

Wayne Window

Spring Edition 2010

Wayne's Financial Future

By Village President Eileen Phipps

To all that voted in the February 2nd election, Thank You! It's a privilege that many in the world do not have, and one that many of those who do, fail to take advantage of.

We, as your elected representatives, will be studying the results and alternatives over the next several months. Many of our friends and neighbors have told us that the poor economy was a major factor for not supporting the referendum; others have indicated that the timing of the referendum was bad with the voter's current disenchantment with government in general that exists across the country; and still others have indicated that they needed additional information to make an informed decision. Whatever the reason, we would like to reach out to all of you that did not support the referendum for your thoughts – either by email to the Village's website, letters (with or without names) addressed to the Board, to individual Trustees, or to me. We also are all available for telephone calls. Your input is important as we move forward with the decisions we need to make.

Your Village Board had exhaustive discussions before making the recommendation of placing the referendum on the ballot in February; a decision that was made after a careful review of past and projected revenues and expenditures with an eye on what we believe the future of our Village should be. The Board came to the realization that, like almost every other municipality, the money coming into the Village was not sufficient to sustain the level of services we believe our residents want and deserve. Wayne, however, unlike most of those other municipalities, has fought hard to preserve our rural "open space" environment – which has helped maintain the quality of life that our residents enjoy, but has limited our options for additional revenues sources.

We have always been active in seeking grants to supplement our revenues in order to finance various projects over the past decade and most recently were approved for a major grant (thanks to the efforts of State Representative Randy Ramey) that will enable the Village to resurface and improve Smith Road. It is, however, a project that cannot be started until we actually receive the funding. We believe that future grants will be harder to come by, and with the deficits being experienced in Springfield, the State is actually discussing ways to increase its revenue at the expense of local cities and villages.

The two major recipients of your Village tax dollars are our Police Department and our road maintenance program – both areas we have deemed necessary for the safety of our residents and those traveling through our town.

We feel that we have always been frugal and have been good custodians of your tax dollars. If we could have balanced the budget without cutting back on what we deem to be necessary services, the referendum would not have been on the ballot.

Your Board has always looked upon its responsibility to our community, and to the families that have chosen to make Wayne their home, as a privilege with the commitment to work to maintain the special place that is Wayne.

We are now faced with challenges that must be addressed regarding dwindling resources and the desire to maintain necessary services. The need for increased revenue is not going away. We are considering waiting until next year to place a referendum on the ballot, which would postpone any tax increase on your tax bills until 2012, by which time we should see improvement in the economy. Also, with your input, we should be able to provide the information needed by our citizens to warrant their support.

One of our citizens noted, "This is not Springfield, this is not Washington D.C., this is Wayne – we can work together to make it happen." With your help – We will.

Wayne Historic Preservation Society

By Karen Armbrust

We have a portrait of our Depot!

Not only has our newest addition to the downtown been memorialized by miniaturist Toni Levine, now, thanks to architect John Bierman, we have a to-scale rendering that shows what our finished product will ultimately look like.

John's drawings will be on display at the Depot Dance on February 20. By the time this Wayne Window is printed, the second Depot fundraiser will be a happy memory. For right now, all we can say is that we are planning a great party at Dunham Woods with a World War II theme and plenty of 40's dance music provided by the Flat Cats, graciously underwritten by Jerry Marchese.

The Depot work is progressing nicely. The well and septic system is installed, generously funded by the Driehaus Foundation. Plans for spring work include siding repair and replacement along with the restoration of doors and windows. Donations for Depot work are joyfully accepted as neither the Illinois Department of Transportation nor the Union Pacific Railroad have decided to accept our grant applications.

In other WHPS news:

Our 2010 Christmas ornament (the Wayne Country Store) will be available this summer. Orders are being taken by Karen at 377-1876. If there is enough interest, another order can be made for past ornaments (2008 was the Little Home Church, 2009 was the Wayne Horse Show).

Donations are always appreciated and fully deductible, the WHPS is a 501(c)3, not for profit organization.

From the Wayne Historical Preservation Society collection Did you know?



In keeping with our World War II theme of the Depot Dance...

DID YOU KNOW...that we have an extensive and detailed account of the war years as experienced in Wayne through the writings of Francis Peterson?

Francis belonged to the Peterson family that built several homes in our Village and was the self-appointed historian of his time for Wayne. Who did he write for and to what end? I wonder to what extent he imagined that a future generation would read his typewritten pages and that they would become a central component of an historical collection. Whatever the case, his journals give us a peek into the daily, sometimes hum-drum, life in a small town that was strongly impacted by the War.

His first narrative regarding this era is dated January 21, 1941, and conveys the stunning realization that the United States is at war because of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Francis portrays the effect on the home front enumerating the changes that were immediately evident: the "boys" in military service would not be coming home any time soon, the rationing of food, rubber and machinery, and the item that most affected the Peterson family: homebuilding came to an immediate standstill as supplies were diverted to the war effort.

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**The Wayne Concert Series
Proudly presents
Inna Faliks, piano**

**In concert at the Little Home Church
May 2, 2010
4pm**

**Please call : Nancy Alex at 513-0303 or
Carol Berger at 584-7088
Tickets \$30.00; \$20 students
Dinner at DWRC immediately following \$30.00**

Community News

Wayne Area Conservancy Foundation and Equestrian News

Legacy Trees

Each year the Wayne Area Conservancy Foundation plants trees. This year we are offering our community the opportunity to purchase a legacy tree in memory of a loved one. The trees will be planted in a Wayne park, the DuPage County Forest Preserve or Historic Oaklawn Farm grounds. The tree species selected this year are Bur Oak, Red Oak, Red Sunset Maple and Legacy Sugar Maple. An inscribed metal tag will designate your loved one's legacy tree. If you would be interested in purchasing a legacy tree for \$350, please contact Pam Ruminski 630-513-6990.

Countryside Care

The second Saturday of each month volunteers are needed for maintenance of Equestrian Trails, Wayne parks, Historic Oak Lawn Farm, Pratt's Wayne Woods and Dunham Forest Preserve. Activities can range from building a bridge, to tree or prairie planting, to trail clearing. There are a variety of chores to do which can accommodate the abilities of the skilled or the skill-less! Free fresh air and exercise! If you enjoy the parks, preserves and/or trails - can you put aside at least two Saturday mornings to help? If you can - please call Fred Iozzo, 630-584-6515, to find out what is on the agenda - we usually meet at the south side of the riding ring at Dunham Woods at 8AM.

Happy Trails

We're all anxious to get back on our horses after a long winter...but please refrain from riding on wet trails. Ripped lawns, treacherous rutted footing, and unhappy property owners will NOT help ensure our continued trail use. Remember trail use is by the grace of the property owners and the Village of Wayne.

Applications and "Risk and Release" forms have been mailed by the Wayne Area Conservancy Foundation. Any rider who intends to use any of the Village of Wayne trail system must have a tag attached to his tack. The cost is \$100 per family. A year's worth of fun and miles of trails to choose from included!

The WACF provides communication to area equestrians, funds for tractor and equipment, equipment maintenance, gas, trail improvements such as bridges and gravel for improved footing, funding special projects for the DuPage County Forest Preserve and Wayne parks. MOST labor is volunteered, however, some outside labor is contracted. Many hours of effort go into keeping trails clear for your usage. Countryside Care continues throughout the year on the second Saturday of each month.

If you need a trail tag and have not received a mailing, please contact Marie Iozzo, 630-584-6515.

Mark Your Calendars:

3/13	WACF Countryside Care
4/10	WACF Countryside Care
5/8	WACF Countryside Care
6/12	WACF Countryside Care
7/8-11	Maui Jim Horse Trials
7/10	WACF Countryside Care
8/13-15	Wayne DuPage Horse Trials
8/14	WACF Countryside Care
8/15	Community Trail Ride - Wayne Area Conservancy Foundation
9/11-12	76 th Annual Dunham Woods Farm Horse Show
9/11	WACF Countryside Care
10/3	Wayne-DuPage Hunt Opening Meet "Blessing of the Hounds"
10/9	WACF Countryside Care
11/13	WACF Countryside Care

2010 Census



Soon all households in Wayne will receive a Census Questionnaire to complete. Taken every 10 years, as required by the U.S. Constitution, the census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States; in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

Completing the 2010 Census Questionnaire is simple and safe.

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the name, genders, ages and races of others living in the household. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail. If the form is not returned by mail, a census taker will visit your home to obtain the information. **Each household MUST be counted.**
- Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.
- **By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.**
- For more information about the 2010 Census, go to www.2010census.gov.

Let's have the Village of Wayne have a 100% participation by completing and mailing the Census Questionnaire.



Wayne Countryside Garden Club

WCGC 2010 Programs

All Programs on a Thursday unless otherwise noted

- February 18** Annual Potluck Luncheon
At the home of Barbara Lepke
Ashley Lane, Wayne
11:30 a.m.
Bring a dish (and the recipe) to share
- March 18** Orchids by Hausermann Visit & Tour
2N134 Addison Rd
Villa Park, IL
10:00 a.m.
- April 15** "Plant Your Own"- Container Planting
Shady Hill Gardens- Joe Heidgen
42W075 Rt. 38
Elburn, IL
9:30 a.m.
- May 15** Spring Civic Cleanup
Saturday 9:00 a.m. at the Old Town Hall
- May 20** 44th Annual Spring Luncheon
"The Gift of Flowers"
Nancy Hollmeier & Margaret
Walkington
Dunham Woods Riding Club
11:30 a.m.
- June 13** Wayne Flag Day Parade
Sunday Meet at the Old Town Hall at 3:30
- June 17** The Growing Place Visit & Tour
Montgomery Road
Aurora, IL
10:00 a.m.
- July 22** John Richter's Hosta & DayLily
(note, 4th Thurs) Gardens
29W430 Forest View Drive North
Warrenville, IL
10:30 am.
- August 19** Members Only Twilight Garden Walk
Wayne, IL
Refreshments will be served
6:30 p.m.
- September 16** Blumen Gardens Tour & Fall Planting
Program
403 Edward St.
Sycamore, IL
10:00 a.m.
- October 2** Fall Civic Cleanup
9:00 am at the Old Town Hall
- October 22** Pumpkin Patch
At Wayne Elementary School
8:00 a.m.
Chairman: Bobbi Higham, Barb Lepke
- October 23** Tag Day
- November 18** Election of Officers
Swag Day Preparation
Cookie Exchange
At the home of Val Star
Woodmere Lane, Wayne
9:30 a.m.
- December 2** Traditional "Holly Hanging"
Festivities
Swag Making Day & Potluck Luncheon
Little Home Church @ 9:00 am
- Dec 3 & 4** Holiday Plant Sale Pickup Day
Little Home Church
Dec 4- 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
Dec 5- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Chairman: Bobbi Higham, Barb Lepke

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630-584-3031 non-emergency
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Emergencies: 9-1-1

Lobby Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm

**Emergency calls from *outside*
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