighbors. Our theme is to remain positive about Winfield and showcase our community. With everyone's support, we can make the website a fun place to visit and share worthwhile ideas and opinions. Thank you to all who have helped this project move forward.

The tremendous success of Winfield United for a Better Community can only be attributed to the strong support of our members as active participants in our community. On behalf of our Board of Directors and our Team Leaders, we express our sincere gratitude to each of you for volunteering your valuable time and resources well beyond all expectations. Together, we have continued to help make Winfield a better place for all of us.

Our success as an organization is directly dependent on the future commitment of our membership. As we try to participate in a greater number of volunteer projects, help to improve communications throughout the village, and support open and honest government, we must also realize that our efforts will be limited by the number of members willing to volunteer for these tasks. Personally, I am asking each of our members to further challenge themselves in the next year by finding at least one additional member who would be willing to join in our efforts. Imagine the community benefits that our organization would be able to provide if we doubled our volunteer members.

Many of our activities and projects still require financial assistance which is why we continue to ask for your financial support. Our annual membership dues remain at \$30.00 per household. In addition, many of our members have asked for the ability to make further contributions to help finance the organization's needs. I am pleased to announce a new level of membership available to any interested members that will further enhance our abilities to conduct community business.

Platinum Membership : \$500.00 and up
Gold Membership : \$250.00 to 499.99
Silver Membership : \$150.00 to 249.99
Bronze Membership : \$50.00 to 149.99

I want to thank all of you for your support and for making..... Winfield United for a Better Community.

Visit our websites www.winfieldunited.com or www.positiveonwinfield.com for additional information.

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President