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Village of Westchester

From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

You may be wondering why recent water main replacements and breaks have led to localized boil orders. These notices are issued as a precaution, based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. A precautionary boil order is put in place when water pressure to affected homes drops below the required minimum or is completely shut off, which can introduce air into the system. Boil orders apply only to water used for consumption, such as drinking or cooking, and typically remain in effect for a short time during repairs. They are lifted once an independent laboratory confirms the water is safe following restoration of service. To date, all boil orders issued by the village have been precautionary. A mandatory boil order would only be issued if a contaminant is detected through laboratory testing. To continually ensure our drinking water is safe, periodic water test samples are collected throughout town in various locations twice a month and independently tested.

Hand delivered notifications of boil orders are distributed door-to-door by our public works staff and the CodeRed notification program is another resource for receiving vital and location-based alerts. CodeRed provides your choice of notification type, such as by email, phone or text when events such as boil orders are issued. Visit our website to sign up for these notifications.

With construction season beginning soon, we urge residents to visit our website to view daily updates on road work that may impact your area. Notices are hand delivered to homeowners the day before any work impacting the access or use of one's driveway. If you need more information on projects being worked on this year, please contact public works department at 708-345-0041.

The newsletter you are reading is typically scheduled to be delivered on the first Monday of every month and has been that way for over 15 years. The village has been made aware of several residents who have not been receiving this newsletter by doorstep delivery in recent months. We apologize and have been working with the service that provides delivery and discussing alternative delivery methods to ensure that everyone receives the newsletter in a timely manner.

The Village Board is currently preparing both a veterans and senior committee working to provide outreach and determine how we can effectively provide services for the veterans and seniors living in our community. Both committees are being discussed at the board meetings and our intention is to move forward with them this summer. If you are seeking to volunteer for either of these committees, please email info@westchester-il.gov.

This year our annual Juneteenth events will be held Thursday June 19th and Saturday June 21st. The freedom walk and flag-raising held at our village hall will begin at 10am June 19th, with a community celebration set to be held at Gladstone Park (along Kitchener Street) on Saturday June 21st from 11am-4pm.

The Westchester Grass Roots Garden Club will be hosting their 7th annual plant sale on May 10th from 9am-12pm at Mannheim & Crestwood (at the Westchester Fountain). All profits from the sale of plants benefit the Westchester Food Pantry. Come out and get your spring flowers while supporting a wonderful cause.

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Effective May 13, 2025, Robert Morales and Nicholas Steker will conclude their service as Trustees, and Brian Cross and Terrance Jones will be appointed to the Board. The June newsletter will reflect these changes.

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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!



MAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VILLAGE HALL "SUMMER HOURS" START MAY 5: MONDAY - THURSDAY: 8AM - 5:30PM FRIDAY: 8AM-12PM				1 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	2	3 DONATION DAY FOR WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY - 9-11AM WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
4	5 100 TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM - VILLAGE HALL	6	7 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	8 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL - 7PM	9 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL - 7PM	10 GGG PLANT SALE 9AM-12PM CRESTWOOD GAZEBO MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL - 2PM
11 Happy Mother's Day	12	13 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	14 AGING CARE SEMINAR 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER WIS BAND CONCERT 6:30PM	15	16 COP ON A ROOFTOP 5AM-12PM DUNKIN' (31 ST ST)	17 CELEBRATE WESTCHESTER: ROARING 20'S SOIREE 6PM - ALPINE BANQUET HAUS
18	19	20	21	22 BROADVIEW- WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING 10AM BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED	27 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	28	29	30	31

• VILLAGE MEETINGS • VILLAGE EVENTS • OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

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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 SPOTLIGHT

Seven Day Spa — Where Beauty Meets Passion

Owner Sara Shen began her career in the nail industry in 2014 with a dream of one day opening her own unique, full-service nail salon. That dream came true in 2021 when she became the proud owner of Seven Day Spa located right here in Westchester.

Seven Day Spa has a long-standing history in the community, having operated as a nail salon for nearly twenty years. When Sara took over, she brought with her a fresh perspective and a strong commitment to quality and innovation. Living in Chicago's Chinatown with her family, Sara continues to expand her knowledge and techniques through ongoing education in her neighborhood. She also stays on top of industry trends by using platforms like TikTok and other digital tools to keep her services current and relevant.

Sara was drawn to Westchester for its quiet charm, welcoming residents, and convenient central location — making her commute from Chinatown manageable. One of the biggest factors for Sara's attraction to Westchester is the safe and supportive environment the Village offers. She credits the Westchester Police Department for helping create a secure atmosphere that benefits both the residents and local businesses.

Sara and her dedicated team share a true passion for their craft. At Seven Day Spa, they aim to help clients feel confident and beautiful, offering services that go beyond the basics. Seven Day Spa's mission is to satisfy every customer that walks in the door and there is nothing that makes Sara happier than to see another satisfied customer leaving after receiving great treatment from her team she relies to provide great service. The Seven Day Spa team includes Sonny (4 years), Lisa (3 years), and Jay (2 years), each bringing their own creativity and skill to the table. Together, they specialize in high-quality, artistic nail designs and work collaboratively to deliver exceptional service.

The spa's service menu is extensive, offering more than just manicures and pedicures. Clients can also enjoy body and facial waxing, eyebrow tinting, and paraffin wax treatments. For nails, options include everything from classic



manicures to more advanced techniques like creative design nail art, chrome, cat eye, see-through colors, no-chip, Gel-X, and hard gel applications. A variety of relaxing pedicure services are also available.

Looking ahead, Sara is excited to continue growing her business in

Westchester. She encourages residents to support local entrepreneurs, noting that community backing plays a vital role in small business success.

For a relaxing, personalized experience with a team that truly cares, visit Seven Day Spa and treat yourself to one of their specialty services. You'll be greeted by

friendly faces, expert care, and a passion for making every client feel their best.

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This is not a comprehensive list. Please visit www.westchester-il.org/blotter for more information.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Native Plant Give Away**Saturday, May 10 | 10 AM - 1 PM**

Stop by to pick up some free native plants grown from our very own Prairie Rising!

May Book Discussion**May 20th | 6:30 PM**

This month we're reading *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Library Closed Memorial Day

The Library will be **closed all day on Monday, May 26th** in honor of Memorial Day.

Drop-in Crochet Group**Monday, May 5th | 6 PM**

Join us for our monthly Crochet group at the Library! Total beginners and advanced welcome, all materials provided.

Movie Matinee: A Complete Unknown (2024)**May 14th | 1 PM | Community Room**

In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Starring Timothée Chalamet, Edward Norton, Elle Fanning, Monica Barbaro, Nick Offerman.

Adult Take-and-Make Straw Air Plant Hanger**Monday, May 19th | While Supplies last**

Grab a take and make kit to make an airy air plant hanger out of straws! An air plant is included, plus their simple care instructions.

Bingo for Adults**May 24th | 11 AM | Community Room**

Get ready to shout Bingo! Registration is required for this program as spots fill up fast. **Call 708-562-3573 ext 2.**

Birding for Beginners**May 3rd or 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.**

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.**

Qigong is Back with Gail Morales!**May 17th | 11 AM | Community Room**

Join Gail Morales for this beginner friendly workshop that is a combination of qigong and beautiful sounds.

Qigong involves a series of slow flowing movements and deep measured breathing while in a chair or standing. The workshop ends with soothing sounds from seven crystal singing bowls, chimes, handheld gongs, and other sound instruments. The combination of qigong and sound will help reduce stress by calming the mind and body and improve sleep. **Registration is required.**

Summer Reading Club: Color Our World**June 7th - July 31st**

This summer, help us **Color Our World** as we read for prizes and let our imaginations run wild! There's a reading club for every age and super cool programs, too! And don't forget to join us on **Saturday, June 7** for our summer reading kick-off party!



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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm; Sunday: Closed.

Library Director Patrick Callaghan • Board of Trustees John Lamberti-president, Elizabeth Hunter, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods & Stephanie Pedersen • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month 7 PM.

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

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 7th | 11:30 AM - 2 PM

Help us celebrate the end of the school year with our summer reading kick-off party! Enjoy hot dogs and shaved ice while you dance along with our family-friendly DJ! Grab your friends and play one of our giant outdoor games! And don't forget to sign up for our summer reading club - there are fabulous prizes to win!

Teen Programs

Mario Kart Mondays

Weekly | 4 PM | Starting May 5th

Zoom through the colorful world of Mario Kart and show off your racing skills! This program is intended for grades 2 and up.

Teen Take and Make Craft

Monday, May 12 | All Day | While Supplies Last

Paint your way into spring with this DIY ceramic watering can! All materials supplied. First come, first served while supplies last. **For grades 6-12.**

Teen Book Boxes

Starting in June

Get a surprise every month with our teen subscription box - filled with books, goodies, and exclusive library perks! Perfect for anyone looking to discover new reads and exciting surprises! **Registration is required.**

LOOKING AHEAD INTO SUMMER...

Big Ol' Mess with Miss Mel

Mondays | 10 AM | Starting June 9th

Come hang out with Miss Mel for a wild mix of laughs, chaos, stories and non-stop fun!

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Starting June 11th

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

Kids Crafts

Biweekly Tuesdays | Starting June 10th

Get crafty at our fun craft table and make something special to take home!

Popsicle Storytime

Tuesday, June 17 | 11 AM | Youth Department

Join us for a very special storytime with songs, stories, and a sweet treat!

Family Tie-Dye

Tuesday, June 24th | 11 AM | Community Room

Create awesome, colorful designs and make some great memories together! **Registration is required**

ZAP! Storytime at the Zoo

Thursday, July 10th | Brookfield Zoo

Visit your favorite librarians at Brookfield Zoo! Admission for Westchester patrons will be free on this day, so you can enjoy a storytime and the zoo, too! **Please call the Youth Services Department for more details at 708-462-5373 ext. 3.**



Make a Heartfelt Craft for Mothers Day!

Monday, May 5th | All Day Youth Department

Make a greeting card for your favorite moms, aunties, grandmas, or anyone you love! While supplies last.



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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



Aging Well in Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule



Mayfair Recreation Center
10835 Wakefield Street
Westchester, IL 60154



Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM



May 14 – Wellness Topic*

June 11 – BINGO!

July 9 – Wellness Topic*

Aug. 13 - BINGO!

Sept. 10 – Wellness Topic*

Oct. 8 - BINGO!

Nov.12 – Wellness Topic*

Dec. 10 – Holiday Party*

*RSVP to Gia Marie Benline giabenline@gmail.com or awn@agingcareconnections.org
 MayFair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield St., Westchester 60154

These programs are brought to you by the:

WESTCHESTER
 Aging Well Team

The Westchester Aging Well Team is a group of volunteers working to make Westchester a great place to age well. Through a series of free informational programs, we help to promote lifelong wellness, support aging at home, raise awareness of available resources, provide a sense of community, and support healthy, informed, and safe aging.

Anti-Discrimination Statement

Aging Care Connections does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in compliance with appropriate state and federal statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, call 708-354-1323.

Aging Care Connections
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PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for May will be the week of May 5th – 9th

June’s collection will be the week of June 2nd – 6th
July’s collection will be the week of July 7th – 11th

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 debris 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
From April 1 through November 30, parking restrictions are in effect to support street maintenance activities. Please check posted street signs carefully—it is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle parked during designated weekday hours on streets marked for maintenance. These restrictions help ensure our streets stay clean and well-maintained. These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm as designated by posted signage.

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.

Village Watering Restrictions
There are water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15th to September 15th, from 12pm to 6pm. This includes:

- (1) Outdoor Watering
- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Buildings
- (4) Pool Filling
- (5) Sprinkling/ sprinklers

Outdoor water use during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) is allowed on even numbered days for residents with even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for residents with odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

National Drinking Water Week: May 4th – May 10th
Drinking Water Week is an annual observance in May sponsored by the American Water Works Association to

recognize the critical role drinking water plays in our daily lives. This week also helps to reaffirm the tireless efforts and importance of those who provide clean, safe drinking water for the public.

National Public Works Week: May 18th – May 24th

APWA is proud to announce the theme “People, Purpose, Presence” for the 2025 National Public Works Week poster. Public works contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live in the world. Public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities.

The “Advancing Quality of Life for All” theme shines a spotlight on the way public works professionals advance our quality of life, whether as a first responder to an electricity outage, regular waste pickup, or a myriad of other ways they silently serve their communities.

Public works professionals advance the quality of life by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities dynamic places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.

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.

Construction News

• In-House Paving

Phase I – June

Street	From	To
Gladstone St	Newcastle Ave	Gladstone Bridge
Chaucer St	Gardner Rd	Bristol Ave

Phase II – September

Street	From	To
Windsor Dr.	Mayfair Ave	Boeger Ave

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

• 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.



Ways to Live Without Plastics

by Walt WojcikGROW Ecological Commission

Plastics were initially designed to be used and thrown away into landfills. (1) Recycling of plastics is extremely difficult as there is contamination from the many different plastics types (1, 2, 4, 5, and 7). In addition, when plastics degrade, they become non-digestible, small plastic particles (Micro- and Nano-plastics / MNPs) which enters our oceans and drinkable water systems like aquifers, rivers, and lakes. These MNPs are ingested by many living organisms including humans. So far, their deleterious effects on various organism and human life are now becoming known. One recent article identified individuals, who have MNPs in their carotid artery plaque, as having a 5 fold higher likelihood of a future stroke, heart attack or even death over a three year period, when compared to similarly matched individuals who did not have MNPs in their carotid artery plaque. (2)

NOW we understand that plastics, as they are, may have been a mistake. This article is a summary of the book by Sandra Ann Harris, “Say Goodbye to Plastic”. (3) The below text identifies 15 ways to live without plastics and will mainly focus on plastics in the kitchen. (Please look at the weekly Westchester e-Newsletter for how to replace plastics for the other rooms in your home.)

1. If consumers do not buy items made from or contained in plastic, manufacturers won't make item. For example, I can buy apple sauce in a glass jar and not a plastic container. If the item you buy only comes in a plastic container even from different manufactures, consider re-thinking the need to purchase that item. Find an appropriate replacement (e.g. I have used apple sauce to replace sugar in some recipes.)

2. Single ply plastic bag alternative: When shopping, bring re-usable bags to put your groceries in. Ten years ago, Mariano's sold canvas containers with handles which I still use when shopping even at other stores.

3. Plastic baggie alternative: Use safe, washable metal containers with silicone lids as a container when making a lunch for your school age children or for left overs. (Look at the stackable options from ECOlunchbox at <https://search.app/Lm2RMOUrPkKm2Jrk8>).

4. Styrofoam cup/paper coffee cup/plastic water bottle alternatives: Use reusable, washable metal (or ceramic/glass) sealed travel mugs. Ask if your barista can fill your

reusable non-plastic cup when ordering your coffee.

5. Single use straws, plastic utensils, etc. alternatives: Refuse to take items from your “to go” order and replace with reusable glass/metal/ceramic containers with silicone lids and use your washable metal/wood utensils.

6. Plastic trash can liner alternative: Consider new biodegradable bioplastics which degrade best at high temperatures used at an industrial composting facility. Otherwise, reconsider using such bioplastics until more information is available on its safety to soil and ecosystems.

7. Certain bamboo kitchen utensils may not be recyclable or compostable because of their lacquered finish. But if finished with an organic oil, then those are okay to use and dispose of in the trash.

8. Black plastic utensils alternative: Note that these utensils are known to leach forever chemicals (PFASs) that are harmful to us. If you have these, discard in trash and do not buy them anymore (4). Rather, use metal, wood or silicone utensils.

9. Existing plastic containers in your home can be repurposed using them as non-food storage containers, potted plant containers, etc.

10. Bread in a plastic bag alternatives: Rather buy bread that comes in a paper bag (but without the cellophane window). At a bakery, ask to place bread in a paper bag or bring your own clean cloth bag (pillow case?) or waxed cotton bread bag. Store bagged bread in a metal/wood/bamboo bread box at home.

11. Tea bag alternative: Because many tea bags are made from polyethylene (PET) and nylon, you can buy tea in metal containers. Steep tea in hot water using a reusable metal infuser.

12. Alternatives for Tetra Packs (cardboard looking outside with foil lining inside) that are used for prepackaged baby food, broth, spaghetti sauces, etc.: This packaging is not recyclable. Rather buy items in glass jars or aluminum/metal cans.

13. Plastic wrap and wax paper alternatives (where the coating is a petroleum product): Instead use paper coated with beeswax or jojoba oil. Also consider using parchment paper that has a coating of silicone or aluminum foil. Used, but clean, aluminum foil is 100% recyclable.

14. Kitchen sink (plastic) sponge alternatives: Note some

GREEN FACT

The largest floating aggregate of plastics, called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is 0.6 million sq. mi. in size (2x the size of Texas) and is found in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California. Most of the plastics are micro-plastics and not easily visible from satellites. See Wikipedia <https://search.app/wotdMTWd1mobwxEh7>

Save the Dates: Upcoming Sustainability Events! The GROW Ecological Commission invites residents to two upcoming presentations at Village Hall focused on energy efficiency and solar opportunities:

- Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM – Learn how to save energy and explore local solar options through the Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution (CS²) and other energy efficiency initiatives.
- Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM – Join the Citizens Utility Board at Village Hall for a presentation covering solar basics, the Switch Together group purchase program, community solar opportunities, and the Illinois Solar for All program. Both events are free and open to all Westchester residents!

sponges have antibacterial Triclosan in them, but now this chemical is found to be toxic to humans and marine life. Use steel wool pads, natural loofah or a dish cloth (like your mother may have used).

15. Teflon and non-stick pots and pans alternatives: Note: the non-stick surface can leach forever chemicals (PFAFs and others) that are harmful to humans. (4) Rather, one can cook with a cast iron skillet or stainless steel/ceramic/glass cooking containers, pots and pans.

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Recipe of the Month

Lentil Bolognese

Ingredients

- 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme (or use more oregano)
- 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, plus more to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 (5.3-ounce) tube of tomato paste
- 1/2 cup dry red wine (optional)
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup red lentils, soaked (see step #1)
- ¼ cup walnuts (or pecans), crushed finely
- 1 (14.5-ounce/410g) can of crushed tomatoes or whole peeled tomatoes, crushed by hand
- 12-16 ounces long, wide pasta (such as pappardelle or fettuccine; or pasta of your choice)
- 1 tablespoon high-quality balsamic vinegar
- Flat-leaf Italian parsley or fresh basil, chopped or slivered (optional)

Instructions

1. Soak the 1 cup of lentils in water for 30 minutes, or up to

60 minutes. Meanwhile, prep all the other ingredients (i.e., chop the onions and garlic, chop the walnuts, etc.)

2. Heat a 12-inch deep sauté pan or Dutch oven on medium-high heat. Add the olive oil, and once it's shimmering, add the onions and season with a pinch of salt. Stir occasionally and cook the onions until a light brown fond starts to form on the surface of the pan, about 5 minutes. Add a few spoons of water to deglaze the pan, and stir. Continue cooking the onions, adding more water every few minutes and stirring frequently to prevent burning, until the onions are softened and golden brown, 9-10 minutes.

3. Add the garlic, thyme, oregano, 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, and pepper to taste. Stir frequently and cook for 60-90 seconds.

4. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for 2-3 minutes to caramelize, stirring very frequently, until it's darker red in color.

5. Optional: If using the red wine, pour the wine into the pan and deglaze, scraping up any browned bits. Cook for 1-2 minutes, until the smell of alcohol has burned off and the mixture is jammy.

6. Pour in the broth to deglaze the pan, stirring any browned bits on the bottom of the pot and stirring the broth into the tomato paste to combine. Add the lentils and walnuts, and

stir to incorporate. Heat until the mixture comes to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low to maintain a rapid simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

7. Add the crushed tomatoes and simmer for another 15-20 minutes, or until the lentils are tender but still al dente, stirring occasionally to prevent burning and sticking. If using crushed tomatoes, you may need to add a little water or lower the heat as needed to prevent burning. I prefer to cook for 20 minutes for a more developed flavor.

8. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil and salt generously. Add the pasta and cook until just al dente. Reserve a ladle or so of pasta water (may not need it). Drain the pasta but do not rinse it.

9. Taste the bolognese for seasonings, adding more salt and pepper to taste. Finish with the balsamic vinegar and stir to combine.

10. Add the hot cooked pasta to the bolognese and toss until well coated in the sauce, adding a bit of pasta water as needed to ensure the sauce coats the noodles. Garnish with chopped parsley or basil, if using.

Source: www.rainbowplantlife.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.



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2025

Juneteenth

CELEBRATIONS

June 19

June 21

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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.**

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CENTENNIAL

What Preceded the 1925 Founding of Westchester

Before the town of Westchester was established in 1925, Native Prairie Potawatomis roamed the area. A large Native American settlement called Sauganakka along York Road included Graue Mill, which serviced surrounding farmers in the early 1850s. Sauganakka extended from south of Ogden Avenue up to Roosevelt Road. The natives established trails following animal tracks that became many of the main road arteries going to Chicago. Although the 1833 Chicago Treaty forced native tribes to depart the area prior to the settlement of German farmers here, the Christian Thiele family recalled when Native Americans did come to trade supplies at his general store at the intersection of Cermak and Wolf Road (now Fresh Meadow's Golf Course).

The township of Proviso was created in 1850. It was named after the Wilmot Proviso, legislation that was intended to stop the spread of slavery. Before Proviso the Township was named Taylor in honor of President Zachary Taylor, who died on July 9, 1850, soon after taking office. Earlier the area was named Franzosenbusch by the many German-speaking settlers, as Nicholas Thorode, a French immigrant from the island of Guernsey, had settled before them with his family on York Road near the Elmhurst Hospital. Thorode had a stone house, the first orchard and numerous sheep; he operated a sawmill where Graue Mill is now located.

Initially speculators bought the land that was up for sale after the departure of Native Americans. The first white settler in Proviso was Aaron Parsell, who bought land in section 29 near Salt Creek. He acquired several land sections, starting in 1832. One document of a purchase Parsell made in 1845 was signed by President Martin van Buren himself.

Soon after settlers and speculators bought large parcels of land, many of them arrived from the East Coast in the 1830s. They were Lyman B. Bennett, Charles Chaman, George Mower, Trumble Kent, and a few others. Unfortunately, all that land speculation around the Chicago area caused the Panic of 1837, a depression that shook the nation for several years.

In 1835 Robert Jones, one of these large-scale landowners, owned the three parcels in section 20 along Wolf Road and Cermak Road that were to become the Boeger and Heidorn farms. He also owned tracts in Hillside. John S.C. Hogan owned Wolf Road Prairie and Westchester Commons in 1835. Wilhelm Mandel from Hanover bought that section along 31st Street extending beyond Mannheim Road into La Grange Park. Hogan also owned the entire stretch from Wolf Road south of Cermak to the county line. One Hogan property later became the Heinrich Degener land where the Westbrook Corporate Center was built. Degener's main residence was north of Cermak next to Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Dietrich Dieckhoff purchased the land from Heinrich Degener's heirs in 1884. His farm was sold to developers in 1924. His farmhouse incorporated the first Lutheran school house, which then served as their living room. The structure had been moved there from the Immanuel Lutheran forty acres, probably around 1908. The Dieckhoff farm is one of the last farmhouses still standing in Westchester. It was moved to its current location on Wolf Road Prairie in 1985.

Hogan's land also included land that was sold to Heinrich Volberding, which in the early 20th century became the Heinrich Schramm farm. Heinrich and Friedrich Volberding were brothers who immigrated from Rodewald along with their older sister who

married Friedrich Degener. Friedrich's property, extending all the way to the county line, is now the Highland Golf Course. His Volberding relatives were living on land directly west of the current location of the Prairie House. Friedrich and Heinrich Degener were also brothers, and Heinrich's land deed created the forty acres for the 1868 Immanuel Lutheran Church. These families and the Mesenbrinks came from Rodewald in the Kingdom of Hanover in the 1840s. Queen of Heaven Cemetery is located on the former Mesenbrink homestead, but the Mesenbrinks also owned land just east of Mannheim Road and south of Roosevelt Road across from Westchester's city hall. These farmers were instrumental in creating a school for the German-speaking Lutheran children, so that they did not have to walk nine miles to the Addison church school. Surprisingly, the custom of wearing wooden shoes was brought over from the town of Rodewald because the farmers there did seasonal work in Holland, and their lands in Hanover were flat and marshy.

In Westchester, some of the earliest German speaking settlers were Christian Gottlieb Puscheck (c. 1802-1861), his wife Rosina (nee Huebsch, 18-1875) and their children Helena, Anna, Karl, Wilhelm, and Gottlieb. They came from Kurzwitz, county Olm, in Silesia. They were Old Lutherans escaping from religious dictates in Silesia. They settled on the west side of Gardner Road, formerly Puscheck Road, on the eastern boundary of Westchester. Detailed records of their journey showed them leaving the port of Hamburg on July 1, 1839, on the Brig Caroline, weathering extreme storms, sailing around Scotland, surviving hurricanes on the Atlantic, and finally arriving in New York on the 27th of August, 1839. They took a steamboat to Albany and a train to Buffalo. From

there he settled on a maple farm in either Minnesota or Wisconsin and traveled on a covered wagon to Illinois. Staying briefly in Lyons Township, they settled into the southern part of section 16 in 1845. Puscheck raised livestock and was an excellent grain farmer. His farm was divided between his two sons Karl and John Gottlieb upon his death in 1861. Christian G. Puscheck was one of the "founding fathers" who obtained permission from the Zion Lutheran church in Addison (where German Lutherans had to go for services), to form a school district in Proviso in 1852. The Puschecks intermarried with the Ahrens, Boeger, Degener and Heidorn families. Friedrich Ahrens owned land next to the Puschecks.

The German families who settled Westchester created the southern school district of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Addison (now located in Bensenville on Church Road). The nine founding fathers of the 1853 school were Heinrich and Friedrich Degener, Heinrich and Friedrich Volberding, Heinrich Mesenbrink, Heinrich Evers, Christian Puscheck, and Wilhelm Mandel. Dedicated to the education of their children, they founded the Immanuel Lutheran congregation in 1858 and built a larger school. It served as a church for ten years until the completion of a white Gothic church. The forty acres of the church were not incorporated into Hillside until 1958. Sadly, this landmark burned down in 1975. Many of the early Westchester settlers' graves can be seen in the 1880 Immanuel Lutheran cemetery. Their contributions led to the creation of the future town of Westchester. Stay tuned for part two of the continuing story of the local 19th century families in the next edition.

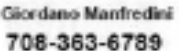


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May
17



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June
**19 &
21**



Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

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June
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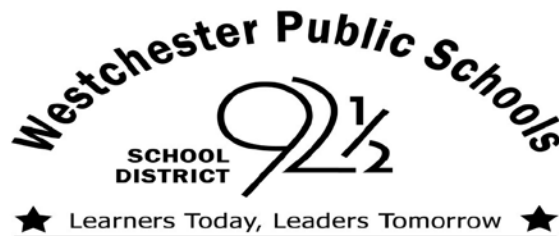


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July
**11 &
12**

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A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

As we head into the last part of the school year, there's a lot happening—sports, activities, and celebrations. We're excited to help your child finish the year strong—with plenty of support and encouragement along the way.

Thank you to our parents who completed the 5Essentials survey over the past few months. We are looking forward to preliminary data later this Spring. In all three buildings, we surpassed the 20% participation rate needed for a report. Your feedback is essential to our continuous improvement efforts.

Congratulations on this year's School Citizen of the Year (SCOTY) winners. The SCOTY program recognizes students chosen by their schools as good school citizens and models for others. Our SCOTY winners were honored on March 19th at West Leyden High School.

Our winners were:

Westchester Primary School - Donovan Halpin
Westchester Intermediate School - Melissa Barajas
Westchester Middle School - Ayden LaFlame

As I mentioned in a previous email, we will be using ParentSquare for school communication, primarily with email, text, and app notifications. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified. Click [HERE](#) to learn how to get started with Parent Square.

Additionally, as we prepare for next school year, please be aware that registration information will be provided online only. You will not receive a letter in the mail. We will again use PowerSchool's Parent Portal for registration. If you need assistance logging in, please click [here](#) to recover your username or password.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email (psalemi@sd925.org) or cell (708-670-1927). Enjoy your May!

Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent



Westchester Primary School

In May, WPS students were challenged to be a good friend. Students that were caught being extra kind to friends were recognized by staff. Students were chosen daily in each class to wear a lanyard with a problem solving wheel indicating that they were the role model for the day. Consistent reminders for Dolphin Pride keep our students safe, happy, and learning!



WPS is proud to announce our two honorable mentions for the KidWind 2025 National Energy Art Contest this year! Abby O. in first grade for "The Rainbow Windmill" and Xaniyah D. in second grade for "Sunset Over the Mill" have won the honorable mention award for their outstanding creativity, artistic ability, and understanding of wind energy in this nation-wide art contest. Their artwork will be showcased on the KidWind Art Challenge webpage. Congratulations to Abby and Xaniyah!

We had our 3rd Annual Westchester Pre-K Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 26 from 11:00-1:00PM. The Health and Wellness Fair was an opportunity for families to connect and engage together with music and movement, food, and other families. All children aged 3-5 years old and their families living in the Westchester area and surrounding communities were welcome to attend. The event was also intended to raise awareness of local resources and small businesses available in the Westchester area and nearby communities.

WPS Open House and Fine Arts Showcase was held on April 17th! The Westchester Primary School kindergarten, first-graders, and second graders gave live musical performances, showcased their artwork, and showcased their writing research for all to see. Kindergarten and first grade students researched their favorite animal, and the second graders researched animals that help with pollination and seed dispersal. The event was a fantastic success to celebrate and showcase spring learning!

The WPTC/WPS Spring Book Fair event held in April was also successful. The Scholastic Spring Book Fair at WPS provides our school with funds to purchase books and resources to support all student learning.

In May, our students are participating in benchmark assessments, including the NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). This state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused and data-driven decisions. Students are tested on MAP three times each year (fall, winter, and spring) in the areas of reading and math. The teachers use this growth and achievement data from MAP and other benchmark assessments to determine student growth for this school year, including student academic strengths and areas for growth.

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 pre-registered child must attend the screening. Preregistration began on April 8, 2025. Please check our website for more information or contact the School Office at 708-562-1509.

As the school year is coming to an end, WPS continues to engage students in learning and several special activities/celebrations. We will host the 92 1/2 Jazz Band. Their music and talent is unparalleled, and they inspired our students to be musicians. Our students are currently reflecting on their year-long growth in learning to prepare for our fabulous grade-level Victory Day celebrations. Additionally, the wonderful WPTC will sponsor our Second Grade Celebration, and Field Day is fast approaching.

Westchester Intermediate School

We have many things to celebrate as we move into the last part of our school year. Our 5th Graders tackled the Illinois Science Assessment. Third and Fourth graders were able to go on field trips this past month. Third went to the Morton Arboretum and Fourth headed over to the Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College. Both were very fun and educational for our students.

Our Spring Food Drive for the Westchester Food Pantry brought in an abundance of items to support our local families with food insecurities. Our Spring Chorus concert with Mr. Holliday was amazing. The students have grown a great deal from the Winter Concert. We hosted our 4th Grade Fine Arts fest. We still have the Second Grade tour, parent night, and Spring Band Concert coming up. We are looking forward to seeing our families here for those events as well. And our 5th Graders will visit the Middle School to get them ready for next year.

As we finish up the year, we will have Spring Benchmarking with the assessment tools we have used this year. These will help us measure how our students grew over the whole year and guide us in planning for the next school year. Which seems a bit crazy that we are already thinking about that, but we are.

As summer approaches it can get tricky for students to stay focused. Encourage them to keep working up to their potential as we close out the year. It takes us all to keep our students learning and growing.

Front Row
(left to right):
Lucas Ulin,
Colten Nagle,
Silvio
Scatchell,
Julian
Meier, and
Gabe
Meier.
Back Row:
The brave
young man in
the red shirt
with a big
smile—Logan
Ulin.



In an effort to help Julian Meier raise money for childhood cancer research, the Westchester students, parents, and staff raised \$5,418!! Julian participated in St. Baldrick's head-shaving event on March 3, 2023, in honor of his twin brother, Gabriel, who is currently in treatment. We are proud and overwhelmed to be part of a tremendous outpouring of love from our community, students, and staff toward funding research on childhood cancer. Gabe has genuine courage, and we wish him much strength and love as he continues to undergo treatment!

In an incredible show of support for childhood cancer research, Westchester students, parents, and staff came together to raise an outstanding \$3,155 for Shave for Gabe! Congratulations to Westchester Primary School for winning our district-wide popcorn party competition, raising an amazing \$1,319!

Over the past four years, our Westchester community has raised an impressive \$25,000 for childhood cancer research. With this year's contributions, we have now surpassed \$28,155!

This year, Julian Meier, Colten Nagle, and Silvio Scatchell participated in the St. Baldrick's head-shaving event on Friday, March 14th—a courageous act to support children battling cancer.

I would also like to recognize Lucas Ulin, a WPS kindergartener who shaved his head as part of Shave 4 Gabe/Shave 4 Logan in honor of his brother, Logan. Logan was diagnosed with cancer in October 2024 and continues to bravely fight through chemotherapy treatments. Lucas, along with the other participants, helped raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer research. Their selflessness and determination are truly inspiring! Our community's kindness and generosity continue to make a difference. Gabe and Logan have shown incredible courage, and we send them—and all children battling cancer—our love, strength, and support.

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 March Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Liam Romero and Nyla Thompson, 7th Grade: Matthew Dattalo and Rachel Mitchem, 8th Grade: Hayate Crone and Arianna Zapata. 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.



Congratulations to our Destination Imagination team, The Conspiracy Crew, (Rylan Chrapkowski, Hayate Crone, Nolan Jawor, Logan Koch, Nathan Koch, Adrian Perez, and Leonel Raygoza) for their second place finish at the State Tournament. They will be competing in the Global Competition in May in Kansas City. We are proud of our team and Mrs. Blair their sponsor.



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). We look forward to seeing you there.

WMS, in coordination with the WPTC, is having their McTeacher Night on Monday, May 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Please join us at the McDonald's at 31st and Wolf Road for this event.

WMS is set to hold their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 7:00 PM. The ceremony will take place in the WMS gymnasium. We look forward to celebrating our graduates on this day.



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May 2025

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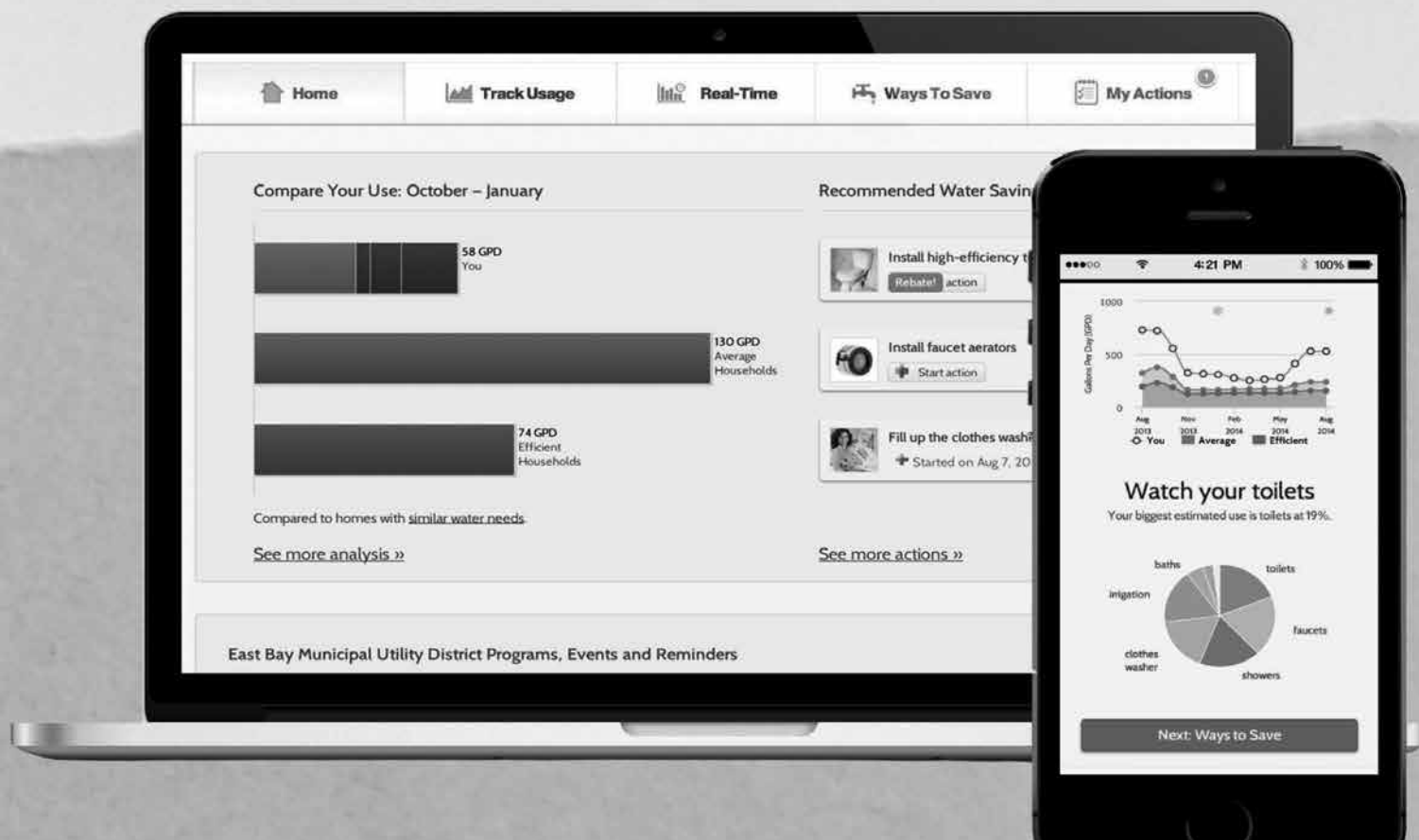
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We are nearing the end of this wonderful school year! Your support throughout the year has been instrumental. We have a few more fun events to round out the year such as 2nd and 5th grade celebrations, 8th grade dinner and year-end dance, and Field Days at all schools. Please keep an eye out for those events and volunteer opportunities!

May 7 will be WPTC's final meeting of the school year. It will be held at the WIS cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

May holds Teacher Appreciation week that we celebrate May 5-9. Please help us show appreciation for all that this district's wonderful teachers and staff do throughout the year for our children!

The support received during the Plant Sale Fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

May is shaping up to be a fun and busy month, just as April proved to be. WPS had

their Spring Book Fair along with their open house. Both events were truly enjoyed. WIS had their spring book fair as well, along with their spring concert and Talent Show!

As always, we thank you for your continued support! We are looking forward to a fun May!

Important Upcoming

Dates:

May 7: WPTC Meeting, 6pm
WIS Cafeteria

May 5-9: Teacher
Appreciation Week

May 29: WPS/WMS Field
Day

May 30: WIS Field Day
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June
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MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 8TH - SEPTEMBER 14TH REGULAR RATES <i>AGE 2yr & Up - membership required</i>
must reside in same household	RESIDENT / NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL	\$130 / \$244
FAMILY OF 2	\$203 / \$384
FAMILY OF 3	\$240 / \$469
FAMILY OF 4	\$277 / \$554
FAMILY OF 5	\$314 / \$639
FAMILY OF 6	\$351 / \$724
FAMILY OF 7	\$388 / \$809
FAMILY OF 8	\$425 / \$894
FAMILY OF 9	\$462 / \$979
FAMILY OF 10	\$499 / \$1064
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL	\$120 / \$226
SENIOR COUPLE	\$186 / \$346

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY

8:45am-10:45am
11:00am-11:30am
11:30am-6:00pm
6:15pm-8:15pm

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:50am-8:50am
8:00am-11:15am
12:30pm-1:00pm
1:00pm-7:30pm

FRIDAY

7:50am-8:50am
8:00am-11:15am
12:30pm-1:00pm
1:00pm-6:00pm
6:15pm-8:15pm

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DAILY ADMISSION RATES

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If you are interested in a pool rental, please call the Community Center Administrative Office for pricing and availability at 708.865.8200.

Rental Availability:
Friday: 6:15pm - 8:15pm
Saturday: 6:15pm - 8:15pm
Sunday: 8:45am-10:45am or 6:15pm-8:15pm

2025 season

JUNE 7TH - SEPTEMBER 1ST

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13TH & 14TH
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