



Village of Westchester

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

This year's roadwork projects are all planned to begin shortly. The timeline of each project will be updated regularly online as the schedule may change from time to time. As with any road construction project that impacts use of the roadway or one's driveway, notifications are made via hand delivery to each house affected to prepare residents the day before substantial work is being done. These notifications are left between the doors by our engineers, at least the day before work occurs. This year, the 700-1200 block of Norfolk, nearly all of Drury Lane and Canterbury from Mannheim to Westchester Blvd are scheduled for water main replacement, sewer lining and new roadway is scheduled. Resurfacing of the roadways will occur on all of Waterford, Kitchner from Westchester Blvd to Worchester and Canterbury from Suffolk to Gardner. Please be patient the work is worth the wait. Our engineer in the field can answer any questions or concerns you may have while the work is being done.

On Saturday April 12, 2025 SBC Waste Solutions, our garbage/waste hauler, will be hosting their spring clean-up collection. It is a wonderful opportunity to do a little spring cleaning of larger items that you may have been seeking to dispose of but have not yet had the chance to do. Furniture, carpet, construction debris and other bulk items will be accepted if left at the curb by 6am on April 12th. Please visit the website for a complete list of items that will be accepted along with items that will not be taken, but can be scheduled for a special pickup at a later date. SBC will be sending out their entire fleet of garbage trucks starting at 7am and items can be placed out the night before or by 6am.

The Westchester Park District is hosting a ribbon cutting for High Ridge Park's latest improvements on Saturday April 26th at 12pm. New features such as inline hockey rink, game tables, splash pad and walking paths were installed last year on the West side

of the park and will be on display in later in April.

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Village of Westchester will be hosting the annual Celebrate Westchester at the Alpine Banquet Haus on Saturday May 17th at 6pm. This year will have a 100th anniversary with a roaring 20's theme. Tickets are available at www.westchester-il.org/celebrate. Please come out to join us.

ComEd has recently started their tree trimming program as a part of their regular maintenance to minimize tree limbs coming in contact with power lines. All property owners in the area being maintained will be notified by ComEd directly and their line-clearance crews are all qualified tree services that will be working under the supervision of ComEd. Please note that any notifications will be received by mail prior to work being done and if you have questions or concerns about a tree branch that may impact your local power lines you can call 1-800-EDISON-1 to report those issues at any time.

Westchester is close to launching the WaterSmart customer portal, allowing residents to view hourly water usage, detect potential leaks and to track your water usage. As this program begins to roll out, we encourage residents to sign up and utilize the program to manage use of your water with a number of water saving conservation tips. You can sign up on our website to be the first to know when the program goes live.

The 100th anniversary committee are still seeking information from longtime residents as they prepare for the centennial celebration. If you or someone you know is the longest-residing resident, we want to know. Please send an email to info@westchester-il.gov with a name, address and number of years living in Westchester. The Village will be honoring this person during our centennial anniversary.

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/CALENDAR FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BRANCH PICKUP & YARD WASTE/COMPOST COLLECTION RESUMES STREET MAINTENANCE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH NOVEMBER UPDATED VEHICLE STICKER NEEDED BY APRIL 30		1 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION	2 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	3 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	4	5 DONATION DAY FOR WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY - 9-11AM WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
6 THE WASTED LAND: IGNORED DIMENSIONS OF HABITAT LOSS - 1PM PRAIRIE HOUSE	7 VILLAGE BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	8 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL PROVISO TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING - 6PM PROVISO TOWNSHIP HALL	9 AGING CARE SEMINAR 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER	10 100 TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM - VILLAGE HALL	11	12 SBC SPRING CLEANUP COLLECTION - ITEMS MUST BE OUT BY 6AM
13	14	15	16 PLEASE LIMIT WATER CONSUMPTION ON APRIL 16 AS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING PERFORMED	17	18	19
20 HAPPY EASTER	21	22 BUDGET HEARING, VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL EARTH DAY	23	24 GROW MOVIE NIGHT: FEEDING TOMORROW 7PM - VILLAGE HALL	25 ARBOR DAY	26 SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT 10AM-12PM 2305 ENTERPRISE DR
27	28	29	30 EXTENDED HOURS VEHICLE STICKER PURCHASE SALES UNTIL 7PM - VILLAGE HALL	4/24 - BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING 10AM BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL		4/26 - EXTENDED HOURS VEHICLE STICKER PURCHASE SALES 9AM-12PM - VILLAGE HALL

• VILLAGE MEETINGS • VILLAGE EVENTS • OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

SPRING CLEAN-UP COLLECTION

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

Collection Details

The Village of Westchester and SBC Waste Solutions are excited to announce our first annual Spring Clean-Up! Please read all of the details below:

- Items must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12.
- Do not set items out until the day before the event.
- Regular refuse and small items must be contained in bags, cans, or boxes (maximum 50 lbs each).
- There will not be a separate recycling collection truck. Any recyclables set out would be collected with regular refuse.
- Yard waste is not included but is collected on your regular service day April-December.
- Hazardous and electronic waste are not included, but a separate pickup can be arranged by contacting SBC.

ACCEPTABLE Items

- Appliances (refrigerator, dishwasher, etc.)
- Bulk items (mattress, piano, etc.)
- Carpet (must be rolled, maximum 5' long, 2' diameter)
- Construction and demolition debris from DIY home improvements
- Furniture
- Fixtures
- Landscape timbers (cut to 3' lengths)
- Regular refuse (properly contained)

Items NOT Accepted

- Car batteries, tires, and automobile parts
- Concrete, bricks, cement, and asphalt
- Electronics
- Explosives and ammunition
- Paint, fluids, radioactive materials, and hazardous or medical waste
- Riding lawnmowers, boats, snowmobiles, and snow blowers

QUESTIONS? CALL SBC (312) 522-1115

EMAIL SBC WESTCHESTER@SBCWASTESOLUTIONS.COM

WESTCHESTER SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT

APRIL 26 - 10 AM TO NOON
2305 ENTERPRISE DR., WESTCHESTER

PAPER SHREDDING
All unwanted paperwork will be accepted. Remove paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
Most household electronics will be accepted. Limit one television per household. Visit www.westchester-il.org for full list of accepted items.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK
Pills only - liquid meds and sharps will not be accepted. Collection is anonymous, bottles with identifying information will be destroyed.

THIS COLLECTION EVENT IS FOR VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS.

WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY WILL BE ON-SITE COLLECTING MONETARY & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS!

LEARN MORE: INFO@WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV



Smoke alarms in your home

Protecting Lives and Property!

- ✓ Install smoke alarms outside all sleeping areas and on every level of your home, including the basement.
- ✓ For added protection, place an alarm inside every bedroom.
- ✓ Alarms should be installed at least 10 feet away from any cooking appliances.
- ✓ Ceiling installation is best. If mounting on a wall, place the alarm no more than 12 inches from the ceiling.
- ✓ Replace smoke alarm batteries every 6 months.
- ✓ The average lifespan of a smoke alarm is 10 years—replace units accordingly.

Contact Us

The **Westchester Fire Department** proudly participates in the **Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) "Be Alarmed" program**. Our firefighters are available to assist residents—especially seniors—with proper **smoke alarm placement** and **installation**.

For more information or to request assistance, please call **(708) 345-0433**.



BUSINESS CAG Wholesale SPOTLIGHT Patch Party Club

April's Business Spotlight shines on a local gem of a business and business owner that residents of Westchester and surrounding communities should get to know if they have not already. Meet Toyiah Marquis, the talented and visionary owner of CAG Wholesale and founder of Patch Party Club. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) had the pleasure of speaking with Toyiah to learn more about her inspiring journey and her business, located at 10311 W. Roosevelt Road, in the heart of our community right across from Village Hall and the Police Department.

Toyiah's first business was a boutique clothing shop in neighboring Hillside that was open from 2006-2009. While Toyiah was disappointed she had to close the boutique she did not want give up on being an entrepreneur and business owner. Toyiah had an existing customer base and was able to quickly pivot to a new business idea that would become CAG Wholesale. CAG stands for "Creative Alliance Group" and Wholesale comes from the idea of how Toyiah wanted to serve her customers: offering high-quality products at a great value, wholesale style. CAG Wholesale is the creative side of the business, offering custom apparel, sublimation blanks, loose rhinestones, vinyl, and everything you need to create your own custom apparel. The other side of the business is the Patch Party Club venture. This is the international accessories brand that specializes in creating exclusive patches and custom patches. Toyiah's goal is to have a creative or unique solution for anyone who is looking to scratch their creative itch, saying, "Whether you're looking to craft something unique or spice up your clothing, we have you covered!"

One of the reasons Toyiah loves her Westchester location and intends to stay and grow is the same reason many other local businesses have given for loving Westchester: "location, location, location." Toyiah's original Westchester location was at 1127 Mannheim when she opened CAG Wholesale in 2009, she then moved around the corner to 10311 W. Roosevelt Road in 2019. Toyiah believes Westchester is the perfect location for her business because it is a central location to many surrounding areas, accessible, safe, and just an



overall great place to operate your business.

Any customer of CAG Wholesale knows firsthand the large variety of items and services offered, but there is also a uniqueness to their products and services that is hard to find elsewhere. Toyiah explained that CAG delivers top-quality products that are difficult to find elsewhere, while also offering great value. Some products they sell may be hard to find, cost significantly more, or be of a lesser quality. "We're all about making sure the customer gets the best of the best without breaking the bank," Toyiah said. CAG Wholesale provides everything from custom apparel and accessories to hosting crafting classes. They also have a DIY craft space where people can come in and use their equipment. The Patch Party Club aspect of the business focuses on creating custom patches and hosting patch parties. "It's all about bringing people together to create something special and unique," says Toyiah. An interesting fun fact about Toyiah is that she has designed patches for several popular 90s musical groups such as Do or Die, Crucial Conflict, and Female Trio- SWV!

As her business has grown, so has CAG's space. "We started with 2,500 square feet, and now we occupy 5,000 square feet. The expansion has allowed us to increase our product offerings and grow our community," Toyiah explained. CAG has expanded their product selection and continues to grow the business. CAG Wholesale & Patch Party Club's mission is clear: "We're committed to empowering creators by offering the best tools, supplies, and inspiration for all your crafting needs. Whether you're a DIYer, a business owner, or just someone passionate about custom designs, we've got the resources to bring your vision to life."

Please do not hesitate to visit Toyiah at CAG Wholesale and find out how her business can help your next DIY craft, apparel order, or any other creative venture you can think of!

CAG Wholesale
10311 W. Roosevelt Road
(708) 441-9256
Website: <https://patchpartyclub.com/>



This April, Don't Be Fooled!

Now more than ever, we all need to stay alert and cautious when it comes to protecting our personal information. Scammers are getting more creative and more deceptive—reaching out through phone calls, emails, and even text messages. Unfortunately, it's often our senior residents—our lifeline to the past and a wealth of wisdom for future generations—who are targeted the most.

I take it personally every time I hear that one of our residents has been scammed out of their life savings or even a few thousand dollars due to false information or fraudulent promises. Just last month alone, I received three scam texts from fake numbers claiming I owed money for tolls or that the DMV needed more information, threatening my driver's license.

What really concerns me are cases where a senior is approached at their home by someone claiming they can make quick repairs, only to then meet that person at the bank for payment.

Please—only hire contractors with solid references and never pay in cash or let a stranger into your home. Always pay by a more protected and trackable form of payment such as a check or credit card, get a receipt, and be cautious of anyone who wants to meet you at the bank.

On many occasions, while driving through the Village, I've stopped when I see contractor or landscaper vehicles and checked in to make sure everything is okay. I've also verified that companies operating in the area are licensed and legitimate.

Some of the Biggest Types of Scams:

- Someone posing as an official from your bank asking for personal information (Always call your bank directly and speak to a supervisor)

Impersonators pretending to be from:

- Medicare
- IRS
- Social Security
- Technical Support
- Fake Charities



- Lottery or Prize Notifications
 - Investment Opportunities
 - Government Agencies
 - Family members or relatives asking for money
- When in doubt:
DELETE IT. DISREGARD IT. DO NOT

RESPOND.

Instead, contact the Westchester Police Department by dialing 911 and report it.

Stay safe,
Chief Daniel Babich

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**25-00633 02/21/2025
4:37PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
1200 BLK GARDNER RD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 23 year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Driving without Insurance, Driving without a License and Disobeying a Stop Sign. The 23 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00675
02/24/2025
8:01PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
10100 BLK CERMAK RD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 23 year old female from Chicago, IL was cited for Driving while License Suspended, No Valid Insurance, and No Headlights when Required. The 23 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00696
02/25/2025
9:46PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
1100 BLK MANNHEIM RD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 20 year old female from Westchester, IL was cited for Expired Registration, No Valid Insurance, and Driving while License Suspended. The 20 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00733
02/28/2025
5:12PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
1000 BLK WESTCHESTER BLVD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 35 year old male from Bellwood, IL was cited for Drivers License Expired over One Year and Disobeying a Stop Sign. The 35 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00871
03/10/2025
9:17PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
1600 BLK MANNHEIM RD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 37 year old male from Westchester, IL was cited for Speeding, and Driving while License Revoked. The 37 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00881
03/11/2025
4:12PM**

**TRAFFIC STOP
10300 BLK ROOSEVELT RD**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 26 year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for No Valid Drivers Licenses, and Expired Registration. The 26 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00888
03/12/2025
6:01AM**

TRAFFIC STOP

MANNHEIM RD & MILFORD ST

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 31 year old male from Chicago Ridge, IL was cited for Misdemeanor Speeding, Suspended Registration, and No Valid Insurance. The 31 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-00937
03/15/2025
6:52PM**

**UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WEAPON
CERMAK RD & MANNHEIM RD**

WPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Balmoral Avenue and Kent Street following a report of reckless driving involving a firearm. Upon locating the suspect vehicle, officers—assisted by neighboring law enforcement agencies—conducted a traffic stop leading to the arrest of a 37-year-old male from Cicero. The individual was taken into custody without incident and has been charged with Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Fortunately, no injuries were reported during the incident. The 37-year old was transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a bond hearing. The investigation remains ongoing.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Duckies! Youth Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department
Complete the scavenger hunt in the Youth Services department. When you finish, come to the YS desk for a prize!

April Book Discussion

April 15th | 6:30 PM
This month we're reading *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Late Opening May 2nd

The Library will open at **12 PM on Friday, May 2nd**, due to an all-staff meeting. Thank you for your understanding!

Drop-in Crochet Group

Monday, April 7th | 6 PM
Join us for our monthly Crochet group at the Library! Total beginners and advanced welcome, all materials provided

Adult Take-and-Make Family Photo Magnets

Monday, April 21st | While Supplies last
Stop by the adult department starting Monday, April 21st to grab a kit to make custom photo magnets!

Movie Matinee: A Real Pain (2024)

April 16th | 1 PM | Community Room
Mismatched cousins David and Benji tour Poland to honor their grandmother. Their adventure becomes complicated as old tensions resurface while exploring their family history. Academy, Golden Globe, and BAFTA Award Winner.

Learn to Hydro Dip

April 23rd | 2 PM & 6 PM | Community Room
Make a beautiful marbled mini-vase with just water and nail-polish! No experience necessary. **Registration is required.**

The Wonder of Birds with Kim White

Wednesday, April 9th | 6 PM | Community Room
Naturalist Kim White, a former educator at Brookfield Zoo, (and her animal ambassadors!), will demonstrate how intelligent our feathered friends truly are. **Registration is required,**

Illinois Libraries Presents: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10th | 7 PM | Zoom
Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and outdoor educator who shares edible plant knowledge on TikTok (@alexisnikole) and Instagram (@blackforager). She uncovers African American and Indigenous food traditions while promoting self-sufficiency in food deserts. **Registration is required, visit bit.ly/ILP_AlexisNikoleNelson.**

Nature Walks in the Forest Preserve

Multiple Dates | Bemis Woods North
Park at Bemis Woods North and meet at the bridge for an easy 30-40 minute nature walk, led by a Westchester librarian. Appropriate for most adult ability levels; call (708) 562-3573 ext 2 or stop by for more details! **Registration is required.**

Birding for Beginners

May 3rd & 7th | 9 AM | Wolf Road Prairie House
Join us on the observation deck at the Historic Prairie House to watch spring migratory birds. The Library provides binoculars and bird ID handbooks. Open to all, with a focus on seniors and those with mobility issues. Wheelchair accessible. **Registration is required**

Stop by for National Library Week!

Friday, April 11 | While Supplies Last
Stop by the library on Friday, April 11th, to celebrate National Library Week! Enjoy a sweet treat, spin the prize wheel, and enter for a chance to win a mug, bag, or other fun prizes. Kids can also participate in a bookmark activity all week! Join us for a fun and festive day honoring our love for the library!



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If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.

STORYTIMES

Once Upon a Time

Tuesdays | 4 PM | Until April 8th

Don't miss this storytime especially for kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grade! We'll read some stories, have fun activities, and maybe a craft or two!

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Until April 9th

Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day! Best for babies - PreK.

Teen Programs

Fine Arts Fest 2025

Saturday, March 22 | 9:30 - 1:30 PM |

Westchester Middle School

Join your favorite librarians at Westchester Middle School to celebrate all the talent in Westchester!

Shop at the Prom Pop-Up Shop

April 5th - 12th | Maywood Public Library

Are you looking for prom attire?

Students shop FOR FREE April 5th - 12th at the Maywood Public Library.

Teen Crochet

Thursdays | Until April 10th | 4 PM

Teens, want to learn how to crochet? We'll teach you step by step! All skill levels welcome, materials will be provided. For grades 6 - 12.

Teen Craft & Chill

April 14th | 4 PM | Teen Room

Join us in the Teen Room for this low-key craft program. Can't stay? Take one to go! **For grades 6-12.** While supplies last.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lego Club

Friday | April 4th & 18th | 3:30 PM

Don't miss this fun club where you can show off your building skills and get to put your creations on display! Best for grades K-5.

Kids Craft Corner

April 8th | All Day | While Supplies Last

Drop in once a month for our craft corner. Take a craft to go or put it together in the library! Best for grades K- 5th grade. While supplies last.

Kids' Crochet Club

Wednesdays | 4 PM | Until April 9th

Come learn basic crochet! All skill levels are welcome. Materials will be supplied!

For grades 3 - 5.

Art Explorers

Thursdays | 4 PM | Until April 10th

Learn about different types of art and make a fun creation! For grades 2 - 5th.

Design a Bookmark!

April 7th - 11th | All Day

In honor of National Library Week, create a bookmark showing why you love your library! All materials will be provided. The winning entry will be reproduced and available in the Youth Service Department as the official library bookmark of Spring!

Dave Dinaso's Traveling Reptiles are Back!

Saturday, April 12th | 11 AM | Community Room

Grab your seat for this up-close, hands-on program featuring reptiles and amphibians from around the world! All ages welcome.

Registration required. Please check in at the Youth Services Desk.



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GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP

LET'S BLOOM TOGETHER.



Saturday, May 10th, 9am-noon

IT'S OUR 7TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE!

From Asters and Beans to Zucchini and Zinnias...Grassroots Garden Group has it ALL!
With over 50 varieties of flowers, veggies, and herbs, and over 500 plants to choose from, you might need to make a second trip!

Join us at the Westchester fountain at Mannheim & Cermak Roads (parking available on Crestwood) and stock up on everything you need for your garden.
As always, all profits benefit the Westchester Food Pantry!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 19th is our 7th Annual Westchester Garden Walk!

Interested in being a sponsor for the Garden Walk?

Contact us at GrassrootsGroup2015@gmail.com for more details!

View all upcoming events on our website, GrassrootsGardenGroup.org

WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY



FOOD RECLAMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CAN YOU HELP?

Each year, 40% of the food we provide to our neighbors in need comes from food reclamation. This is food that is no longer sell-able, but still perfectly edible. Food reclamation keeps good food out of landfills and gets it to the vulnerable people in our communities who need it the most! We need volunteers to pick up food from our partner stores and deliver it to the Pantry. This commitment is once a month for a full year. Email us for details! Info@WestchesterFoodPantry.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First week of the month			Volunteer needed!	<p>Food reclamation volunteers are needed on every Wednesday of the month. There are currently 6 openings for volunteers.</p> <p>This commitment is once a month for a full year. You choose the Wednesday that fits your schedule.</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u></p> <p>Food pick-up must be done between 11am-1pm.</p> <p>Be able to lift boxes weighing up to 30 pounds.</p> <p>Have a larger vehicle. (Minivan, SUV, station wagon)</p>		
Second week of the month			Volunteer needed!			
Third week of the month			Volunteer needed!			
Fourth week of the month			Volunteer needed!			
Fifth week of the month			Volunteer needed!			

PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for April will be the week of the 7th – 11th

May's collection will be the week of May 5th – 9th
 June's collection will be the week of June 2nd – 6th

The Public Works Department will collect branches the first full working week of every month (April-November)

- All brush must be put out on the front parkway by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. Branches can be up to 7 feet 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.
- Again, please put ALL brush out on your designated collection day and Public Works crews will determine what constitutes an open load, which will be picked up later in the week.
- An open load would include any brush that will not fit through the chipper such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift. Dirt must be removed from any root balls for pickup.
- Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

Landscapers & tree services are responsible for their own brush disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

MONDAY: From Mannheim Rd west to Wolf Rd and from Canterbury St south to Windsor Dr-including both sides of Windsor Dr. Also Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

TUESDAY: Roosevelt Rd south to Cermak Rd-from Gardner Rd west to Mannheim Rd.

WEDNESDAY: From Roosevelt Rd north to the expressway and from Gardner Rd west to Mannheim Rd. Also, Roosevelt Rd south to Canterbury St from Haase Ave west to Heidorn Ave.

THURSDAY: From Bellevue Ave west to Wolf Rd, Martindale Dr south to 31st Street.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. will begin on your first regular collection day in April.

S.B.C.Waste Solutions, Inc. – 312-522-1115 sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester

- If your garbage, recycling, and/or yard waste was at the curb by 6am but was not collected by 6pm on your regular day, please call S.B.C. directly to report a missed collection.
- You may place two (2) large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) at the curb every week for collection. Please call S.B.C. directly to inform them of large items.
- S.B.C. will collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste), at no additional charge, including household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions

As of April 1st, snow parking restrictions are lifted and street maintenance parking restrictions go into effect. Please check the signs at the ends of your block or check the Village website so you don't receive a ticket! These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm.

Westchester Tree Replacement Program

1. The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway in front and/or side of their residence. Please call Public Works if you would like to request a tree be planted, sooner rather than later, on any parkway.

2. If you would prefer to choose the species of the tree to be planted, this can be achieved through the 50/50 program. The resident may choose the tree(s) from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree(s) and planting with the Village. To request the list of 50/50 trees, please call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041.

Construction News

• Water Main/ Service Line Replacements, Sewer Lining, and Street Program

Street	From	To
Norfolk Ave.	Wedgwood Dr.	Roosevelt Rd.
Pelham St.	Westchester Blvd	Newcastle Ave.
Drury Ln.	Newcastle Ave.	Gardner Rd.
Canterbury St.	Mannheim Rd.	Westchester Blvd

Water main & service line replacements only

Balmoral Ave.	Canterbury St.	Wight St.
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• Street Resurfacing Program

Street	From	To
Waterford St.	Mannheim Rd.	Cul-de-sac
Kitchner St.	Westchester Blvd	Worcester Ave.
Canterbury St.	Suffolk Ave.	Gardner Rd.

As always, residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 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. If after 3:30pm M-F or on weekends and holidays, please call the non-emergency number at 708-593-3830.





- Specialists with insurance claims
- Free storm damage inspections
- Licensed, Bonded, & Insured
- Roofing, Siding, & Gutters
- Westchester resident
- Divine Providence Parishioner



Scott Hopman
773-655-8529

Giordano Manfredini
708-363-6789

Curious About Composting? We're here to help!

by GROW Ecological Commission

Why compost?

- Food waste is the largest contributor to landfills in the United States. Here in Illinois, it accounts for 20% of waste in our landfills. This waste releases methane, a harmful greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere and contributes to rising temperatures (Source: Illinois EPA). Composting keeps food waste out of landfills, thus reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Compost creates healthy soil that builds strong plants (Source: Feeding America).

What is composting?

- Composting is a natural process which breaks down organic material (food, leaves, cardboard, etc.) into healthy soil.

How to get started?

- First things first is to reduce food waste. Plan out meals so as not to buy more than you need, learn the best ways to store food to maximize freshness, make the most of your foods (use stems, greens, etc. in your cooking), and use leftovers. Reducing food waste also saves you money!

- Interested in starting your own compost? Here are steps to get going:

1. Keep a bowl or compost collector on your kitchen counter to collect food scraps

- Vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee and tea grounds, eggshells, unbleached coffee filters, and pieces of cardboard are examples of what to collect

- Removing seeds from tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc. during food prep, helps keep them from sprouting in your compost

2. Purchase or construct an outdoor compost bin. Layer in food scraps from your kitchen, chemical-free grass clippings and leaves, and torn up pieces of cardboard. The key to composting is maintaining the right wet to dry ratio, so layering in cardboard or paper scraps helps with this ratio.

- What not to put in a home compost: meat, bones, dairy, grease, onions, citrus peels, labels from fruits and vegetables

3. Stir the bin/compost regularly to produce heat and

move the decomposition process along (you might also need to add water when it's warm out). Stirring every 3-4 days is ideal; the more frequently it's turned the faster the decomposition process.

4. Finished compost will look like healthy soil, dark brown or black. Use this in garden beds and spread on the lawn to provide natural nutrients to the soil.

Actions You Can Take

Reduce food waste – compost to contribute to a healthy environment!

Not interested in handling the entire compost process? Our new waste management company, **SBC Waste Solutions**, offers compost pick up. An Organics Waste cart is available for rental at the following rates: \$12 (35-gal), \$14 (65-gal), or \$16 (95-gal) per month. Service is available April through December. Participants can then request the final compost product from SBC at no additional charge. Call SBC at (312) 522-1115 to sign-up.

Spring Cleaning Can Wait—Nature's Not Ready

You may be tempted to “spring” into action cleaning up and mowing your yard after a long winter, but consider delaying these chores through April. Delaying spring cleanup gives overwintering insects, like native bees, fireflies, and butterflies, time to safely emerge from leaf litter and hollow stems. Holding off on mowing through April allows early-blooming plants like dandelions and clover to provide essential nectar and pollen for pollinators just coming out of hibernation. These small actions help sustain vital insect populations that support biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

Look for GROW's table throughout the community the week of May 4-10, International Composting Awareness Week, to learn more and see a composting demonstration.



Recipe of the Month

There are so many yummy ways to reduce food waste. Chop up herb stems and use them in soup (add them early to give them time to soften up); sauté beet greens, chard stems, and the like with oil, garlic, salt, or your favorite spices; make a soup/broth with leftover veggies; the possibilities are endless. This classic minestrone allows for adding any leftover veggies, beans, pasta, whatever you'd like. Enjoy!

Classic Minestrone Soup

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 medium ribs celery, chopped
- ¼ cup tomato paste
- 2 cups chopped seasonal vegetables (potatoes, yellow squash, zucchini, butternut squash, green beans or peas all work)
- 4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano

- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 large can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, with their liquid (or 2 small 15-ounce cans)
- 4 cups (32 ounces) vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 bay leaves
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup whole grain orecchiette, elbow or small shell pasta
- 1 can (15 ounces) Great Northern beans or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained, or 1 ½ cups cooked beans
- 2 cups baby spinach, chopped kale or chopped collard greens
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Instructions

- Warm 3 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or stockpot over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, add the chopped onion, carrot, celery, tomato paste and a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring often, until the vegetables have softened and the onions are turning translucent, about 7 to 10 minutes.

- Add the seasonal vegetables, garlic, oregano and thyme. Cook until fragrant while stirring frequently, about 2 minutes.

- Pour in the diced tomatoes and their juices, broth and water. Add the salt, bay leaves and red pepper flakes. Season generously with freshly ground black pepper.

- Raise heat to medium-high and bring the mixture to a boil, then partially cover the pot with the lid, leaving about a 1" gap for steam to escape. Reduce heat as necessary to maintain a gentle simmer.

- Cook for 15 minutes, then remove the lid and add the pasta, beans and greens. Continue simmering, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until the pasta is cooked al dente and the greens are tender.

- Remove the pot from the heat, then remove the bay leaves. Stir in the lemon juice and remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Taste and season with more salt and pepper until the flavors really sing.

Source: www.cookieandkate.com

Have a plant-based recipe you'd like to share with the community? Send it to GROW@westchester-il.gov for consideration for future newsletters.



Movie Night

**FEEDING
TOMORROW**

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 P.M. ★ VILLAGE BOARD ROOM
10300 W ROOSEVELT RD, WESTCHESTER

GROW Ecological Commission invites residents to a **free screening** of **Feeding Tomorrow**, an **eye-opening documentary** that explores how a courageous group of changemakers—farmers, doctors, educators, and activists—are challenging a **broken food system** plagued by environmental damage, climate change, and social injustice. Through **local, regenerative solutions**, they're planting the seeds for a **healthier, more equitable future**.

THIS 80-MINUTE FILM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF GROUP DISCUSSION
DRIED FRUIT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
BEST SUITED FOR VIEWERS AGED 13 AND OLDER
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/GROW



Tour the largest wastewater treatment facility in the country!

Join the **Green Residents of Westchester (GROW)** for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) Stickney Plant—one of the **largest wastewater treatment facilities** in the world, treating up to **1.4 billion gallons of water** and serving over **2 million people** each day!

Located on **570 acres**, this impressive facility serves an 883-square-mile area, treating water from homes, businesses, and storm systems using physical, biological, and chemical processes to recover resources and protect **public health** and the **environment**.

This is a **rare opportunity** to explore how our water is cleaned and returned safely to the environment—and **why it matters for the future of our planet**.



FREE Guided Tour of the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant

 **Thursday, May 15th – 10:00 AM**

 **Stickney Water Reclamation
Plant, Cicero, IL**

 **Email mnicolae@westchester-il.gov
to reserve a spot by April 30.**

**Registration is
required - spots
are limited!**

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4th of July

SEEKING ELECTRIC VEHICLES & E-BIKES

Red, white, blue, and **GREEN!** The **GROW Ecological Commission** is looking for **electric vehicles** and **e-bikes** to feature in this year's **4th of July Parade!**

If you're interested in showcasing your eco-friendly ride, email wwwjcik@westchester-il.gov with the following details:

- Your name and contact info
- Type of entry (EV or e-bike)
- Make and model (if applicable)

Spaces are limited—sign up today!

www.westchester-il.org/grow





CALLING ALL CLASSIC CARS!

As we celebrate **100 years of Westchester**, we're inviting residents to help us cruise down memory lane in style! Bring your **vintage, classic, or antique car** and be part of a special **Centennial 4th of July Parade** honoring the past, present, and future of our Village.

TO PARTICIPATE:
Email info@westchester-il.gov with:

- Your name and contact information
- Year, make & model of your vehicle

Space is limited, so don't wait!




Calling All Longtime Westchester Residents!

As we prepare for our Centennial Celebrations, we want to honor **Westchester's longest-residing resident!**

Think you hold the title? Or know someone who does?

Send an email to info@westchester-il.gov with:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Number of Years Living in Westchester






THEN & NOW: A TRIBUTE TO WESTCHESTER
A CENTENNIAL THEATER WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 4-8

Step into the spotlight and help bring Westchester's history to life! This **six-week drama workshop** invites young performers in grades **4-8** to explore the stories of our past through acting, storytelling, and creativity — **all leading up to a heartwarming performance luncheon for Westchester seniors.**

Spots are limited - register now! 

WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/DRAMAWORKSHOP



VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER

Annual Independence Day Parade

Friday, July 4, 2025
Parade begins at **9:30 a.m.**

The Village of Westchester is seeking **participants and sponsors** for the annual **Independence Day Parade**. All businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to take part in this patriotic event.

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT

If you would like to participate in the 2025 parade, please fill out the form below, and return by **June 13** to: info@westchester-il.gov or mail to **Attn: Parade, Village of Westchester, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.**

Official Entry Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Day-of Phone: _____

Address: _____

Type of Entry (Mark all that apply): Walking Float Clown Bus Van
Truck Car Classic/Antique Vehicle Marching Band Political/Public Official
Electric Vehicle Electric Bike

Other (Describe) _____

HOW TO BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

For a **\$100.00** sponsorship donation, you and/or your business/organization will be listed as an official Parade Sponsor in an issue of the Village Newsletter, which is delivered to approximately 7,200 households. Please fill out the form below and return with payment by **June 13** to our 501(c)(3) organization at **Attn: Parade, Westchester Community Events Foundation, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154. Please make checks payable to Westchester Community Events Foundation. Thank you!**

Official Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____



CENTENNIAL

1926 Advertisements for the Model Town of Westchester

The Proviso Mystery of who was buying up the old farmsteads in 1924 in the Westchester area was solved by November 8th, 1925. A Chicago Tribune article announced that William Zelosky and George F. Nixon were the two key developers joining forces to sell lots and build homes on 2,200 acres gained from recent purchases of land from a syndicate headed by CA&E president Thomas Conway, Jr. The Westchester Branch of the "L," being built to connect the Chicago Aurora and Elgin line to a brand-new station at Roosevelt Road, was nearing completion. Real estate developers began placing ads in the Chicago Tribune about visions for this model community and the growth of financial opportunities that would ensue. These ads only gained momentum and frequency up to October 1, 1926, the day train service began officially. That Friday was celebrated in both the Zelosky and Nixon offices all weekend long. In the spirit of the 1920s, there was quite a bit of "hoopla," with advertising slogans such as "where the L goes, profit grows." Fancy notices creating interest were placed throughout the newspaper to get prospective buyers to invest in this new model town outside Chicago. Chicago was usually depicted with all the soot, steam, and overcrowding of a busy city, whereas Westchester showed the tranquil English-style community in the country away from offensive city living. Other companies also featuring ads around that time were the Shekleton Brothers and Auspitz & Oakes, usually featuring "the Heart of Westchester" in their ads.

Roosevelt Road became the dividing line as Zelosky was to develop the northern area of Westchester from his English-style office (often featured in the ads) on Roosevelt Road, near the newly completed Roosevelt "L" Station. The land south of Roosevelt Road was in the capable real estate development hands of George Nixon. Both had major offices downtown, and before the Great Depression they and other developers also placed ad after ad in the Tribune recruiting a workforce of solicitors, salespeople, company representatives, and managers for the Westchester venture. It was a time of limitless possibilities capitalizing on the American Dream of a better life and great prospects, to be realized through the new Westchester model community, at that time the largest suburban comprehensive development undertaking ever in the Chicago area. Featured here are some of the 1926 advertisements promoting the Westchester venture.

Patricia Reaves,
Save the Prairie Society Director
and Historian

The "L" starts running OCTOBER 1st to ZELOSKY'S Westchester

Where the "L" Goes Profit Grows

Now the event for which you have waited is about to take place. The "L" trains will begin running to Zelosky's WESTCHESTER on Friday, October 1st. This announcement has been officially made by the Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

Now property values will soar in Zelosky's WESTCHESTER. Any lot in this ideal suburb will be worth more on October 1st than it is today. Those who purchase now will profit quickly. Choice locations are still available.

A small down payment will secure any lot. Immediate profit is yours in convenient amounts.

Wm. ZELOSKY Company
Conway Bldg., 111 W. Washington St. Franklin 2446

When ZELOSKY Company 111 W. Washington Street
Writes asking you please send me full information about Zelosky's WESTCHESTER.
Name _____
Address _____

here will be built a Great Community.

ZELOSKY'S Westchester

Where the L goes Profit Grows.

The new "L" terminal in Zelosky's WESTCHESTER is the nucleus of a great and thriving community which will be built by Zelosky. Even now, zoning provisions for homes, apartments and business houses have been made. Stores, schools and churches quickly follow. Lowest prices, assuring greatest profits, are in effect now.

Watch for Zelosky's announcement of the first "L" train to WESTCHESTER

William ZELOSKY Company
Conway Building, 111 Washington Street Franklin 2446

Wm. ZELOSKY Co.
111 W. Washington Street
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Address _____

When You Step off the "L" Terminal You're in ZELOSKY'S Westchester

ZELOSKY'S Westchester

Where the L goes Profit Grows

In Wilson Ave., the property that increased most in value was that closest to the "L" terminal. So it was in Logan Square, in Ravenswood, in Howard Ave. in every community the "L" entered. So it will be in WESTCHESTER.

Zelosky's WESTCHESTER is located close to the new "L" terminal. It is here that activity will center! It is here that investors and home seekers have their greatest opportunity. Values will increase when the "L" makes near running.

Watch for Zelosky's announcement of the first "L" train to WESTCHESTER

William ZELOSKY Company
Conway Building, 111 West Washington Street Franklin 2446

Wm. ZELOSKY Co.
111 W. Washington Street
Write asking you please send me full information about Zelosky's WESTCHESTER.
Name _____
Address _____

Happiness and Prosperity Await You in Westchester

America's First Model Suburb

LARGER opportunities—the kind most of us dream about and seldom realize—are ready for you in amazing Westchester. Here, on the fringe of Chicago's great West Side—in a beautiful region of high land and forest preserves—George F. Nixon & Company, in collaboration with city planner Jacob L. Cross, Jr., have created an ideal residential and business community.

Yet you need not plan on living or locating your business in Westchester in order to share in its assured future. A single business lot near the "L" Extension Terminal, purchased at present low prices, may be the means of starting you on the road to real fortune. An apartment building lot, bought now, should be worth considerably more than you paid before the year 1928 is finished. Even the lowest priced home site in Westchester is certain to advance perceptibly in value.

The Rapid Transit officials have announced that their fast new service between Westchester and the Loop will begin in less than 30 days from now. This means immediate express service and a greatly increased interest in Westchester.

Choose a Nixon-developed Westchester lot while there is good choice of value-advancing locations at low prices. Get, without extra cost, the safeguard of Nixon Estate Protection which provides that, if you die, before completing payment, your heirs or estate get the lot without further obligation of payment and receive back in cash all the money beyond the down payment that you have paid us. To-day call at our office, telephone or mail the coupon.

George F. NIXON & Company
Realtor Area Developers
NIXON BUILDING
Southwest Corner Madison and Clark Streets
Phone Randolph 0244

NIXON BUILDING

Wm. ZELOSKY Co.
111 W. Washington St.
Write asking you please send full information about WESTCHESTER.
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Address _____

Come To-day to the Formal Opening of ZELOSKY'S Westchester office Sunday April 25th

The New Zelosky's Westchester Office

the "L" starts running Soon

It is in this property, which is situated on the corner of the new "L" terminal, that the greatest profit is to be made. The lot is now being sold at a low price. Those who purchase now will profit quickly. Choice locations are still available.

A small down payment will secure any lot. Immediate profit is yours in convenient amounts.

Wm. ZELOSKY Company
Conway Building, 111 West Washington Street Franklin 2446

Wm. ZELOSKY Co.
111 W. Washington Street
Write asking you please send full information about WESTCHESTER.
Name _____
Address _____

You should share in the profit at ZELOSKY'S Westchester L Terminal

WHERE THE "L" GOES PROFIT GROWS

Not everyone will have the foresight to become property owners in Zelosky's WESTCHESTER—just as but few possessed the foresight to acquire locations in Wilson Ave., Howard Ave., Logan Square and other "L" extension developments. But your opportunity is here—a great opportunity for those who buy now.

It is but natural that the William Zelosky Company should sponsor such a project.

Mail the Coupon for Facts

William ZELOSKY Company
111 West Washington Street
Conway Building - Franklin 2446

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Wm. ZELOSKY Co.
111 W. Washington St.
Write asking you please send full information about WESTCHESTER.
Name _____
Address _____

Save the Dates



Celebrate Westchester: A Roaring 20s Centennial Soirée

A centennial twist on a longstanding tradition - join us for a 1920s themed evening of dinner, drinks & dancing with fun live entertainment! Buy tickets: westchester-il.org/celebrate

May
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Juneteenth Ceremony & Community Celebration

Honoring Westchester's past and embracing its future – join us for a celebration of culture, unity, and fun!

June
19 &
21



Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

An afternoon of history and hospitality at the Prairie House – sip, savor, and support the Westchester Community Events Foundation!

June
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4th of July Parade

Join us for this beloved timeless tradition, this year featuring a "Rolling Through The Years" Classic Car parade! Register or sponsor: westchester-il.org/july4

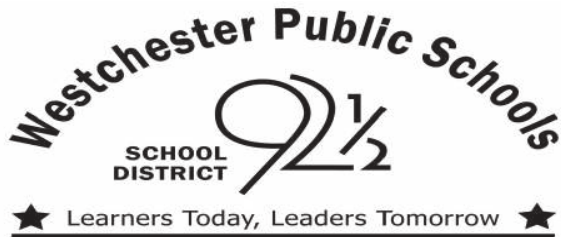
July
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Westchester's 100th Birthday Party in the Park

A centennial celebration of community spirit – join us for a weekend full of tasty food, top-tier live music & plenty of fun as we celebrate 100 years of Westchester!

July
11 &
12



A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

As April begins, we appreciate the hard work that keeps our schools going through the last weeks of winter. With spring ahead, let's keep supporting our students, celebrating their successes, and focusing on learning.

Standardized Testing:

•Following Illinois state guidelines, standardized testing was conducted during March for students in applicable grades(3rd through 8th). These assessments provide valuable insights into student growth and help us tailor our educational approaches to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

Parents and guardians in District 92.5 who have not yet completed the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey still have an opportunity to complete the survey. This survey allows current parents/guardians to share thoughts on the critical elements of school effectiveness. Please [click here](#) to take the survey.

The Board of Education recently approved the 2025-2026 school year calendar. You can find a copy in the Principal's weekly messages or on our [District website](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email at psalemi@sd925.org or by cell at 708-670-1927. Don't forget to check out our YouTube [channel](#) for recordings of our monthly Board meetings. Have a great April!

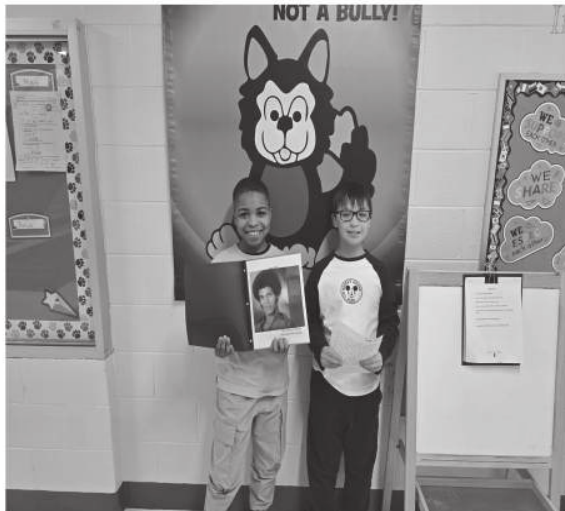
Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent

We want to give a big congratulations to our Black History Month art and essay contest winners. Each student was tasked with writing an essay or creating an art project highlighting the theme, "The Influence of African American Creativity." Students were encouraged to write or create artwork describing the impact that the African American community has had in the arts. The arts can be described as any expression or application of creative skill, including music, photography, dance, painting, sculpting, and much more. The impact can be positive, educational, eye-opening, or anything that sparks emotion and understanding. The goal was to celebrate the contributions of African Americans from Illinois and those making a difference in the state today. We are very proud of this year's winner and runner-up award winner.

This year's grand prize winner is:4th grader Marcellus Holmes for his portfolio highlighting the life of Jim Kelly.

Our runner-up winner is:3rd grader Seth Lara for his essay on how African Americans significantly impacted art and the way society experiences and uses creativity today.

The grand prize winner won a gift card to a family restaurant and a student gift card. The runner-up won a student gift card. We are very proud of the work that our students submitted.



Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary Students were challenged to earn "Shamrock for Safety" in March by following Dolphin Pride Expectations: Be Ready, Be Caring, Be Safe. Students read and listened to books encouraging safety and received paper shamrocks to hang in our entryway. One or two students in every homeroom were chosen to wear a shamrock medal each day or lead their line and carry a flag. In addition to promoting safety, good attendance has been a focus at WPS. Research shows that students with 97% attendance have great success in college, and those with attendance below 95% (9 or more days of absence in a year) may not be prepared for future learning. WPS will use incentives for classrooms and the whole school each month to promote good attendance.

WPS is proud to announce that George Bandik was selected as the winner in the K-2 grade division 2025 "A Touch of Art!" Art Contest hosted in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education. Liam Zreiqat was selected as a runner-up in the K-2 grade division, and Aria Boenzi was selected as a runner-up in the K-2 grade division. All winners and runners-up had their work displayed by the ALPLM as of Monday, March 10, 2025 (commemorating Arts Education Week). This year, the artist's original pieces will be displayed in the museum in an art gallery-style display. Students' artwork will come down on Friday, August 15, 2025, and will be mailed back shortly following that. George, Aria, Liam, their families, and Mrs. Jacobsen, the WPS Art Teacher, attended the Award Ceremony on Monday, March 10, 2025, in Springfield, IL. (Pictured accepting their awards: George Bandik, Liam Zreiqat, and Aria Boenzi.)



Westchester Primary School

Attention all families with children five years old on or before September 1, 2025! Kindergarten Registration begins on April 8, 2025! Westchester Primary School will hold Kindergarten Pre-Registration online for the 2025-2026 school year. Please visit our school district website at <https://www.sd925.org/> and follow the following menu path:

1. Click on the "Registration" tab
2. Click on the "Kindergarten" tab

This is the first step in enrolling your child for kindergarten starting this fall. After reviewing your form, you will receive a notice to sign up for the kindergarten screening held this year on May 22nd. In early July, you will receive information in the mail to complete the online registration/residency verification process and pay fees. Here is the Checklist for Pre-Registration:

1. Complete the Kindergarten Enrollment Form
2. Email both of the following items to gchayka@sd925.org
 - a. Email a copy of your child's official birth certificate. A child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2025.
 - b. Email a state or government-issued photo ID with your name and current address.

Please note that all items (completed enrollment form, ID, and birth certificate) must be received to process pre-registration.

Kindergarten Screenings and parent tours will be held at WPS by appointment on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM for pre-registered students. Both a parent and a pre-registered child must attend the screening. Preregistration begins on April 8, 2025. Please check our website for more information or contact the School Office at 708-562-1509.

Westchester Intermediate School

April is a busy month at WIS. We celebrated STEAM night just before we went on Spring break. We had presentations from students, parents demonstrating their careers, and a special presentation from Mr. Freeze. We hosted our Talent Show as well. It was great to see our students show off their talents to a packed house of parents and family. We had martial artists, dancers, singers, and musicians demonstrating their skills for all of us. It takes courage to stand up in front of everyone like that. I'm very proud of our kiddos.

We have completed our state mandated testing for the year. We took the Illinois Assessment for Readiness before spring break and had a wonderful kickoff with Mrs. DelFiaccio as we work towards the goal of 45% of our students being proficient this year. It is a lofty goal but we can make it.

Our 5th Graders will take the Illinois Science Assessment as well. Later this spring we will finish up with our third round of benchmarking to assess how our students achieved through this school year. We are looking forward to seeing our results after a great year of instruction.

We will have a Chorus Concert and Fourth Grade Fine Arts Fest soon. Second graders will come to visit and our 5th graders will visit WMS too. Then we finish up in May with our spring Band Concert. This time of year is always busy for our students as outside activities pick up as well. We will continue to focus on keeping our students focused on their learning and continuous growth.

We are looking forward to finishing out the school year with great learning experiences and success.

Go Huskies!

Westchester Middle School

As a school we will continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone in the WMS learning community. Students and staff should:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be There, Be Ready

Congratulations to our February Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Abigail Meza and Ledajiah Reynolds, 7th Grade: Audrey Gudmundson and Jaylene Ojeda, 8th Grade: Aiden Deer and Madison Muenchow. Warriors of the Month are selected by their teachers for setting a strong example and exceeding the expectations of the 4 Bs: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be There/Be Ready.



Please join us as the Westchester Middle School students perform High School Musical Jr. this spring! Performances will be May 8 (7:00 pm), May 9 (7:00 pm), and May 10 (2:00 pm). If you are interested in purchasing an ad for the musical's program or making a donation, please contact director Kierstin Terry at her email kterry@sd925.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

WMS is tentatively set to hold their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The ceremony will take place in the WMS gymnasium. Four tickets will be provided for each student and all fees must be paid up at that time to receive them. Please contact the Business Office if you have any questions about fees.

WE ARE HIRING!

Available Positions

**Summer Help
Custodial Work**
for Westchester Public Schools

-Temporary Position
-Perfect position for high school/college students

**Apply Online
at www.sd925.org**

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Reminder:

2025 VEHICLE STICKERS

2025 vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by April 30, 2025 to avoid citations and increased rates. Stickers can be purchased online or in person at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Additionally, extended purchase hours are offered on the following days:
Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 30th until 7:00 pm

To purchase online, please visit
www.westchester-il.org/vehiclestickers

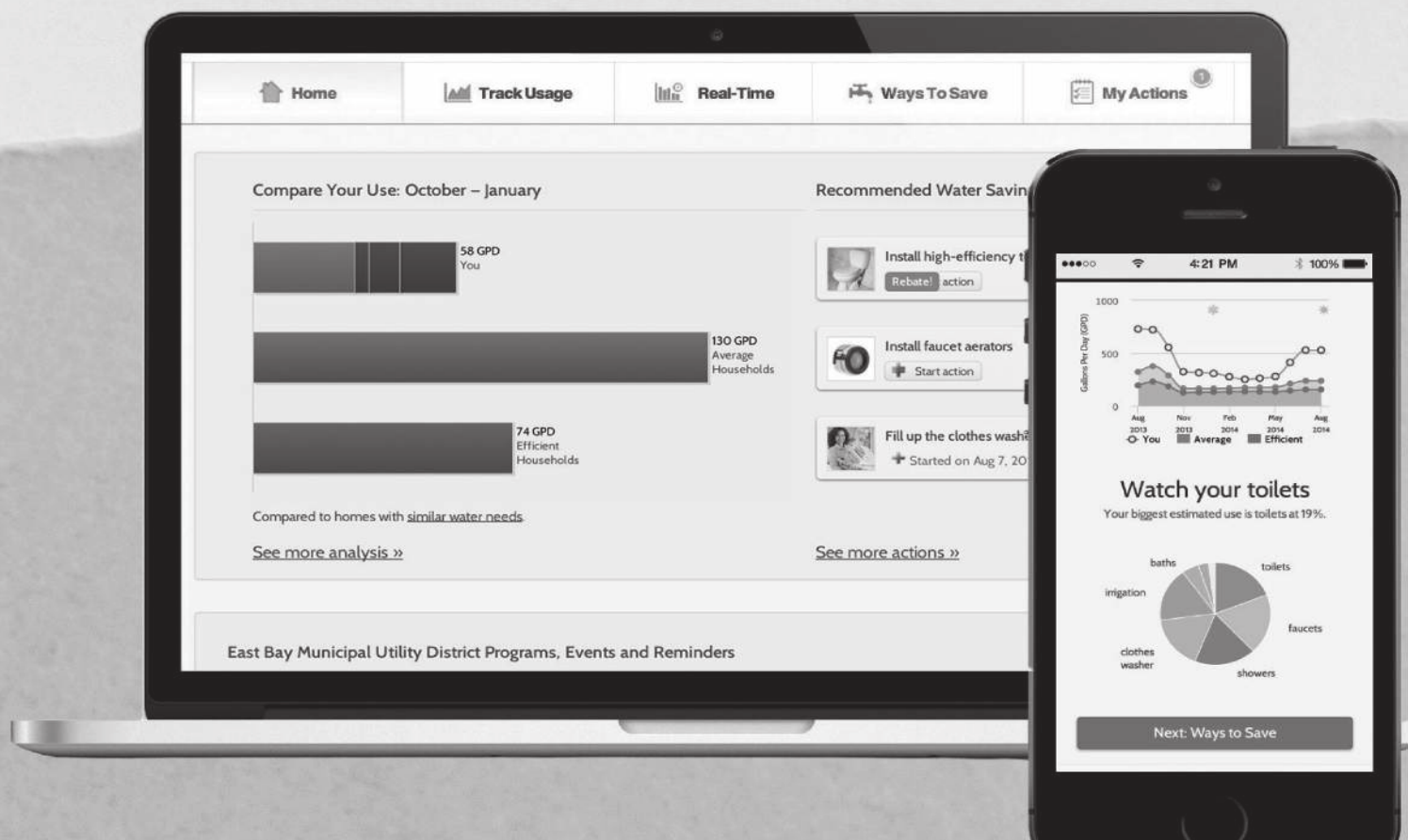




VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER WATERSMART CUSTOMER PORTAL

COMING SOON

Sign up for updates:
www.westchester-il.org/waterportal



LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance
Open to all!

Thursday, April 24th from 7-9 pm

**“ENERGIZE YOUR JOB SEARCH
USING YOUR NEW LinkedIn PROFILE”**

Denis Curtin, Presenter

LinkedIn is more than just a job board – it’s a powerful tool that can help you elevate your job search, grow your professional network, and accelerate your career growth. Don’t just wait for opportunities to come to you—take control of your career journey by building an exceptional LinkedIn profile, engaging with your network, and staying active within your industry. Your next career opportunity might be just one connection away.

Denis Curtin is a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps jobseekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles. He has been assisting jobseekers at the Holy Family Job Support Group in Inverness for the past 25 years, and is recognized as one of the leading LinkedIn experts in the Midwest.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs on 4/24 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources



March sure flew by! We are all enjoying the warmer temperatures and longer days. April is sure to be another fun-filled month as we round out the school year.

Last month, we had our WPTC meeting in the WIS cafeteria, it is a wonderful opportunity to hear about what exciting things our students have been doing and what they will be doing in the future. All are welcome to attend. Our last and final meeting for the school year will be May 7th at 6pm in the WIS cafeteria.

March also included Parents and Pastries, and STEAM Night at WIS. Both were wonderful events for parents and students to spend some time together.

The spring book fair is back this April! Students at WIS will be able to purchase books April 9th and 10th,

WPS will have theirs April 15th-17th.

Parents and Pastries will be held at WPS April 17th at 8:00-8:30.

Our last WMS School Store will be April 24th during lunch. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

Important Dates:

WIS Book Fair: April 9 and 10

WPS Book Fair: April 15-17
April 24- WMS School Store (cash only)

Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for any updates!

wptc.membershiptoolkit.com

<https://www.facebook.com/WPTC92.5>

You can also reach the WPTC via email at wptc925@gmail.com.



Westchester Chamber of Commerce
“We Mean Business”



Wing Snob Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHAMBER? EMAIL INFO@WESTCHESTER.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Please join us at the Roaring 20s Centennial Soirée to network and celebrate!

Alpine Banquet Haus

Saturday, May 17th

6pm

\$75.00/person

includes dinner and (2) two drink tickets

www.westchester-il.org/celebrate



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JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEWEST PARK @ CANTERBURY & EVERS STREET

APRIL 26TH @ 12:00 PM

PARK AMENITIES INCLUDE:
 SKATE PARK
 INLINE HOCKEY RINK
 BALL FIELDS
 GAME TABLES
 GROUND SPRAY/SPLASH PAD
 SENSORY PLAY PLAYGROUND
 SHELTER
 WALKING PATH

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Proviso Handyman Department

April 2025

Spring is just around the corner! Do you need to replace your drapes?
 Do you need blinds repaired or new ones installed? Repair or install hand rails
 Give our Handyman office a call to schedule an appointment or to register for our program
Call 708-547-4001

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township



Bellwood · Berkeley · Broadview · Brookfield · Forest Park · Hillside · LaGrange Park · Maywood · Melrose Park · North Riverside · Northlake · Stone Park · Westchester · Western Springs
 + Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+

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Supervisor

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Evelyn Chavez · Joseph Christopher · Gay Chase · Clarence E Thomas
Trustees

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters who are residents of the Township of Proviso in the County of Cook and the State of Illinois, the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
 Being the second Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 6 PM at
The Proviso Township Hall
4565 W Harrison Street
Hillside, IL 60162

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township, and after a Moderator is elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, and will consider and determine the following:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Elected Officials
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Selection of Moderator
5. Approval of Minutes of 2024 Town Hall Meeting held 4/9/2024
6. Supervisor's Report – Town Fund
7. Supervisor's Report – General Assistance Fund
8. Declaration of Surplus Property
9. Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government
10. Motion to Set Time for Next Year's Annual Town Meeting
11. Adjournment

ANTHONY WILLIAMS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Volunteer
Appreciation
Get-Together

**Celebrating the 50th
Anniversary of Save the
Prairie Society!**

Saturday– April 12, 2025
 Wolf Road Prairie House
 11225 Constitution Drive
 Westchester

**Meet and Greet
Wolf Road Prairie
Volunteers!**




Garden and Prairie Workday
 9:00 a.m. till noon
**Meet at the Prairie House
 Appreciation Event at Noon!**

**Bring your sack lunch.
 We will have salads,
 cake, ice cream,
 coffee and juices.**





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Stay informed with our weekly Village e-newsletter, bringing you the latest updates on Village business, operations, and projects, as well as exciting community events, activities, resources and news.

Don't miss out—sign up today by visiting our website:

www.westchester-il.org/community/village-newsletter



10210 Canterbury St, Westchester, IL 60154

April 12th, 2025 9am to 12noon

Illinois Masonic Family Identification Program

- **WHAT YOU GET AT AN EVENT**
- **COLOR PHOTO:** Receive a photo including height notation that is digitized on a convenient USB drive.
- **RECORDED INTERVIEW:** Capture the appearance, speech patterns, personal characteristics, and mannerisms for easy media distribution.
- **A DNA SAMPLE:** Take a saliva cheek swab, the latest tool in the scientific arsenal to make a positive ID of lost children.
- **FINGERPRINTS:** The oldest form of positive identification as they are unique to every person.

Free of charge!

BLOOD DRIVE



Old Glory Lodge 141 Blood Drive

Saturday, April 12
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Westchester Masonic Temple
10210 Canterbury St. Westchester, IL
To schedule an appointment
877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org
and use group code: 10055402.
Or, scan Qr code.

Appointments Recommended.
Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

SCAN HERE TO SCHEDULE



Presenting donors will be entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards.



SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
COMMUNITY CENTER . 10201 BOND STREET . WESTCHESTER

BREAKFAST with the BUNNY



8 AM - 12 PM

BUNNY AND ENTERTAINMENT 8:30-11:30AM



WESTCHESTER
PARK DISTRICT



The Annual Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny, Co-Sponsored with the Westchester Lions Club, IS BACK!. All residents and friends of Westchester are welcome to attend. Special entertainment will include balloon artistry, roving magician, an egg-ceptional VIP guest and more.

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

Age: All Ages

Site: Community Center Gym

Date: Saturday, April 12th

Time: Breakfast - 8:00am-Noon

Bunny & Entertainment
8:30-11:30am

Fee: \$12 per/person ticket - Adult/Teen

\$7 per/person ticket - Ages 10 & under

FREE - children 2 years and under

Code: 198204-01, 198204-02

OPERATION EGG HUNT

Guess who's hopping down the bunny trail? Come join the Park District for a HOP-tastical egg hunt! You will join oodles of other kids as you collect candy and eggs. Children ages 2 - 10 are eligible to bring their baskets, bonnets and bunny ears to participate. The hunt will be held OUTSIDE - please dress appropriately. Signage will identify appropriate age groups. Parents are invited to watch, but not participate in the hunt.

Pre-registration required. 

Age: 10 years & under

Fee: \$5/\$8

Code: 12345-01 - 12345-07

Site: Community Center Park

Date: Saturday, April 12th

Time: 12:00 Noon Sharp!

ULTIMUTT EGG-stravaganza

Egg-stra Egg-stra! Four legs and treat filled eggs - egg hunting has gone to the dogs! Leash up your pup and have fun as your canine searches for dog friendly treats-filled eggs.

Pre-registration required. 

Fee: \$5/\$8

Code: 12345-10

Site: Community Center Park

Date: Saturday, April 12th

Time: 12:30pm Sharp!

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6:00 PM

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BY THE HONEY TAPS!

PLEASE COME DRESSED
IN YOUR 1920s BEST!

\$75 PER PERSON
INCLUDES DINNER & 2 DRINK TICKETS
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BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION - ADVERTISE IN THE "CELEBRATE WESTCHESTER" PROGRAM!

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce & Village of Westchester invite you to support the Roaring 20s Centennial Soirée by **purchasing an ad in our commemorative event program**, which will be seen by all attendees at this exciting milestone event!

AD OPTIONS: FULL PAGE - \$200; BUSINESS CARD - \$50; NAME LISTING - \$10

Ads can be promotional, celebratory, or personal—share your congratulations, promote your business, or honor a loved one! **Email info@westchester-il.gov to purchase by May 1!**