



Dear Winfield United Members,

As we begin our 7th year, Winfield United for a Better Community is itching to add new members and strengthen our position as a civic organization teaming with volunteers dedicated to the Village of Winfield. Our village leaders remain committed to accomplishing aggressive goals to improve our streets, walkways, businesses while creating so many opportunities for 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 that graciously and thanklessly sacrifice their time because they care so much about Winfield. We are hoping to grow that effort, especially this year as we see a brighter future just around the corner.

Our team concept has worked very efficiently over these past years by having the ability to focus our efforts into specific areas of interest or projects that benefit Winfield. 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 several village beautification projects and supplying activities for children at the Criterium Races and Good Old Days. The WU Good Old Games promises to once again thrill youngsters and oldsters alike during the Good Old Days 35th anniversary. The Outdoor Community Classroom at Winfield School continues to “grow” beyond the wildest expectations. Our projects list can be extended even more with enough volunteers willing to help out. This team really knows no limits.

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, 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 difficult political arena and continues to present a consistent message to our residents that reflects the foundation of Winfield United.

The Communications Team also had a very successful year as well. They worked diligently to update our website with new information on a regular basis and worked together with the volunteers who take notes during the Village Board Meetings to provide updates to our members. We are grateful to these volunteers who regularly attend these meetings so our members can be informed on a timely basis. These efforts are greatly appreciated by all of our members.

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 have 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 our P.O. Box 383, Winfield, IL.

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 for additional information.

Steve Romanelli
President