



Village of Westchester

June 2012 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



Congratulations, Westchester, on receiving the Greentelligence Award from the West Central Municipal Conference.

SIGNS OF SUMMER

The last few weeks of May were very busy in the Village of Westchester. On Saturday May 19th the Canterbury Garage Sale Extravaganza was held. Throughout the area I saw hundreds of bargain hunters going from house to house checking out the “treasures” accumulated over time. As an avid Flea Market guy I thought I was at the Allstate Arena, Swap-O-Rama or on Maxwell Street. The weather cooperated just beautifully and made the event a huge success. Thanks to Cheryl Rodriguez and her crew for organizing the event. Every year the event gets bigger and better. I’m sure the “sale” was profitable for both those buying and selling. Hope to see you all out there next year. It is a GREAT Community Event, and a wonderful opportunity to profit from that Spring Cleaning!

While the bargain hunters were on the move, the Westchester Garden Club was holding their annual “Plant Sale” at the corner of Cermak and Mannheim Road. The Garden Club has been maintaining the beautiful flower gardens for

many years and is doing a wonderful job. Their efforts are appreciated by all “passer-byes”, and it is a beautiful “Westchester Welcome” at one of the main gateways of our beautiful Village for all those traveling through Westchester. Thank you for all you do in adding to the beauty of Westchester.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief April Padalik and her staff, as they relate to the NATO summit, need to be recognized for their participation and advance contingency plans for our region. The Chief and her Lieutenants were at the Police Department over the May 19th weekend ready to assist Chicago Police Department, or any affected community, which had any problems that required mutual aid assistance. Thankfully, their services were not required, but it is good know they were willing and able to assist, had they

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It's easy to remember how to use a fire extinguisher if you can remember the acronym **PASS**, which stands for **Pull**, **Aim**, **Squeeze**, and **Sweep**.

Pull the pin.

This will allow you to discharge the extinguisher.



Aim at the base of the fire.

If you aim at the flames (which is frequently the temptation), the extinguishing agent will fly right through and do no good. You want to hit the fuel.



Squeeze the top handle or lever.

This depresses a button that releases the pressurized extinguishing agent in the extinguisher.



Sweep from side to side

until the fire is completely out. Start using the extinguisher from a safe distance away, then move forward. Once the fire is out, keep an eye on the area in case it re-ignites.



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

How to have hot fun in the summer time without getting burned! Every season brings its own safety hazards. During the summer months there is an increased risk of fire associated with the use of barbecues, gasoline, air conditioners and other electrical appliances.

Spring into Summer by protecting yourself and your family by taking the following precautions

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- 1 FIRE HYDRANT SAFETY
- 2 FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL
- 3 LIGHT YOUR BBQ FIRE SAFELY
- 4 THE DANGERS OF GASOLINE
- 5 NATURAL GAS IN THE HOME
- 6 ELECTRICITY- HANDLE WITH CARE
NEVER APPROACH DOWN WIRES



FIRE HYDRANTS

Parking your car in front of a fire hydrant delays firefighters from getting water on a fire!

DON'T RISK A LIFE.

An open fire hydrant can waste up to 1000 gallons of water per minute--as much in an hour as an entire family of four uses in a year! Open fire hydrants will also hamper firefighting capabilities, putting your neighborhood at risk.



Legal or not, fireworks are too risky for amateurs

Permanent scarring, loss of vision, dismemberment--these are too often the harsh realities of amateur fireworks use. To keep the public safe from fireworks-related injuries and deaths, the non-profit NFPA urges everyone to treat fireworks, whether legal or illegal for consumers, as suitable only for use by trained professionals. According to NFPA, amateur fireworks use endangers not only the users, but also bystanders and surrounding property and structures. Pyrotechnic devices ranging from sparklers to aerial rockets cause thousands of fires and serious injuries each year. When things go wrong with fireworks they go wrong very fast, far faster than any Fire Department can respond. Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable in the hands of an amateur.

In recent years, fireworks have been one of the leading causes of injuries serious enough to require hospitalization. Fireworks can cause severe burns, fractures, scars, death or disfigurement that can last a lifetime. Even sparklers considered harmless by many can reach temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees F.

The safest way to view fireworks is at professional public display. These displays are conducted by trained professionals, these displays are the smartest and safest fireworks alternatives for anyone because they are established under controlled settings and regulations. (Source NFPA)

Safety Tip June 2012

A child under the age of five is twice as likely to die in a residential fire than the rest of the population. (USFA) One campaign slogan of the United States Fire Administration is: "Prepare. Practice. Prevent the Unthinkable." which urges parents and caregivers to prepare by installing and maintaining working smoke alarms; safely storing lighters and matches out of children's reach and sight; and practicing a fire escape plan with small children, which should include helping toddlers understand how to quickly respond in case of fire, and planning how adults can escape with babies

Minors and alcohol

As the warm summer months begin, so do graduation and backyard barbecues. Parents and other adults are reminded that it is not OK to allow underage drinking at their homes, parties, and social events. Doing so only reinforces the wrong message to your child.

Most young people start drinking in their preteen years, long before they reach the legal age of twenty-one. Alcohol is often a "gateway" drug, one that can lead to harder chemical abuses.

Family members, especially parents, have the greatest influence on their children's behavior and choices. Parents need to take the responsibility to keep their children safe and healthy by not providing or permitting underage alcohol consumption. Residents are reminded of Village Ordinances pertaining to minors and alcohol:

7.82.020 – Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor by Minor Prohibited

(1) It is unlawful for any person under the age of 21 to consume alcoholic liquor unless such consumption is done under the direct supervision and approval of the minor's parents in the privacy of their own home and except as otherwise allowed by Section 7.82.030 hereof.

(2) No person after purchasing or otherwise obtaining alcoholic liquor shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently give or deliver alcoholic liquor to a minor, except as permitted under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) No owner or occupant of any premises located within the Village shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently allow any minor who is not his child to remain on such premises while in the possession of alcoholic liquor, or while consuming alcoholic liquors in violation of subsection (1) of this section.

7.82.030 – Consumption for Religious Purposes

Consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor is permitted when such consumption is in the performance of a religious service or ceremony, or on private property under the direct supervision and approval of his or her parent.

7.82.040 – Parental Responsibility

(1) No parent shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently give, deliver, invite or permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by any minors on or about any premises owned, leased, or controlled by such parent except as otherwise permitted by this chapter.

(2) Parents shall restrain or prevent their minor children from consuming alcoholic liquor where the parent knows, or in the exercise of ordinary care should know, of a substantial probability that his or her minor child is or will consume alcoholic liquor under circumstances which violate the provisions of this chapter, the Illinois Liquor Control Act, or any other ordinances, statutes or amendments thereof.

(3) Parents who know, or in the exercise of ordinary care should know, of substantial probability that their minor child has consumed or will consume alcoholic liquor in violation of this chapter, the Illinois Liquor Control Act, or any other ordinances, statutes or amendments thereto, shall restrain or prevent their minor child from operating or driving a motor vehicle on the public streets and ways of the Village of Westchester in violation of any ordinance, law or statutes.

(4) Parents who know, or in the exercise of ordinary care should know, of a substantial probability that their minor child has consumed or will consume alcoholic liquor in violation

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Spotlight



Keith Rollins
Patrol Officer
28 Years as
Police Officer

What made you choose this profession?

I was testing to become a Fireman, took one Police test (Westchester) and was hired by the village.

Describe a good day at work.

Being at training or on a call out with the NIPAS MFF (Mobile Field Force) team

What is the best part of your job?

The extensive training I receive from NIPAS MFF

What advice would you give someone looking to be a police officer?

Look for a larger Law Enforcement agency to test for.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

As a Police Officer I rotate shifts monthly, my days off change weekly I rarely have weekends off and I am on call for The NIPAS MFF, so the time off I have I enjoy spending with my family.

Police Blotter

1. At 1:13pm on April 22, an Aggravated Robbery was reported at the Black Pearl Hair Braiding Salon located at 1149 Portsmouth. Two males entered the store with a baseball bat and chain asking for the store workers for "everything". After taking a purse both subjects exited the store and left in a vehicle driven by a female subject. The alleged female (juvenile) involved was subsequently arrested at 4:57pm that day. On April 25 at 2:13pm one of the alleged male offenders was arrested and charged with armed robbery. On May 7 at 11:23am the second alleged male offender (juvenile) arrived at the police station and was charged as a juvenile.

2. At 10:11am on April 24, a Burglary to Motor Vehicle was reported at Jewel Foods located at 2128 Mannheim Road. The victim reported that between 9:15 am and 10:11am, unknown person(s) entered their vehicle and removed a Dell laptop computer. There were no signs of forced entry.

3. At 1:13pm on April 25, a Retail Theft was reported at the Walgreens Drug Store located at 10345 Roosevelt Road. A store employee reported that

security cameras caught 2 males, both approximately 40 years old entering the store and took an undisclosed amount of Centrum vitamin bottles. Subjects had left the scene prior to the arrival of police and there was no vehicle description available.

4. At 11:57am on April 26, Theft was reported on the 2100 block of Manchester Ave. The resident reported that while taking a break from cutting his lawn, unknown offender(s) removed his Sears Craftsman lawn mower from the parkway.

5. At 8:34am on April 28, a Criminal Damage to Property was reported on the 2600 block of Stratford. The resident reported that at approximately 8pm the previous evening, an unknown person(s) shattered a glass storm door with an unknown object. The resident advised that they heard a loud crash but did not discover the broken door until the time of the report.

6. At 12:45pm on May 5, a Burglary was reported on the 600 block of Suffolk Ave. The resident advised that person(s) unknown entered the garage through the service door

by prying it open with an unknown tool. The perpetrator left with four bicycles, a lawn mower and a weed trimmer.

7. At 8:24pm on May 10, a Burglary to garage was reported on the

1400 block of Evers. The resident reported that sometime during the past day person(s) unknown entered his garage through an unlocked side service door and removed a lawn mower, leaf blower and extension cord.



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received the call. Your leadership is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

GOODWILL JOB FAIR

Goodwill Industries is in the process of converting the previous Scott's Pet Shop located in the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza into their new retail facility. Goodwill representatives held a hiring job faire on Saturday May 19th at the Village Resource Center adjacent to Charter Fitness where over 30 plus applicants were hired. Goodwill expects to open their doors before the end of June 2012.

ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Westchester Park District hosted their annual 16 inch Softball Tournament May 17th through 20th at Mayfair Park. Teams from across the region competed for the trophy and bragging rights for 2012. This year Windy City took home the trophy and the "bragging rights" for the next year. A great time was had by all and the Park District Board and Staff deserve many kudos for bringing the event to Westchester.

WCMC DINNER CONFERENCE

On Friday May 11th the members of the Village of Westchester attended the West Central Municipal Conference annual dinner meeting at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. This year was especially noteworthy as WCMC President Jeffrey Tobolski, our 16th District Cook County Commissioner, and Mayor of the Village of McCook completed his year-long Presidency of the organization. As sitting Vice President, I was elected to serve as the President of WCMC for 2012-2013. I accepted the position to further the work that the WCMC COG has done for our west suburban region. Our message of "One Mission Many Voices" will continue throughout the next year.

At the meeting Westchester was also highlighted and selected as the winner of this year's coveted "Greentelligence Award." This award is given out annually to the community that has demonstrated the ability to protect our environment through "Green Initiatives". Westchester has been in the forefront of the "Green" movement for the past year, with its stepped up recycling efforts for electronic equipment, pharmaceutical collections, paint

drop off, rain barrel cooperative program, garbage compactor containers, community paper shredding, and the institution of our "Green Committee." All of the above were factors in Westchester receiving the award, and \$1,000 check to be used towards future green initiatives. Thanks to all who volunteer their time and sweat equity, especially our own Molly "MaGee" Keane for her dedication and coordination efforts for all these events.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

If you frequent the village's website www.westchester-il.org, you probably noticed that it recently received quite the makeover. Village staff has been working on the new site for almost a year, and launched the new site on May 1, 2012. If you have not had the opportunity to browse the new site, please take a moment to check it out. It is still a work in progress, but the new site provides residents with a better tool for our Village to serve you. We streamlined much of the content to provide you with easier access to information and a more user-friendly experience.

COMED NEWS

ComEd, in conjunction with the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) is in the process of putting together a Joint Operation Center (JOC) to assist municipal officials with power outages within our region. Our region consists of 28 ComEd Communities located in the western suburbs. We are located within the Northeast operating region of the Maywood area. ComEd has 17 such operating regions. There are approximately 203 thousand customers served by ComEd in the 28 communities from the north side of Rosemont to the south side of Stickney, from approximately I-294 on the west and the Chicago city limits on the east, which outlines the Maywood area. When the Area Outage Emergency (AOE) reaches 40 thousand customers, or 20%, who are continuously without power for 3 hours, the JOC will become operational. The JOC will be staffed by ComEd representatives as well as representatives from municipal governments. Their task will be to field calls from municipalities affected by the outages and be part of the priority process to get the critical locations back into operation within the shortest period of time. Officials who attended the briefings questioned what would happen if the representatives assigned to field the calls were needed in their

own communities, to deal with their emergency situations. It was discussed that the representatives selected to be present at the JOC would be from municipalities NOT severely affected by the outages. Having municipal representation allows us to have a seat at the table when dealing with emergency outage situations. As stated, this concept is still in the planning stages and nothing is carved in stone. In my opinion such an operation center would enhance the communication with ComEd, and assist in identifying the critical and emergency locations where ComEd assets should be sent.

ComEd has also announced that beginning in 2013 the Maywood Area would be receiving "Smart Meter" Technology. New smart meters will be installed at each residence in the region, at no charge to the resident. The installation in most cases can be done in a few minutes by swapping out the meter head. The Smart Meters will allow ComEd to see and detect outages without delay. Rest assured I will provide you with more information as soon as it becomes available.

WESTCHESTER APPROVES DEAL WITH NEW ELECTRICITY PROVIDER

Westchester residents soon will have an opportunity to buy electricity at a rate cheaper than what ComEd is offering.

In the March 20, 2012 primary election, Westchester voters approved a referendum that allowed the Village to aggregate residents' ComEd accounts and seek competitive quotes for electricity. Westchester recently signed a Master Power Supply Agreement between the Village and successful bidder FirstEnergy Solutions (FirstEnergy) under the Village's Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. FirstEnergy will charge 4.86 cents per kilowatt hour. The Village entered into a two year contract with FirstEnergy. Village Manager Janet Matthys is hopeful that the 4.86 cent rate will start July 1, but it should not be later than August 1.

The benefits are high and risks are few. It's all about freedom of choice: No resident is required to move to the new provider; they will receive a notice whereby they can "opt-out." Residents are free to choose a third supplier. ComEd will continue to originate bills; the difference is the new supplier's name and the lower rate will be listed under the bill portion "Electric Supply Services." ComEd will continue to deliver electric power. Thus, residents would still call ComEd for outages.

The Villages of Westchester, Norridge, Thornton and Round Lake Beach received the 4.86-cent rate after combining on a bid on May 24th through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electricity Collaborative (NIMEC). ComEd's rate of 7.73 cents per kilowatt hour will rise to 8.5 cents on June 1. The bid rate is almost a 43 percent savings compared to the ComEd rate. A typical homeowner is estimated to save more than \$300 annually with FirstEnergy.

NIMEC groups communities together for combined bids based upon two criteria: 1) when the communities are ready to go (having held public hearings and passed the ordinance) and 2) similar community usage profiles. The Village of Westchester held public hearings about the municipal aggregation plan on April 24th and May 8th and passed an ordinance authorizing aggregation of electrical load and adopting an Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance on May 8th.

In accordance with our green initiatives, the Village has opted to provide electricity from 100% renewable energy sources. The energy source will come from solar, wind or hydroelectric power or methane gas. This is a more environmentally responsible choice than nonrenewable energy sources such as coal, nuclear power, or natural gas.

Residents will be receiving a letter in the coming weeks regarding the new rates and change in suppliers. Please make sure to read the letter carefully because it will contain your opt-out clause, if desired.

AT THE BOARD

At our May 22nd Committee of the Whole Meeting a presentation by Clear Channel Outdoor was made regarding the possibility of allowing a digital billboard to be erected in the village. One site mentioned was village owned property near Cermak & Mannheim Road. Clear Channel would rent the location from the village for the sign at \$70 thousand per year and escalate to \$85 thousand over a twenty year period resulting in a 1.5 million dollar revenue stream to the Village. The presentation was just information at this time. The Village Board was instructed to review the proposal and return the item back to the agenda for further discussion in a timely manner.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) presented a host of data identifying goals, strategies, measures and time frames for

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Asphalt grindings being stockpiled for reuse in alleys or as fill.

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implementation of how we could enrich the economic strength of the Village as a whole. Board members were asked to evaluate the proposals and move forward on as many as we could financially support, as well as those costing a few dollars to accomplish. The EDC Committee plan and proposal was presented by Chairperson Ron Brown, Lori Jo Fergle, Kandice Jacobs, and Rev. Joseph Mills. Other members not able to attend but who have been diligently working to improve the economic state of Westchester are Darlene Barber, and Janis Akerstrom. The Board liaison is Trustee Frank Perry. A separate evening meeting will be held in the near future to prioritize and address some of the initiatives.

Trustee Nick Steker asked for a review of our current restrictions in the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza to allow for a "loading convenience" along the strip. There are many times when people are either dropping off/picking up laundry, or picking up or loading packages in front of the stores. Police Chief Padalik and Fire Chief Adams were instructed to review the current prohibition and report back to the Board.

The Administrative Tow Fee was also a topic of discussed. Presently those motorist using their vehicle in the commission of certain crimes, as well as driving without a license, having a suspended license and other more serious traffic offenses, upon their arrest, have had their vehicles impounded. The Village has been attaching by ordinance, an administrative towing fee, in addition to the actual towing charge for the impoundment. I asked for a review of our current charges and suggested a reduction from \$500 to \$300. The

matter will be voted on at our next meeting.

Trustee Paul Gattuso, our Special Events Chairperson, gave us an update on the upcoming Westchester Fest scheduled for July 13, 14, and 15th at St Joseph High School. Trustee Gattuso stated that all the pieces are falling into place. He did mention that the Fest Committee is looking for 5 additional food venders. Anyone interested in having a food booth at the fest, especially those food venders having a business in Westchester, are encouraged to get cooking and join in the fun. Please contact the Village Hall at 708-345-0020 and we will hook you up with the right person handling that aspect of the festival.

Beginning June 15th at 8:30 am discounted carnival ride wristbands will be going on sale at the Village Hall. The cost is \$15.00 per wristband with a limit of 10 per household. There will be a different colored band for sale for Saturday July 14th, as well as for Sunday the 15th. The wristbands will allow unlimited carnival rides between 1pm and 5pm for the day purchased. The cost to purchase a wristband at the carnival will be \$22.00.

It was mentioned at our meeting in the Audience Comments portion that some senior citizens are afraid to contact the Village Hall to report problems or issues that are important to them. I am letting all residents know that their comments, criticisms, suggestions and even their compliments are always welcome and encouraged. My administration prides itself on being the most open dialogue, communication conscious operation in the history of the Village. I cannot tell you we will be able to fix all of the reported issues immediately. However, what I can tell you is that we will do our best to try to address all issues to the best of our ability. I want all residents to feel comfortable communicating their problems, as



Westchester public works crew operating the grinding machinery.

well as some solutions. This is our town and we are in it together.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The Public Works Department has embarked on an aggressive street resurfacing and patching program this summer. Crews will be removing and re-laying over 2,000 tons of asphalt on numerous sections of streets. We have begun the first phase of the program by grinding the surfaces down to the base in the selected areas in town. The areas selected by the Public Works staff, were ones which had not been completed last September as well as a host of new areas that the street life expectancy would be increased. Some streets not repaired were those that were too far gone to save. We know we have a host of these; unfortunately they need total reconstruction from curb-to-curb, and are in the holding pattern until we can secure additional funds to complete a total resurface of the projects that have already been engineered. Putting additional dollars into patching the streets that are "too far gone" would not be a cost effect use of tax dollars. Please be patient as this is a gigantic undertaking for our staff. A minimum of 6 to 7 staff is being utilized to accomplish these vital projects.

DIVINE INFANT GRADUATION

On May 31st I had the honor and privilege to address the 8th grade graduates of Divine Infant School. This was the first time an elected official had been asked to address the students and their family at their commencement ceremony. I would like to thank Principal Leonard Gramarossa and Pastor Michael Wanda for the opportunity to address such a wonderful group of young men and women who have accomplished so much and have such a bright future ahead. I am proud of you all and hope that I was able to positively impact your lives in some small way.

AGING WELL

I attended a Senior Meeting of the Westchester Chapter of the Aging Well at the Mayfair Park District on Wednesday May 23rd. It was nice not only to be asked to be the guest speaker, but to attend a meeting where our senior population was getting up and out and enjoying the beautiful day. I brought with me Village Manager Janet Matthys and Finance Director Anne Burkholder to answer any questions I may not have

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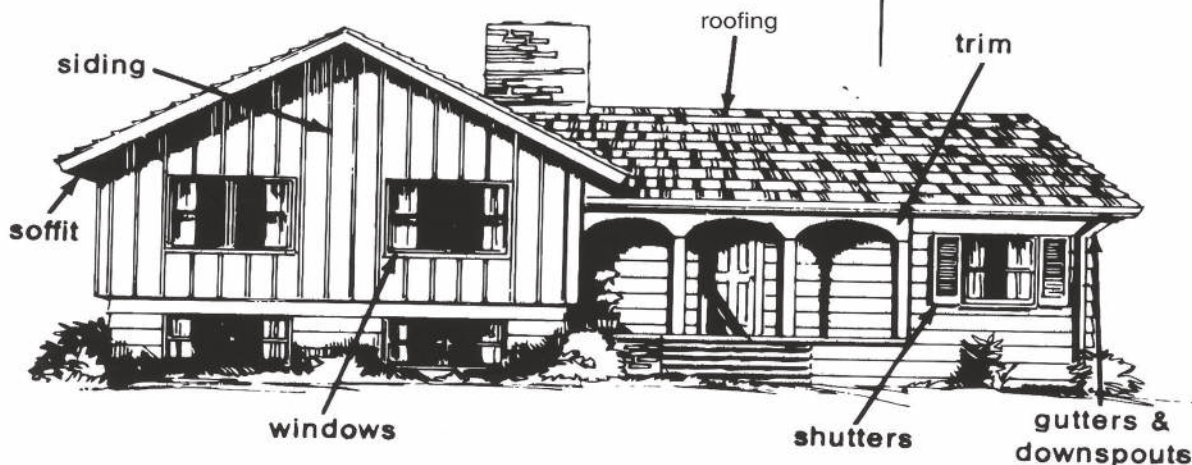


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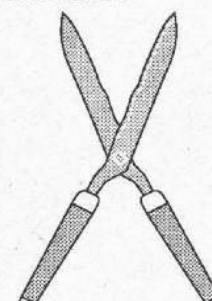
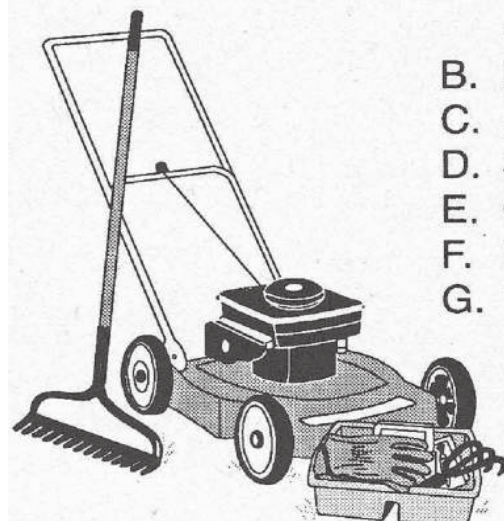
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Angelo Luciano Day

June 12 is Angelo Luciano Day in the Village of Westchester. Please take a moment to remember this dedicated public servant.

June: Library summer hours in effect through September 3, Labor Day: Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, closed Sundays.

Friday, June 1 - Registration begins for Summer Reading Programs for kids at Library. Contact Youth Dept at 708-562-3573.

Friday, June 1 - Registration begins for Page Turners Reading Club for adults and high school students at Library. Contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.

Friday, June 1 - WMS - End of Year Dance, 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM (Grades 6 & 7 dismissed at 9:15 PM)

Tuesday, June 5 - Final School Dismissal 10:30 AM, Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 708-562-2258

Tuesday, June 5: Last Day of School for EC, Kindergarten, & Grade 8 Students Westchester Public Schools

Wednesday, June 6: Last Day of School for Grade 1-7 Students (WMS 9:15 AM / WIS 9:45 AM / WPS 10:00 AM)

Thursday, June 7th - 2nd Annual Golf Outing, 12:00 PM Oak Brook Golf Club, 2606 York Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523 5PM Cash Bar and Dinner Buffet for Divine Providence School

Friday, June 8 - WMS 8th Grade Graduation, Hinsdale Central H.S. at 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 9 - WMS Market Day Pick-Up (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)

Monday, June 11 - Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Birds of a Feather" 2:00 PM at Library.

Tuesday, June 12 - 7:00 PM Village Board meeting followed by the Committee of the Whole meeting at Village Hall in the Board Room.

Tuesday, June 12 - DP open house/ registration event for preschool through 8th grade 5:30 PM-7:00 PM, Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 708-562-2258

The Divine Providence Over 50 Club will meet on Wednesday, June 13th for the last time until September.

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at the School. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at NOON. Box lunches will be served. Members \$8.00 and Guests \$9. You can call Ruth 708-947-9020 to acquire your ticket. Deadline for tickets is June 5th. New membership is open to all registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant until June 30th, 2012. Dues are \$12 annually. Guests are welcome at our meetings for a \$1 donation. A trip is planned for October 14-20, 2012 to Myrtle Beach and Charleston, S.C. The cost will be \$629 per person for double occupancy which includes motor coach transportation, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners, shows, and touring. Sounds like a lot of fun. You need not be a member of the Club to join us on this trip. If you are interested call Marianne at 708-562-3766 for details on this trip. There are a few seats left. If you have any questions regarding the Club you can call Betty Noonan 708-562-2765.

Thursday, June 14 - FLAG DAY - The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. Show your patriotism and remember your loyalty to the nation, reaffirm your belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity by flying our American Flag.

Thursday, June 14 - MyMediaMall Drop-In Session. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in conference room in Adult Dept. at the Library. Contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.

Saturday, June 16 - Market Day Pick up 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 708-562-2258

Saturday, June 16 - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Youth Group Car Wash. All proceeds go towards our mission trip to Michigan.

Sunday, June 17 - FATHERS DAY - Don't forget to tell Dad just how much he means to you. Surprise him with breakfast in bed or even a nice new "tie". However you chose to celebrate, we want to wish all the Dads out there a very Happy Fathers Day!!

Monday, June 18 - Drawing for Ravinia lawn tickets at Library.

Monday, June 18 - Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Hop To It" 2:00 PM at Library.

Wednesday, June 20 - SUMMER SOLSTICE - Did you know the word "Solstice" derives from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to

Garage Sales

Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23 - GARAGE/RUMMAGE Sale - 9 AM to 2 PM Divine Providence School - 2500 Mayfair Ave, Please both Garage salers, YOU sell - (rent 2 tables-1 day- \$15; 2 days \$25; \$5 ea. additional table. Set-up Wednesday, June 20- 6-8 PM or Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM OR Rummage seekers (may donate items and WE sell them.) Drop-off times Mondays, 6/11 & 18 -3 to 8 PM; Wednesdays, 6/13 & 20-10 to Noon and 2 to 8 PM; Friday, 6/15 from 6 to 8 PM and Saturday, 6/16 from 9 to Noon. Proceeds to benefit School Scholarship Fund. Hourly Raffle and Refreshments are available. Questions - call Carol or Char @ 708-562-3364 from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday to Friday. Hourly raffle and refreshments are available.

stand still"? As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. So, get out and enjoy the longer days. Take a walk, ride a bike, have a picnic in the park and welcome in the 1st Day of Summer!

Wednesday, June 20, 22, 26, 28 - WMS Marching Band Rehearsal at WMS 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Saturday, June 23 - 1:30 PM, BUTTERFLIES OF THE AMERICAN PRAIRIE Meet at 1 Aloha Lane Meeting Room, Hickory Lane Buffer to Wolf Road Prairie at Forest Preserve District of Cook County Police Headquarters, North side of 31st Street west of Wolf Road, Westchester Presented by the Salt Creek Greenway Association www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org. Presenter: Doug Taron, Curator of Biology and Vice President, Research and Conservation at Chicago Academy of Sciences' Peggy Notebaert Nature

Museum. The butterflies of our natural world inspire us with their delicate beauty and magnificent markings and colors. Doug's program on Butterflies of the American Prairie explores butterfly species of northeastern Illinois, their life cycles and their ecology, with special emphasis on the relationship between caterpillar food plants and habitat. Learn about local species from urban environments, prairies, wetlands and woodlands, how to identify them, their role as pollinators and what flowers attract them in backyard gardens. Doug's digital images showcase and document regional butterfly conservation programs and efforts being undertaken at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago where he manages the 2,700 square-foot Judy Istock Butterfly Haven. A Nature Trek in search of butterflies in their native habitat at Wolf Road Prairie follows Doug's presentation if weather conditions permit. For more information about this free educational Nature Program at Wolf Road Prairie, email stpsspa@aol.com or call 708-865-8736. Wolf Road Prairie is owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission oversees management and protection of the site.

Monday, June 25 - Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Plane Ol' Crazy" 2 PM at Library.

Tuesday, June 26 - 7 PM Village Board meeting followed by the Committee of the Whole meeting at Village Hall in the Board Room.

Monday, July 2 - Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Lights Out" 2 PM at Library.

Monday, July 2 - WMS Marching Band Rehearsal at WMS (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM)

Wednesday, July 4 - Library closed for Independence Day.

Westchester Police Hiring

Westchester is currently accepting applications for Police Officers

For requirements, an online application, and release forms go to: publicsafetyrecruitment.com. Application and requested documentation is due by noon on July 20, 2012. Testing will be held on August 18, 2012 at 7:45 A.M. at Proviso West High School, Hillside, IL. Call 1-800-343-HIRE with questions. The Village of Westchester is an EOE.



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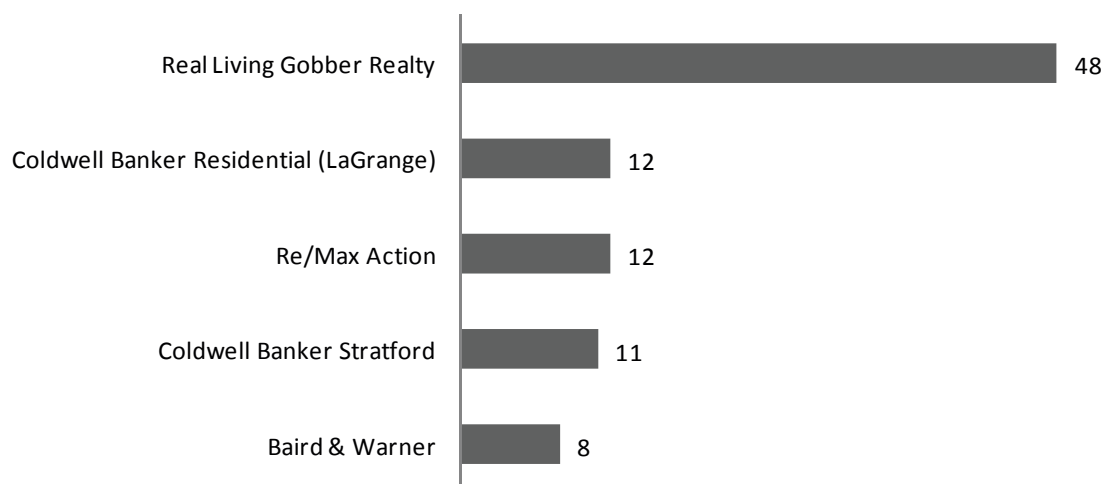
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Homes Sold in Westchester in 2011



This chart represents all detached and attached single-family homes that closed in Westchester according to MRED data between 1/1/2011 and 12/31/2011. The chart reflects offices with 8 or more deals and represents the total # of sides for each office. Data supplied by MRED may not reflect all real estate activity in the market. MRED is not responsible for the accuracy of the data supplied.

Getting a head start on Learning is FUN



In our Early Childhood and Preschool for All programs at Westchester Primary School, FUN is our number one priority!

The teachers use a variety of curriculums to meet all the needs of the 3, 4 and 5 year old children they work with. The overall curriculum is the Creative Curriculum which focuses on meeting the basic needs of children and teaching in a manner that matches the way children develop and learn. The teachers work with the children to expand and learn in all four areas of development:

cognitive, social/emotional, physical and language - while still respecting each child's individual differences and needs.

The Early Childhood and Preschool for All teachers also use the Read, Play and Learn! Literacy-based curriculum. This is a play-based storybook oriented curriculum that offers a functional approach to educating young children.

Read, Play and Learn! utilizes storybooks as a framework for providing highly stimulating experiences for learning. It

incorporates skills training across all developmental domains, while letting the children select what is motivating to them... and have FUN while learning!

Finally, the Early Childhood and Preschool for All classrooms are implementing a social/emotional curriculum known as PATHS - Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies for preschoolers. This is designed to help children develop self-control, positive self-esteem, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills.

The teachers develop and build a relationship with the families, to promote life-long learning that is fun and engaging for all of the children. Our programs have grown and expanded rapidly over the last few years. With the love and guidance of the three teachers - Melissa Ames, Kelly Hernandez and Carrie Fitzgerald - we continue to watch our youngest learners' blossom and have FUN in Kindergarten and throughout their entire school years in the Westchester Public Schools, District 92½!

Students participate in Math League Competition

Each year the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics sponsors a math competition for students in the 4th - 12th grades. This annual Math League Competition is open to all interested students and is held at their home school. Students have thirty minutes to solve 30 / 40 different multiple choice math problems, grade level appropriate. This year's competition was held on Tuesday, April 24. The top score in each grade is the recipient of the Math League Book of Math Problems along with an award ribbon. The top five students in each grade receive an award certificate. Forty-eight 4th

grade students participated.

Congratulations to the 1st through 3rd place winners:

- 1st:** Jerry Ball
- 2nd:** David Galandak
- 3rd:** Christopher Dorband

Thirty-seven 5th grade students participated. Congratulations to the 1st through 3rd place winners:

- 1st:** Kaitlyn Scheitler
- 2nd:** Jordan White
- 3rd:** Joseph Peterson

Thank you to all of our students who participated in the 2011-2012 Math League Competition. Your hard work & dedication prove that you are all winners!

Preparing to transition to Intermediate School

What an exciting time for second grade students as they prepare for third grade at Westchester Intermediate School (WIS).

To ensure a smooth and comfortable transition, WIS fourth grade students visit Westchester Primary School (WPS) during the month of May to meet and get to know their second grade buddies. The student dialogue continues throughout the month as second and fourth graders correspond through letter-writing, asking and answering questions about what it's like being a student at WIS.

Second grade students learn about the similarities and differences between the two schools. Topics like homework, after-school clubs, band, lunch and recess are of high interest to the children.

On May 29th, the second grade students visit WIS for a tour of the school. That evening during their informational meeting, parents will also tour Westchester Intermediate, meet the incoming principal, Miss Dwyer, and learn about school expectations and procedures from current Westchester Intermediate principal, Mrs. Leidigh.

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known the answer to. I thoroughly enjoyed the interaction and especially the dance with the wonderful young lady who was gracious enough to be my dance partner. Please feel free to invite me to future events.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

I hope most of you have noticed the recently installed banners and American Flags along Mannheim Road. The flags were added to salute our military hero's who have made, and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

On Monday May 28th, Park District President Steven Busa, hosted the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Mayfair Park Veterans Memorial. Last year all of the governing bodies from Westchester were on hand and placed a memorial wreath at the site. Many veterans and their families were present and recognized for their service and contribution. When you see the American Flag flying high, remember those who have sacrificed so much for all of us, so we can live in the best country in the world.

DOG ORDINANCE REMINDER

I have been asked to remind all dog owners that you are required to clean up any excrement left by your dog, on all private and public

property. Several reports of dog walkers not doing so have been provided to the police. Owning a dog comes with responsibility. Dog owners must pick-up after their dogs. Westchester also requires your dog to be leashed and prohibits you from allowing your dog to roam the neighborhood. Please be mindful of these ordinances for both health and safety concerns.

LAWN SPRINKLERS

Over the past few weeks Public Works has been called on to investigate water leaks affecting neighbors' property. Upon our arrival we have not discovered a broken water main, but rather a defective underground lawn sprinkler system.

Please have your systems checked each year for optimum performance. Water has become more expensive, and a leaky system can cost homeowners hundreds of dollars in unnecessary expense. State Law also requires the lawn sprinkler systems to have a backflow prevention valve to avoid any cross contamination to your drinking water. Stagnant water containing bacteria can be transmitted to your home if you do not have the required RPZ valve preventing water from being back fed from underground sprinkler systems. State inspectors have been visiting adjacent communities checking on whether backflow prevention valves are in place, protecting against cross

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Thank You, Corporate Donors

This spring, the Library was the recipient of two noteworthy grants that will give us more flexibility in tailoring computer technology and instruction to meet patron needs.

We thank the **Walmart Foundation's Local Community Contribution Grant Program**, with special thanks to Mark Dennison of the Forest Park Walmart Store, and **BMO Harris Bank**, with special thanks to Liza Jarmoszka, Vice President for Community Affairs, and Mary Carey, Bank Manager, Westchester Branch.

Both **Walmart Foundation** and **BMO Harris Bank** are dedicated to improving communities through education and workforce development initiatives.

Adult Department Update

In the coming months, we are adding 5 more Internet computers in the Adult Department, bringing the total to 9 workstations and relocating the current Internet stations to the new tables. When completed, the new area will support 16 Internet workstations and offer more options for scheduling Internet classes.

To make room for these changes, our magazine collection was consolidated and moved to the south end of the floor. As magazine use has declined, we have been trimming subscriptions and reallocating the savings to other priorities.

New Databases

This July, patrons will find a new selection of databases available on our website. Many of our databases are purchased through a consortium and this year the consortium selected a group of EBSCO databases to replace the GALE products.

Patrons will be able to search the same subject areas as before (health, science, literature, history, etc) but EBSCO offered the best package at the best price for the money.

Two selling points patrons will like: 1) the new package includes the Consumer Reports database for obtaining articles and product evaluations from the popular consumer magazine; and 2) students will find EBSCO offers more magazines and newspaper articles in full-text format.

Links to the new databases will begin appearing on the Library's website in July.

Too Many Newspapers & Magazines At Home?

Put them in the new *Paper Retriever* recycling dumpster in the Library's parking lot. Please, no cardboard or boxes, only papers and magazines!

You will be helping the environment and the Library receives \$5 for every ton of paper recycled!

MyMediaMall & eReaders

On Thursday, June 14, the adult reference staff will host an informal drop-in session from 3:00—7:00 pm in the Conference Room upstairs to answer questions patrons may have about MyMediaMall and eReaders.

In addition, in the coming weeks, the Library will begin circulating Nook and Sony eReaders to Westchester patrons. The Nook readers will be preloaded with a selection of bestseller titles and the Sony readers will circulate to patrons interested in sampling titles on MyMediaMall.

Ravinia Tickets

We are pleased to participate in Ravinia Festival's Words & Music program that distributes free lawn tickets to area public libraries. We

will hold a drawing on June 18 to distribute the available tickets. Watch for notices in the lobby, our website, and on Facebook.

Westchester patrons who borrow library materials are eligible to enter the drawing. Winners will be notified by phone the day of the drawing, with ticket selections on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are a lucky winner, bring your calendar along to help in your concert selection. Lawn passes can be upgraded to pavilion seats at Ravinia's box office.

Teen Journalism Project Update

High school students who live in Westchester can still sign up for the Teen Journalism Project. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk for details and meeting dates. The Project gives students an opportunity to write content for the village newspaper.

Forgot Your PIN?

In the past, you had to come to the Library to have your PIN reset, but now you can reset it online if you have an email address on your SWAN account. Just click "Forgot your pin" at the login screen, enter your name and barcode, and SWAN will send you an email with instructions for resetting your PIN.

Patrons love the convenience of

logging into "My Account" from home to renew materials, check the status of items on order, pay fines, and track their reading history.

You don't need email to access "My Account," but you do need an email address already *in* your account to reset your PIN online.

Summer Hours Are Back

Memorial Day weekend though
Labor Day in September:

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| Monday - Thursday | 9:30 am-8 pm |
| Friday | 9:30 am-6 pm |
| Saturday | 9:30 am-5 pm |

Closed Sunday

Staff Update

Kris Jacobson has been named the new Head of Youth Services to replace Roberta Conrad who retired in May. Kris has a masters degree in library and information science from Dominican University and brings vast experience working with children in both library and school settings. Many patrons will remember her when she worked in the Youth Department from 1996 to 2001. We are delighted to have her back on staff!

Congratulations to library page Derek Kwok who graduated from Proviso Math & Science in May. He plans to study engineering this fall at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Page Turners Club Gets Support from Local Businesses

It was time to make some changes to attract more participation in the Library's Page Turners Club, our summer reading club for high school students and adults. In March, we reached out to the business community for support and nine local businesses responded, providing gift certificates and cash donations that enable us to offer some really terrific prizes. We are grateful for their support in this new initiative and we ask you to be sure and thank these local businesses on your next visit:

Albano's Italian Deli in Westchester

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TNT Concrete Construction, Inc.

Westchester Baseball Inc.

We will have drawings for gift certificates from Albano's Italian Deli, Continental Barbers & Jeannie's Hair Salon and The Sheffield's Ashland Addison Florist in early July, and thanks to all of our sponsors, we will be giving away a **Barnes & Noble NOOK COLOR digital reader** as our grand prize in August.

- The Club will run Friday, June 1 through Saturday, August 4.
- Open to Westchester adults and high school students with a valid Westchester Public Library card
- Every time you finish reading a book, stop by the Library to fill out an entry form at the Circulation Desk or Adult Reference Desk. (You'll be stopping by the Library anyway to return the book you finished and to select another book to read!)
- Reading even one book is enough to enter the drawings! The more you read, the better your chances of winning! Audiobooks and ebooks count too!



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Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm, closed Sunday.

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • Board of Trustees Donna Malecki, president, Steve Cerasuolo, Timothy Hinsdale, Phyllis Kastle, Carole E. Levy, Allison Muzal, and Celestine T. Reda • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month.

Adult Programs

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE
Call 708-562-3573 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

Teen Journalism Project

Ongoing project for high school students who live in Westchester.
Stop by Adult Reference Desk for details and meeting dates.

Page Turners Reading Club (see story on previous page for details)

Friday, June 1 – Saturday, August 4
Open to adults and high school students who have a valid Westchester Public Library card.

MyMediaMall Drop-In Session

Thursday, June 14 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Stop by the Adult Department with your questions about eBooks, eReaders & MyMediaMall.

Senior Matinees Mondays at 2:00 pm

Our Senior Matinees will resume in August—watch for announcements in July newsletter.

Book Discussion Group Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in June and July.

No meeting scheduled for August.

Jun 21 *Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill
Jul 19 *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* by Charles Dickens

INTERNET CLASSES

Classes meet Wednesdays at 1:30 pm and a valid library card is required. Registration for residents begins on the 1st day of the month in which the class is held (the day after for non-residents). Beginner's Class requires mouse skills.

** indicates classes in Conference Room*

June - Registration begins June 1

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| Mouse Mania | Jun 6 |
| Beginner's Internet | Jun 13 |
| Email Class* | Jun 20 |

July - Registration begins July 1

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| Beginner's Internet | Jul 11 |
| Email Class* | Jul 18 |

August - Registration begins August 1

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| Beginner's Internet | Aug 8 |
| Email Class* | Aug 15 |
| Intermediate Class* | Aug 22 |

If you are unable to attend our classes, ask a reference librarian about tutorials on our website!

Note: Photographs taken at Library events may be used for promotional purposes. Library programs are open to the public and patrons with disabilities are welcome. Please call 562-3573 (TTY/TDD 562-9364), visit or write us to discuss accommodations at least five (5) working days prior to a scheduled program.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Registration for Youth programs begins June 1 and ends July 28. Call 708-562-3573 or visit the Youth Department to register.

Thank you McDonalds', Buona Beef, Gameworks, DuPage Children's Museum and Classic Movies for sponsoring the Youth Summer Reading Clubs!



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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Saturday, July 28, is the last day to turn in your reading log for prizes.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Favorite stories, crafts, music and other surprises for children and families — in other words, fun for all ages!

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
Jun 13 - Jul 25

FAMILY ANTICS

For children and their families

Fridays at 2:00 pm

Jun 15 Opening program: **Birds of Prey**
Jun 22 Bubble Making
Jun 29 Film: *Adventures of Tintin*
Jul 6 Sidewalk Drawing
Jul 13 Film: *Muppets*
Jul 20 Garden Program: Make a Terrarium (bring a wide mouth, clear container)
Jul 27 Film: *Puss In Boots*

Reminder to parents and caregivers: please remain with your children under the age of nine whenever in the Library.

STAINED GLASS

Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30 pm

June 19, June 26, July 3 and July 10

For students entering 4th grade and older *

Learn how to make stained glass images using paints and plastic. This is a special series of four classes, with each class building on techniques learned the week before.

* Younger children may attend, but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.



MONDAY MATINEES FOR KIDS

Mondays at 2:00 pm

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| Jun 11 | Birds of a Feather |
| Jun 18 | Hop To It |
| Jun 25 | Plane Ol' Crazy |
| Jul 2 | Lights Out |
| Jul 9 | Bats in Your Belfry |
| Jul 16 | Lone Prairie |
| Jul 23 | Over the Top |



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contamination in both commercial properties with fire suppression sprinklers as well as residential properties with lawn sprinklers. Contact Public Works at 708-345-0041 for more information.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

With summer comes many upgrades and home beautification projects. For your protection, always contact the Village to determine if a permit is required for the work you are planning. Contractors are required to register at the Village and obtain a contractor license, in order to do work within the Village. Contractors are also required to carry insurance and bonds. You as the homeowner may be liable for injuries to workers who get hurt while doing work at your home, if the contractors do not have insurance or are not properly bonded. Make sure you read your contract agreement thoroughly before signing anything. Utilize the Better Business Bureau to check feedback on the company you are selecting. A list of registered contractors is also available on the Village website. However please note this list changes on a daily basis. For the most up-to-date list, please contact the Building Department at 708-345-0199. A "yellow" Building Permit Certificate must be prominently displayed in the front window for our inspectors to see. Contact the Building Department, to verify if your contractor is registered or if you have any questions. It is better to be safe than sorry.

UTILITY LINE INSURANCE

As you probably saw in the mail last month, the Village of Westchester is introducing a new, optional program available to homeowners, provided through the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program. The Service Line Warranty Program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines. Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for the sewer lines that go from their houses to the point of utility maintenance. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive. The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expense involved with a sewer line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family's budget. This new program will offer warranty protection to help cover the costs

of a break. The cost for citizens who choose to purchase the warranty protection is \$5.50 per month, and will cover sewer line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional allowance of \$4,000 for public street cutting, if needed. The program is offered at no cost to the Village of Westchester, and no public funds are used to promote the program. To learn more about the SLWA please visit www.SLWofA.com.

CMAP ASSISTS IN THE PLANNING FOR WESTCHESTER'S FUTURE

On Wednesday May 30, at the Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., a second Village-wide workshop was hosted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. And the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The gathering was the next step in creating Westchester's Comprehensive Plan. This "Visioning" workshop was designed to help define how Westchester will look in the year 2030. More information is available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/westchester.

WESTCHESTER CRUISE NIGHT

Monday nights at the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza has become quite the place to be these days. Paul's Pizza and Sylvia E's Fine Jewelry & Astro Tours have been sponsoring the Westchester Cruise Nights for the past 6 years. Opening night was Monday, May 14 with a solemn tribute to longtime resident and friend to all, Richard "Dickie" Mihel. Dickie passed away suddenly a few months ago, and all of his motorcycle friends and family wanted to start off the cruise night season with a tribute to their friend and fellow rider. A "split the pot" raffle was held in his honor. Over \$800.00 dollars was collected from donations from the attending crowd. Mr. Altman from Westchester was the split the pot winner but donated his winnings back to Nancy (Dickie's wife) and her family. Way to go Mr. Altman!! A large sheet cake was also on hand for all to enjoy. Nancy thanked all the people at the event, and stated she would be taking her grandchildren to Disney World sometime in the future.

The Cruise Night line-up starts at 5pm, with the Music starting at 6pm. Scheduled June entertainment includes the "Metrois" on June 4th, The "Sting Ray's" on June 11th; The "Screamin End" on June 18th; and "Elvis" on June 25th. All are welcome to bring their rides, and enjoy the night at the best car show around!

RELAY FOR LIFE

On June 9-10, 2012 from 6:00 PM to

6:00 AM, Relay for Life of Westchester will be held at Mayfair Park, 10835 Wakefield Street. According to their website, Relay For Life is an overnight relay-style event where teams of people camp out around the track while members of each team take turns walking around the track during the event. It is a family friendly event for the entire community with food, games and other activities including entertainment. It is also a very important fundraising opportunity. The funds raised from the event go towards cancer research and treatments by the American Cancer Society, (source: <http://www.relayforlife.org/learn/whatisrelay/index>). For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/westchesteril.

FLAG DAY

Flag Day is Thursday June 14, 2012. This national holiday honors our United States flag. We celebrate the day it was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777. The first flag featured thirteen stars, seven red stripes, and six white ones. The flag should be flown over public buildings, businesses, and homes on Flag Day. Let's show our support of this national holiday by hanging our United States flag on all businesses and residences.



The original 13-star flag included both 13 stars and 13 stripes to represent the 13 colonies. It was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777.



The 50-star American flag represents the 50 United States, and was adopted and raised by President Eisenhower on July 4, 1960.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Once a year, we are given the opportunity to go all out and say thanks to dear old dad. Dads are the other half of the mom and dad duet that came together to create who we are today. Like Mothers Day, Fathers Day should be every day, but unfortunately, our lives take so many twists and turn that James

Taylor's "Cats in the Cradle" song rings more true each year. This year, please remember dad on Sunday June 17, 2012. And don't forget, that big strong invincible guy, is really just a kitty cat at heart.

JULY FOURTH PARADE

The Fourth of July Parade is just around the corner. This annual event is great for the whole family. I would like to invite all to attend this year's parade which will be held on Wednesday July 4 at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 708-345-0020. Hope to see you all there!

IN REMEMBRANCE

On May 14, Westchester lost another great public servant. Retired Police Chief Robert J. Smith Jr. lost his battle with cancer. I remember Bob hiring on to the police department in July 1975, and his work as a Detective. Throughout most of his career as a detective, Bob solved numerous cases. But one of the most notable cases was when he was able to lift a fingerprint from a belt used to tie up a victim at an armed robbery. Detective Smith had an ability to get a confession from a murder suspect who was taken into custody in Chicago. Many Chicago Police Department Detectives attempted the necessary interrogation but it was Detective Smith, as a calm and collected detective, who was able to obtain the confession from the subject and ultimately make the case stick. Detective Smith rose up through the ranks to Westchester's Chief of Police in 1996 and held that position until his retirement in June of 2007. I had the honor to serve as Chief Smith's Deputy Chief, and believe our administration under Chief Smith's leadership, transformed the Police Department into the great department it is today. I thank Chief Smith for his friendship and guiding the department through some very interesting cases and events. You will be forever missed. Godspeed Bob,

-Sam

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of this chapter, the Illinois Liquor Control Act, or any other ordinance, statues or amendments thereto, shall restrain or prevent their minor child from committing acts which constitute vandalism, theft, disorderly conduct, or the unjustifiable use of force in violation of any ordinance, law or statute.

WESTCHESTER 4TH OF JULY PARADE



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● July 30th – August 3rd for ages 6-13
● \$65 Resident / \$75 Non-Resident
- **Guitar 1 for Beginners**
● June 18th – June 28th or July 9th – July 19th for ages 7-12
● \$130 Resident / \$140 Non-Resident
- **Guitar 2 for Beginners**
● July 9th – July 19th for ages 7-12
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- **Guitar Boot Camp**
● June 18th – June 28th or July 9th – July 19th for ages 12 and up
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- **Learn to Swim for ages 6-13**
- **Diving 1 & 2**

Session 1 June 11th – June 22nd
Session 2 June 25th – July 6th
*no class 7/4
Session 3 July 9th – July 20th
Session 4 July 23rd – August 3rd

Other Swim Classes Offered:

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2012 Season Pool Passes also for sale through September 3rd

Summer DAY CAMP

Registration is ongoing for spots in our Summer Day Camp program.

Session I June 11th – June 29th
Session II July 2nd – July 20th * No camp 7/4
Session III July 23rd - August 10th

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ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

2012 ChargerFEAST Chili Champs are...

CELEBRITY WINNER



Chris Waters
Owner



Celebrity judges and celebrity winner pictured from left to right: **Chief April Padalik**, Village of Westchester Chief of Police; **President Sam Pulia**, Village of Westchester President; **Chris Waters**, Owner of Christopher's Speakeasy & Grill; **Bruce Sirius '69**, Owner of Production Plus and SJHS Board Member; **Diane Guido Berner IHM '70**, SJHS Board Member; **David McCreery**, SJHS President; **Gene Pingatore**, SJHS Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events; **Brother Leo Jones**, Former SJHS Principal and Faculty Member.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS



1st PLACE
Jim Frangella
Hillside-Berkeley
Chamber of Commerce

2nd PLACE
Aggie Niemiec



3rd PLACE
Jan Grabacki



"Chili Today,
Hot Tamale"
- Gene Pingatore

On behalf of the entire St. Joseph High School Family, we would like to thank all those that supported the **1st Annual ChargerFeast 2012!** The proceeds from the evening's festivities will support the young men and women attending St. Joseph High School.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors, donors, alumni, parents, volunteers, faculty, staff, students, business community and friends who worked tirelessly to make this first ChargerFeast a success.

We would like to recognize our People's Choice and Celebrity Chili Cookers, as well as our Celebrity Judges, for their involvement and support of this event! Without each of you, there would be no cook-off.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to **Bruce Sirius '69**, owner of Production Plus Technologies, Inc., **Sandy Kasprzak**, Vice President of Quest Food Management Services, Inc. and **Dr. Thomas Sullivan**, without whom this evening would not be possible.

We are especially grateful for the presence and support of the St. Joseph and IHM alumni, parents, neighbors and friends of the community. We hope that you had an enjoyable evening!

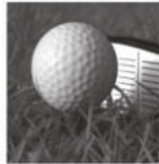
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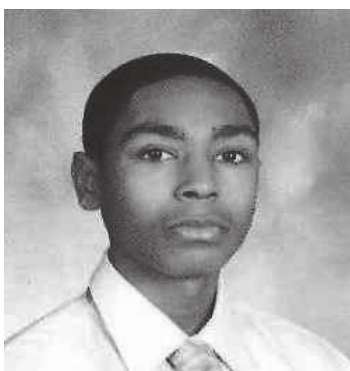
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A sweet fundraiser

The Westchester Lions Club on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 raised funds through its annual Tootsie Pop Days to help those with hearing and vision disorders. Funds are provided to those in need in the state of Illinois as well as locally in Westchester.

Pictured are: Bob Eisenhart, Andreas Brandt, Will Korinek, Don Prignano, Matt Duff, Mike Lorenzen, Bruce Warren.

Other Club members who participated but who aren't pictured include: Kevin Lah, Bill Gundry and his son Patrick Gundry, Mark Fischer, Pat Casey, Don Bimler, Chris Martin, Bob, Brown, Mike Scherer, Tom Elsey and Don Doucet

The Westchester Lions Club was named "2012 Club of the Year" by the Westchester Chamber of Commerce.

Join the fight against cancer



Paul's Pizza in Westchester and Prima la Pizza in Hillside unite to fight cancer in their own backyard.

Paul Gattuso, owner of Paul's Pizza is a loyal supporter of American Cancer Society Relay For Life event in Westchester. For more than 10 years he has donated his pizza, sound cart, and port-o-potties to ease some operating expenses from the cancer fundraiser. "The expenses he saved us allows us to

provide more for cancer patients," said Summer Jarrette, the Relay For Life volunteer leader.

Nick Christopher, co-owner of Prima la Pizza in Hillside, has jumped onboard this year creating an employee team, hosting all team meetings at the restaurant, and donating proceeds of restaurant sales each Monday night to the cause. Relay For Life is an overnight event and for the teams that stay all night long Prima la Pizza will stay open all night too. Participant and the public can dine in all night long and enjoy breakfast pizzas in the morning!

Both Gattuso and Christopher have lost loved ones to cancer, and are passionately dedicated to their families and to their communities. This year they will combine efforts for the first time to feed all the cancer survivors at the Relay For Life in Westchester.

The Relay For Life will take place on Saturday, June 9 at Mayfair Park. The event starts at 6 pm. All are welcome and cancer survivors will be honored, those that have been lost will be remembered, and we will fight back together in Westchester, Hillside, Broadview, Bellview, Berkley, and Maywood. Visit www.relayforlife.westchesteril for more information or call your local American Cancer Society office at (708) 484-8542.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

June 2012

The Citizen's Advisory Board would like to remind residents that the Westchester Food Pantry is always in need of donations of non perishable items for families need. Anyone can drop off donations at the Village Hall, 10300 W. Roosevelt Rd., M-F 8:30AM to 5:00PM. We thank everyone in advance, and hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

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May 2012



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Barbecuing Hamlet was written by Pat Cook and produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company

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| Sun. | June 10 - 2:00 | \$11 Seniors and Students |
| Sat. | June 16 - 7:30 | \$8 Children 6-12 |
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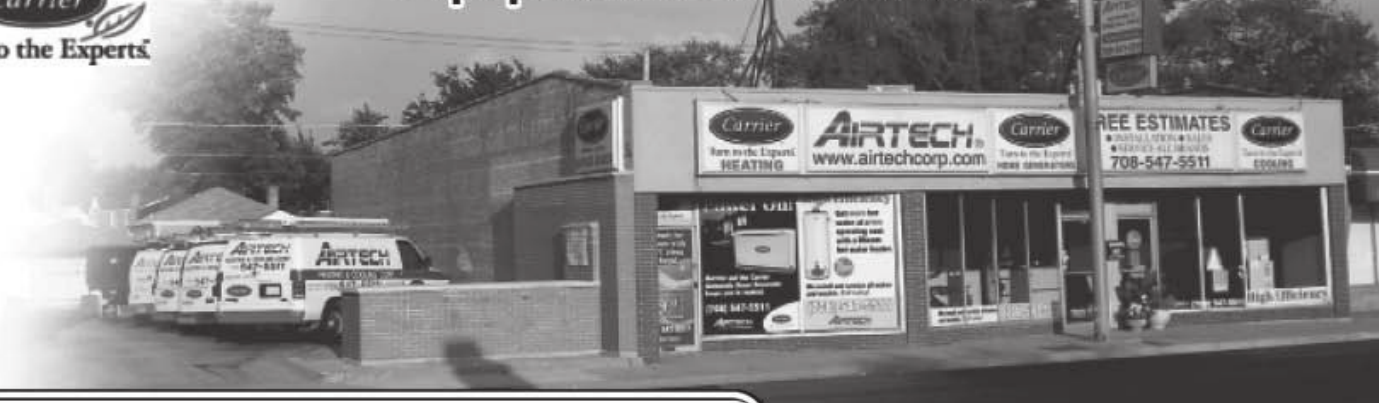
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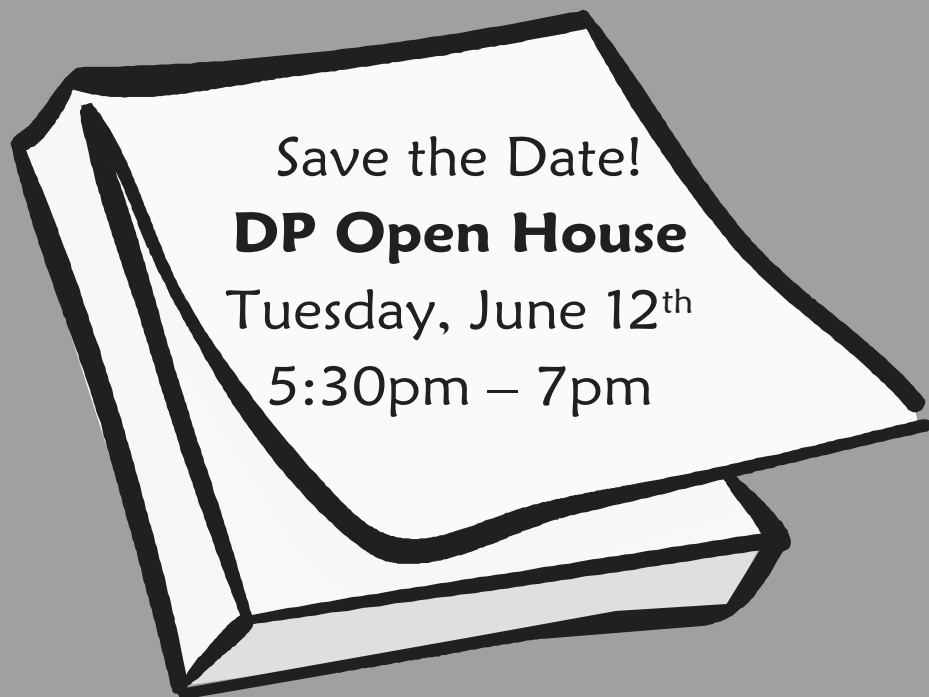


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Practice safety outdoors this spring

ComEd reminds customers: call before you dig

As northern Illinois heads into spring this year, ComEd is encouraging customers to be mindful of outdoor safety before planting, pruning or preparing yard space for a construction project.

April is Safe Digging Month and Illinois law requires that homeowners call 811 at least 48 business hours prior to beginning any digging work regardless of scale. Whether a project is small, such as gardening, or massive, such as a swimming pool installation, advance reporting can prevent outages and potentially serious injuries.

To prevent accidents or injuries when landscaping, conducting home improvements or enjoying the sun, ComEd offers the following outdoor safety tips:

- Use extension cords marked for outdoor use.
- Be aware of power lines that run through tree limbs and branches.
- Keep away from fallen power lines; always assume a power line is live.
- Keep people, ladders and other equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Tips to Prepare for Warmer Weather

ComEd also encourages customers to visit ComEd.com for low-cost ways to reduce energy usage, save money and help the environment by making a few simple changes in their homes and habits:

- Set thermostats to 78 degrees, or the warmest temperature that is comfortable.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically raise the temperature 5 to 10 degrees overnight or when the home is empty during summer months.
- Only cool rooms that are in use. Close vents and doors to other rooms.
- Close curtains facing south, east and west during the day to keep out heat from the sun.
- Keep windows closed and shades down when using air conditioning.

For more energy-saving tips or information on energy assistance programs from ComEd, visit ComEd.com.

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 6.6 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 3.8 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population.

LERT Training Workshop at Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church, Westchester, IL will be hosting a LERT Training Workshop On Saturday June 9th. Registration and a light dinner will be open at 8:30 am with class from 9-12 noon. Training is provided by Lutheran Church Charities.

As of January 2010, by federal guidelines, any volunteers responding to a disaster must be trained and certified or they will be turned away. Over a year ago, Lutheran Church Charities started making plans for providing training for and establishing Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) throughout our district. Should a disaster happen, these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to respond to the disaster.

The core areas covered in the training are:

Ministry Opportunities

Chainsaw Safety - All LERT members will receive the chain saw safety training. If you want to serve on the team as a chain saw operator you must also be chain saw certified. Only certified trained volunteers may operate chainsaws or be within 6' of a running saw. For those individuals, chainsaw operation certification will take place at a separate time and location to be announced.

Clean Up & Debris Removal

Trap & Patch Safety

Muck Out Training

Flood & Storm Surge Training

3 Phases of Disaster Work

4 Phases of Emotions

National Credentialing

Registration is \$20 and helps cover the cost of the training materials, meal and the LERT Security Vest, which is required to be worn in a disaster response situation. Registration can be paid by credit card online at the time of registration or by cash or check at the door.

In order to better manage volunteers and resources, FEMA has finalized a guideline on credentialing volunteers for large-scale disasters. The federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. Lutheran Church Charities is providing training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) throughout our district. Should a disaster strike these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site.

This training will prepare team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.

For more information, call Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466, or visit www.LutheranChurchCharities.org for more information or to register.



Village of Westchester Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2012 IL0313150

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011



This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the WESTCHESTER water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by Westchester is Purchase. For more information regarding this report, contact: Janet Matthys at (708) 345-0020.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

-Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

-Inorganic contaminants, such as salts, and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

-Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum productions, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm runoff, and septic systems.

-Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

-In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

-Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone

organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

-If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Source Water Assessment Summary

Source Water Location

The City of Chicago utilizes Lake Michigan as its source water via two water treatment plants. The Jardine Water Purification Plant serves the northern areas of the City and suburbs, while the South Water Purification Plant serves the southern area of the City and suburbs. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States. It borders Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is the second largest Great lake by volume with 1,180 cubic miles of water and third largest by area.

Susceptibility to Contamination

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus comprising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility of Contamination Determination; and docu-

mentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

2011 Voluntary Monitory

The City of Chicago has continued monitoring for Cryptosporidium, Giardia and E. Coli in its source water as part of its water quality program. To date, Cryptosporidium has not been detected in these samples, but Giardia was detected in 2010 in one raq lake water sample collected in September 2010. Treatment processes have been optimized to provide effective barriers for removal of Cryptosporidium oocysts and Giardia cysts in the source water, effectively removing these organisms in the treatment process. By maintaining low turbidity through the removal of particles from the water, the possibility of Cryptosporidium and Giardia organisms getting into the drinking water systems is greatly reduces.

City of Chicago Emerging Contaminant Study Analysis of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Produces

The city of Chicago Department of Water Management (CDWM) has completed a water quality study to monitor some compounds that have not historically been considered to be contaminants of concern, but have been recently documented at trace concentrations in our nation's waterbodies. This study, completed in the years 2009-2011, includes compounds known as Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs) and Pharmaceuticals & Personal Care Products (PPCPs), which are considered to be emerging contaminants. EDCs are compounds with potential to interfere with natural hormone systems. PPCPs are a group of compounds consisting of prescription or over-the-counter therapeutic drugs, veterinary drugs, and consumer products such as sun-screen, lotions, insect repellent, and fragrances. The reader is encouraged to visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) website to learn more about EDCs (<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/science/endocrine/>) and PPCPs (<http://www.epa.gov/ppcp/>). In 2011, CDWM has also monitored for hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium-6, a contaminant of concern which has both natural and industrial sources. Please address any questions or concerns to DWM's Water Quality Division at 312-742-7499. A list of detected contaminants from the monitoring studies and additional information is posted on the City's website.

2011 Water Quality Data

Definition of Terms

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

mg/l: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water

ug/l: Micrograms per liter or parts per billions – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water

average: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): the level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppm: parts per million

ppb: parts per billion

ppt: parts per trillion

pCi/l: picoCuries per liter (measurement of radioactivity)

nd: Not detectable at testing limits.

n/a: Not applicable

City of Chicago 2008 Water Quality Data

| Detected Contaminants | | | | | | |
|---|------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Level Found | Range of detections | Violation | Date of Sample |
| <i>Microbial Contaminants</i> | | | | | | |
| TURBIDITY (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit. | n/a | TT/ | 99.50 % | 99.50%-100% | | |
| TURBIDITY (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement. | n/a | TT=1NTU max | 0.86 | n/a | | |
| <i>Inorganic Contaminants</i> | | | | | | |
| BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. | 2 | 2 | 0.0208 | 0.0201-0.0208 | | |
| NITRATE (AS NITROGEN) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits | 10 | 10 | 0.44 | 0.39-0.44 | | |
| NITRATE & NITRITE (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. | 10 | 10 | 0.94 | 0.39-0.44 | | |
| <i>TOC [Total Organic Carbons]</i> The percentage of Total Organic Carbons (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA. | | | | | | |
| <i>Unregulated Contaminants</i> | | | | | | |
| SULFATE (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits. | n/a | n/a | 16.1 | 14.4-16.1 | | |
| SODIUM* (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener | n/a | n/a | 6.64 | 6.63-6.63 | | |
| *Note: There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water. | | | | | | |
| <i>State Regulated Contaminants</i> | | | | | | |
| FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth. | 4 | 4 | .92 | 0.89-0.92 | | |
| <i>Radioactive Contaminants</i> | | | | | | |
| COMBINED RADIUM (226/228) (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits. | 0 | 5 | 1.38 | 1.300-1.380 | | 3-17-08 |
| GROSS ALPHA excluding radon and uranium (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits. | 0 | 15 | 0.88 | .090-0.880 | | 3-17-08 |

Note: The State requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of this data may be more than one year old.

VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO

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| Violations for your system: |
| No Violations were recorded for the City of Chicago during this CCR reporting period. |

Village of Westchester 2011 Water Quality Data

| Lead and Copper Date Sampled 6/6/2011 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Lead MCLG | Lead Action Level (AL) | Lead 90 th Percentile | # Sites Over-Lead AL | Copper MCLG | Copper Action Level (AL) | Copper 90 th Percentile | # Sites Over Copper AL | Likely Source of Contamination |
| 0 ppb | 15 ppb (.015 ppm) | 8.92 ppb (.00759 ppm) | 1 | 0 ppm (.00 ppb) | 1.3 ppm (.0013 ppb) | < .100 ppm (< 100 ppb) | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

| Regulated Contaminants Date Sampled January, 2011 thru December, 2011 | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|---|
| Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products | Highest Level Detected | Range of levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant |
| TOTAL TRIHAOMETHANES (TTHMs) | 36.00 | 19.75-49.5 | n/a | 80 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) | 18 | 11.53-25.2 | n/a | 60 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| CHLORAMINES | 0.8 | 0.59 - 1.02 | MRDLG = 4 | MRDL = 4 | ppm | No | Water additive used to control microbes |

Note: Chlorine residuals are taken daily from our water treatment facility. In addition, 16 chlorine residuals are taken monthly throughout our distribution system in concert with routine bacteria/coliform sampling.

Note: The State requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

No Violations were recorded for the Village of Westchester during this CCR reporting period.

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

Turbidity: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Unregulated Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

Fluoride: Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Sodium: There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.



Public Works Street Patching:

Public Works plans on laying 2,000 tons of asphalt this summer. We are in the 1st phase which is grinding and crews began this process May 21st. Phase 2 will be the laying of the asphalt. Please be aware that there will be some bumpy streets as we complete this process, so please slow down to avoid any accidents, injury or damage.

The Public Works Department continues to fill potholes throughout the Village. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to report potholes.

Alley grading is also being done on a continual basis.

Hydrant Flushing

There is ongoing hydrant flushing throughout the Village. You might notice some discoloration in the water caused by the stirring up of sediment. This should clear up by letting the water run.



50/50 Sidewalk Program

The Village offers a Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program. If the sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will share the cost with you.

Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register.

50/50 Parkway Tree Program

The Village Parkway Tree Program gives you the opportunity to add to the curb appeal of your home. The program is 50/50 shared cost and includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of 5 types of trees indigenous to the area.

The trees will be planted in November 2012. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 for more information or to register.

As Always...

Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or the Police Non Emergency number after hours at 708-345-0060 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.

Sprinkling ban reminder

We have water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15-September 15, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. This includes:

- Outdoor Watering
- Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- Cleaning Buildings
- Pool Filling

Sprinkling during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) shall be allowed on even numbered days for those even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for those residents having odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

EXAMPLE:

June 10-even numbered day of the month: West side and north side can water before noon and after 6 p.m. East side and south side cannot water.

June 11-odd numbered day of the month: East side and south side can water before noon and after 6 p.m. West side and north side cannot water.

Branch Pick-up:

Village branch pickup will be June 4-8. The branch pickup for July will be July 2-6.

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 the street 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 and other workload responsibilities.

Please make every effort to cut oversized limbs/stumps for one employee to lift and to remove the dirt from the root ball to allow for pickup. Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

MONDAY

From Mannheim Road west to Wolf road and from Canterbury south to Windsor-including both sides of Windsor Drive. Also, Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

TUESDAY

Roosevelt Road south to Cermak Road-from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road.

WEDNESDAY

From Roosevelt Road north to the expressway and from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road. Also, Roosevelt Road south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

THURSDAY

From Bellevue west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street

PLEASE NOTE: Above schedule subject to change based on amount of debris being picked up and weather conditions. If we miss your pickup we will be back the following day. Please be patient!

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Waste Management will also pick up branches as long as they are tied in bundles no more than 4 feet in length. These are picked up every week, on your regular garbage day.



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: _____

Make checks payable to: Village of Westchester,
10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154



VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

On Wednesday, July 4th 2012 at 9:30 a.m. the Village of Westchester will be hosting a parade in celebration of Independence Day. The parade will include entertainment for the whole family and participants from throughout the community.

2012 OFFICIAL PARADE SPONSORS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR SPONSORING THE 2012 PARADE

EDWIN HANCOCK ENGINEERING CO.

DRS. SULLIVAN & SUCHY LTD.

To become an official sponsor of the 2012 parade, please call Molly at Village Hall (708) 345-0020

FEST WRISTBANDS

Westchester Fest 2012 wristbands will go on sale at Village Hall on Friday June 15, 2012

Separate wristbands are sold for each day; one for use on Saturday July 14, 2012, another for use on Sunday July 15, 2012

**Cost: \$15.00/wristband
Limit: 10 wristbands**

