



Village of Westchester

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From the Desk of The President



Mayor Pulia congratulates Jim McNally on his appointment to the Fire and Police Commission.

The 4th of July is more than just another day in the month of July. July 4th is a National Holiday celebrated by the United States of America. The significance of July 4th 1776 is that it is the date on which the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. That document legally separated the American Colonies from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

The 13 original colonies went to war (the Revolutionary War), which lasted until 1783. The basis of that war was that the colonists rejected the legitimacy of the Parliament of Great Britain to govern them without any representation. The war ended with the Treaty of Paris being signed and the recognition of the sovereignty of the United States over territory bounded by Canada, Florida, and the Mississippi

River. The casualty figure for this war is estimated at 50,000.

Many of the freedoms we now enjoy are due to the tenacity of our forefathers to stand up for what they believed was the right thing to do. Our forefathers forged ahead through numerous setbacks, even when the easier thing to do would have been to just quit.

Our forefathers provided us with the foundation necessary so that we are able to live in the best country on earth. Our government was founded on the common person's ability to have a voice even if that voice is a voice of one. And even though we may become frustrated with the process at times, at least each and every one of us has a voice that can be heard.

The United States of America has become the melting pot for the world. The mix of immigrants from

other countries with different cultures had made us the most diverse nation in the world. Although we are not a perfect society, at the end of the day I believe none of us would choose to live anywhere else.

So as we celebrate this very historic day with our barbeques, firework displays and even our own 4th of July Parade, please take a few moments to reflect on the risks our forefather's took and what they sacrificed in order to make our America the land of the free and the brave.

Please join us in Celebrating Westchester's tribute to Independence Day on Monday July 5th at 9:30 am as the Westchester Chamber of Commerce kicks off their annual 4th of July Parade that will end with food and soft drinks, and an All Star Baseball Game at the Westchester Park District grounds at Community Park.

MAYOR'S NOTES

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WESTCHESTER FEST – FUN FOR ALL

The month of July is doubly special this year as the Village of Westchester in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, and the Westchester Park District are hosting our 20th year of the “Westchester Fest”.

It seems just yesterday that the 1st Westchester Fest was held, and each year it has only gotten better. The band selections have been great and the food vendors have provided us with the most delectable choices of food, drink and specialty treats, but the ability to gather as a community in one place to share a few days of great summer fun with our family, friends and neighbors is what this event is all about.

The Fest has also become a way for families who are unable to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars visiting Great America, Disneyland, or expensive theme parks, to experience a little bit of affordable fun right in our own backyard. Some would say that during these tough economic times the Village should use the monies allocated for this event on other Village improvement projects. This is not possible since the monies that fund the fest come directly from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund that was created when the Hampton Inn, Westchester's only hotel, opened for business. The money in this Fund can only be used by the Village on projects that promote or support tourism to our community.

We are very happy to have the Hampton Inn as a proud member of our business community. If it were not for the Hotel/Motel Tax generated by the Hampton Inn, the Village would have been hard pressed to find the funds necessary for the Fest over the years. The monies generated by the Hotel/Motel Tax are carefully monitored and disbursements are only made with the authorization of a majority of the Village Board.

This year the Chamber, Village, and Park District are honoring two lifelong Fest committee members for their dedication and hard work since the Fest's inception. Former Trustee Angelo Luciano, and Former Village Manager Len Weigel have been running the Fest as chairmen for the past 20 years. If you think that getting the Fest off the ground 20 years ago, and managing it for all those years has been an easy task, think again. These two individuals as well as a host of others who are too numerous to individually list in this article have made the Fest what it is today.

I would ask that when you see Angelo and Len on the grounds at the Fest or about the town please take a moment to say hello and tell them



President Sam Pulia poses with Trustee Brian Sloan, Trustee Wally Novak, Trustee Nick Steker, Walid Khatib, and Joe Mastruzzo. Mr. Khatib hosted the “Coffee with the President” held at his establishment, Wally's Donuts at 1901 Mannheim Road on May 29, 2010.

how much you appreciate all their hard work in making the Fest such a successful and enjoyable event these past 20 years.

I hope that all of you will gather your friends and family and come out and enjoy our 20th year Anniversary of the Westchester Fun Fest on Friday July 9th, Saturday July 10th, and Sunday July 11th. And don't plan on leaving on Sunday, July 11th before enjoying the “ooooohs and ahhhhhs” of the annual Fireworks display that will begin after sunset, at approximately 9:30 pm.?

Some of you may be thinking “Hey Sam, it is great to thank the Village, the Chamber, the Park District and all the people that work on making the Fest the best summer fun around, but what about St. Joseph High School?” You are right!!! I would be remiss if I did not give special thanks to Dave McCreary and the St. Joseph High School Board for allowing us to hold the Fest on their school grounds for the past 20 years. Thanks to St. Joseph High School and its Board for your hospitality, friendship, and for having a great High School in Westchester.

SUMMERTIME HEATS UP PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The June rains have dampened the ground but not the spirit of our Public Works Department. Chipping, dead tree removal, tree trimming, water meter reading, grass cutting, water valve replacement, alley re-grading, as well as some asphalt patches have kept them very busy. Not a day goes by when the Village does not receive emails, phone calls, and requests through our website for work to be done.

Westchester, like many towns around us is directly affected by these tough economic times, which means that only so much can be done at any one time based on financial restraints and staffing levels. That said, our Superintendent John Fecarotta is constantly maximizing

his staff and resources to ensure that as many projects as possible are completed efficiently and safely. Although there are many more projects yet to be completed, and it is going to take some time to get them all done, I want to assure you that under the leadership of Mr. Fecarotta and his hardworking and dedicated staff, these projects will be prioritized and completed in a timely and economical manner.

HEAR A LOUD SIREN ... WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

At our most recent “Coffee with the President” I was asked what do the loud sirens we hear mean. The Village has two tornado sirens that can be heard throughout the Village. One siren is located at the Mayfair Fire Station at Mayfair and Cermak Rd. The other is located behind the Fire Station on Roosevelt Road.

These sirens are tested on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. The siren wails for three minutes. During this time the sirens rotate around in a circle so the sound can be heard throughout the Village, as well as the surrounding communities. The “all clear” siren follows the test siren and is a separate one minute wail. It this siren is heard at other times it is a warning that a tornado has been sighted and may be headed towards our Village. If this happens you should retreat to a place of safety.

There are also warning sirens in the Westchester Park District parks. These warning sirens go off when current weather conditions indicate that severe weather is approaching. The sirens are an early warning to the people in the park and nearby residents that they should be prepared to take necessary precautions and move to a place of safety.

A Big Thank You to Wally from WALLY'S DONUTS, located at Mannheim and Bond Street, for hosting the most recent “Coffee with The President” on Saturday May 29, 2010.



Thank You

Last Friday our son returned home to Westchester after serving in Afghanistan, where he served with the Marines for the past seven months. The reception he received when he came home was so thoughtful and truly appreciated. I would like to thank the following people for their role in his homecoming: Rick, Karnig, and Theresa for making the yellow bows that lined the trees on our street, the Village of Westchester, Captain Jim Waters, the Westchester Police and Fire departments, the Brookfield Police department and the Brookfield VFW Riders. A great big thanks to Andy Matusik who made this wonderful homecoming possible, even after two flight delays! The kindness and support that everyone showed for our veteran touched our family more than we can express. You truly make our community a great place to live.

The Robbins Family
Westchester, IL

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The Westchester Food Pantry collected non-perishable food items curb side at the Fourth of July Parade. Donations can always be dropped off at the Village Hall, cash or checks are welcome also. Thanks for all your treasures, time and support to help out the less fortunate. With warmest regards, Judy Saraceno-Swenson. More information call 708-305-0896

**Sunday, July 4 –
Monday, July 5**

Library closed for Independence Day

Village Hall closed July 5 for Independence Day

Wednesday, July 7

Family Film Night "Hachi" 5:00 PM at Library

**Monday, July 12 through
Friday, July 16**

Vacation Bible School from 9 am - noon daily; at Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester. The theme this year is "Super Kids" and we have classes for preschool through 6th grade. Contact the church office with any questions or to register your child at 708-345-1375.

Tuesday, July 13

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 - 7:45

PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Wednesday, July 14

Family Film Night "Fantastic Mr. Fox" 5:00 PM at Library

Saturday, July 17

Youth Group Carwash to be held, 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Cars \$5 - Trucks \$8. All proceeds help to support the yearly Mission Trip. For more details, call the church office 708/865-1282. Westchester Community Church 1840 Westchester Blvd.

Saturday, July 17

Market Day Pick-up 8:30-9:30AM Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester 708-562-2258 www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Saturday, July 17

Insect Safari - three entomologists will lead participants onto Wolf Rd. Prairie to find and study its many varied insects. There will be two groups for families with children and one group for adults and teens. Meet at the Prairie House at 10 am. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. \$5 general admission; \$3 seniors and children. Visit savetheprairiesociety.org or call 708-354-5512 for more information.

Wednesday, July 21

Family Film Night "Ponyo" 5:00 PM at Library

Monday, August 2

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 - 7:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Divine Providence Over 50 Club will not meet again until September, 2010. Have a great summer. A trip is being planned for Mackinac Island departing from Westchester on October 4th and returning on October 8th, 2010. We will be visiting Mackinaw Crossings, boat ride through the Soo Locks, Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinac Island, and a tour of Mackinaw City and much more. Included will be 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Cost \$512.00 per person. For information and reservations contact Marianne as soon as possible @ (708) 562-3766.

Some important dates from the Westchester Public Schools:

July 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, August 2, 3, 4, 5 (9:00am-9:50am / 10:00am-10:50am)-

Summer Jump Start Band Program: @ WMS

August 12 (8:30am-3:00pm) / August 17 (1:30pm-7:30pm)

Registration for 2010-2011 School Year: @ WIS & WMS

During the month of July Westchester Public School District offices will be closed.

Secretaries return on August 2nd.

Village Meetings:

For details and agendas for all Village meetings visit our website: www.westchester-il.org

Tuesday, July 6: Special Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meeting directly following.

Tuesday, July 20: Village Board Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Board Room 7:00 p.m.

S.C.R.E.A.M. Ministry's 1st Annual Golf Outing

Advocates Stopping Violence Against Women

Monday, August 9, 2010 AT Country Lake Country Club

8:30 a.m. Registration/breakfast

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start-18 hole scramble

\$100 includes continental breakfast, lunch award ceremony and cocktail reception

Sponsorships available; silent auction; free giveaways

Event Info: 708-234-7121

Web: screamevents.info

Aging Well of Westchester

Announces...

What does Health Care Reform Mean to You?

Presented by AARP and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

PLEASE JOIN US!

Wednesday, July 28th, 2010

1:00 PM

Mayfair Recreation

10835 Wakefield Street

Westchester

Team meeting immediately following from 2:00-3:00PM – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME. Refreshments served. For more information call Aging Care Connections at (708)354-1323.



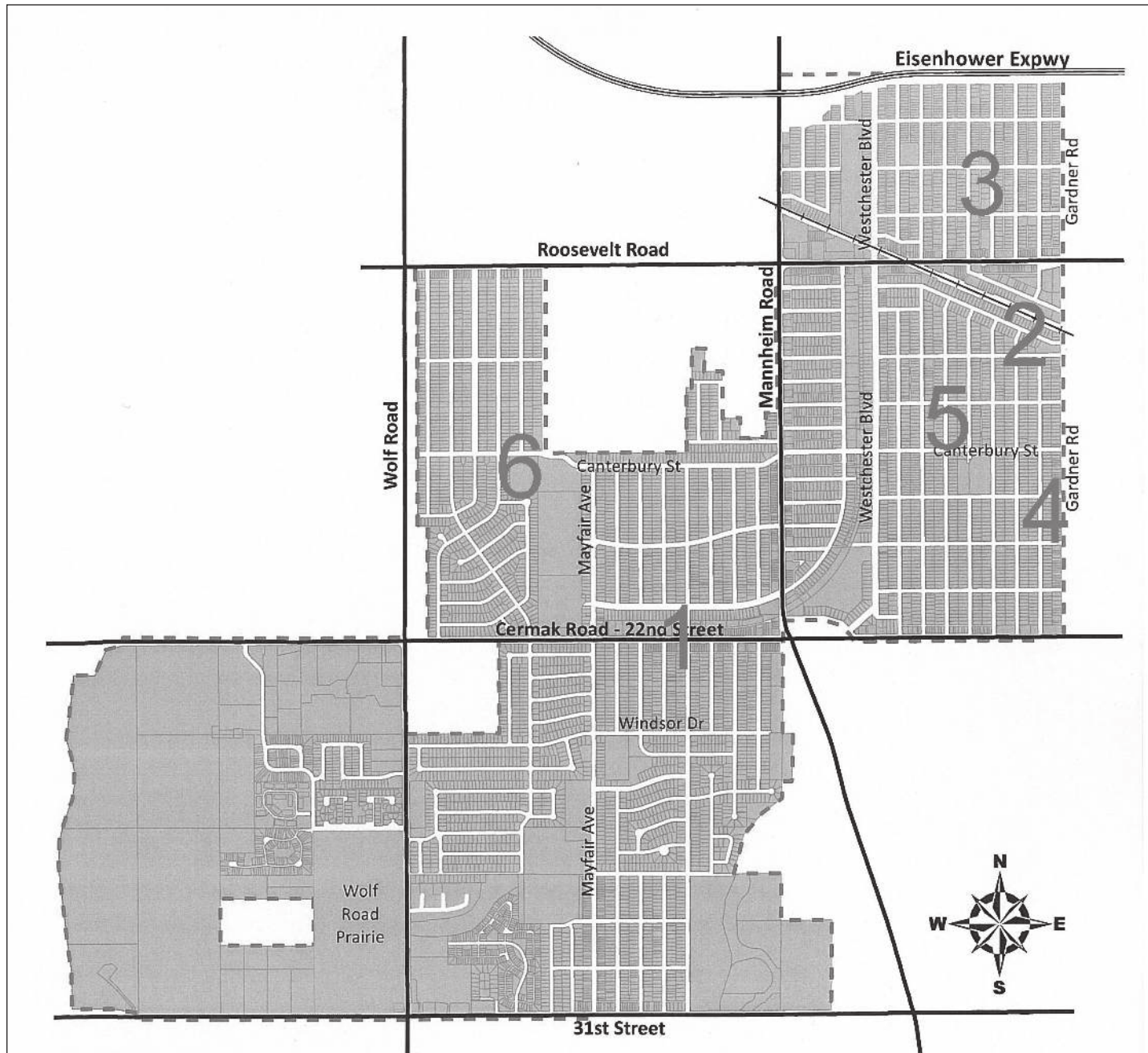
Blotter

1 On May 14th at 9:19 am, a theft was reported on the 10600 block of Cermak Road. It was advised that an unknown subject removed the gutters sometime between 10pm on May 13th and 9 am on May 14th.

2 On May 16th at 6:16 am, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 9900 block of Drury Lane. It was reported that an unknown object broke both driver side windows on their vehicle sometime during the past 8 hours. Entry to the vehicle did not appear to have been made.

3 On May 18th at 12:57 pm, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 800 block of Norfolk. An unknown subject made entry to the locked rear cab of the vehicle and removed various tools valued at \$1,000.

4 On May 31st at 5:24 pm, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 1800 block of Gardner Road. It was reported that the right front tire of the resident's vehicle was punctured by an unknown subject.



5 On June 4th at 5:45 pm, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 1500 block of Portsmouth. It was reported that a BB type projectile appeared to have damaged the resident's vehicle in several places.

6 On June 9th at 8:48 pm, a criminal damage to property was reported at High Ridge Park, located at Canterbury & Evers. An unknown subject damaged the rubber playground safety surface.

Additionally, between May 15th and June 15th there were 5 driving under the influence arrests made by the Westchester Police Department.

Police Department Holiday Traffic Enforcement Crackdown

The Westchester Police Department Summer Holiday Traffic Enforcement Program focused intensified enforcement efforts against safety belt violators and impaired drivers. Westchester Police Officers are assigned to extra traffic enforcement patrols within the Village. This law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the midnight to 3:00 am timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roads. Not coincidental, the data also shows

this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest occupant restraint use. Several of the Police Department Traffic Enforcement Efforts have been focused on patrols from midnight - 3:00 a.m. this summer.

Memorial Day Traffic Enforcement Program

For the last 4 years (2005-2008), 67 percent of nationwide motor vehicle fatalities occurring from midnight to 3:00 am involved an impaired driver. For the same four-year period, the midnight to 3:00 am, and the 3:00am to 6:00am timeframe had the lowest occupant restraint use involving

motor vehicle fatalities. Nationwide statistics show 73 percent of those who died in crashes were not properly restrained.

The results of the Westchester Police Department Memorial Day Traffic Enforcement Program May 14-31, 2010 are as follows:

Roadside Safety Checks / Saturation Patrol Details	16
Arrests	7
Overall Seatbelt Compliance Rate	97.3%
Citations Issued:	
Equipment Violations	28
Speeding	2
Uninsured Motorists	5

Suspended/Revoked Drivers License	6
Seat Belt Violations	104
D.U.I.	1
Total Citations Issued	146

The Westchester Police Department remains committed to the safety of our residents and the motoring public through strict enforcement of traffic laws and ordinances on all Village streets and roadways.

The Westchester Police Department reminds you to BUCKLE UP at all times, obey the speed limits, and come to a complete stop at stop signs and red lights as strict traffic enforcement programs will continue throughout the summer.



Summer Safety Tips

To help you prevent fires and make your summer safer here are a few safety tips. When barbecuing keep grills ten feet from siding and eaves. Never use a grill in a garage or carport or indoors. Before using a gas grill, check hoses and connections for damage. Whenever you are changing propane tanks check all connections with a soap and water mixture for leaks. Check that the venturi tubes-where gas and air mix are not clogged. When lighting a charcoal grill, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add fluid after the fire is started this can cause severe injury. To dispose of hot coals, soak them with water

and stir to make sure the fire is out. Children are never allowed to play around grills and never leave a hot grill unattended.

To keep you and your family safe from fireworks injuries always leave fireworks to trained professionals. When attending professional fireworks displays stay a minimum five hundred feet away. The NFPA position is that there is no such thing as safe fireworks for either children or adults. Keep yourself and your family free of injury, leave the fireworks to trained professionals.

Some summer facts barbeque grills caused about 900 home fires and about 3500 outdoor fires in 2002.

Half of all grill related fires began on a balcony or enclosed porch. More U.S. fires are reported on the 4th of July than any other day. Fireworks account for half those fires. In 2004, fireworks started 1600 structure fires. The tip of a sparkler burns at more than 1200 degrees Fahrenheit hot enough to cause third degree burns. (Ref firesafety.gov)

The Westchester Fire Department wishes you a happy and safe summer. If you have any questions regarding Fire Safety call 708-345-0433. The Westchester Fire Department is always happy to assist in making the Westchester Community a Fire Safe Community.

The Explorer Program

The Westchester Fire Department would like to introduce a new program that is being developed in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. This program is a Firefighter Explorer Post that partners the Fire Department with the Boy Scouts to further educate young adults in the area, from the ages of fourteen to twenty-one. The program, once developed, will inform all participants what is required to become a firefighter, give guidance to the young adults who may pursue a career in firefighting and most importantly help develop strong

leadership qualities.

The Explorer Program is a mentoring program to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible, caring adults. The goal of the program is to stimulate interest in continual education and to provide career insight into future vocations. The participants will be provided with a positive alternative to negative youth activities. Opportunities of the program will be to provide a practical, real and meaningful hands on experience into the vocation of firefighting.

As the program progresses, the participants will have the opportunity to develop practical skills and leadership skills used by all firefighters. This will help individuals determine if firefighting is a career path they may want to pursue. We will also be looking into the possibility of ride along programs, assistance with the fun fest and smoke trailer.

We are looking for any and all interested young adults between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Anyone interested please contact Captain Waters at the Westchester Fire Department at 708-345-0441.

Profile

James P. Waters



Rank: Captain
Years as Fire-fighter : 24 Years

Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me?

Early in my career I was fortunate to have saved the life of the father of a friend, with two other members of the department. Prior to that experience I was quite sure this was what I wanted to do, but this sealed it for me.

Describe a good day at work:

A good day would be to interact with the community under circumstances that would not include the suffering of others but in a positive way. We often interact when someone is suffering, it is always nice when the interaction is for a positive reason.

What is the best part about your job?

The best part of my job would definitely be working with and helping the residents of Westchester.

What is one downside to your Job?

There are times when you see the suffering of others and that is never pleasant, especially when it involves a child.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path?

Work hard, follow your dreams and your heart.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

I have a farmette with horses so my perfect day would be to spend time at home watching my daughter ride our horses, relaxing on the farm and then sitting outside around our fire pit with my wife, daughter and two sons.



MAYOR'S NOTES

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THE DANGERS OF FIREWORKS

This topic was address in our last Newsletter. But with the 4th of July just days away I felt it prudent to readdress it in this edition. I am urging parents and children alike to be aware of the danger associated with fireworks. Possession of fireworks is ILLEGAL in the State of Illinois. The noise and excitement surrounding the use of fireworks does not even compare to the time you will spend in the emergency room and burn unit as the result of the improper handling and use of these dangerous products. Each year we hear of horror story about a child who has lost an eye, damaged or blown off fingers or even worse, while setting off fireworks. Fireworks can be exciting and very enjoyable to watch, but please sit back, grab a blanket or yard chair and leave the display of fireworks to professionals. Have a Safe 4th of July.

“SEMPER FI”

The Westchester Village Board was recently honored by the presence of Lance CPL Kyle Robbins USMC. Lance CPL Robbins is the son of Thomas and Michelle Robbins, long time residents of Westchester. Lance CPL Robbins recently returned home from a tour of duty in Afghanistan where his military unit has been deployed. Lance CPL Robbins graduated from Nazareth High School last summer. The Village Board commended Lance CPL Robbins for his service to our Country, State, and Village. We are very proud of you Lance CPL Robbins and thank you for your service.

WELCOME TO WESTCHESTER

Two of Westchester's Banking

Institutions have changed. The National City Bank located at Mannheim Road and Crestwood, as well as their drive-up facility on Cermak Road near Sunnyside, have been changed to the PNC Bank. The Wachovia Bank located on 31st Street just east of the Westbrook Plaza has been changed to WELLS FARGO BANK. A grand opening celebration was held Saturday June 19th with a Ribbon Cutting welcoming WELLS FARGO to WESTCHESTER. Thank you for being in Westchester and becoming a proud member of our Chamber of Commerce.

Another Westchester Eatery is opening at the WESTBROOK TOWERS located at Wolf and Cermak Road. “FOOD FOR THOUGHT” is planning to open in the lobby and area adjacent to the location that Morton's Restaurant once occupied. Thanks to Ben Goodsir from GE Capital, (G'day mate), who brought this concept and first rate eating establishment to Westchester. “Bon appétit”

LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

Recently, the Westchester Liquor Commission held public hearings on modifying the Village Code to allow for two additional liquor licenses. These hearings were open to the public and a record was taken. The Westchester Liquor Commission is comprised of the Village President and two Village Board members.

The two businesses requesting liquor license were The Chicago Highlands, the premier private country club in Westchester, and “Food For Thought” a delectable new eatery that will soon be opening in

the Westbrook Corporate Towers. Both of the licensing requests were approved by the Westchester Liquor Commission. Thereafter, the licensing requests were approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS FOR JOBS WELL DONE

Recently the Village Board honored Former Trustee Angelo Luciano and Former Village Manager Len Weigel for their tireless work over the past 20 years on the Westchester Fest. Both men were presented with Resolutions that detailed their exemplary leadership and hard work. These Resolutions were passed unanimously by the Village Board.

Another Board Resolution honoring the Chicago Black Hawks for their great season and bringing the Stanley Cup back to Chicago after an absence of 49 years. This Resolution was also passed unanimously by the Village Board.

“ROGER THAT”

Two Westchester residents Ed Schumacher and Scott Childers are not household names except for their friends and family, but in the Amateur Radio World their call signs span the globe. Both residents were recently featured in an article written in the Suburban Life Newspaper.

The Westchester based Chicago Suburban Radio Association has been around for 85 years and has been providing not only recreation for the members but provides emergency information and communication in the event of man-made or natural disaster. The club will be participating in an emergency preparedness Field Exercise in North Riverside on June 27th. For more background

information on these two residents, their organization, please read veteran reporter Joe Sinopoli's article at www.mysuburbanlife.com.

CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Citizen Advisory Committee has met twice over the past few weeks. The members are Charles Petersen, Chairman; Colleen Jamison, Vice Chair; Sucada Bell, Secretary; Joseph Mastruzzo; Michelle Liebrock; and Kari Christiansen. Their next scheduled meeting is July 14th 2010 at 7pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

The Monday Night Car Show night at the 31st and Wolf Plaza is another way to get out of the house and enjoy the hot summer nights. Special thanks to Trustee Paul Gattuso for the introduction of the Monday Night Car Shows. Thanks also to Jesse from Astro Tours and Sylvia E's for all his work each week. DJ'S, live bands, great food, and jumping play lands for the kids continue to draw residents and visitors alike to Westchester. Oh, and we can't forget the beautiful, exotic, antique and custom cars that are there for all to view. What a great boost to our economic development.

Every Monday it seems more and more cars and people are attending. This is another way to get out of the house and enjoy the summer. Every Monday it seems more and more cars and people are attending. Come out and check out the cars, buy some food, and treat yourself to some great Ice Cream. The car show is fun for all so don't forget to bring out the family and make a night of it.

Westchester news

Village to absorb portion of water rate hike

The water to the Village of Westchester is supplied through the Westchester-Broadview Water Commission who gets the water from the City of Chicago.

Over the past three years, the City of Chicago has raised its rate for water to the Westchester-Broadview Water Commission by 44%, with the most recent rate being a 14% increase in water rates that became effective on January 1, 2010.

As a result of this overall increase of 44% in the past three years, the Broadview-Westchester Water Commission can no longer absorb the most recent increase of 14% and

has passed a 5% increase along to both the Village of Westchester and the Village of Broadview.

In order to be able to continue proper maintenance of our two water storage facilities (the Crestwood pumping station and elevated water tower) and water mains during these tough economic times, the Village Board has authorized that the 5% increase from the Westchester-Broadview Joint Water Commission be passed on to our residents. This increase was effective with the June 2010 billing cycle?

What this means is that the charge for water will go from \$5.50 to \$5.78 per thousand gallons. However, the rate for sewer charges will remain at its present \$1.00 per thousand.

In order to help us all keep our water costs down, I have included in this newsletter are tips regarding the conservation of water that I received from Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Please read these tips so we can not only save money on our bills but preserve one of our most precious commodities.

July 1 is change in refuse, yard waste, recycling fees

Three years ago the Village of Westchester entered into an agreement with Waste Management Company to pick up or refuse, yard

waste, and recycling for a period of 5 years. The agreement called for a 4% increase each year that has been paid by the residents.

This is the second to last year of the contract and consistent with prior years you will see a 4% increase in your refuse, yard waste and recycling pickup effective July 1, 2010.

The new rate will be \$21.70 per month per home and \$19.57 per senior home per month.

Seniors over 65 year of age or older please contact the Village Finance Department at 708-345-0020 to receive more information about the Village's Discount Program.

Information is also available on our website www.westchester-il.org.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

10700 Canterbury Street • Westchester, Illinois 60154 • Phone (708) 562-3573

A Message From The Westchester Public Library And The Metropolitan Library System

While you are aware of the financial problems the State of Illinois is experiencing, you may not be aware of the impact it is having on your local public library service. Illinois Library Systems are funded directly by the State. Two of the most important services that they support financially are shared library catalogs (e.g. the SWAN catalog used by Westchester patrons) and the delivery of materials between libraries.

Because of the long delays in receiving State monies due them, Illinois Library Systems are cutting services and staff. This will have an impact on the Westchester Public Library. Our Library is part of the Metropolitan Library System (MLS).

With the loss of MLS's financial support for services, Westchester Public Library will need to cover these expenses and perhaps even downsize some services to make them more affordable. The impact on services to patrons may include: limits on the number of items that may be ordered or borrowed from

other libraries; a longer waiting period for items requested from other libraries; and modification or elimination of special programs or joint ventures such as the Macy's Museum Adventure Pass program.

Changes will occur as libraries adapt to the loss of system support. We will do all we can to keep you informed of these changes and to minimize their effects on service to you, our patrons.

Illinois libraries have always been and will continue to be committed to providing the best possible service to their communities. We will continue to work together toward that goal. The priority of all Illinois libraries is to sustain the statewide delivery service and all shared online catalogs to make sure that libraries continue to share their resources for the benefit of all library users.

Numbers That Tell Our Story

How do resource sharing and the statewide delivery service impact Westchester patrons? As a patron, every time you search the SWAN library catalog, you are searching the collective catalogs of 81 libraries in the western and southern suburbs. While the Westchester Public

Library's collection is approximately 90,000 books, films, CDs and other items, the SWAN catalog gives you ready access to over 1.2 million unique titles and, when you add in multiple copies and different formats of popular works, you have access to over 7 million items.

In May 2010, the Westchester Public Library lent more than 12,463 items, of which 15% were items borrowed from other libraries and delivered to the Westchester Public Library. MLS delivery trucks and staff are part of the statewide delivery service and they deliver and return materials to libraries throughout MLS. Most items arrive within 3-5 working days of the date it was requested and materials requested from public and academic libraries in other regions of the state generally arrive within 7-10 working days. This delivery system has been an efficient and dependable way for libraries to share their books, DVDs and CDs, and provide exceptional service.

Share Your Story

The state is running out of money and what is available will be directed to critical state services. We know Westchester library users value the

wealth of materials available in the SWAN shared catalog and regularly borrow materials in a variety of formats, including large print, audio book, DVD, CD, digital and Playaway. We know students and professionals appreciate being able to order books on specialized topics from academic libraries. We know readers enjoy being able to request hard-to-find copies of books by favorite authors.

If you feel strongly about these library services, share your story of how you use the library and the services that are important to you by writing Jesse White, the State Librarian and Secretary of State and ask that funding for library systems be restored when monies become available. Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, 213 State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62756.

You can copy the governor and comptroller: Pat Quinn, Office of the Governor, 207 State House, Springfield, IL 62706; Daniel Hynes, Office of the Comptroller, Springfield Executive Office, 201 Capitol, Springfield, IL 62706-0001. These addresses and email links can be found on the Westchester Public Library website at www.westchesterpl.org

Aging Well honors volunteers and celebrates integration with aging care connections

La Grange, IL (June 4, 2010) - Aging Care Connections' Aging Well program, a partnership representing 20 communities in the Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships area comprised of hundreds of older adults and more than 130 community based-organizations, recently held its annual meeting at the Riverside Golf Club.

Three volunteers: Velaine Carnall, co-chair of the **Mark Zavagnin** Community Action Team; Patricia Dime, co-leader of the Hodgkins/McCook Community Action Team; and Mark Zavagnin, (pictured) vice president of student services and head football coach at St. Joseph High School who has created intergenerational opportunities for students and older adults to work together to address aging issues in Westchester, were recognized with distinguished Aging in Excellence awards for their substantial



commitment to the partnership and the well-being of the community's aging population.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation, Lyons and Riverside Townships, and local United Ways. The organization investigates elder abuse in ten additional communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships. To learn more, visit www.agingcareconnections.org or call call Aging Care Connections, Caroline Ryan at 708-354-1323, extension 39, with questions

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Economic Development Committee Update

On June 1st the EDC presented the framework for four initiatives to the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village Board. The Board accepted all four initiatives and requested that the EDC provide further details and expense estimates in order for the Board to grant final approval.

The initiatives are:

- Name each of the six shopping districts as follows:

Village Center Shopping District = Mannheim & Cermak

Roosevelt East Shopping District = Roosevelt east of Mannheim

Roosevelt West Shopping District =

Roosevelt & Wolf

Cermak West Shopping District = Cermak & Wolf

Prairie Shopping District = 31st & Wolf

Boulevard Shopping District = Westchester Boulevard

- Place directional signs along all major roads through the village, i.e. Mannheim, Cermak, Wolf and 31st, and near the bike trails at 31st Street and Cermak Road, advising traffic of the location of the shopping districts

- Request that the Cook County Forest Preserve District place large signs on 31st Street and Wolf Road

to advise motorists of the Prairie Preserve location and entrance, along with requesting a spur off of the Salt Creek bike trail to run north along the west side of Wolf and terminate at the Prairie

- Place Village Information kiosks in each of the two public parking lots along with a bike rack and park bench near each. The kiosks will have maps and listings of services, parks and business districts

At the June 14th meeting of the EDC a task force comprised of three EDC members was formed to fully develop the details of the initiatives. The task force will be providing progress reports to the EDC at each

coming meeting until the project is complete and ready to be turned over to the Village Board for final approval and execution.

The EDC is comprised of Westchester residents, volunteers who are here to serve our community of Westchester. We need to hear from our fellow residents and Westchester businesses in order to develop the best possible ideas for the economic future of the Village. Please come to some of our meetings, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:30-9:00 am at the Village Hall. If you can't attend you can call the Village Hall at 708-345-0020, leave a message "for the EDC"

Restaurant Spotlight

Joe's Place Inc.
1551 Westchester Blvd.
Westchester, Il, 60154

708-865-9590 708-865-9591(fax) Joesplacedogs@aol.com

Open everyday from 10:30am

We use only the finest ingredients

Every dish made to order

Come taste the difference that attention to details makes.

Joe's Place was opened by two friends in 1999 by Frank Perry and Matt DeSantis. Before Joe's place was born, it was completely occupied by Concetta's Salon. Frank had originally wanted a coffee shop in the middle of town to serve cappuccinos, teas, pastries. Matt's family has owned a hot dog stand for 50+ years called Gene's and Jude's. With Matt's experience in the hot dog business we decided to make Joe's Place a unique place where you could get the best Vienna Hot Dog money could buy paired up with Fresh Cut Idaho Potatoes for fries, cappuccino, and Italian ice. We originally opened with a menu of hot dogs, fries, and tamales. Matt left Joe's Place to run his family business after about a year.

After Matt's departure typical Italian specialities were added to the menu little by little...all homemade from recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation. Over the next nine years, the menu has exploded into what you see today.

Now where did the name Joe's Place come from? If I had a dime for every person that calls me Joe, or calls the restaurant asking for Joe, I'd be a millionaire!

Joe was my grandfather. If there was ever a person that you can say "I'm a better person for knowing him", it was my grandfather Joseph Catino. He was the most selfless person I have ever known, and I miss him dearly. You can find his picture under the clock in the front of the restaurant, and in the middle of the big mural on the back wall.

My grandmother used to make Sunday dinner (often served at 1:00 pm) every Sunday for the whole family. Dinner was the typical pasta with sausage, neck bones, and meatballs served with bread made on Taylor Street from Superior Bakery.

No matter what was going on on Sunday, you could guarantee the whole family would arrive. This is the same food served at Joe's. My Grandmother's red gravy, my mother's meatballs and Taylor Street bread.

We also use this bread to make our homemade Italian beef sandwiches.

Joe's Place personnel consists of neighborhood kids, most of whom grew up coming into Joe's Place after school, after baseball or just riding their bikes around town. Every one of Joe's employees is part of our family. You can often find an employee or two hanging in the restaurant well after closing, just relaxing at Grandpa's table.

Wally's Donuts & Coffee
1901 S. Mannheim Road
Westchester, IL 60154

708-615-1099

Yummy-you have to try them!

Walid Elkhatib invites you to come and taste the coffee and donuts and see how his food and drink are better than ever!

Last year, Walid Elkhatib was involved in a lawsuit with Dunkin Donuts.

The dietary restrictions of Elkhatib's Muslim faith forbid him from eating or handling pork and Dunkin' Donuts had previously accommodated his religious beliefs.

In 2002, Dunkin Donuts told Elkhatib that in order to renew his franchise he would have to sell their full line of products. Elkhatib ended his association with the company after the 2009 trial which was decided in favor of Dunkin' Donuts.

Without the limits and constraints involved in being a franchisee, Walid feels his family run business provides better products and service to the community. All his food is made on the premises. He has been a Village resident for over 13 years and considers Wally's Donuts an important community asset and enjoys being part of the cooperative spirit of the residents, officials and businesses in Westchester.

Paramedics staffing Mayfair Station

The Village of Westchester fire department will increase its Emergency Medical Response to the community by staffing the Mayfair Station Fire Engine with Advanced Life Support Equipment and Paramedics on August 1st, 2010.

The department staff of trained paramedics is sufficient to provide a second paramedic response vehicle to Westchester. This increase in service will not only support the current use of the Advanced

Life Support Ambulance, but will allow for an immediate paramedic response when the ambulance is committed to another emergency. Paramedics on the fire engine will provide the same level of care as on the ambulance. They will provide advanced airway care, administer IV's and medications, monitor heart rates and oxygen levels, prior to the arrival of a transport ambulance from a neighboring community. The ALS Engine will respond to all medical

emergencies when the department ambulance is on another call. In 2009, the Westchester Fire Department responded to over 1600 ambulance requests. At times where there are simultaneous ambulance requests, this enhancement in services will prove to be life saving to the residents.

Fire Chief Belmonte stated that this increase in service was made possible with the assistance of the Village and Board of Trustees, by providing the

funding to equip the fire engine with the necessary medical equipment. The engine, which was purchased using awarded grant funds in 2008, was designed with this future service in mind. These improvements were accomplished utilizing alternative revenues at minimal taxpayer expense.

If you would like more information on the ALS Engine, or Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, contact Lt. James Adams at 708-345-0433.

Federal grant to enhance fire department operations

Westchester Fire Department Receives Federal Grant Assistance to Enhance Operations By The Use Of Information Technology.

Fire Chief Belmonte is pleased to announce that the Village of Westchester Fire Department has been awarded \$75,882.00 in federal assistance through the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Fire fighter Grants Program.

The funding will be used to provide critical improvements to data collection, shared information and resources and operational objectives, to allow department databases and communications to be stored and transmitted to department vehicles.

According to Captain Jeff LeBeda, Fire Prevention Bureau Officer, and Grant Coordinator, "We plan on installing mobile data terminals in each responding fire apparatus and upgrading our operational software to allow for wireless capture and transmission of data. This will allow real time transmission of critical emergency information to responding fire crews. The most recent building layouts, occupancy concerns, location of building, gas and electric utilities, and hazards will be available to the incident

commanders while responding and on scene. As fire inspectors enter daily inspection reports, that data is immediately transmitted to the computers in the apparatus. This and the integration of software from the 911 dispatch center on residential emergency concerns, and real time weather and traffic data will enhance the fire departments response capability and efficiency."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program was created after September 11th, to provide fire departments the necessary tools and equipment to provide not only the basic services, but to advance their programs to enhance the life safety profile for the community and firefighters. The Village of Westchester has been awarded over \$700,000 since the inception of this program. Previous items purchased with grant funding include: the most recent fire engine, self contained breathing apparatus, personal protective equipment (firefighting gear), exhaust removal systems for both fire stations and various public education presentation tools. The department participates annually in this highly competitive application process, and has been successful each of the last 4 years.

Code enforcement briefs

WATCHFUL EYES HELP KEEP WESTCHESTER LOOKING GOOD!

Thanks to all of you who are contacting the Village and reporting vacant homes that need a clean-up due to high grass, weeds, etc. Our code enforcement officer, George Velasco has been very busy trying to keep on top of this.

In addition to your reports and locating some properties himself, Mr. Velasco has been contacting the real estate agents, mortgage companies, and responsible parties (with the help of the Cook County Assessor's Office) to get the grass cut before the Village hires a company to cut it.

If the Village is required to maintain the property, a lien will be placed on the property to recover the cost associated with the work that was done.

CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL CONVERSIONS OF TWO-FLATS

Over the years there have been reports of 2-flat buildings being converted into 3-flat buildings with basements being used as a domicile. Such conversions not only result in overcrowding, but are outright illegal and very dangerous.

When a complaint is received regarding an alleged illegal conversion, our Code Enforcement

Department makes personal visits to these residences and informs the building owners and occupants that such conversions, if they exist, are illegal and in violation of the Village Ordinances and present dangerous safety issues.

Any landlord of a 2-flat building who converts the basement to livable space and rents the space or allows people to reside in that area of the building without proper zoning, permits and inspections are in violation of the Village's Ordinances and may be subject to legal prosecution.

Basements in 2-flat buildings often result in overcrowding and do not have the requisite egress needed in case of an emergency. This overcrowding and lack of egress presents a definite safety hazard. In case of fire, without proper egress those in the illegal unit could become trapped and succumb to the smoke and/or fire.

The bottom line here is that conversions of 2-flat buildings without proper zoning, permit and inspection are ILLEGAL and need to be REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.

If the building owners need further guidance please contact our Community Development Director, Dennis DiPasquale at 708-345-0020.

Police department recognizes recent retirees

The Westchester Police Department announced the retirement of personnel who were recently recognized by the Village President Pulia and the Board of Trustees for their outstanding service and dedication to the Village of Westchester and the Police Department.

Chief Matt Evans retired effective May 31, 2010 after 31 years of Service.

Lieutenant Kevin Keag retired effective June 4, 2010 after 31 years of Service.

Sergeant Steven Stovicek retired effective February 28, 2010 after 30 years of Service.

Records Clerk Julianne Voss retired effective May 3, 2010 after 30 years of Service.

These individuals passed along a solid foundation of excellence to fellow members of the Westchester Police Department, and we are grateful for the service and dedication they provided. They will be sincerely missed by their fellow employees and residents of the Village.

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Westchester's new water rates as compared to surrounding communities

Municipality	Water rate June 2010	Sewer Rate June 2010	Measured Units	Total bill for 1000 gallons
Westchester	5.78	1.00	1000 gal	6.78
Broadview	4.70	0.81	100 CF	7.37
Hillside	7.50	0.00	1000 gal	7.50
Brookfield	4.43	1.20	100 CF	7.53
Berkeley	5.95	1.61	1000 gal	7.56
Lagrange	5.29	0.73	100 CF	8.04
LaGrange Park	4.96	2.10	100 CF	9.44
Bellwood	7.34	2.55	1000 gal	9.89
Maywood	6.51	2.25	100 CF	11.71

The last column shows the combined rates converted into equivalent amounts per 1000 gallons. As you can see from the chart, even after the recent water rate increase, Westchester still has the lowest combined water and sewer rates of the surrounding municipalities. Rates are current as of June 10, 2010.

“Doodle 4 Google” Contest

Students at Westchester Intermediate School entered the “Doodle 4 Google” national art contest this year, sponsored by the “Google” web search engine. Students were able to view a video on the website showing a professional artist who works on creating the different Google designs for special holidays and events. Then they were asked to design their own special Google logo, incorporating the theme: “If I could do anything I would...” The students had some wonderful aspirations that they shared in both their designs and in their written explanation. We were very proud to have one of our students, Sam Martinez, chosen as a state finalist for Illinois. Sam’s work can be viewed on the Google website in “Doodle4Google” (see photo). The art work and aspirations of these very talented young students will be on display at the Westchester Public Library this summer.

WIS student entries to be featured at the Westchester Public Library include:

If I could do anything I would play my violin for the world and share my music with everyone. I would make everyone happy when they hear me play because music brings joy to the world.

**Sam Martinez, 3rd grade
State Finalist**

If I could do anything I would travel through outer space to look for other life forms. I would like to learn about them and how they live and if they travel in spaceships. Most of all I would want to know if they are friendly.

Giovanny Rodriguez, 4th grade

If I could do anything I would be an all-sports MVP. I would be a race car driver, play football for the Chicago Bears and baseball for the Chicago Cubs. I would help my team win and bring glory to Chicago!

Johnny Robinson, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would help make the world a greener, cleaner place for all those living on earth to enjoy. I’ve already helped by cleaning the stream near my home to make it a better place for the animals who live there.

Mackenzie Carlson, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would travel around the world. I would visit and really see the places I’ve read about in books and searched for on Google - the oceans, beaches, forests, deserts, plains and the mountains.

Garrett Allar, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would be an underwater explorer and a marine biologist. The oceans are home to millions of amazing creatures. I would swim with dolphins, whales and sharks and learn all about them so that I could help other kids learn about ocean life.

Marisa Santore, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would be an astronaut. I would travel to the moon, Mars, and all other planets. I would be able to float in space as I do repairs on my spaceship. I could explore other planets to see if there are any living things on them.

Eric Starzec, 4th grade

If I could do anything I would build a beautiful pink castle for all the girls in the world. Girls that did not have a home, or pretty clothes, or toys to play with, could find all those things and more at the pink castle.

Jordan Losoya, 4th grade

If I could do anything I would make every day be like a sunny day at the beach.

Michael Cross, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would travel all around the world.

Siriya Yutapibool, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would be able to live under the sea.

Emma Cheechi, 4th grade

If I could do anything I would help everyone in the world smile all the time.

Roberto Lozano, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would be a champion soccer player and win the World Cup.

Daniel Magallanes, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would be an artist and color the world.

Matthew Zamudio, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would rid the world of all illness and disease.

Yunni Reyes-Vera, 5th grade

If I could do anything I would invent the future and make it a truly wonderful time for everyone.

Amber Warfield, 5th grade

Westchester Middle School Class of 2010

The following students are members of the Westchester Middle School Class of 2010: Daniel Adams,

Yuriy Adaskevych, Daniel Alarcon, Gerson Alarcon, Santiago Arellano, Catherine Arens, Bernadette Balek, Jake Bartels, Danielle Bartodziej, Lily Becker, Alejandro Bedoy, Allen Bell III, Cristian Beltran, Zachary Blair, Andre Boyce, Diamond Bryant, Sabrina Cadena, Jason Carag, Elise Carr, Jibri Carr, Bridget Cascio, Gina Christopher, Francesca Citro, Joseph Citro, Niko Coco, Taliah Cooper, Brian David, Daniella DeFalco, Amanda Del Aguila, Chloe Delaney, Mila Dopp, Darrell Dorsey II, William Ernst, Chiara Espero, David Ferguson, Francisco Figueroa, Eriel Frazier, Thomas Fret, Gabrielle Gange, Leslie Garcia, Darriona Garner, Elizabeth Geier, June Gianan, Blake Gordon, Mark Haraus, Alexis Harris, Jasmine Holmes, Rachel Hosek, Malik Hoskins, Cydnee Jones, David Kennedy, Demetri Kladis, Sarah Klimek, Mathias Kniesel, Jared Kok, Jennifer Kvasnicka, Bramwidha Lane, Matthew Lebman, Briana Lee, Filip Letkiewicz, Charmaine Levenson, Crystal Loera, Devinne Love, Adam Lozano, Mikala Luoma, Oai Ma, Liliana Martinez, Mariana Martinez, Raul Masias, Rebekah Mathias, Alicia May, Demetrius May, Rebecca Mendoza, Zachary Mullaney, Ilse Murguia, Clarence Nevins, Destiny O’Day, Daniel Oeste, Bianca Ortiz, Gianna Pascua, Steven Patchak, Chris Patel,

Joshua Peoples, Alyssa Pinter, Emma Plesnicar, Julia Porter, Taylor Porter, Tyron Powell, Alexander Powers, Alina Pulbere, David Qiao, Patrick Quinn, Ava Raddatz, Diana Raines, Donovan Raines, Joseph Reda, James Redis, Trevonte Reynolds, Austin Rice, Angela Rini, Tyshun Robertson, Lavonte Robinson, Jovan Rodriguez, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Jazielynn Romero, Ryan Ruiz, Teofanes Ruiz, Justin Schoop, Kayla Schultheis, Charles Scott III, Khadija Scott, Sabrina Sharelis, Briani Shorter, Taylor Skierkiewicz, Maya Smith, Jorell Socorro, Kyle Stiff, Kelsey Stockholm, Brittani Stokes, Taylor Thomas, Rashad Tillman, Rachel Tucker, Christopher Turpin, Jessica Villalobos, Jasmine Villasenor, Samantha Vimmer, Rachel Watson, Princess White, Tiffany White, D’Angelo Williams, Kechina Williams, Brittany Winbush, TaKyrica Woods, and Creg Wright.

School Walk for Diabetes

The School Walk for Diabetes was a huge success! The students, staff and members of the community brought in over \$10,000 for the American Diabetes Association! Healthy living skills such as proper nutrition and the importance of exercise were a large part of the event.

Well Wisher Sponsorship

**20th Annual Westchester Fest
2010**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 9-10-11, Fri. 6pm-Midnight,
Sat. Noon-Midnight, Sun. Noon- 11pm
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**Free Admission! Carnival! Food!
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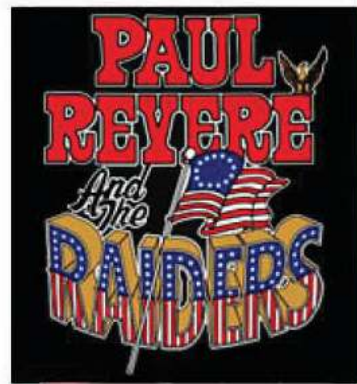
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Live Entertainment by Friday

**Pie in Your Face, ARRA,
The Originals**
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Saturday
**Westchester Idol Contest,
The Weiss Brothers Orchestra,
The Fabulous Frank and Dave,
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Pig Out At The 2010 Food Tent!

Antonio's Ice Cream	Hand Packed Ice Cream, Root Beer Floats
Christopher's Speakeasy	Philly Cheese Steak, Meatball Sandwich, Italian Sub
Fantastic Edibles	Roasted Almonds, Roasted Pecans, Smoothies
Giordano's	Pan Pizza
Kenny's Irish Pub	Pulled Pork, Sausage Kabob, Homemade Chips
Mama's	BBQ Pork Chop, Chicken on a Stick, Chicken Tenders & Fries
Mattone	Thin Crust Pizza, Cannoli, Ogre Doughnuts
One Potato Too	Gourmet Baked Potato, Antipasto Salad
Paul's Pizza	Sausage Sandwich, Eggplant Sandwich
Sloanie's	Island Coolers, Ice Cream, Coffee
St. Joes Booster Cl	Corn on the Cob
St. Joes HS	Italian Beef, Bosco Sticks, Watermelon
Tacos el Monaguillo	Steak Tacos, Pork Tortas, Chicken Fajita Burritos
Westchester AYSO	Italian Ice, Nachos
Westchester Baseball	Hot Dogs, Ham/Cheeseburgers, Dill Pickle on a stick
Westchester Comes First	Fried Dough
Westchester Lion's Club	Bloomin Onion, Popcorn, Cheese Sticks
Young Prince	Gyros, Greek Salad, Grecian Chicken Pita
Zeppe's	Pasta, Brats, Meatball Sub

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SAVE THE DATE: 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION, APRIL 9, 2011

50th Anniversary Year Partial Calendar of Events

July 9-11, 2010	Alumni Tent at Westchester Fest
July 12, 2010	Alumni Golf Outing
August 26, 2010	Young Alumni Meet and Greet, Networking / Graduate College Fair
September 4, 2010	Soccer Alumni, Chicago Fire Game
September 17, 2010	Soccer Alumni Game
September 18, 2010	Bobby Knight Roast Toast (www.roasttoastbobbyknight.com)
September 25, 2010	Homecoming Varsity Football vs. Hales Franciscan High School
October 3, 2010	Open House for Prospective Students
November 13, 2010	Co-ed Reunion for SJ and IHM Classes of 1970, 1985, 1990, 2000
November 21, 2010	Open House for Prospective Students
December 9, 2010	Open House for Prospective Students
January 8, 2011	Placement test for Class of 2015
January 31 – Feb 4	Catholic Schools Week
March 7, 2011	Registration for Class of 2015
April 9, 2011	50th Anniversary Gala at Drury Lane
April 11-15, 2011	College and Career Week
May 19, 2011	Graduation Class of 2011
June, 2011	50th Anniversary Closing Event

Alumni friends welcome at 50th Anniversary Golf Outing

St. Joseph High School welcomes all to their 34th annual golf outing held Monday, July 12, 2010 at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club in West Chicago. This event is the first in a series of events to be hosted by St. Joseph High School in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Prior to the shotgun start at noon, lunch will be served and a free bucket of range balls is available before Tee-Times. The cost is \$150 per person on or before July 5th, 2010 and a ten dollar increase per person any day after. Ticket includes; golf cart, lunch, two hours of cocktails, dinner and prizes. There is a cost of fifty dollars for dinner only and door prizes will be given, donations needed. This event is sponsored by the St. Joseph High School Alumni Association. Contact St. Joseph High School at 708-562-7488 for additional information or visit the alumni website at www.stjoeshsalumni.org.



L to R: Lori-Jo Fergle '72, Kathy Conley, Karen Miller Enzminger '72 and Leanne Petras '72

ceremonies Jay Bilas will bring his sharp, cutting-edge commentary and wit to this evening like no other. The event will feature roasters Isiah Thomas, Steve Alford, Bob Hammel, Digger Phelps, Jud Heathcote and Dan Chrisman.

Bobby Knight is one of the most recognized college basketball coaches in the history of the game. He has won 902 NCAA Division 1 men's college basketball games, more

than any other head coach. Knight has coached at the United States Military Academy, Indiana University and, most recently, Texas Tech before announcing his retirement. .

This once in a lifetime sports event will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. The Roast/Toast will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$50 during the pre-sale, which ends August 31. Tickets in alumni reserved sections will be sold

Spotlight on St. Joseph High School Alumni



MARTY '64 & TEENA IHM'64 (GRIBAUSKAS) NAPOLI 50TH ANNIVERSARY CO-CHAIRS

"It is with great pride and humility that we have been asked to serve as Co-Chairs for the 50th Celebration of the Openings of St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary High Schools. The feeling of tradition and renewing of friendships with both alumni and faculty over the last few months has been rewarding and the memories are endless," stated Marty Napoli.

Alumni have been working to create a year of events that will bring alumni, faculty and friends back to their alma mater and to celebrate 50 years of memories. All alumni of St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary High School are invited to register on the Alumni website at www.stjoeshsalumni.org. Information regarding events will be updated frequently.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the planning or the events, contact Marianne Bero at the school. All are welcome, and encouraged, all alumni, parents, past parents, faculty and former faculty to be a part of this historic year and we would look forward to your thoughts and ideas.



September 18 date is set at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond Indiana for a Bobby Knight All-Star Celebrity Roast/Toast. Master of

through the casino box office and can be obtained by calling 219-473-6060. Suite packages and sponsorships are available. For additional information contact Mr. David McCreery, president of St. Joseph High School at 708-562-5852.

All net proceeds will be allocated toward the gymnasium fund for St. Joseph High School. For more information visit the event website at www.roasttoastbobbyknight.com.

St. Joseph High School Valedictorians, Salutatorians

Valedictorians Jonathan Harper, Berwyn (far left) and Jessica Grunow, Lyons (far right) and Salutatorians Marissa Roberson, Westchester and Kenneth Novotny, Forest Park, with Principal Donna Kiel. The class of 2010 has been awarded 4.5 million in scholarships. Valedictorian Jonathan Harper will major in journalism at Loyola University of Chicago. Harper said, "I learned about being true to who I am (at St. Joseph) and about being a genuine person through my AP English class with Mr. Maggio. This is what will make the most difference to me in college and in life." Classmate Kenneth Novotny will attend Purdue University and study mechanical engineering, Marissa Roberson will continue her education studying business and finance at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Jessica Grunow will study zoology at the University of Wyoming.



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SJHS Administration Grateful to Anniversary Volunteers

President of St Joseph High School David McCreery along with Vice President of Development Marianne Bero, Alumni Director Coach Gene Pingatore thank the dedicated group of people who meet monthly to create, develop and work on events to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the school.

The group is always open to newcomers. They meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30P.M. at St. Joseph High School.

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Divine Providence

Divine Providence Catholic School held a Registration Day for prospective students and their families. They were given the chance to tour the school and its facilities while becoming acquainted with possible future teachers.

Erin Cervantes of Westchester attended Registration Day with daughter Isabel. "Isabel was so excited about coming to Divine Providence," Cervantes said, "She asked daily if it was time to go." Erin has looked at several preschools but decidedly wanted a Catholic school and was impressed with the full day 3 year old program at Divine Providence.

Westchester resident Sara Halsted, and her family, registered their daughter Tristen at the Divine Providence's open house. "My husband and I both went to Catholic school and it was the only choice for our daughter. As soon as we saw Divine Providence we knew this was the place," Halsted said.

The school continues to improve by implementing new

programs to further enhance the students' education. Divine Providence introduced the Superkids program for children pre-kindergarten through second grade for the 2009-2010 school year. This language arts curriculum was developed by the Rowland Reading Foundation. Divine Providence was one of the 14 pilot schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago to adopt the Superkids program and one of the few to adopt it at the Pre-kindergarten through Grade 2 age group.

"We have had great success with the program based on our initial year of experience," said Principal Jerry Spatara, "Our students are engaged in learning and parents have acknowledged their children enjoying reading more at home."

Divine Providence is improving their curriculum in all grades and levels. Another academic program for students in grades 6-8 will begin this upcoming year. The Accelerated Readiness Curriculum (A.R.C.) is for students who are capable of doing accelerated academic work. The classes are ability based rather



Erin Cervantes and her daughter Isabel on Registration Day.

than age based in the areas of math, language arts and Spanish. Placement is based on several criteria and the curriculum has been aligned with local Catholic high schools. A.R.C. will challenge students to learn at their own level and be prepared for high school honors classes.

Divine Providence has a history of alumni returning and enrolling their own children in the school. The caring teachers and other faculty continue the tradition of becoming important leaders of education and



Sara Halsted and daughter Tristen

faith in children's lives, as the school has done for over fifty years.



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What In The World Was Sam Insull Thinking?

At the beginning of the last century, the area where Westchester is now located was open farmland for miles around. In the early 1920's the few residents in the area noticed that apparently plans were being put in place for "improvements". It was soon discovered, that Samuel Insull, then the President of Commonwealth Edison, had purchased 2,200 acres of land, and hired surveyors to plan streets, lighting, sewers and even plant 15,000 elm trees along the streets. It was his vision to create a village very much like a European hamlet. In January of 1925, Westchester was officially incorporated, with great hope and anticipation for the future.

However, The Great Depression of 1929 brought America's economy to an abrupt halt, and sadly, this included the end of development of Westchester into the village that Mr. Insull had envisioned.

The early 1940's saw the beginning of economic growth in America, and once again, land developers saw the potential in seeing Westchester continue on the path to establishing a village that would be an essentially "bedroom community" with less of

an emphasis on retail and commercial enterprise.

In the next 70 years, Westchester has seen its population grow from 150 residents in the early 1920's to approximately 16,000 today. The names of men such as Sam Insull, Otto Tatterow (the first elected President of Westchester), and other developers such as Grant Britten and George Nixon have long been forgotten. However the legacy they left behind includes the present day village with three elementary schools, access to two high schools, several parks, excellent police and fire departments, a fine library and many social organizations to serve all ages of residents.

As a resident of 51 plus years, I am happy to see that Westchester, despite the current economic woes, is working hard to keep up with maintenance that an aging infrastructure requires. Very importantly there are also many groups, including the Westchester Gardens and Westchester Community Image Council who are working with Village President Sam Pulia to make the word "beautification" a reality, and

not just a word in the dictionary.

A Welcome Garden near the intersection of Mannheim Road and Crestwood Lane, a separate garden in the Mannheim Road center median at Crestwood Lane, and as well 75 perennial gardens planted along the full length of Westchester Boulevard from Congress Parkway to Cermak Road, give visitors, and those driving through that area, an impression of a village residents care for and care about. The Village Hall has updated landscaping that, in my opinion, gives Westchester a "special look", I am looking forward, too, to the proposed Memorial fountain that is currently being planned near the Welcome Garden to honor the Westchester police, fire and military service members who serve all of us.

The calendar tells me that in the year 2025 Westchester will celebrate its 100th year anniversary...that is less than 15 years away, I am really looking forward to seeing what plans are in the works to make Westchester "sparkle" for that event!!

*Submitted by
Barbara Lucchese*

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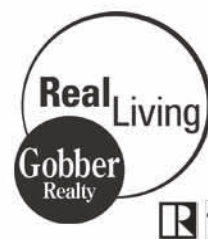
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Homeowners maintain all valves inside the home.

Water in your basement?

Water in your basement can be caused by many different problems. First, make sure that none of your appliances or water pipes are leaking. If the water is coming in through cracks in the walls and floor, or through the seam between the wall and the floor, the water is most likely seepage. Seepage is groundwater leaking into your basement. In order to stop this water, the basement will need to be sealed. Water can also back up at your sump pump. This can happen if your sump pump is broken, if the sump pump has the wrong size motor, or if the sump pump ball float is caught and not rising. Another source of water in your basement is from either the sanitary or storm sewer. Floor drains in the basement should be connected to the sanitary sewer. These drains can run slow and back up when roots clog up your sewer pipes out in the parkway. Having a plumber rod out your sewer line occasionally will help reduce this backup. Many homes in Westchester also have a connection to the storm sewer. This sewer line can run from the sump pump and downspouts out to the Village storm sewer. This line also needs to be rodded out to keep it flowing smoothly.

THUNDERSTORM

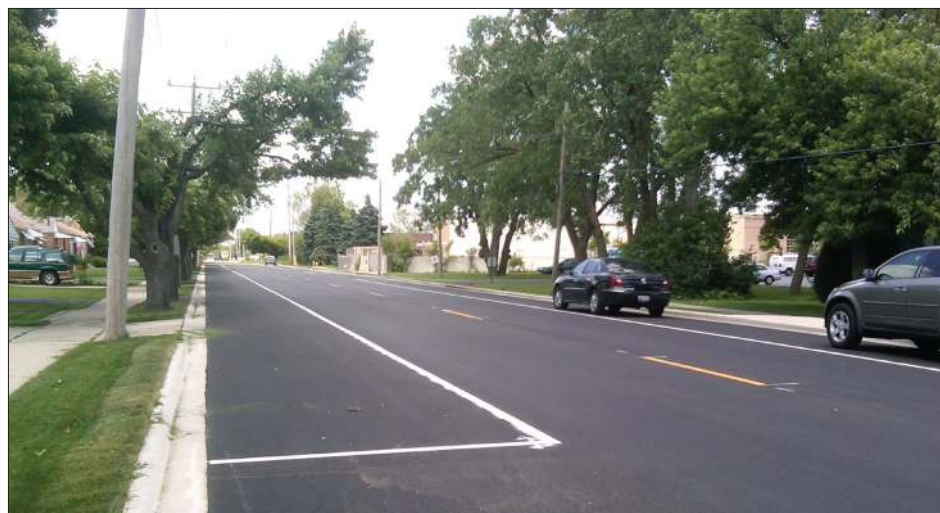
On Friday, July 18th 2010 at approximately 4:00 p.m., Westchester joined a host of communities from Elgin to Joliet that were affected by what has been reported as a "THUNDERSTORM." I was just one hour into my shift as a police officer in the Village of La Grange Park when I responded to a call on Beach Street where a tree had been uprooted and had fallen on a home. A call from Westchester Village manager Stan Urban minutes later, as well as a second call from Public Works Superintendent John Fecarotta confirmed that the "THUNDERSTORM" that struck had done far more destruction in the Village of Westchester. An area between Roosevelt Road to Canterbury, Westchester Blvd. to Gardner Road appeared to have been hit the worst. It appeared to me that the "THUNDERSTORM, HIGH WINDS, TORNADO, MICRO-BURST" or whatever you want to call it, tore a path through Pelham-Drury Lane from Westchester

Blvd straight east and into the City of Chicago uprooting trees like dominoes along the way. Upon my arrival to the scene Superintendent Fecarotta and Manager Urban had a well oiled machine already in place. Public Works employee had returned to work, front office personnel stayed to answer phones until 9 p.m., additional Westchester Police Officers, Fire Fighters, as well as Emergency Management Personnel had responded to our disaster. Sinnott tree service, our contract tree service for the village, responded immediately. They worked tirelessly side by side with our public works employees clearing the streets, sidewalks, with additional trucks, chain saws, bobcats and other specialty equipment. I saw Trustees Wally Novak and Brian Sloan speaking to residents along the street answering any questions they could. There were far too many trees to count, those that were uprooted and had struck residences. Roofing tile could be seen on the roadway, broken windows abundant, downed

power lines, and heavily damaged cars parked on the street with large tree branches on top of them. Throughout the village 4000 out of 7000 homes were without power. I flashed back to the time a few years ago when the power was off for days and the rain water began backing up into basements. Luckily the "THUNDERSTORM" and rain came and went without the steady several hour downpours.

All the aforementioned personnel worked well into the dark before regrouping for what we all knew was going to be a long Father's Day weekend. By Saturday morning a good portion of the power had been restored. Rick Sinnott and his gang began work at about 6am with our PW employees not far behind. I was able to lend a helping hand with the physical labor, along with Jon Kindseth, one of our village interns. My wife Maureen partnered up with Hope Garrett, our project manager

See THUNDERSTORM, page 24



Before and after

Above, Public Works laborers try out a paving machine used for spot repairs on streets throughout the Village. At left, Photo of the newly paved Gardner Road taken from Kent looking north.

BOARD PROFILE

24 JULY 2010

Nick Steker

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Personal Background: 32 years old, lifelong resident and member of Divine Infant Parish.

Was there moment when you realized you wanted to run for office?

I have been involved in the community at the Village level since I was 21. I served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Fire and Police Commissioner. I was also the Vice-President of the Westchester Public Library for a four-year term. Public service has always been very dear to me and I made a career out of it as well by becoming a firefighter.

Reflections on my years in office:

I feel that this current Board has worked well together. The



combination of the experience of the veteran trustees along with the fresh ideas of the newly elected members of the Board has really made an impact. Our meetings seem to never end, but the number of items that this Board has tackled has been amazing. I did not expect it to be this exciting.

Elected Official Philosophy:

Don't expect to have all the answers or know everything about Village government. This is a never-ending learning process. Put the right professional people in the right positions in order to get the job done.

Goals as a Trustee:

Streets!!! I would like nothing more than to see as many streets resurfaced as possible during my term as Trustee. Our infrastructure is one of the vital components to our community. Additionally, I would like us to maintain our strong public safety services to this community. Many towns have cut public safety and public works projects. I would do my best to see that does not happen here.

Upcoming Events-things to watch for: The street projects beginning in Fall and the Westchester Fest.

What is the best part about being an elected official?

Being able to impact such a large group of residents and knowing that

people are counting on you to help shape the future of their Village.

What is one downside to being an elected official?

Realizing that you cannot please everyone no matter how hard you try. Sometimes difficult decisions have to be made for the better of the whole. All you can do is what you believe is the best thing for the community as a whole.

What advice would you to give to someone who wants to get involved in politics?

Get involved! There are a number of Commissions and Boards that we have here in Westchester that require nothing more than a willingness to be involved. Mayor Pulia has done a fantastic job recruiting a diverse number of individuals who have done a marvelous job serving the Board in an advisory role. It gives you an opportunity to understand how your government works and gives you a louder voice. Don't ever be intimidated to get involved. This is YOUR Village.

Honor Tour Flight Of World War II Memorial

At the Westchester Park District Memorial Day Celebration I had the privilege to meet several veterans. One gentleman I got to spend some time with was a Navy Veteran berthed on the USS North Carolina, Mr. Angelo Grippo.

Mr. Grippo is a long time village resident who was able to attend the Honor Tour Flight of the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

Mr. Grippo and his daughter Marie were able, through the generosity of the honor flight donations, to be part of the one day whirlwind experience. Mr. Grippo told me about his 3 a.m. flight, the royal treatment he received at Midway Airport, sailors snapping to attention in his honor, the Andrew Sisters songs that were sung by a group of gals who allowed him to reminisce of a time in his life he will never forget.

As I listened to his experience I could see in his eyes the pleasure he had in attending such a meaningful trip.

To Angelo and all the veterans of all of our conflicts past and present THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. For more information contact Honor Flight Tour at 1-937-521-2400 or www.honorflight.org



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in the public works department and began picking up branches, directing traffic, blocking off streets, driving a dump truck, and doing whatever it took to put a dent in a very massive clean-up effort. Trustees Novak and Sloan returned and in addition to being ambassadors to the Village, rolled up their sleeves and tackled the downed trees and branches as well.

Sunday, Father's Day, brought the return of personnel to tackle just as much debris as we had picked-up the day before. I worked with one of our seasonal staff, Roosevelt as we concentrated our effort north of Roosevelt Road while other personnel fanned out across the town. Although it appeared the "THUNDERSTORM" had struck and done extensive damage along Westchester Blvd, trees were uprooted in every section of Westchester with precarious hanging branches on just about every street.

Power had not been restored to the Drury Lane area due to a downed telephone pole containing two transformers along Roosevelt Road near the Addison Creek. The pole was broken off at its base and in falling took with it a number of power lines running parallel to the rail road tracks along Drury Lane. Until approximately 7 p.m. Monday night the residents in this area were without power causing an untold amount of

food spoilage, medical problems and angst for the residents. I can assure you that Commonwealth Edison crews were working extremely hard to correct this problem. Estimates are that 530,000 ComEd customers were initially without power. I personally had several conversations with our ComEd representative Fabiola, who personally came to the Village Hall, called, and e-mailed as to the progress ComEd was making. Unfortunately, the power lines in Westchester are above ground on poles usually in back yards where the mature trees have grown tall and may have become weak, making them susceptible to break, especially in 70 mile hour winds.

This past Father's Day weekend, I learned a lot of things. I learned how to drive and work a dump truck, and operate a bulldozer, but most of all I saw an entire village working together. The Village employees exemplified what I believed was giving exemplified service to the residents. They were doing all the right things to get us through. I saw neighbors extending electric cords across the street, resident volunteers tossing branches in our dump and pickup trucks, sweeping curbs and gutters, raking and picking up debris. I could not have been prouder of the way we tackled this "THUNDERSTORM."