



Dear Winfield United Members,

It is hard to believe that three years have passed since our organization was initially formed. The positive changes that have taken place inside our village as a result of your efforts are an inspiration to volunteers everywhere. Participating in efforts to improve the quality of life in our community remains the cornerstone of our organization. Our organization is truly blessed to have so many volunteers that graciously and thanklessly sacrifice thousands of hours because they care so much about Winfield.

During this past year significant contributions were made by all of our operating teams: Community Projects, Civic Involvement and Communications. I wanted to briefly highlight some of these efforts without detracting from all of the hard work each team's volunteers gave throughout the year.

The **Community Projects Team** coordinated a variety of projects including several village beautification projects, supplying activities for children at the Criterium Races and Good Old Days, and fundraising projects for needy families in Winfield. They also have a very special project being spearheaded by Phoebe Smith. It is the Community Outdoor Classroom, a garden of native prairie plants, at Winfield School. Phoebe and her team have made unbelievable strides in bringing this major undertaking into fruition. She has been able to secure crucial assistance from a variety of fantastic sponsors not only from within the community but from around the state. The entire organization at the school including the administrators, teachers, parents and, most importantly, the students have embraced this project with their time and efforts and promise to make this a showcase that the entire community will be proud of for many years or decades to come.

The **Civic Involvement Team** was extremely busy during this election year interviewing interested candidates and then selecting the best qualified candidates to endorse for the election. All of the endorsed candidates for Village board positions ran unopposed yet still made sure to canvas the entire community for their concerns and opinions. The team ran an informative campaign and encouraged voters to show their support to these qualified candidates who choose to dedicate their time to represent the residents of Winfield.

The **Communications Team** also had a very successful year as well. The Winfield Journal continues to receive accolades from members and non-members alike as the communication newsletter has been published and distributed several times this year and is loaded with stories and helpful information. They work diligently to update our website with new information on a regular basis.

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 continued 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 that 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

Our fiscal year begins in September and member dues are requested to be sent to:  
P.O. Box 383  
Winfield, IL 60190

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

Visit our website [www.winfieldunited.com](http://www.winfieldunited.com) for additional information.

Steve Romanelli  
President