



Village of Westchester

April 2011 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH IS ELECTION DAY

As citizens of the United States we have been given the right to select the people we believe will do their best to represent our interests and visions, not only for today, but for the future. The right to vote did not come easily. You don't even need to read our country's history to understand the importance of this democratic right. Just turn on the television or listen to the radio and you will hear about other countries that today are fighting for a democracy such as ours and the right to vote for leaders that represent their interests. When citizens of new democracies are first given the right to vote, upwards of 75% of them regularly exercise their right to vote. Unfortunately, in the United States, and especially in non-partisan elections such as the one on April 5th, voter turnout is on average only about 30%. I am sure this is not what our forefathers fought so hard for. I know many of you exercise your right to vote in each and every election, and I look forward to seeing you all at the polls on April 5th. I am also reaching out to the other 70% of registered voters that have never

voted, or do not regularly exercise this right. Although your vote in every election matters, it is your vote in these nonpartisan, local elections that carry the most weight and make the most difference. I ask each and every registered voter of Westchester to take the time to learn about the candidates, and then come out and cast your vote on April 5th for the candidates that you believe will best represent your interests and the interests of Westchester as a whole. The polls will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM. A list of polling places is included in this publication. If you are not sure where you vote, you can find this information at www.cookcountyclerk.com

ADDISON CREEK UPDATE

Hopefully you have been following my efforts to resolve the flooding issues that plague our Village, most notably in September of 2008, and at least twice last summer in June and July. Over 6 years ago, the Addison Creek Restoration Commission was created by the Illinois State Legislature through the efforts of Representative Karen Yarbrough

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Fire Department

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Profile



Name: Dan Perzyna

Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic

Years as Firefighter: 2 years

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

When I was in school, I wanted to be a teacher, but I realized I could not work behind a desk for the rest of my life. The fire service is always different.

Describe a good day at work:

Spending the day with the other firefighters, and having nobody get hurt

What is the best part about your job?

The flexible schedule is nice. I am able to spend a lot of time with my son, and I would have the option of a side-job, if needed.

What is one downside to your Job?

Missing special days and holidays with my son. Also, it is not easy to see people hurt or in trouble.

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

Make sure you have a tough stomach because you will see some horrible things in your career. If you can get by that, there is no better job in the world than to help others and feel good doing it.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Having a cup of coffee, playing baseball with my son, having friends over for a bar-b-que, and spending quality time with that special someone!! :))

Home Fire Safety Tips

Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of five? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children, because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building. The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their caregivers about the dangers of fire. Protect your kids: install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

Children and Fire: Life Saving Tips

Young children are not able to sense danger in the same way as adults. They have a very limited ability to react quickly and properly in an emergency situation, as well as little control over their environment. This increases their risk of death and injury in a fire.

- Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

Prevention Starts with You!

Ninety-six percent of homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. **However, only three-quarters of all homes have at least one working smoke alarm.***

Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths in 2003-2006 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

* Source: National Fire Protection Association

What Can You Do?

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including the basement, and both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Install both ionization AND photoelectric smoke alarms, OR dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.

For more information about Focus on Fire Safety, go to: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus/children.shtm>

How long will my smoke alarm last?

Remember check your smoke detectors monthly and as a reminder you should have changed your batteries when you change your clocks for daylight savings to ensure proper operation. Most alarms installed today have a life span of about 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase with a marker on the inside of your alarm so you will know when to replace it.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement.



Profile



Name. VINCE LA MANNA
Occupation. SERGEANT

16 years with the patrol division, has been recently transferred to the Detective Division.

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

I'm not really sure probably when I was younger. I was always interested in police work.

Describe a good day at work.

A good day at work is when we're able to catch person(s) that have committed a crime and at the end of the day when everyone goes home safe.

What is the best part about your job?

Training new recruits in the intricacies of police work. Such as Patrolling, Officer Safety, Making Arrests along with Community Policing.

What is one downside to your job?

Well I have to say the hours but I knew going into this job it would be hard on my family, they accepted it and we still try to make time together.

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

Get a good education and take as many tests as possible, also include the federal level too.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Perfect day off I guess would be out camping with my family.

LOCK YOUR DOORS!!!

The Westchester Police are reminding residents to simply "STOP AND LOCK!" This simple message applies to your homes, garages, and vehicles. Since the beginning of January 2011, there have been seven car burglaries reported to police. Several of those victims failed to secure their vehicles leaving them prime opportunity for car burglaries and theft to occur. It only takes seconds to turn the key, latch, or press the lock button on the car key fob. So just do it... "Stop & Lock!"

Police Blotter

February 20 through March 20 2011

- On February 25th at 8:54am, a residential burglary was reported on the 1400 block of Evers. It was reported that unknown subject(s) entered the house with no one home and had taken copper pipes from the basement of the house.

- On February 25th at 5:15pm, a retail theft was reported at the Dominick's Foods located at 3020 Wolf Road. Store loss prevention officers contacted the Westchester Police Department to advised that a person was about to leave the store with merchandise. Officers stopped and arrested the subject who is awaiting trial.

- On March 2nd at 1:44pm, a burglary to garage was reported on the 700 block of Hull. The complainant advised that they noticed a snow blower taken from the garage sometime between 12pm and 5pm on March 1st.

- On March 6th at 2:57pm, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 1000 block of Hull. The complainant advised that unknown person(s) had broke out the rear window of their vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

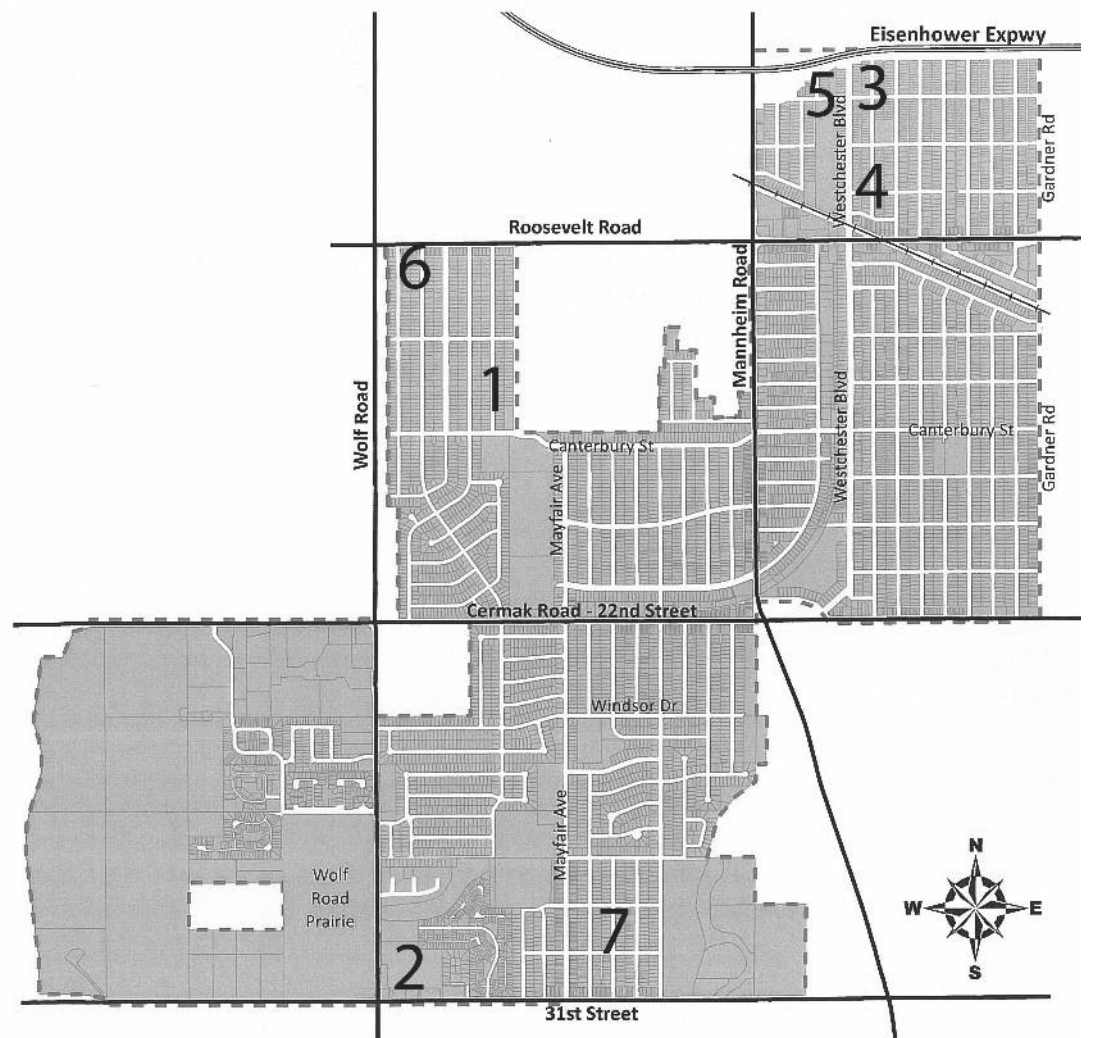
- On March 7th at 7:08am, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 700 block of Balmoral. The front driver side window of a vehicle was broke sometime during the previous evening. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

- On March 7th at 4:50pm, a burglary to vehicle was reported at the Alpine Banquet parking lot located at 11141 Roosevelt. The complainant advised that someone had broke their passenger side window and



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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



took items from the vehicle.

- On March 10th at 7:11am, a burglary to vehicle was reported on the 2900 block of Kensington. Entry was made to an unlocked vehicle sometime during the previous night. Items were taken from the vehicle and an attempt to start the vehicle was made but not successful.

- On March 18th at 9:30am, a theft was reported at the Jewel Foods Store at 2128 Mannheim Road. It was reported that a wallet was taken from a purse while the complainant was shopping in the store on March 15th at approximately 1:45pm.

CALENDAR

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Tuesday, April 5

Election Day, for a list of polling places please see page 16.

Parish Mission on the Eucharist given by Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries; 7-8:30 PM, Divine Providence, 2600 Mayfair

WMS-8th Grade Washington D.C. Parent Meeting 7PM Westchester Schools

Thursday, April 7

Literacy Night @ Westchester Middle School 6-8PM.

Friday, April 8

Divine Infant Church presents Lenten Hour of song at 7 PM.

WPS-No School for EC Students Westchester Public Schools

Stations of the Cross at 2 & 7 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair.

Annual "All You Can Eat" Fish Fry 5:30 PM – 9 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Menu: fish or grilled cheese sandwich. Bakery goods available. Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$8, Children under 11: \$6. Contact Al Castillo 708-837-7556.

Saturday, April 9

Electronic Waste Program Kickoff, 8:30 - Noon (behind the Post Office) Bring your old TVs, cell phones, and other electronics for recycling.

Band Contest will be held in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School at 10AM. Junior and Senior Bands from Divine Infant will compete for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ratings and a trophy. Contact Carolyn Rife at 708-865-0122 for more information.

Fall 2011 AYSO Registration for Boys and Girls who are ages 4 -18 by 8/31/2011. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2317 S. Wolf Rd, 10:30AM-2PM. \$75 cash or check only. For more information visit www.westchesterayso.org

St. Joseph High School's **50th Golden Jubilee Gala** is taking place from 6 PM-12 AM at Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Celebration includes dinner, cocktails, entertainment, and dancing, 21 years and over, \$125/person. RSVP by March 25 to Stephanie Morton at 708.562.7488 or by visiting www.stjoes50th.org

Sunday, April 10

Divine Providence School "Eye 4 Style" Fundraiser at 60 Shore

Drive, Burr Ridge, IL. 2-4PM. Get 60-80% off boutique or department store pricing. Enjoy an afternoon with the "gals" while you choose exciting accents i.e. jewelry, scarves, purses for your spring wardrobe. FREE raffle-six \$25 gift cards. Winner must be present. Complimentary refreshments. Call 708-562-2258 to RSVP.

Tuesday, April 12

WIS Principal's Coffee, 9AM. Westchester Public Schools

Rosary -2:10 PM at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Ave. For more information, call 865-0122.

Village Board Meeting followed by Village Committee of the Whole Meeting: Village Hall Board Room 7PM

Wednesday, April 13

Talk on The New Roman Missal given by Fr. Tom Unz, 7 PM, Divine Providence Church 2600 Mayfair.

WIS-Spring Choral Concert 7PM. Westchester Public Schools

Thursday, April 14

Teetering Tots Playgroup 9:30-10:30AM. Teetering Tots is a program for parents and their children between the ages of 0-4. We welcome Westchester families to join us for entertainment and socialization. Teetering Tots meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month when school is in session.

Please note: This month there will not be a class on the 4th Thursday. Registration required. For more information, call Divine Providence School at 708-562-2258.

The Annual Student Walkathon will be held from 12:30 – 2:30 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Friday, April 15

Living Stations at 2 and 7 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Monday, April 18: Mass at 7 PM Reconciliation until 8:30 PM.

Living Stations 1:30 PM at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Saturday, April 16

Market Day pick-up. 8:30-9:30AM

Market Day Pick-Up 10-10:30AM Westchester Middle School

Grace Lutheran Of Westchester GLOW Preschool Candlelight Bowling Fund raiser at Suburbanite

Bowl. 7 p.m. Cash Bar, 8 p.m. Dinner, 9:30 p.m. Bowling \$35 per adult (shoes included). There will be 3 couples or 6 people per lane. We will start the evening with 2 scotch doubles. The 3rd game will be a crazy game. 201 W Ogden, Westmont. For more information contact Genny Panek @ 708.865.9977 Payment must accompany reservation.

Sunday, April 17

Awards Ceremony for Library's Annual Poetry Contest. 1:30 PM at Library. Contact Youth Department at 708-562-3573.

Monday, April 18

Westchester Primary School. Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7PM

Tuesday, April 19

Simple Supper 5:45 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086 for more information.

Living Stations at 6:30 PM at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle. For more information, call 865-0122.

Wednesday, April 20

Market Day pick-up from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus. Orders due by April 15. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM, Divine Providence, 2600 Mayfair.

Spring Band Concert 7PM Westchester Middle School

April 20-April 21

Incoming Kindergarten Visitation days 12:15-12:45PM Westchester Primary School

Thursday, April 21

Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer - 8 AM; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM followed by Adoration until 10:45 PM Night Prayer, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

Senior Spring Concert 10AM Westchester Middle School Maundy Thursday Service at Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. Service at 7:00 PM includes a play performed by church members. Contact 865-1282 for more information.

Friday, April 22

Non Attendance Day for Students & Staff Westchester Public Schools

No School-Good Friday. Divine Providence

Village Hall Closed.

Community blood drive April 9

Westchester's second community-wide blood drive of the year will take place on Saturday, April 9, from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Ave. The Westchester Blood Program collected 138 units (pints) at its "season opener" on Jan. 22. That gave the WBP credit for 22,744 units since its founding in June 1974. Its annual goal is 500 units; last year, we collected 594.

Donating one units of whole blood can save up to three lives in area hospitals because of technology that permits dividing each unit into its essential parts — red cells, plasma and platelets — to be utilized by patients with various ailments. The entire process of donating one unit generally takes no more than 40 minutes.

Anybody who is unable to take part on April 9 can donate at a "makeup drive" scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, when a LifeSource coach will be parked from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of Paul's Pizza and Hot Dogs in the mall at Wolf and 31st Street. Questions regarding the crucial need for donors may be directed to WBP Chair Joan Steinhauer at (708) 409-0779 or Carl Panek, director of donor relations, at (708) 865-1782.

Divine Providence over 50 Club

Next meeting April 6 at 1 PM at the Divine Providence gym. Sign up for the Cougar Game hosted by Conboy's. Membership is open to all registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant. Membership is \$12. Guests are welcome for a donation of \$1. Tickets will be available for our Mothers Day-Fathers Day Luncheon on Wednesday, May 4th at Alpine Banquets, 8230 South Cass Ave in Darien. Doors open at 11:30 AM, a brief meeting at noon and lunch at 12:30. The cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Tickets will also be available for our picnic on June 8 in the Divine Providence gym. Box lunches will be catered by Cuomo's. Tickets are \$7.50 for members and \$8.50 for guests. This will also be our last meeting until September. If you are unable to purchase tickets in person Ruth @ 708-947-9020. For more information call Corrine @ 708-531-9496.

Volunteers needed

Aspire on Broadway. 117 North Broadway. Melrose Park, IL 60160. Monday-Saturday: 9:30AM-5PM. All profits go to support programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Volunteers sort donations, hang and steam items, price merchandise, assist customers, list and manage eBay sales, and create a pleasing sales environment. We especially need help on Thursdays and Saturdays. Contact Julie A. Gies jgies@aspireofillinois.org 708.547.3550 x3554.

Good Friday, Morning Prayer- 8 AM; Stations of the Cross 3 PM;

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and Senator Kimberly Lightford, Mayor Frank Pasquale of the Village of Bellwood, and a host of other appointed officials from the affected communities of Northlake, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Westchester, Broadview, and North Riverside sit on the Board.

After having received monies from the State, this Board began developing a workable solution to the Addison Creek flooding problems. Former Village President, Paul Gattuso sat on the Board from 2005-2009. He, along with the other Board members, identified locations in the affected areas that could be used for a large retention facility that would manage the flow of water down the creek and protect Westchester and the other villages from flooding caused when the banks of the Addison Creek overflow.

Each and every one of us here in Westchester, including myself, have experienced at some time or another the devastating effects of flooding, be it directly in your home or in the homes of your family, friends and neighbors. I do not have to tell you what devastation flood waters can cause. The feeling of hopelessness when you first see the rising waters, the loss of personal property, the structural damage, and the extreme sense of loss and sorrow with respect to those precious personal items such as photographs, and other personal keepsakes of happier times which can never be replaced.

This is one of the main reasons I ran for office, and the reason for my unrelenting drive to do whatever is possible to eliminate such devastation to our Village and our region in the future.

Over the past two years I have worked diligently with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), the governmental body that has control over the lower Des Plaines watershed area, to continue working towards the development of a plan to reduce flooding in these areas. In the spring of 2010, I attended a meeting with the MWRD to review a draft plan for the lower Des Plaines watershed area. Since receiving this plan, it remained on the left hand corner of my desk as a reminder of the work that still needs to be done. In December 2010, the Final Plan was completed. I am pleased to announce that this plan

includes requests I submitted to the MWRD, with the consensus of our Village Board and the other Addison Creek representatives. At a recent meeting with our new 16th District Cook County Commissioner, Jeff Tobolski, it was no accident that I sat right next to Terrence O'Brien, President of the MWRD, and Project Engineer Joseph Kratzer. I spent the entire evening explaining to them the magnitude of devastation we suffered and the urgent need for flood relief in our area. I lobbied hard to convince them to select our Plan as one of the plans they would be considering for review and recommendation to the full MWRD Board for approval. After this meeting, I contacted Mayor Pasquale, Chairman of the Addison Creek Water Restoration Commission, and met with the Commission. Although we were pleased to hear that our plan was still in play, we were frustrated with the lack of commitments from any state or federal officials. I informed the Board that I would personally take the lead and do everything possible to move the project forward. This was a promise I made to the citizens of Westchester, and the region as a whole, that I was going to see through. I even went so far as to personally meet with Governor Quinn to discuss the urgency of implementing our comprehensive flood relief plan for the area. On March 15, 2011, our efforts paid off. I received a call from MWRD President O'Brien who informed me that our multi-phase project, with its relevant engineering study, performed by Christopher Burke of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, was one of the plans being presented to the entire MWRD Board for approval. On March 17, 2011, a letter I drafted in support of this much needed project was read into the record at the MWRD Board Meeting (a copy of this letter is printed in this edition). When it came time for the Board to vote, the Final Draft of our Addison Creek Water Restoration Plan was selected as one of the plans marked for Phase I engineering. The Phase I engineering is scheduled to be completed in 2012 according to MWRD staff. Although the project will not be completed for some time, without the approval of this plan by the MWRD on March 17, 2011, we would have had no chance at all of implementing a comprehensive flood relief plan for the Addison Creek area. I will keep you posted as we move into the next phase. See MWRD letter on Page 7. I would like to extend a

special thanks to President O'Brien, the MWRD Commissioners, the MWRD team and Senior Engineer Joseph Kratzer, Christopher Burke and all of the State and Local Officials who wrote letters and lobbied on behalf of the Village of Westchester and all affected areas to bring much needed flood relief to our region. Today, we are one step closer to achieving our goal.

DEEP TUNNEL PROJECT

Another project that indirectly impacts our flood relief efforts is the Deep Tunnel Project. On Sunday March 19, 2011, the Chicago Tribune did an expose on this Project. (I will put the article on our website for your review.) The article provides a history of the Deep Tunnel and its progress to date. MWRD President O'Brien and his staff have been lobbying in Washington, D.C. to get the necessary funding to build the Second Phase of the Project, which is the actual retention area. This is a quarry area where the water now being stored in the Deep Tunnel lines will empty into.

MAYFAIR RETENTION POND

Just as the Addison Creek collects storm water on the north side of Westchester, the Mayfair Retention Pond and Salt Creek collects storm water on the south side of town. In 1975, the Mayfair Retention Pond was completed. This Pond can store approximately 60 million gallons of water, which is then pumped into a 60 (sixty) inch pipe that ultimately empties into Salt Creek. Following the flood of 2010, Dr. Burke, of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, along with his Engineering students, began reexamining and reevaluating the workings of the Mayfair Reservoir for size design and functionality. Since 1975, there has been additional construction of residential subdivisions and business parks west of Wolf Road which has affected this flow of water. Dr. Burke a professor at UIC along with his engineering students are focusing on the impact these new structures have had on the ability of the Mayfair Retention Pond to store and retain water. This project will be the students' final project and presentation before receiving their engineering degrees. Thanks to Dr. Burke, for assigning this project to his students. We are pleased to be the benefactors of such a comprehensive and informational study at no cost to the Village.

STREET AND SEWER



IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The 2011 Street Improvements Program will start April 4th, weather permitting. Letters to residents on the streets that will be affected have been delivered. The revenue source for the Program is a 20 year \$5 million dollar bond. This bond was used to pay for last year's road improvement projects as well as this year's projects. Approximately \$250,000.00 each year from our State Motor Fuel Tax Fund will be used to pay back this debt. The Village has obtained a low interest loan from the IEPA which will be used for the much needed High Ridge area sewer lining project. The 17 cent sewer fee increase that was unanimously approved by the Board, will be a dedicated revenue source to pay off the debt for the sewer lining project.

I, along with all the other Board members, live in this town and dislike fee increases just like each of you. However, when an infrastructure system is over 75 years old, the "BandAid" fixes of the past are no longer an effective means of repair; repairs to the infrastructure itself must be made. Unfortunately, repairs of this magnitude are not easy or cheap. The Board is taking steps to identify a comprehensive plan to address these problems in the most economical and productive way possible. Also know that we are continually looking for additional outside sources of revenue, such as grants, to fund these major infrastructure projects.

WCMC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Recently, Mr. Urban and I represented the Village of Westchester at a recent West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC)

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Meeting. The WCMC represents the interests of 35+ municipalities in the western suburbs on a host of legislative and state issues. At this meeting, the WCMC identified the local issues they would like our state officials to address during this year's legislative sessions.

On May 5th, I, along with other Mayors and elected officials in the conference, will be driving down to Springfield to meet "face to face" with our legislators to discuss the issues that most directly impact our municipalities. In addition to the "elected official" drive down on May 5th, the Westchester Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual "Legislative Bus Drive to Springfield" as well on May 4th. Citizens of Westchester are encouraged to join the Chamber for this trip. This is a great opportunity for each of you to have your own "face to face" with our legislators and have your voices heard. Please contact Bill Ernst, at 708-243-9859, for more information regarding this Chamber sponsored event.

WESTCHESTER CLEAN UP DAY

With Spring in the area, and a lot of debris on the ground, the Westchester Community Image Council, headed by Carl Celestino, will be hosting their annual "Clean-up Westchester" day on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 (rain date 7/14/11). Target areas for the trash removal have been identified and the "Clean-Up" will begin at 8:00 AM-meet at Village Hall. If you would like more information on how you can participate, please contact Carl

at info@westchestercic.org. Just remember, many hands make light work. Please come out and lend a helping hand for this beautification event.

ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE GALA

This year St. Joseph High School celebrates its 50th anniversary. They will be marking this event with a Golden Jubilee Gala on April 9th, 2011. For more information regarding this event and to get tickets, email Stephanie Morton at smorton@stjoeshs.org, or Joseph Tortorich at jtortorich@stjoeshs.org or call 708-562-7488.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

For many, many years the Westchester Chamber of Commerce has done a great job coordinating a 4th of July Parade that has been fun for all. This year, the Chamber of Commerce has turned over the reins of the 4th of July Parade to the Village. (Don't worry ... they are not leaving us to sink or swim, they will still be giving us a great deal of assistance). The Chamber has rightfully decided that it is time for them to focus more on their primary goal, which is marketing to current and prospective businesses in Westchester. Please see sponsorship and entry information on our website www.westchester-il.org. We have already started lining up entertainment and I want to acknowledge Colleen Jamison, a member of the Citizen Advisory Board for her work thus far. As we make this transition, I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the many, many years of hard work and dedication in making this event an enjoyable one for all. I

look forward to seeing all of you along the parade route this year!

WESTCHESTER FEST

The Westchester Fest Committee has been meeting for several months in anticipation of this year's event. Believe it or not, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and putting together a fest of our magnitude is no small task, and can be costly.

Over the years I am sure you have seen many other Villages that have had to cancel their fests due to economic constraints. I, along with the other Board members, believe Westchester Fest is a great event where Westchester residents, as well as their friends, families and neighbors, can gather for good food, music and overall fun.

We are making every effort to continue this tradition. I am pleased to announce that Westchester will be hosting the Fest again this year, but with one notable change relative to the wristbands for the carnival. This change will help defray some of the costs associated with this first rate event. In the past, there has been a limited supply of complimentary wristbands provided to the children of Westchester that have allowed them to ride the carnival rides for free on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. This year, instead of providing complimentary wristbands, the Village will have them available for purchase at the Village Hall for a discounted cost of \$5.00 each.

This represents a significant discount from the \$20.00 cost of the band if they were purchased at the carnival last year. Please note that if you plan to ride the carnival rides on Saturday and Sunday, a separate wristband will need to be purchased for each day. More

details will be provided in the May and June newsletters.

TREE TRIMMING

Tree trimming is underway. This is the 3rd year of a 6 year program that began in 2009. Rick Sinnott, a registered arborist from Sinnott Tree Care was awarded the contract to perform tree trimming throughout the Village. I have received several calls regarding the amount of limbs that are being removed from the Village-owned parkway trees. As an arborist, Mr. Sinnott and his crew of arborists are trimming these trees consistent with the industry standards for our area. These standards include trimming all low hanging, dead and diseased branches. This is done to improve the longevity of our trees.

ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

This year, Westchester's Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 28th, 2011 at 1:30 PM at the Westchester Primary School located at Fleet and Kensington. Tree arborists from Morton Arboretum will be on hand to explain the significance of trees as well as explain the do's and don'ts of tree care. All residents are welcome to attend.

BLIZZARD NEWS

On March 17, 2011, President Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Illinois, triggering the release of Federal funds to help municipalities recover from the severe winter storm and snowstorm, which occurred January 31 - February 3, 2011. Staff will attend a FEMA meeting regarding the application process at the end of March.

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Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 7:30 PM, Divine Providence, 2600 Mayfair

Good Friday Service at Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. Service at 7 PM with many special hymns as part of worship. Good Friday Personal Prayer time is available from 10 am-1pm. Contact 865-1282 for more information.

Saturday, April 23

Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer --

8 AM, Blessing of Easter Food -- 1 PM Easter Vigil Mass -- 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

Sunday, April 24

Easter Sunday, Mass at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM, Divine Providence, 2600 Mayfair

Easter Services at Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Light Easter Breakfast, bring a dish to share, at 9 a.m. Contact 865-1282 for more information.

Monday, April 25

Spring Meeting of the Westchester

Community Image Council 7PM in the Village Hall Community Room.

April 25-April 29

Easter break. No School. Divine Providence

April 25-May 6

Measures of Academic Progress MAP Testing, Grades 2-8 Westchester Schools

Tuesday, April 26

Book Fair Family Night 6:30-8:30PM Westchester Primary School

Village Board Meeting followed by Village Committee of the Whole

Meeting: Westchester Village Hall-Board Room 7PM

Wednesday, April 27

Parent Meeting for Current Grade 5 Parents @ Westchester Middle School 7PM.

Thursday, April 28

Please join the Village of Westchester for an Arbor Day ceremony at 1:30PM at Kennedy School, located at 2400 Downing Ave. A Marmo Freeman Maple donated by Sinnott Tree Service will be planted.



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March 17, 2011

Dear President O' Brien, Commissioners, Staff

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend this meeting to thank you in public personally as I am teaching this morning at the Suburban DuPage Police Academy. However, my Village Manager Stan Urban is here to read this letter into the official record.

Please accept this letter on behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees and the elected and appointed officials of the Addison Creek Restoration Commission and their communities, as well as the residents and businesses who are either directly or indirectly affected by the Addison Creek watershed

As you are well aware, State Legislative action began on this project some 6 years ago. Mayor Frank Pasquale and a host of officials recognized the value of preventing flood waters from severely impacting the residents and businesses. Last summer's catastrophic event speaks for itself of what occurs when Addison Creek overflows its banks.

I, as a member of the Addison Creek Restoration Committee would like to commend you as well as all of the commissioners and staff, including the engineering team of Chris Burke for selecting the ADDISON CREEK ADCR -6-b the 960 A-F reservoir and pump station project. This project will certainly help our residents and businesses breathe a sigh of relief in the hopes of realizing Real Flood Relief Remediation in the affected villages of Northlake, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Bellwood, and Westchester, as well as further down the line in the Village of Broadview and North Riverside who certainly are affected as well. I am making myself available to you or your staff to assist you in any further planning and implementation of this project.

Thank you once again for this first bold step.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sam D. Pulia
 Village President



Westchester Event Donations

The following events are always in need of support to keep them ongoing and cost free to the residents. The Village of Westchester is accepting donations for:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Independence Day Parade	_____
Fest	_____
Fireworks Display (last night of Fest)	_____
General Special Events	_____
Memorial Fountain (corner of Mannheim & Cermak)	_____

Please indicate if you would like your donation to go to a certain event.

_____ YES! Please include my name in the newsletter as a special event supporter!

NAME: _____

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2011 Arbor Day Celebration

Thursday, April 28 at 1:30pm

Westchester Primary School

2400 Downing Ave.

Ceremonial tree planting with comments
by President Pulia .



A Marmo Freeman Maple donated by Sinnott
Tree Service will be planted on-site.

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Westchester CLEAN SWEEP



Westchester Village Vehicle Stickers

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

8 a.m. to Noon
Meet at Village Hall
(rain date: May 14)

Come join the Westchester
Community Image Council & the
Village of Westchester for the
3rd Annual

WESTCHESTER CLEAN SWEEP

We continue to get together to make our Village beautiful!

We are looking for our fellow friends and neighbors to spend a morning to help brighten up our Village and get ready for Spring.

Pick up litter

Join a litter patrol and pick up trash at designated locations throughout town.

Mulch crew

Help to add new mulch to the Boulevard Gardens and other public locations to brighten and protect our public gardens



Bring your organization, a few friends, or sign up by yourself. Just a couple of hours will make a big difference and continue to make Westchester a nice place to live!

Call Carl Celestino at 708-344-3820 for additional details.

Brought to you by the Westchester Community Image Council with support from the Village of Westchester.

Residents were mailed their vehicle license renewal forms on March 15th.

For those that have not purchased their village vehicle licenses, be sure to use the pre-printed forms.

Vehicle stickers can be purchased online at www.westchester-il.org with a credit card. Simply key in your user id found on the pre-printed vehicle sticker renewal form.

Vehicle license can also be purchased through the mail by sending a check to the Village in the pre-printed return envelope. Be sure to include the entire form. Stickers will be mailed to you.

Stickers may also be purchased in person at Village Hall.

Office hours are M-F from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday's from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm; and Tuesday nights until 7:00 pm.

Our local woodcocks and chorus frogs

Wolf Road Prairie's woodcocks are displaying and froggy too has gone a-courting. Long before Westchester had tulips and daffodils, it had an abundance of woodcocks and chorus frogs declaring the onset of spring and regeneration.

At our Prairie, these harbingers of winter's end still connect us to a distant past.

Bird expert, John Banaszak, will be leading evening walks at two opportune times for both hearing the mating calls of the chorus frogs and for seeing and hearing the courtship ritual of the male woodcock. So mark your calendars for . . .

Friday, April 1 at 6:45 pm

Friday, April 8 at 6:50 pm

Meet at the Prairie House, 11225 Constitution Dr. on the northern

edge of the prairie. Late-comers welcome. If there is rain, snow, or strong winds the walk will be canceled. For more information, call 708-354-5512.

The Woodcock: Not Your Average Bird

Although it can be difficult to spot this well-camouflaged bird, once you do see him, his unusual physical characteristics make him easy to identify.

About the size of a plump robin, its long outsized beak is your first clue. It is especially designed to probe the earth for worms. Many ornithologists believe that the flexible tip of the beak has nerve endings, allowing the woodcock

to know immediately when he has struck pay-dirt. The eyes of the woodcock are unique in their placement. Set far back on their head, they allow the woodcock to be on guard for predators as he faces downward while exploring for his dinner. Finally, the absence of a visible neck provides yet another distinguishing feature.

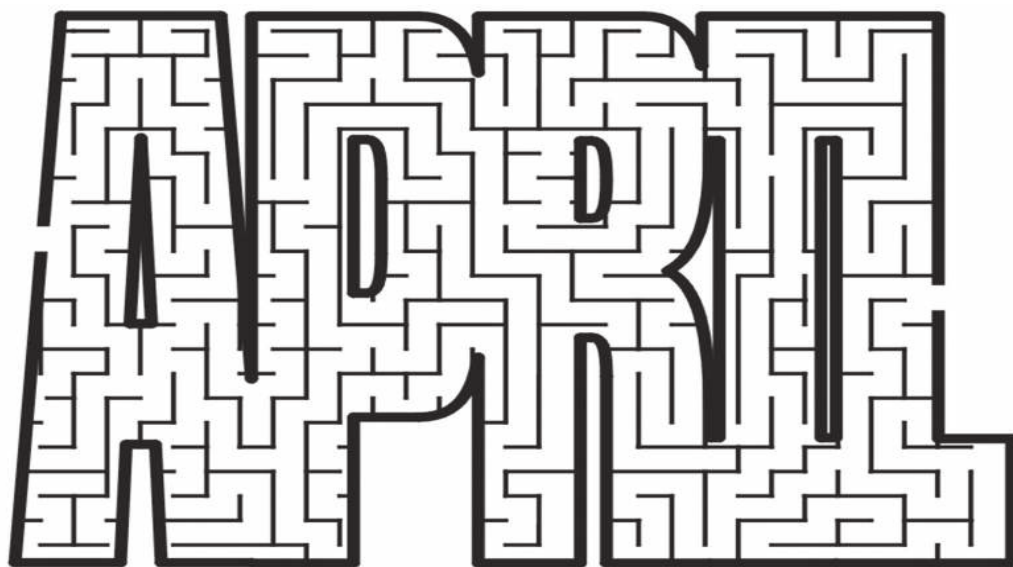
Internally, the woodcock has a very unique feature. In most birds the cerebellum is usually located toward the top of the brain. But this rara avis has a cerebellum at the bottom of the brain just above the spinal cord. It would be interesting to know what advantage, if any, it gives the woodcock.

The woodcock's claim to fame, though, is not its anatomy but rather the sky dance of the courting male. The courtship starts on the ground

with the male emitting insect-like "peents." After a time, there is silence, signaling his spiraling ascent. Once he gains height, air passing through primary feathers on his wings will cause a twittering sound. The twittering becomes intermittent after he reaches about 230 feet. As he begins his zig-zagging descent, the male vocalizes a chirping sound.

When you can no longer hear him, you know that he is coasting back to his peenting location or, if a female is near, he will descend towards her. If he fails to find a willing partner, he will begin the entire ritual over again. Even after he has mated, the male might continue his courtship efforts throughout April, sometimes into May, but always near dawn or after dusk.

Rita McCabe



Disney Heroes Word Search

Find the names of the Disney heroes hidden in the puzzle.

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- ALADDIN
- BAMBI
- BEAST
- BUZZLIGHTYEAR
- DONALDDUCK
- HERCULES
- JIMHAWKINS
- JOHNSMITH
- MARLIN
- MICKEYMOUSE
- MRINCREDIBLE
- PETERPAN
- PONGO
- PRINCEPHILIP
- QUASIMODO
- ROBINHOOD
- SHANG
- SIMBA
- STITCH
- SULLEY
- TARZAN
- TRAMP
- WOODY

Puzzle Page

Spot the Difference

Find the 12 differences between the two Easter pictures below.



by Dave Fisher ©puzzles.about.com

Garage sale season is coming: rules and regulations

The Village does require a permit for all garage/ house or yard/ rummage/ and estate sales.

The permit applicant must acknowledge and comply with all municipal ordinances, and sign application to this effect. The Village issued permit must be posted in visible location at the stated sale. The permit grants the Village the right of entry for inspection, if deemed necessary. The permit number must be displayed, on any signs advertising the sale, in a conspicuous place to be viewable by anyone upon a public street or

sidewalk adjacent to the premises. Residents are allowed to have two garage sales per calendar year.

A garage sale is limited to three consecutive days. The sale hours shall be no earlier than 8 a.m. and no later than 4 p.m. Only one sign is allowed on the lot owned/leased by an individual wishing to hold a sale.

Two off-site signs, per garage sale, shall be allowed on private property with written permission of the property owner, with a maximum of three publicly displayed signs per event. Signs may be posted only on the day(s) of the actual sale, 2

hours before until 2 hours after the sale. Posted signs must be removed immediately afterwards.

Signs may not exceed six square feet, or shall not be illuminated or have any attention-getting devices attached to them.

Signs may not be placed in public right-of-way or on trees, utility poles or fences. The placement of the signs must not interfere with traffic or pedestrian safety or infringe on the property rights of any third party. Signs that are in violation of Village ordinance or code may be removed by the

Village's code enforcement staff. For more information please call the Village Building Department - (708) 345-0199 or go to website www.westchester-il.org/village_dept/building.html

We will feature your garage/ yard sale free in the Westchester newsletter. We will publish the dates, times and location of your sale. Send information to newsletter@westchester-il.org. Please put "garage sale" in the subject line and include your contact information for verification purposes.

CALENDAR

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Friday, April 29

1st Grade Author's Tea from 1:45-3PM Westchester Primary School

Saturday, April 30

Birding on the Wolf Creek Prairie Trail at 7:30 A.M. Tour Leader: John Elliott, Education Manager Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Meet at the 31st Street

Kiosk at Wolf Road Prairie west of Wolf Rd. As the savanna oaks leaf out, warblers arrive at Wolf Road Prairie. Early morning is the best time of day to watch birds in flight or to hear and identify their calls. Learn about the Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve on a walk along the trails of one of the most endangered natural areas in Illinois. Bring along binoculars, a bird guide and a notepad to record the sightings of the day. Wolf Road Prairie is owned by the FPDC

and the IDNR. Contact Salt Creek Greenway Association 708-865-8736, John Elliott 708-771-1332.

Saturday, April 30

Eucharist Retreat at Divine Infant Jesus School - 9 am to noon for 2nd graders of Divine Infant Parish making their First Communion. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086 for more information.

Scrapbooking and Card making Fundraiser. Scrapbooking 9:30

a.m.-11 PM. Card making 10 a.m.-2 PM. Contact 865-1282 with questions. Registration is due by April 22.

Sunday, May 1

2011 vehicle stickers must be displayed

Children's Day/Book Day celebration featuring Holly Nagel's Interactive Hula Show 1:30 PM at Library. Contact Youth Department at 708-562-3573.

Westchester's Online Citizen Support Center

The Village of Westchester has added an online Citizen Support Center to our webpage as a way to better serve our residents. This system will increase access to information and improve the ability of residents to communicate directly with the appropriate Village staff. This system is very user friendly and decreases response time, as well as allowing direct communication through our website at www.westchester-il.org 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will also soon be adding a directory of all local businesses, which allows citizen to search for businesses by category or name of business. Below is a snapshot of how the portal will appear on our website.

Citizen Support Center

Find Answers

Browse All Answers
Search for a Specific Answer



Make a Request

Report a Problem
Register a Complaint



Ask a Question

Send Us a Question



My Support Center

Check Status of Requests





Westchester Chamber of Commerce

"We Mean Business"

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce exists to promote our member businesses and partners with the Village of Westchester in promoting healthy economic development. We foster partnerships among village, governmental and civic groups and create and support community wide events and programs.

(708) 240-8400 www.WestchesterChamber.org
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The Westchester Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who participated and donated raffle prizes at our annual Christmas luncheon. As a result, we were able to make donations to the **Westchester Food Pantry, Westchester Public Library, Westchester Public Schools' Families in Need, and St. Vincent DePaul.**

Upcoming Events

Chamber Luncheon

Tuesday, April 26th **Time: Noon** **Location: Westchester Park District (Mayfair)**
Cost: \$17.00 per person
Guest Speaker: Mark Goodman from the Small Business Administration
"Gaining Competitive Advantage in Today's Economic Environment"

Chamber After Hours Event

Tuesday, May 3rd **Time: 5:00-7:00pm** **Location: Inland Bank**
Cost: FREE **Hosted by Inland Bank**
"Run for the Roses" Wear your Derby Hat!

Springfield Bus Tour

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce invites you to join our *13th Bus Tour* to Springfield including **THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN MUSEUM.**

Wednesday, May 4th 2011 6:30 am – 8:30 pm (return time approximate)
Departs by Coach Bus from PNC Bank parking lot 2121 S. Mannheim Rd. PROMPTLY at 6:30 am

The cost of the tour is \$80 per person and is all inclusive with snacks on the bus, lunch at the capitol, dinner and guided tours.

In addition to the Capitol Tour, we will visit the Constitutional Offices where in the past we have had the opportunity to meet and greet many of our state officials.

Our Coach bus will swing by the Governor's Mansion for our own private tour and we'll also visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

Please make reservations early, space is limited!

Reservations: Bill Ernst at (708) 243-9859 or billernst@comcast.net

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PARK DISTRICT

12 APRIL 2011



2011 Season Pool Passes On Sale NOW!!

Take Advantage of Early Bird Rates and Save!

2011 POOL SEASON RATES

EARLY BIRD RATES EFFECTIVE 2/19 - 4/30

Number of Persons	RESIDENT	N/R	No. of Passes in Same Household	RESIDENT RATES	NON-RESIDENT RATES
1st person	\$ 75.00	\$ 156.25	Individual	\$75.00	\$156.25
2nd - add	\$ 50.00	\$ 93.75	Family of 2	\$125.00	\$250.00
3rd - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 3	\$150.00	\$312.50
4th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 4	\$175.00	\$375.00
5th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 5	\$200.00	\$437.50
6th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 6	\$225.00	\$500.00
7th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 7	\$250.00	\$562.50
8th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 8	\$275.00	\$625.00
9th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 9	\$300.00	\$687.50
10th - add	\$ 25.00	\$ 62.50	Family of 10	\$325.00	\$750.00



WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS ONLY



Senior Individual	\$67.50	age 60 +
Senior Couple	\$112.50	both age 60 +

If a Senior is included on a family pass, senior rates do not apply.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 16th

The Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be Co-Sponsored with the Westchester Kiwanis Club. All residents and friends of Westchester are welcome to attend the breakfast. Special entertainment includes the Easter Bunny and roving entertainment.

Tickets should be purchased early so the Easter Bunny has time to prepare; however, tickets will also be sold at the door.

Age: All Ages

Site: Community Center Gymnasium

Time: Breakfast – 7am – Noon

Bunny & Entertainment – 8:30 – 11:30am

Fee: \$6 Adult / \$4 children under 12

FREE – children 2 years and under

Easter Candy & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th

Guess who is hopping down the bunny trail? Join oodles of other children and collect candy and eggs. The hunt will be held OUTSIDE – please dress appropriately. Signage will identify age groups. Parents are invited to watch, please keep in mind this event is for the children.

Age: 2-10

Site: Community Center

Time: 12:00 p.m. SHARP!



Spring & Summer Trip Destinations

Long Grove Chocolate Festival & Shopping
April 29th - \$25 per person

Long Grove Strawberry Festival & Shopping
June 24th - \$25 per person

Shipshewana Amish Country Trip
July 12th - \$45 per person

Geneva Festival of the Vine
September 10th - \$25 per person

All trips depart from and return to the Community Center.
Early Registration Suggested.

Spaces still available
in both Playtime and Tot Spot Preschool
for 3 and 4 year olds!



Enrollment is ongoing –
do not hesitate, register today!

Please visit our website, www.wpdparks.org or call the park district at 708.865.8200 for additional information on any of the above programs.

Westchester Public Schools announces "SCOTY" Winners

The Westchester Public Schools is proud to announce its "SCOTY" (School Citizen of the Year) award winners for the 2010-2011 school year. They were recognized by the West 40 Intermediate Service Center as "SCOTY" award recipients at the 15th annual awards ceremony held at Mannheim Middle School

(District #83 - Melrose Park) on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Diana, Abigail and Austin were selected by their principal and teachers based on criteria set by West 40 and their home school community. Exemplary students were not only recognized for their "good school citizenship"

but for conducting themselves in such a manner for others to emulate. Grades and activities were important, but only a small part of the selection process.

Students in grades two through twelve who attend school districts in western Cook County are eligible to participate in this annual event.

The positive accomplishments of students are recognized at the ceremony. Each of the students receives a medal, certificate and the SCOTY Honor Roll Book.

Students, parents, teachers, and administrators from participating schools were in attendance to express pride in today's youth.

Diana Espin (Gr. 2) is compassionate, always willing to help others and serves as a positive role model.

Her name says it all. "D" is for her dynamite personality. "I" is for her infectious smile. "A" is for her awesome attitude. "N" is for how nice she is to each person she meets. "A" is for her academic performance.



Diana with Teacher, Mrs. Muntz

Abigail Wojtynek (Gr. 5) shows kindness toward classmates, is committed to academics and extracurricular activities, has a volunteer spirit and enthusiasm for learning. Respect for the Westchester Intermediate School community is evident each day. Abbey demonstrates outstanding citizenship through her words and actions.



Abigail with Teachers (l to r), Mrs. Kaminiski, Mrs. Serio and Ms. Turilli

Austin Brown (Gr. 8) has a unique ability to lead his fellow students both academically and athletically. His presence has been recognized by both teachers and fellow students. Austin does this by encouragement, leadership, and example. Austin is always willing to lend a hand or encouragement to those in need.



Austin with Teacher, Mr. Blindauer

Jump Rope for Heart event a success

On February 24th & 25th, students at Westchester Intermediate and Westchester Primary Schools jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Combined, students from both schools raised over ten thousand dollars for the American Heart Association with one WIS student, Sarah LaBellarte (Grade 5) raising \$1131 and one WPS student, Nadia Torres (Grade 2) raising \$440. Way to go Sarah & Nadia!

Jump Rope for Heart is a program promoting physical fitness and heart health through fun activities of jumping rope, hoops, and basketball. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Donations raised during Jump Rope for Heart help fund research to fight heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and cholesterol. This event also supports the American Heart Association's public and professional education programs.



WPS students jump and shoot basketball hoops for physical fitness and heart health.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America and stroke is No. 3.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Kevin Jesswein, Jump Rope for Heart coordinator at WIS. "I am very proud of all the jumpers. We all had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money for a good cause."

The Jump Rope for Heart event could not have been such a huge success without our volunteers who helped cut oranges as well as distribute the oranges to the students. I also want to thank The Western Springs Fruit Store for donating the oranges for our event.

Egyptian Life projects

WMS Egyptologists worked cooperatively to research Egyptian society, government and life. Ms. Robertson's sixth grade students wrote essays and created pyramids complete with hieroglyphics and mummies. The students' work

illustrated the burial tombs of the Egyptian royals complete with the variety of items buried with them. Students included hieroglyphs on the walls that were designed to provide instructions for the king's passage to the afterlife. The students were as proud of their work as their teacher was of her students.



Dads and Doughnuts

Westchester Primary School was thrilled to have over 150 Dads attend their first Dads & Doughnuts Day on Tuesday, January 11th. Well before the start of the school day students, accompanied by their Dads, filled the cafeteria. The WPS faculty greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk to everyone. The children were so proud of their Dads' presence, involvement and for showing support of their education at Westchester Primary School.

Author visit at Westchester Primary

Tom Lichtenheld, children's book author & illustrator made a guest appearance at the Westchester Primary School on Friday, March 4, 2011. His books have been featured in Newsweek and Child Magazines. Mr. Lichtenheld is currently a creative director / art director at freelance and a children's book author / illustrator residing in Geneva, Illinois. He writes for kids who love to laugh and adults who love to laugh along with them. Our students listened to Mr. Lichtenheld talk about his newest children's book "CloudeTT," a charming book that gets at the heart of what it means to make a difference - no matter what your size - and follow CloudeTT on her pursuit for greatness. Students also had an opportunity to purchase a book and participate in a book signing.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STAFF
ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2011

CHARGER BASKETBALL DAY CAMP



DIRECTED BY
Gene Pingatore
Head Basketball Coach



6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys
(Grade in September '11)

Dates

Session I: June 20 – July 1
Session II: July 5 – July 16

Time

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day
(July 16th – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The primary purpose of the camp is to develop individual skills and fundamentals while emphasizing the importance of teamwork, self-discipline and sportsmanship.

Features

Individual and Group Instruction, Each Camper will receive a Camp T-shirt, Team Play, Lectures, Contests, and Awards

Cost: \$175.00 Per Session (non-refundable)

Registration is limited

To register, please call 708.562.7488.

CELEBRATE. HONOR. APPRECIATE.
4.9.11

50th Golden Jubilee Gala



Benefiting the students of St. Joseph High School

Drury Lane

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

6:00 pm – 12:00 am

Featuring...

Alumni Recognition, Golden Super Raffle Drawing,
Dinner, Dancing and Music provided by *The Nightshift Orchestra*

Learn more by visiting...

www.stjoes50th.org

For further information, email or call Stephanie Morton,
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at 708.562.7488.

Join Today... We encourage the graduates and friends of St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary High Schools to visit www.stjoesalumni.org and/or www.ihmalumnae.org to become members of our alumni/friend network!

Teacher Appreciation Day!

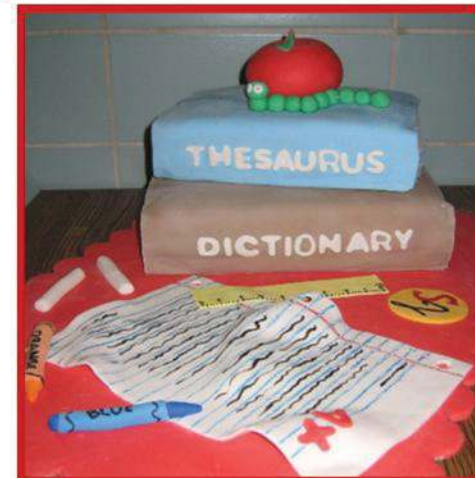
On Tuesday, March 15th, St. Joseph High School's Parent Club members showered the faculty and staff with an amazing luncheon feast in honor and celebration of Teacher Appreciation Day!

Yvonne Barrueta (pictured), sophomore student, wanted to do something special to show appreciation to her teachers, so she baked a cake. Not just any cake, a work of art, in fact. With talent like this, do not be surprised to see Yvonne contending for the title on the hit TLC show, *Ultimate Cake Off!*

When asked how she accomplished such a work of art, Yvonne expressed, "It was easy! My mom and I started after school at about 5:00 pm and we were finished by about 11:00 pm."

Kathy Iwashima, Yvonne's Guidance Counselor at St. Joseph High School, said, "Yvonne always said she wanted to be a baker. She is a hard working Honors student, very sweet and well liked by her peers. As our Principal, Ms. Donna Kiel stated, 'I believe Yvonne will go far.'"

The St. Joseph High School faculty and staff would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Parent Club members and Yvonne for all of their hard work in making Teacher Appreciation Day so very special! Thank you!





50th Anniversary
1960 - 2010

Where Lives Take Shape

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Nazareth Academy Hockey Club finishes in final four at State

The Westchester Connection

The Nazareth Academy Hockey Club is a combined team that includes players from Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park, Guerin Prep in River Grove, and Riverside Brookfield High School in Riverside.

This past year, the Hockey Club

had a very successful season with a combined record of 46 wins, 10 losses, and 6 ties in regular season play (21-3-5 in the Metro Central League and 18-4-1 in the Illinois Suburban High School League).

The team was ranked 2nd in the state and finished in the final four

in the state tournament in the combined JV bracket. One of the unique aspects of the team is its strong connection to Westchester. Half of the players from the Nazareth Academy roster live in Westchester. This goes for the coaches as well. Three of the team's coaches Derek Gordon, Sean Geiger and Jeff Woytenek also reside in Westchester.

The players below all made major

contributions to the success of this team. Two of our Westchester seniors will be graduating this year, but the club is expected to gain at least two incoming freshmen, both of whom are from Westchester.

While the club continues to look for hockey players from all of the member high school's regions, it is well known that Westchester is a great breeding ground for hockey talent.

#	Name	Position	Year	Background
9	Mike Shimizu	Forward Defense	Senior	Graduated from Divine Infant
15	Phil Martyn	Forward	Sophomore	Graduated from Westchester Middle School.
19	Blake Gordon	Forward	Freshman	Graduated from Westchester Middle School.
35	Andrew Rizzi	Goalie	Junior	Graduated from Divine Providence.
39	Nate Wojtynek	Forward	Sophomore	Graduated from Westchester Middle School.
91	Nick Wojtynek	Defense	Senior	Graduated from Westchester Middle School.








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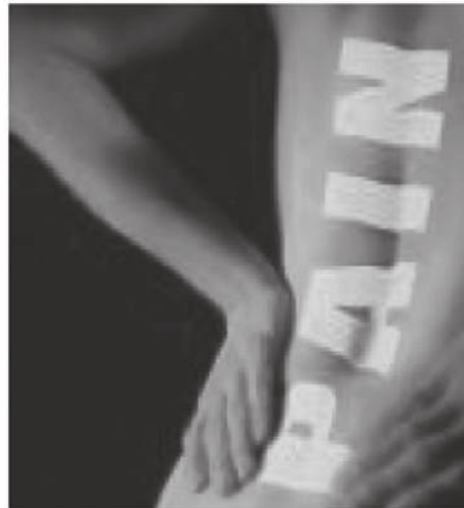
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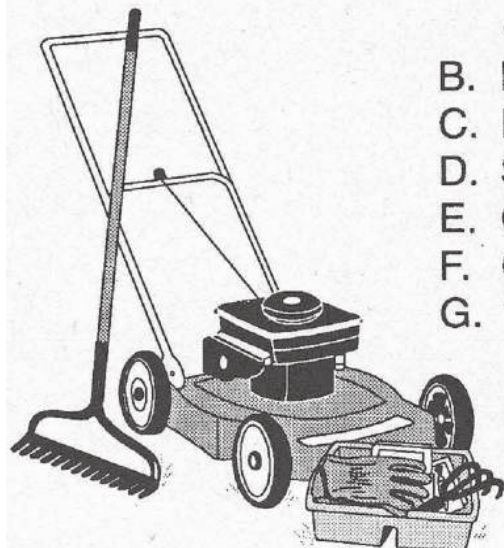
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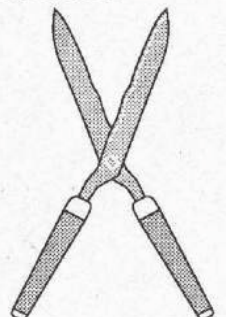
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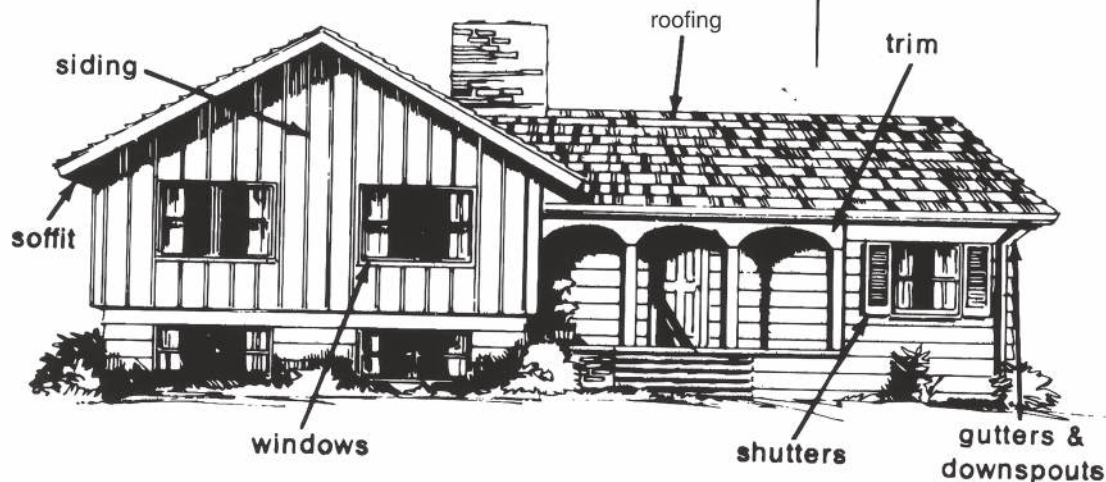


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Water-main improvement project beginning soon

The Village of Westchester has embarked on a water-main improvement project that will include improvements to the following locations. The water-main installation will be conducted as follows:

Preston Street Starting Monday March 21, 2011

Water-main installation on Preston Street from Sunnyside Avenue to East Limits.

Fleet Street Starting approximately April 12, 2011

Water-main installation on Fleet Street from Mayfair Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue

We anticipate that construction will be completed in early to mid June 2011. Any changes to this timeline will be communicated to the residents as needed.

The water-main improvements include the installation of new 8" ductile iron water-main, fire-hydrants, 1" copper water-service lines, driveway apron replacement on the north side of roadway, and buffalo boxes at each property. The improvements will also include mainline sanitary sewer lining and point repairs. Most of the work will be in the north parkway, with some work also occurring under the street pavement.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Residents of Fleet Street and Preston Street will have access to their property each night.

In the next couple of weeks, the Village along with the Resident Engineer, and contractor will be marking out branches for trimming, and Tree Root Pruning, prior to start of the water-main installation.

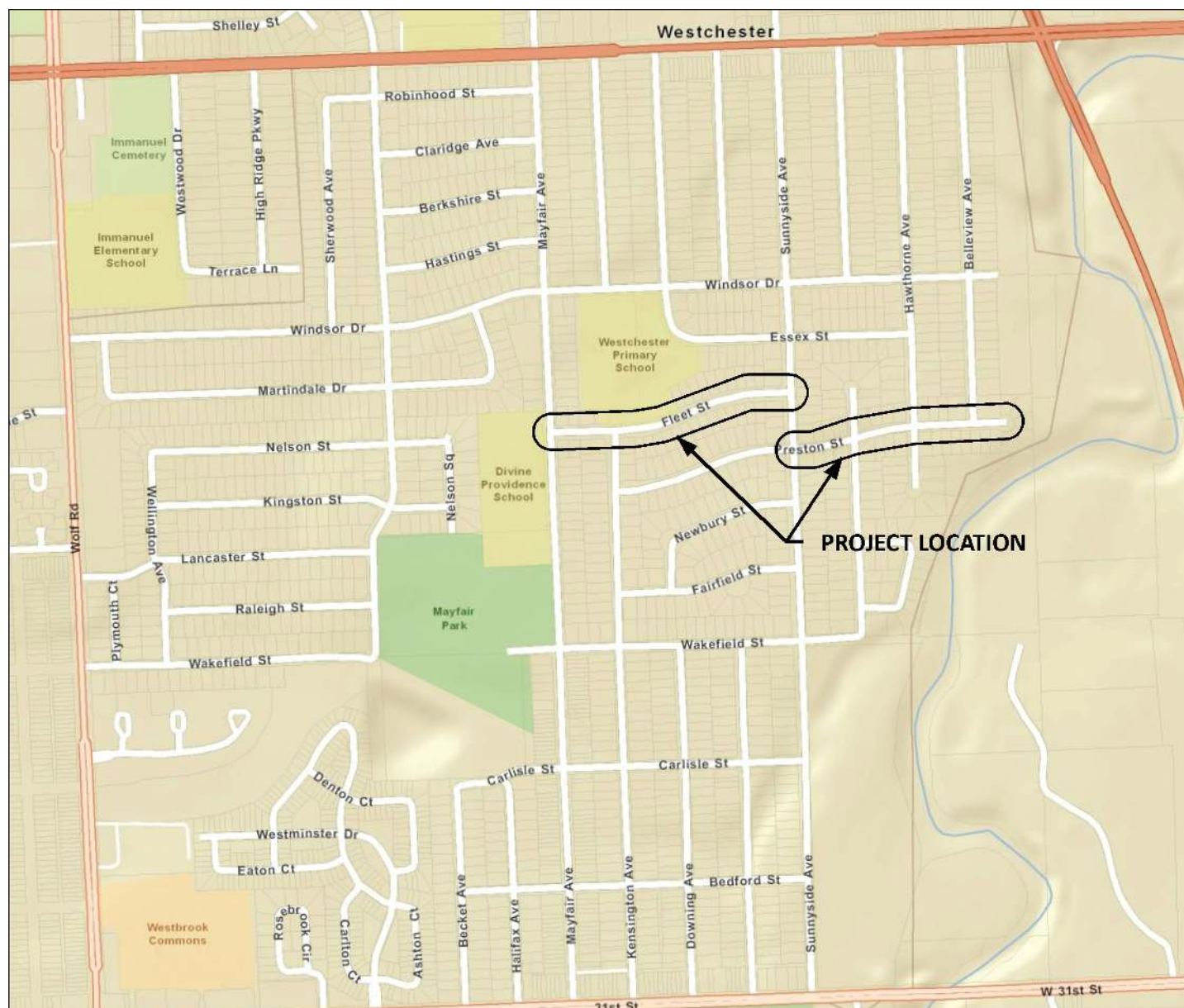
It is very important that anyone with medical needs contact Hope Garrett at 708-345-0020 so that we are aware of providing emergency access to your driveway if needed.

Residents will receive 24 hours notice from the contractor prior to any work that will interrupt access to their property.

The contractor may post "No Parking" signs on certain sections of street where they will be working during the day. Residents will be allowed to park their vehicles on the street overnight.

We ask that while the contractor is working adjacent to your house, you have your vehicle moved off of the street prior to 7:00 AM to reduce the possibility of accidental damage from the construction machinery.

The Police and Fire Departments



are aware of the project and will have access to the properties along the project.

We do not anticipate that garbage collection will be affected. Notice will be given to all affected residents if any changes in service are necessary once work begins.

TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION

In order for the contractor to complete the necessary water main connections, there will be a couple periods of time when you will be without running water. You will be notified a minimum of 24 hours prior to any water shut off.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Please note that during water-main installation residents particularly the North side of the roadway will not be able to access their driveway for a short period of time. You will have access to your driveway at the end of each working day. We will be notifying residents of any interruption of access a minimum of

24 hours in advance.

UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS

Any residents that have underground sprinkler systems located within the parkway are requested to contact the Village Public Works Department immediately at (708) 345-0041 so that the Village can clearly mark their locations. The contractor cannot be held responsible for damage to any sprinkler systems that have not been clearly marked.

SOLICITATION OF CONTRACTORS

Residents located near public improvement projects often solicit a contractor on the project to perform additional work on their private property. Any such requests are outside of the scope of this project and the Village assumes no liability or responsibility for any work that is performed on private property by the contractor.

Any agreement that a resident

enters into with a contractor is done so at their own risk, and the resident assumes full responsibility for all work that is performed.

Prior to the contractor beginning any work on private property the resident must obtain a permit through the Village of Westchester Building Department, to be reviewed for compliance with Village code. Any residents desiring to receive a proposal for private work should contact the contractor as soon as possible to allow time to obtain a village permit and for the contractor to schedule the work efficiently. For more information regarding permits please contact the Village Building Department at (708) 345-0199.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during the construction of these improvements. Please contact Eric Taraska of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. at (847) 417-4218, or Village Public Works Department at (708) 345-0041 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Village of Westchester

Branch Pickup

Village branch pickup starts Monday, April 4, 2011.

Branch pickup will be the first full week of every month.

All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7 a.m. on the designated pickup day.

Branches can be up to 7' in length and stacked with the butt ends facing in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a "restack" notice will be left.

Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time schedule.

Thursday and Friday are Open Load days for pickup this includes any brush that will not fit through the chipper, such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift.

Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.

Branch Pickup Schedule

Monday

-Mannheim Road West to Wolf Road
-Canterbury South to Windsor
-including both sides of Windsor Drive
-Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord

Tuesday

-Roosevelt Road South to Cermak Road-
from Gardner West to Mannheim Road

Wednesday

-Roosevelt Road North to the expressway
-Gardner Road West to Mannheim Road.
-Roosevelt Road South to Canterbury from Haase West to Heidorn.

Thursday

-Bellevue West to Wolf Road
-Martindale Drive to 31st Street.

Parkway Restoration Information

The Village will begin repairing parkways damaged by excavations and snow plow damage.

Concrete work and street repairs will also begin as soon as weather permits.

As soon as the alleys are dried out from the winter weather, the Public Works Department will begin the grading process.

New Parkway Tree Program

This 50/50 shared cost program includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of four types of trees indigenous to the area.

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For more information please call The Public Works Department at 708-345-0041

The Village offers a shared cost sidewalk program.

Waste Management News

Yard waste pickup will begin Friday April 1, 2011.

As a reminder, Waste Management will also pick up your branches, bushes, etc., as long as they are tied up in bundles no more than 4' in length. These will be picked up on your regular garbage day every week.

List of acceptable recycling items:

1) The program is a "take all" community provided guidelines are followed. . . . additional bags & cans (with handles not exceeding 33 gallons) should not weigh more than 50 Lbs.

2) One large bulk item will be picked up each week at no charge such as furniture, mattress/box spring, cabinet, bicycle, etc.

3) Carpeting must be prepared properly cut/ tied / bundled in 4 ft. lengths no bigger than 2ft. around with a maximum weight of 50 Lbs.

4) Tires are no longer acceptable due to EPA regulations. Check with local tire stores.

5) Unacceptable Refuse: Large automotive parts, concrete, gravel/dirt, batteries, oil based and latex fluid paint products, oil, antifreeze, insecticides, medical waste, Construction debris, fencing, and materials too large for one person.

6) "White Goods" such as air conditioners, dehumidifier,

dishwasher, dryers, furnace, stove, washer require WM be notified for pick up at least 24 hours prior to normal service day and is included in service at no charge to resident.

7) Recyclables should be placed in blue recycle cart, any excess can be put in 18 gallon bin. No separation of materials is required- comingle all paper products, glass bottles, aluminum/bi metal cans, plastic containers #1 thru #7, cardboard boxes (must be prepared properly. . . . flattened and bundled into 4ft lengths not weighing more than 50Lbs.) Tetrapaks & cartons like OJ, etc are accepted.

8) All refuse and recyclables need to be placed out on service day by 6 AM.

Please Remember

If an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway, this could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention. The Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or the Police Non Emergency number after hours at 708-345-0060 to report the unusual amount of water. Residents are also advised to contact the Water Department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod the sanitary line. We will check to make sure that the problem is not in our sanitary lines.



Westchester Residents: Bring in your unused or unwanted prescription drugs

- Each year, tens of thousands of pounds of prescription drugs are disposed of incorrectly or flushed down either a sink or a toilet.
- Incorrectly disposed of prescription drugs can potentially filter down into our streams and rivers posing a significant threat to the wildlife and the environment as a whole.
- The Village of Westchester is committed in doing its part in reducing this threat!.
- Starting soon, the Village will offer a year round service where residents can bring in their unused or unwanted prescription drugs.
- More information will be revealed soon, check our website.

“Let’s clean up Westchester one medicine cabinet at a time!”



Westchester Electronic Waste Recycling Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 9th 2011 8:30 - Noon
(Behind the Westchester Post Office)



- Based on Illinois law, no electronic waste (e-waste) will be allowed into landfills beginning in January 2012.

- When not disposed of properly, e-waste can become toxic and harmful to humans, plants, and animals

The Village of Westchester wants to become a leader in electronics recycling... but we need your help! Bring us your old electronics.

Starting April 9th, Westchester residents will be able to drop off their unwanted electronics in the back of the Village Fire Department, (behind the Westchester Post Office). These items will accepted the second Saturday of every month. For more information go to our Village webpage.

This E- Waste Program kickoff event is paid for in part by a grant from the Illinois EPA in connection with West Cook County Solid Waste Agency & Keep West Cook Beautiful.

