



# Village of Westchester

March 2026 Newsletter

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## FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT GREG HRIBAL



### MANNHEIM & ROOSEVELT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

I know that everyone is eager to know what is happening at Mannheim and Roosevelt, and with recently agreed upon terms, here is the latest update and some history of the location.

Previously, the Village had negotiated with two developers that did not reach a final redevelopment agreement for several reasons. These negotiations took place between 2020 and 2024. We are currently negotiating for a third time, which would bring Culvers and three, possibly four, other revenue generating businesses, such as fast casual restaurants, to the corner of Roosevelt and Mannheim. This is the furthest we've gotten in the development discussions.

In January of this year, and after 9 months of negotiations, we are moving forward with an offer that partners the Village with Culvers to develop approximately 1 acre for their restaurant, and Xceed Development to develop the remaining 2 acres into fast casual restaurants and other retail options.

Negotiations with both parties began in April of 2025. Once an agreement on the fundamental terms was

reached, the board could bring forward a vote on moving forward. The vote to accept the developers' offer in January was not for the sale of the property but rather allows them to begin investing in bringing the concept forward to the board.

The developers' next step in this process is to confirm their estimated costs, determine infrastructure needs, review possible entrance and exits onto either Roosevelt or Mannheim, and negotiate with potential tenants on lease agreements. With the initial acceptance of the terms, they have more confidence in spending funds to complete their required due diligence before formally having control of the property.

Over the next few months, the Village and developers will continue to work together as we prepare the redevelopment agreement, which will include all the provisions for selling the property, and will be brought before the board for formal approval. And while I wish the process would move more swiftly, our two failed negotiations have proven to us that an initial offer to develop does not always result in meeting the

desires of the Village or the economics of the developer.

And for those unaware, the property's location does have its unique challenges for any development. The ground is "soft" and requires stabilization for anyone to build upon it. In some areas of the site, 40-foot pilons that will prevent structures from sinking into the ground are required. For those who were here and recall, a parking garage that was previously built on the site for the former office buildings ultimately sunk into the ground after it was constructed. In fact, the West side of the Village Hall building is also built upon a support structure to prevent sinking.

Despite these challenges, I look forward to posting the complete layout, tenant list and overall construction timeline once the Village receives them. As a reminder to those who want information on items like this and other Village matters, our weekly emailed newsletter (E-News), provides information on items coming up at future meetings, recently approved board agenda items and an a number of upcoming events in and around Westchester.

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. VISIT [WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV](http://WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV) FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



# March



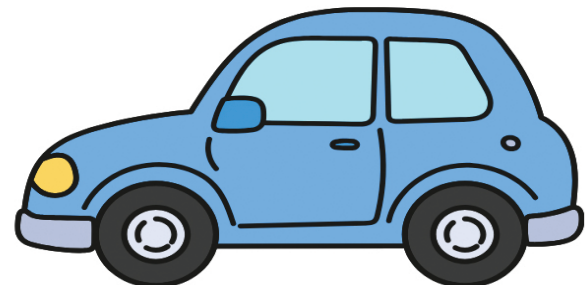
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE!	2	3	4 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY WATER AGENCY 10:30AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL FIRE & POLICE COMM. 6PM - VILLAGE HALL	5 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING 	9	10 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	11 AGING CARE SEMINAR 11AM-1PM WESTCHESTER COMM. CHURCH	12	13	14 TOP FLIGHT DEFENSE CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER 12-3PM EISENHOWER COMM. GYM 
15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	25 ENERGY PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING 6-7:30PM VILLAGE HALL	26	27	28 "SHARE YOUR GREEN SUCCESS STORY" 1PM VILLAGE HALL 
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## Vehicle Stickers On Sale March 1st

**Village vehicle stickers will be available for purchase starting March 1st.** Residents may purchase their stickers **online** using the Village website or **in person** at Village Hall during normal business hours, with the following considerations:

### Extended Hours at Village Hall:

- **Saturday, April 25**, from **8:00 AM** to **12:00 PM**
- **Thursday, April 30**, from **8:00 AM** to **7:00 PM**



**Please Note:** Throughout **March & April**, the **Administration/Finance Department** will **close** daily from **12:00 PM** to **1:00 PM**. In-person vehicle sticker sales **will not be available** during this time.

**Vehicle stickers must be purchased annually prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> to remain in compliance and avoid late fees and citations.**

Visit [www.westchester-il.gov](http://www.westchester-il.gov) to purchase vehicle stickers online.

## NFPA Shares 6 Safety Tips for Spring Cleaning

### From the Fire Department

As the snow melts, trees begin to bud, and the days grow longer, many of us turn our attention to spring cleaning and outdoor projects. From firing up lawnmowers and clearing yard debris to painting and organizing, spring is a busy season around the home.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds residents that these seasonal tasks can come with fire risks if we're not careful. Here are six important safety tips to help keep your home and family safe this spring:

#### 1. Use and Store Gasoline Safely

*Gasoline should only be used as motor fuel — never as a cleaner or degreaser.*

- Store gasoline only in approved containers designed for that purpose.
- Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Do not store gasoline in basements or occupied areas. Keep it in a detached garage or outdoor shed.
- Make sure containers are tightly sealed

when not in use.

#### 2. Properly Handle Oily or Paint-Soaked Rags

*Rags used with oil-based paints and stains can generate heat as they dry. If that heat is trapped, it can build up and start a fire.*

- Never leave used rags in a pile.
- Take them outside to dry, away from your home and other structures.
- Hang them up or lay them flat and weigh them down so they don't blow away.
- Once dry, place them in a tightly covered metal container filled with water and detergent to help break down oils.
- Store the container in a cool area away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Check with your local municipality for proper disposal guidelines.

#### 3. Be Cautious with Flammable Liquids

*Products like paint thinner and other flammable or combustible liquids should be han-*

*dled carefully.*

- Keep them away from open flames.
  - Never smoke while using these products.
  - If liquids spill on clothing, remove the clothing and let it dry outdoors before laundering.
  - Store liquids in their original containers, tightly sealed — never in glass containers.
- #### 4. Inspect and Maintain Your Grill
- Before grilling season begins:*
- Check that your grill is clean and free of grease buildup.
  - Remove any nests, spider webs, or debris.
  - For propane grills, inspect the hose and connections for leaks before first use each year.

#### 5. Clear Debris Around Your Home

*Yard cleanup is more than cosmetic — it helps reduce fire risk.*

- Remove branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings.
  - Clear flammable debris from roofs, gutters, decks, and underneath porches.
  - Remove dead vegetation, especially within five feet of your home.
  - Move firewood, construction materials, and trash at least 30 feet away from structures.
- #### 6. Clean Your Dryer Vent
- Lint buildup is a leading cause of dryer fires.*
- Make sure the exhaust vent pipe is clear and not restricted.
  - Check that the outdoor vent flap opens properly while the dryer is running.
  - Keep boxes, clothing, and cleaning supplies away from the dryer.
  - If clothes have been exposed to gasoline, paint thinner, or similar substances, lay them outside to dry completely before washing and drying as usual.



# CHICAGO

## MAPPING THE LAST 20,000 YEARS

Discover the history of the Chicago area, from glaciers and ancient Lake Chicago—when Westchester was once lakefront property—to Indigenous settlements, early exploration, the Black Hawk War, and Chicago in 1833.

 **SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**

 **WED, MARCH 18, 6 PM**  
COMMUNITY ROOM

## Hair Xtacee: Teisha Carter's Beauty Salon That Turns Resilience Into Community

This month, we are proud to highlight Miss Teisha Carter, entrepreneur and owner of Hair Xtacee Beauty Salon, located at 9912 Roosevelt Road in the Addison Creek District. After speaking with Teisha, it quickly became clear that Hair Xtacee is much more than a salon — it's a story of resilience, community, and growth that many Westchester residents may not fully know.

### A Leap of Faith

Before opening Hair Xtacee in 1993, Teisha worked as a stylist at A Cut Above the Rest in Bellwood, Illinois. She was later recruited to work at a Westchester salon. However, with little warning, she and her fellow stylists were told on a Friday that the salon would permanently close the following day. Faced with the sudden loss of her workplace and clientele, Teisha had to make a decision. With support from her aunt and grandmother, she took a leap of faith and purchased the property where Hair Xtacee operates today.

### More Than a Salon

Hair Xtacee is a full-service beauty establishment offering hair care, nail services, makeup, facials, and more. But what truly sets it apart is its community involvement.

Teisha describes Hair Xtacee as a family-oriented establishment that goes beyond providing beauty services. The salon mentors high school students interested in cosmetology, partners with community organizations to host seminars, and offers education on financial planning and insurance awareness. Whenever possible, they provide complimentary services to clients and community members in need. "It's not just about paying for a service," Teisha shared. "We want to give back and uplift."

### Overcoming Adversity

In 2018, just one week before Christmas, tragedy struck when the salon was damaged by a fire later determined to be arson. Teisha described feeling devastated, as though everything she had built was suddenly gone.

What followed, however, was an outpouring of support. Fellow stylists and business owners rallied around her. A local barber opened his shop to her entire staff so they could continue serving clients. In an unexpected twist, while her team helped sustain his business during his health challenges, the partnership proved mutually beneficial.

After nearly a year of rebuilding, Hair

Xtacee reopened in January 2020 — stronger than before, with an expanded team. On the day of the salon's blessing, the adjacent nail shop space became available. Teisha remodeled and expanded, creating a more modern, elevated atmosphere. Then came another hurdle: COVID-19. The salon adapted quickly, implementing safety protocols that made clients feel comfortable and secure. Since then, business has continued to grow.

### Why Westchester?

Teisha chose Westchester because she was looking for a safe, welcoming community where she could grow her business. Over the years, she has watched both her salon and the community evolve.

The name Hair Xtacee reflects her youthful vision at age 21 — a place of explosive creativity with no limits. While she jokes she might choose a different name today, the passion behind it remains.

Today, Hair Xtacee has taken on a renewed atmosphere — positive, uplifting, and community-driven. Teisha credits her team's mindset and shared values for helping shape the salon's culture and future direction.

### Looking Ahead

Teisha plans to continue expanding community partnerships, volunteering locally (including at the Westchester Food Pantry), and offering scholarships to Proviso Township graduates.

### Hair Xtacee's mission remains clear:

To set the standard for full-service excellence by placing customer satisfaction, personal comfort, and exceptional beauty at the heart of everything we do — creating a family-centered environment where every service is a masterpiece and every client is a priority. The future of Hair Xtacee in the Village of Westchester looks bright, and we are grateful to have Teisha and her team as part of our business community.

### Hair Xtacee Beauty Salon

9912 Roosevelt Road  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Located in the Addison Creek District

**Phone:** (708) 865-9822

**Website:**

<https://www.hairxtacee.com/>

For appointments or more information, please contact the salon directly.



Teisha Carter, founder and owner of Hair Xtacee Beauty Salon, embodies the resilience and community spirit that define her Westchester business.



Teisha Carter (center) with her Hair Xtacee team and community partners, celebrating the salon's commitment to mentorship, service, and giving back in Westchester.

## Burglary Prevention Checklist

*From the desk of Police Chief Daniel Babich*

The Westchester Police Department is honored to serve our community. Protecting nearly four square miles and approximately 17,000 residents is a responsibility we take seriously.

On any given day, officers may respond to more than 100 different types of calls for service. While most shifts include five officers on patrol, public safety is truly a partnership.

Working together with residents strengthens our ability to prevent crime and quickly resolve cases when incidents occur. Simple safety measures — along with sharing security camera footage when needed — can make a significant difference.

While we cannot control every challenge in today's world, we can take proactive steps to protect our homes and families. Use this checklist to evaluate your home's security:

### Home Security Checklist

1. Are all exterior doors secured with quality deadbolt locks (minimum 1-inch throw)? Solid-core or metal doors with reinforced

strike plates provide added protection.

2. Do you lock all doors and windows every time you leave the house?

3. Are sliding doors equipped with a secondary lock or a wooden support bar in the track?

4. Is your sliding door secured so it cannot be lifted off its track?

5. Are shrubs and landscaping trimmed to keep entry areas visible from the street?

6. Do you have a home alarm system — and do you consistently activate it?

7. Are second-floor windows secured?

8. Are entrances, gangways, and driveways well-lit and free of concealment?

9. Do you have motion-sensor lighting installed near doors and garages?

10. Is your house number clearly visible from the street and garage for emergency response?

11. Are garage doors locked and secured, even when you are home?

12. Are valuables kept out of plain sight from windows or the street?

13. Can you see who is at your door without opening it (e.g., peephole, doorbell camera, or heavy-duty storm door)?

14. Are ladders and climbing materials stored out of sight?

15. Are yard gates locked when not in use?

16. Do you lock outdoor valuables such as grills, bicycles, and lawn equipment?

17. Do you use interior light timers when away from home?

18. Do you have high-definition surveillance cameras with recording capability and adequate storage?

19. Do you know how to access your security system and camera footage, including passwords?

20. Do you maintain an inventory of valuables, including photos, videos, and serial

numbers?

21. Is your safe securely bolted to the floor and constructed to resist prying?

22. Are windows positioned at least 40 inches away from door locks to prevent reach-through entry if glass is broken?

### A Community Effort

Home security improvements not only protect your property — they also help officers investigate and solve crimes more efficiently. If you have security cameras, being willing to share footage when requested can be invaluable.

The Westchester Police Department remains committed to protecting the quality of life in our community. By taking preventative steps and staying vigilant, we can continue working together to keep Westchester safe.

If you have questions about home security or would like additional prevention tips, please contact the Westchester Police Department at (708) 345-0060.

**YOUR HOME, YOUR FUTURE**  
*Community*  
**HOUSE FAIR**

**Saturday, March 28th**  
**Community Room | 10:30 AM - 1 PM**

Whether you're buying, owning, or protecting a home, this community event offers expert advice and practical tools in one place.

**Registration not required, but preferred**





WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

March 2026

**Adult Book Discussion****Tue, March 17 | 6:30 PM**

Join us to discuss **Isola** by **Allegra Goodman**. Inspired by the real life of a sixteenth-century heroine, Isola is the timeless story of a woman fighting for survival. Copies are available now at the Circulation Desk.

**Get Your Tax Forms!****While Supplies Last**

Select tax forms and instructions are available upstairs at the Westchester Public Library for your convenience, and librarians are able to print off any other forms that you may need.

**Gallery Spotlight: Aaron Canino**

We're excited to feature the work of local artist Aaron Canino on our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Gallery Wall in March. His detailed architectural paintings will be on display for visitors to enjoy.

**Embroidery Journaling****Thursday, March 12th | 6 PM**  
**Community Room**

Stop by to learn this month's embroidery stitch satin stitch, and a related stitch, the fishbone stitch! If you can't make it, ask the librarians at the Reference Desk for a handout to take home. **Registration is required.**

**Adult Take and Make: Carrot Pin****Monday, February 16th | Adult Department**

Grab a kit to make a carrot pin from the Adult Department! **While Supplies Last.**

**Learn to Weave****Thursdays | March 19th & 26th | 6 PM**

Learn basic weaving on a simple frame loom. Over the course of two weeks, you'll learn how to set up the loom for weaving, two different weaving patterns, and you'll create one or two small textiles to take home. All materials are provided.

**Registration Opens March 2nd at 9:30 AM****Beyond the Page: Percival Everett in Dialogue****Thursday, March 19 | 7 PM | ZOOM**

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024.

**Registration is required.****Learn to Finger Knit****Tuesday, March 24 | 2 PM or 6 PM****Community Room**

Participants will learn the fundamentals of finger knitting while creating a cozy, chunky scarf using super bulky or jumbo yarn. No prior experience is needed and no needles are required.

**Registration Opens March 2nd at 9:30 AM****Sit and Stitch Group****Wednesday, March 4th | 6 PM | Conference Room**

Join fellow crafters for a relaxing craft session at the library. Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or any portable handwork project and enjoy time to create, chat, and share tips. All skill levels are welcome—just bring your supplies and enjoy the company!

**Qigong and Sound Meditation****Saturday, March 21st | 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. **Registration is required.**

**Your Home, Your Future - Community Fair****Saturday, March 28 | 10:30 AM - 1 PM | Community Room**

A free educational event designed to empower homeowners and future buyers with the knowledge and resources they need to make confident homeownership decisions. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect directly with trusted local professionals - including a real estate attorney, mortgage broker, insurance agent, home inspector, tax appeals attorney, and home warranty specialist--who will be able to answer questions and provide guidance. Whether you are considering buying, currently own a home, or want to better protect your investment, this community-focused event offers valuable insights, expert advice, and practical tools all in one place. **Registration is preferred, but not required.**

**Chicago: Mapping the Last 20,000 Years****Wednesday, March 18 | 6 PM | Community Room**

Discover the history of the Chicago area, from glaciers and ancient Lake Chicago—when Westchester was once lakefront property—to Indigenous settlements, early exploration, the Black Hawk War, and Chicago in 1833. The program concludes with maps comparing today's land use to what existed 200 years ago. **Registration is required.**



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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, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods, Stephanie Pedersen, &amp; Kristen Jacobson • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month 7 PM.

ADA Requests: We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request an accommodation, including captioning or American Sign Language services please contact us at least 7 days before the event.

## Storytime at the Library

### Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Youth Department

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

### Tales and Treats

Thursday, March 12th | 4 PM | Community Room

Calling all kids in Kindergarten - 2nd grade. Join us once a month for this special storytime just for you! Listen to fun stories while you munch on a delicious snack!

**Registration is required; for grades K - 2.**

## Teen Programs

### Teen Take & Make

Monday, March 16th | 3 PM - 7 PM

Drop by the teen room for a dried flower bookmark kit! Take it home or stay in the library and create it. **For grades 6-12 while supplies last.**

### Teen Volunteer Help

Saturday, March 14th | 10 AM - 12 PM

Volunteer to help out our Teen Department with a variety of tasks! Each participant will receive two (2) volunteer hours. Volunteers need to have a volunteer application filled out and signed by a parent/guardian at least one day before the event. Please call the teen librarian for more information at **708-562-3573 X3.**

### Teens Behind the Lens

Tuesday, April 7th | 4 PM | Community Room

Learn how to take stunning photos with the library's cameras! **Registration required, limit 8. For grades 6-12.**

## Youth Programs

### Famous Women: Youth Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department

In honor of Women's History Month, Twelve Leading Ladies are hidden in the Youth Department! When you find them all, stop at the Youth Services desk for a prize! Limit one (1) sheet per participant

### Tummy Time!

Mondays | 10:15 AM | Starting March 2

Tummy Time is a program designed with our youngest patrons in mind. Studies show that tummy time is essential for the development of your baby's motor skills. Join us on the floor with blankets, toys, and music as we play our way into the day.

### Lego Club

Friday, March 6th & 20th | 3:30 PM

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

### Imagination Station

Monday, March 9th | 10 AM - 7 PM

Once a month, stop by our Imagination Station where you'll find everything you need to make a cool craft, pick up books on a specific topic, and more! What a great way to give your creativity a workout! **Best for grades K - 5, while supplies last.**



### Miss Make-Believe's Magic Show

Wednesday, March 11 | 6 PM  
Community Room

Step into Miss Make-Believe's enchanting world of magic! Silly, unique, and engaging, Miss Make-Believe's show is fun for all ages! Registration required.



# DONATION DROP-OFF DAYS!

Saturdays

**March 7**

**April 4**

**May 2**

9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Westchester Community Church  
1840 Westchester Blvd.

## WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY

Do you have any unwanted items after cleaning out your closets? We'd love your help! The **Westchester Food Pantry** is seeking unwanted, gently used items to sell at our annual **Yard Sale Extravaganza!** Your donations help turn unused items into meals for our community.

**Please ensure all donations are clean and in working order.**

Bag or box all donations. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### What We're Looking For:

- ✓ Children's books
- ✓ Toys, games and puzzles
- ✓ Baby items (small items)
- ✓ CDs, DVDs, Vinyl
- ✓ Video consoles and games
- ✓ Small electronics (Bluetooth speakers, radios, etc.)
- ✓ Entertainment devices (DVD players, tablets, etc.)
- ✓ Home decor, picture frames & artwork
- ✓ Tools (manual and power)
- ✓ Antiques, collectibles, memorabilia
- ✓ Purses, wallets, backpacks and luggage
- ✓ Jewelry, vases and candles
- ✓ Gardening supplies
- ✓ Craft/hobby items and party supplies
- ✓ Pet items/equipment
- ✓ Sporting goods
- ✓ Compact exercise equipment
- ✓ Kitchen items and utensils
- ✓ Small Kitchen appliances (mixers, bread makers, etc.)

We **CANNOT** accept the following:

- ✗ All furniture (couches, tables, mattresses, etc.)
- ✗ Clothing or shoes
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Adult books
- ✗ Reference books, encyclopedias or magazines
- ✗ Televisions
- ✗ Computers and related equipment
- ✗ Automobile parts
- ✗ Construction materials
- ✗ Car seats, cribs or baby swings
- ✗ Large appliances (refrigerators, water heaters, etc.)
- ✗ Camping equipment and golf clubs/bags
- ✗ Lamps and mirrors
- ✗ Fine China/Dishes
- ✗ Christmas trees
- ✗ VHS or cassette tapes
- ✗ Skis and related equipment
- ✗ Hazardous materials

Join Us for the Yard Sale Extravaganza!!

**May 28, 29 and 30**

Did you know you can support the pantry in other ways? Scan the QR code for drop off locations and volunteer opportunities!



WestchesterFoodPantry.org



# WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Open Wednesdays 4:30-7pm and Saturdays 9-11am.

No appointment necessary!

Clients can come once each calendar month. Bring your ID and reusable shopping bags.



1938 S. Mannheim Road  
Westchester, IL 60154  
708-927-4826

- Frozen Meat  Fresh Produce
- Dairy Products  Pantry Staples
- Deli Meals  Bakery Items



Questions? Email  
Info@WestchesterFoodPantry.org



Westchester Chamber of Commerce

"We mean business!"

## Welcome New Members!

**KRISER'S**  
**WESTCHESTER GRAND OPENING**  
SAT & SUN, MARCH 21-22 | ALL DAY  
Come celebrate the opening of Kriser's new local pet store!

Our clients receive *heartfelt care*.

We feel that care is a heartfelt connection that brings compassion, understanding, and brighter days to our family of clients.

AssistingHands.com/MelrosePark

- Meal Preparation
- Shopping & Errands
- Medication Reminders
- Transportation Service
- Personal Care
- Available 24/7

Assisting Hands Home Care  
Serving Melrose Park, Oak Lawn & Surrounding Areas  
One Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 300  
Westchester, IL 60154  
**(630) 230-6099**

**Big News:**  
Kriser's is Coming to Westchester!

We're thrilled to announce that your new neighborhood destination for pet wellness is opening its doors in the Westchester Commons shopping center on February 26! As your local pet store and grooming salon, we offer natural pet food, high-quality supplies, and expert services to keep your best friend happy and healthy.

Save the Date: Grand Opening Party March 21-22

Come celebrate our official arrival with a weekend full of fun for you and your pets. We're pulling out all the stops with exclusive deals, a photo booth, and free nail trims and self-washes (proof of rabies vaccination required). Enjoy fun activities, grab some free samples and freebies, and much more - we can't wait to meet the pets of Westchester!

**PVA**  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Vaughan Chapter

**EXPERT**  
PLUMBING SERVICE

Plumbing & Drain Cleaning Experts: 815-402-3005  
24 Hour Emergency Service

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### ENRICHMENT - AGING WELL NEIGHBORHOOD



### 2026 Westchester Aging Well Neighborhood Events

- |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| February 11 - BINGO!      | July 8 - Wellness Topic      |
| March 11 - Wellness Topic | August 12 - BINGO!           |
| April 8 - BINGO!          | September 9 - Wellness Topic |
| May 13 - Wellness Topic   | October 14 - BINGO!          |
| June 10 - BINGO!          | November 11 - Wellness Topic |
|                           | December 9 - Holiday Party   |

\*RSVP for events by emailing [awn@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:awn@agingcareconnections.org)

Events held at:  
Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154  
**All event times are 11:00am - 1:00pm**

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.  
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111 W. Harris Ave., La Grange, Illinois 60525 | Tel.: 708-354-1323 W:  
[AgingCareConnections.org](http://AgingCareConnections.org) | E: [info@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:info@agingcareconnections.org)



## The Westchester Chamber of Commerce

invites you to

### CELEBRATE WESTCHESTER 2026

Save the date!

commemorating  
United States Of America  
**250<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

Join us on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** at **Alpine Banquet Haus** for an evening of celebration as we recognize this year's nonprofit award recipients, honored for their service to the community and presented with funding from the Westchester Chamber.

**2026 Recipients:**  
Shop with a Cop | Miracles in Progress  
Lions Club | Westchester Food Pantry  
Grassroots Garden Group | Westchester Library

[www.WestchesterChamber.org](http://www.WestchesterChamber.org) Email: [info@WestchesterChamber.org](mailto:info@WestchesterChamber.org)

**S.B.C yard waste collection** will resume the week of April 2nd.

**Village branch collection** will resume the week of April 6th - 10th.

**S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. –**  
312-522-1115

[sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester](http://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.

Leaf Reminders As leaves fall, please remember **DO NOT** pile, blow, or rake your leaves into the street. This causes

storm sewer problems which leads to flooding, and it is against Village Code. Yard waste is collected by S.B.C. through the end of December.

### Village Snow Restrictions

Public Works crews keep our streets free of snow and ice during the winter months.

Please assist us by observing the following:

- Place garbage cans 3 feet behind the curb line- **do not place them in the street.**
- **Do not shovel or blow snow back into the cleared streets.**
- Please observe the “NO PARKING SNOW ROUTE” signs.

-The snow portion of the signs will be enforced after 2 inches of snowfall between December 1st and March 31st.

If you reside on a Primary designated SNOW ROUTE, after 2 inches of snowfall you must remove all vehicles from the snow route.

Vehicles must stay off the street until the streets are cleared thoroughly by the plows by Public Works.

If the snowfall is continuing, the re-

striction is in place until Public Works completes the plowing for the day. Please check the signs at the corners of your block.

If you reside on a Secondary route, there is no parking Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the even numbered house side and no parking Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on the odd numbered house side after 2 inches of snowfall.

Please check the signs at the corners and center of your block for guidance. (This includes ALL side streets not designated a Primary snow route.)

If you have a Fire Hydrant on your parkway, please help keep the hydrant clear of snow so that the Fire Department may easily access the hydrant in case of an emergency, and so that the snow plows may quickly identify the hydrants while plowing.

### 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.

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.

## Public Works Receives Community Service Award



A big thank you to Old Glory Lodge 141 for presenting the Westchester Public Works Department with their Community Service Award!

The recognition highlights the team's dedication, reliability, and commitment

to serving the residents of Westchester.

From maintaining streets and infrastructure to responding during snow events and emergencies, Public Works plays a critical role in keeping our community safe and

running smoothly.

We're grateful to Old Glory Lodge 141 for recognizing the hard work that often happens behind the scenes — and proud of our Public Works team for all they do every day!

## SIGN UP FOR WESTCHESTER WEEKLY E-NEWS

### OVER 4,500 SUBSCRIBERS!

JOIN US TO STAY INFORMED

Stay informed with our weekly Village e-newsletter, bringing you the latest updates on Village 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/newsletter](http://www.westchester-il.org/newsletter)

Thank you for staying connected with us!



- 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



## Proviso Handyman Department

March 2026

Time to check the caulk around your tub and sinks! Leaky faucets and sinks mean higher water bills! Replace your furnace filter for a better air flow.

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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Clerk

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Assessor

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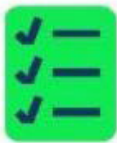
# Fix Leaks, Save Money

## Cook County Leak Repair Helps Residents Reduce High Water Bills

Do you have leaks or inefficient plumbing that are causing high water bills? Cook County Leak Repair may be able to help. Cook County Leak Repair provides **free plumbing repairs and fixture upgrades** to help eligible suburban Cook County residents stop leaks and save money on water bills. Cook County Leak Repair is a free government program. There are no hidden or unexpected fees.



### How Does It Work?



**1. Enroll:**  
Simply fill out the enrollment form.



**2. Assessing Your Needs:**  
A team member will call you to discuss your plumbing needs and schedule an in-person assessment for large or complex leaks.



**3. Repairs & Upgrades:**  
A licensed plumber will repair leaks or install efficiency upgrades at no cost.



**4. Support:**  
The program provides step-by-step guidance and may even be able to help residents with outstanding water bills.

### Ready to start saving money on your water bills?



Cook County Leak Repair is available to eligible suburban Cook County residents. To confirm eligibility and enroll, visit [CookCountyLeakRepair.org/Save](https://CookCountyLeakRepair.org/Save) or scan the QR code.

### Questions? Contact Us Today!

-  773-570-4547
-  [info@CookCountyLeakRepair.org](mailto:info@CookCountyLeakRepair.org)
-  [CookCountyLeakRepair.org](https://CookCountyLeakRepair.org)

*Cook County Leak Repair is administered by Elevate on behalf of the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development. Funding is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.*





# COMMUNITY ON THE DRAFT

The Village has been working with a  
advancing energy efficiency, renewable  
gas emissions

Please attend our presentation on  
developed, hear about what is in the  
ideas on how the plan

**WEDNESDAY**  
**6:00 - 7:00**  
**WESTCHESTER**  
(BOARD ROOM, EAST)

# DRAFT MEETING ENERGY PLAN



consultant to create a roadmap for  
renewable energy, and reduced greenhouse  
gas emissions through 2040.

Learn how the Draft Energy Plan was  
developed, review the plan, and provide your input and  
feedback so the plan should be finalized.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
**7:30 PM**  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
**(NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING)**



Join the GROW Ecological Commission for a tour of

**Argonne**   
National Laboratory  
on Thursday, May 7 at 9:00 AM

Limited to 25 participants. Sign up by April 17, 2026.  
First come, first served!

To reserve your spot or learn more, email:  
[mnicolae@westchester-il.gov](mailto:mnicolae@westchester-il.gov)

## Green Fact of the Month

According to the EPA, “In the US, food is the most common material sent to landfills, comprising 24.1% of municipal solid waste. This solid waste in landfills are the third largest source of human-related methane emissions. When we compost organic materials (food and yard trimmings), we return nutrients and carbon to the soil and support plant growth.” December 12, 2025 <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/composting>

Source: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization  
— [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

## Recipe of the Month

Our food has so many beautiful pieces we don't always think about using. Before putting food scraps in the compost or waste pile, consider the many ways you can use them.

- Mix stale bread with oil and your favorite herbs and bake into croutons

- Try reviving limp greens or herbs by placing in cold water

- Zest lemons for a delightful burst of flavor in your dishes

- Infuse citrus peel in vinegar for a DIY cleaner or use rinds for cleaning kitchen sink/counters

- Chop up herb stems and cook into soup

- Sauté beet greens, swiss chard or broccoli stems, etc. Some even work well blended into pesto or sauces (see

recipe below)

- Make stock with vegetable peels

Share your own tips for reducing food waste with us at [GROW@westchester-il.gov](mailto:GROW@westchester-il.gov), we'd love to hear it!

The pesto below can be served over pasta, on toasted bread, or dolloped into soups for added flavor.

### Carrot Top Pesto

*makes 4 servings*

#### Ingredients

- ½ cup toasted walnuts or pine nuts
- 1 small clove garlic
- 1 cup coarsely chopped carrot tops (preferably organic)
- big handful of basil leaves (about 1 cup)
- juice of ½ small lemon
- sea salt & freshly ground pepper
- ¼ - ½ cup olive oil
- optional: pinch of red pepper

#### Pesto

- 1 bunch fresh basil (leaves only)
- ¼ cup toasted pine nuts, walnuts or hazelnuts
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lemon - juiced
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese -grated
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 pinch sea salt - to taste

#### Instructions

- In a food processor, pulse together the walnuts and garlic. Add the carrot tops, basil, lemon, salt & pepper. Pulse again, then add ¼ cup olive oil and pulse until combined. (Make it as smooth or as chunky as you like).

-Scoop the pesto into a small bowl and stir in up to ¼ cup more olive oil.

-Taste and adjust seasonings and stir in a pinch of red pepper flakes, capers, or parmesan cheese, if you like.

Source: <http://loveandlemons.com>

*Have a plant-based recipe you'd like to share with the community?*

Send it to [GROW@westchester-il.gov](mailto:GROW@westchester-il.gov) for consideration for future newsletters.

SHARE YOUR

## GREEN SUCCESS STORY

Inspire Westchester • Inspire Change

Saturday,  
March 28

1:00 PM

Westchester  
Village Hall

10300 W ROOSEVELT RD

### HAVE YOU...

- Made your home more energy efficient
- Installed solar panels or explored renewable energy
- Planted a native tree or pollinator garden
- Switched to electric lawn equipment
- Purchased ENERGY STAR appliances or WaterSense fixtures
- Reduced waste by recycling, composting, or repairing
- Started biking, carpooling, or driving an electric/hybrid vehicle
- Added more plant-based meals to your routine
- ...or something else!



Every change matters - we want to hear about yours!

ATTEND FOR A FREE CHANCE TO WIN AN  
ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWER (\$70 VALUE)



Email the GROW Ecological Commission  
by MARCH 11 to participate!

✉ [grow@westchester-il.gov](mailto:grow@westchester-il.gov)





★ Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow ★

## A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into March, I want to thank our students, staff, and families for the strong momentum we continue to see across the district. While winter can be challenging, our schools remain focused, engaged, and committed to student learning and growth.

The Illinois State Board of Education **5Essentials Survey** administration window for the 2025–26 school year opens on **February 3 and runs through March 13, 2026**. This survey provides valuable feedback from parents, staff, and students in grades four through eight on key conditions for school success. The results help guide district and school improvement efforts, and your participation is important. Families will receive survey information directly from the district during the window.

Over the next month and a half, each school will also host its annual State of the School presentation. These sessions provide an opportunity to share progress, highlight priorities, and discuss next steps at each building. The schedule is as follows:

- Westchester Middle School on February 5, 2026
- Westchester Intermediate School on February 19, 2026
- Westchester Primary School on March 19, 2026

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Our schools are strongest when families and staff work together, and that collaboration makes a real difference for our students. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,  
Sincerely,  
Philip Salemi, Ed.D  
Superintendent, Westchester SD 921/2

## Westchester Primary School

Attention Families: Kindergarten Registration for 2026-2027! Is your child turning five on or before September 1, 2026? If so, it is time to begin the enrollment process! Westchester Primary School's Kindergarten Registration officially opens on March 2. This online process is the essential first step in securing your child's spot for the upcoming school year.

### How to Register

Please visit our school district website at <https://www.sd925.org/> and navigate the following menu:

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

### Registration Checklist

To process your registration, we must receive all of the following items:

- **Kindergarten Enrollment Form:** Complete the form found on our website.
- **Official Birth Certificate:** Your child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2026.
- **Residency Documentation:** See our website for a list of acceptable documents
- **Registration Fee payment:** See our website for more information

**Submitting Documents:** Please email items to [wpsreg@sd925.org](mailto:wpsreg@sd925.org)  
*Note: Registration is not complete until all items have been received.*

**Parent tours are available upon request. Kindergarten screenings with a parent meeting/tour will be scheduled in August. We look forward to welcoming our newest Dolphins to the WPS family!**

## Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary Students were challenged to "Leave a Heartprint" in February by using kind words, kind actions, and being the best they can be. Students read and listened to books that encouraged leaving heart prints on others by using kind words and actions and received paper hearts to document their kindness.

To celebrate Black History Month, WPS celebrated "Pages of Pride: Celebrating Black characters in Children's Literature." Each day a book was highlighted in our morning announcements with read alouds shared for students to enjoy with our students seeing themselves represented. Several of our students entered our District Black History Art Contest and attended the Westchester School District Black History Month Celebration held on February 26th.

The celebrations continued at WPS in February. Students and staff celebrated the 100th Day of Counting in our Number Corner daily routine by bringing in projects and collections of 100 and doing activities that involved making 100. The WPTC sponsored our Valentine's Day games that were led by parent volunteers in each classroom on Friday, February 13th. On February 4th our students participated in our trimester community meetings, and commemorated our mid-year mark with Obstacle course races and popcorn popped and bagged by the WPTC. They were so grateful! Also, we celebrated Read Across America from March 2nd to March 6th with a visit from community members who read to each classroom.

WPS celebrations continued with recognitions of students. WPS recognized The School Citizen of the Year, or SCOTY, Award winner. The SCOTY recognizes students that their schools have chosen as "good school citizens and models for others to emulate." Grades and activities are important considerations, but only a small part of the selection process. Two WPS second-grade students were nominated from each class. This year's nominees were Jennifer Mejia, CJ Crump, Nicholas Oropeza, Tessa Nudera, Zachary Zelasko, Anthony Parkinson, Colin Keag, Lucia Spencer, Armani Mojica, and Francesca Galviz, with the 2025-2026 SCOTY winner being James Thompson. Ms. Ganzel expressed: James is a 2nd grader who is a positive role model to other students. James is motivated to learn and rarely gets discouraged. If he is stuck, he will try it several different ways first, and then he will ask for help. His positivity is contagious, and his excitement for learning motivates everyone in the classroom. Congratulations to all of our nominees this year!



Aria Quizon was selected as a runner-up in the K-2 grade division in the 2026 "America 250: Reflections Through Art" contest hosted in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education. All winners and runners-up will have their work displayed by the ALPLM beginning March 9, 2026 (commemorating Arts Education Week). The artists' original pieces will be displayed in the museum in an art gallery-style display. Students' work will be mailed back to them once the exhibit has come down. Congratulations to Aria!



## Westchester Intermediate School

Each year, we select one Fifth Grade student as our School Citizen of the Year. Students who are nominated for this award demonstrate those attributes that we would expect from a student. They follow our behavior expectations, they work hard every day, they are kind to others, and demonstrate that growth mindset for other students around them. We had five nominees this year. They were Sofia Bozzelli, Aurora Cruz, Axel Guillen, Pablo Higueros, and Stella Vallez. We are proud of all of them for being exceptional students here at WIS. Congratulations to Pablo Higueros who was our winner this year.

Our 5th Grade Boys and Girls basketball season is under way and we are enjoying seeing them grow in their skill level from week to week. All of our games are played at George Washington Middle School in Lyons. It is great to see our families celebrating the effort of our athletes.

Our students will participate in the Illinois Assessment for Readiness this month. This is a state assessment that looks at how our students are doing in both reading and math. It is taken over the course of six days; three days for math and three for reading. We have an extra reading session this year as a field test school. We don't get results until the fall, but our students' achievement has an impact on our school rating and report card. We will be working with them over the next few weeks so they understand how to navigate the test.

We are looking forward to spring, warmer weather, and an amazing last third of the school year.

Go Huskies!

## Westchester Middle School

Congratulations to our January Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Elisa Hernandez and Nico Villalobos, 7th Grade: Alex Bravo and Deron Mitchell, 8th Grade: Madden Gonzalez and Aubrey Holman. 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.



Little Mermaid Jr. will be our musical this year. Auditions will take place in March and performances will take place on May 7th (7:00 pm), 8th (7:00 pm), and 9th (2:00 pm), 2026. Information regarding purchasing tickets will be released closer to the show dates.

We continue to send our weekly updates each Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Please review them for important information about WMS and make sure that we have the most current contact information for you in our records. Please contact the office with any updates.

## Westchester Middle School

WMS is excited to announce our 2026 School Citizen of the Year (SCOTY) nominees. A SCOTY is a student that has a positive attitude, strong work ethic, good leadership skills, and is a superb role model among their peers. All staff members are eligible to nominate students and then vote on a winner. The following students were nominated this year: Mia Del Real, Emma Garcia, Liam Gonzalez, Grace Lazaro, Layla Lodree, Caitlin McMahan, Gabe Meier, Rachel Mitchem, Jaylene Ojeda, Darius Rainey, Briana Ruiz, Hope Voegtle, and Dante Williamson. We congratulate all of our nominees this year!



Congratulations to Rachel Mitchem for being selected as the School Citizen of the Year. She will be recognized at the West 40 Annual "SCOTY" School Citizen of the Year Recognition Program. Here is what the staff had to say about Rachel. Rachel has grown into herself in a positive way over the last two years. She shows kindness towards others by spending many study hall periods helping in math class. The students look forward to the days that she comes and request her help in their small group. She exhibits leadership qualities and is a positive role model to her peers. She supports her friends and follows her passions without fear of judgement by others. She is an active member of the band, has been on the math team, participates in chorus and has recently assisted in the main office with PA announcements. Congratulations to Rachel on being named the SCOTY for WMS this year.



Jack Shouba Presents

Cemetery Prairies

Sunday – March 08, 2026

1 to 3 pm

Wolf Road Prairie House

11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester



While all but a small percentage of the original prairie landscape of Illinois was lost to farming and development in the nineteenth century, cemeteries meant to keep the memory of early settlers alive also gave refuge to quite a few remnant prairies. Come learn more about the history and how volunteers monitor the progress of unique native plants preserved there over time.



February raced by so quickly, it is hard to believe we are already in March!

Last month, students enjoyed our fun-filled Valentine's parties at WPS and WIS; they also celebrated their mid-year mark with a Popcorn Day!

WMS had their February Hangout where students were able to enjoy an ice cream treat and spend time with one another. They also were able to shop at the school store during their lunch period.

We are looking forward to many WPTC events in March. To kick off this month we are hosting Trivia Night! It is a wonderful night to test your trivia skills, spend time with friends, and win some raffles!

We will be having a WPTC meeting March 4th in the WIS cafe. All are welcome to come and get a better understanding of what we do to support our schools and students.

WPTC will be hosting another Flying High Night in March. It is a wonderful opportunity to drop the kids off for a night of fun while parents can get an evening to themselves.

WIS will be having their Parents and Pastries in March. It is a nice opportunity to enjoy a treat with your child/children before they start their school day.

We value the volunteers that make these memorable moments possible. Your support of the WPTC during our fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

Please remember the WMS School Store has returned and will be open once a month!! Dates will be announced on our Facebook page and announcements are

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March 4- WPTC Meeting-WIS Cafe 6pm

March 6- Trivia Night

March 13- Flying High

March 18- WIS Parents and Pastries 8:00-8:30 am

March 26- WMS School Store (Cash Only)

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

[www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com](http://www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com)

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

You can also reach the WPTC via email at

[wptc925@gmail.com](mailto:wptc925@gmail.com).

Our Facebook page is useful to stay up to date with us.

You are always welcome to contact any of the WPTC Board

members at [wptc925@gmail.com](mailto:wptc925@gmail.com) with any questions,

concerns or feedback that you may have.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 28th

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, March 28th
- 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 - 12345-04
- Site: Community Center Park
- Date: Saturday, March 28th
- 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, March 28th
- Time: 12:30pm Sharp!



DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED



# LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance-  
Open to **All!**

**Thursday, March 19th from 7-9 pm**

**" Career Ready – Using AI to Advance in the Job Search"**

**Pierre H. Michiels, Presenter**

In today's rapidly evolving job market, artificial intelligence (AI) is playing a transformative role in how employers recruit and how candidates prepare. This presentation equips job seekers with knowledge and tools to confidently navigate an AI-enhanced job search. Attendees will learn how employers use AI—from resume screening through applicant tracking systems (ATS) to video interview analysis—and why understanding these technologies is essential for standing out. With over 90% of large companies relying on AI-driven hiring tools, being career ready now includes being tech-savvy. Participants will be exposed to practical ways to access and use AI tools to their advantage. From optimizing resumes, to preparing for interviews, and even exploring new job paths, this session offers ways to integrate AI into every stage of the job search.

**Pierre H. Michiels**, is a Career Specialist for the Career Services Center at College of DuPage. He is enthusiastic in supporting all job seekers to be successful in their job search.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs on 3/19 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

*For additional resources visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com)*



# Hines Outreach Veteran Resource Event



Hines Outreach will help Veterans with new health care enrollments and share VA resources.



No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome!



10:00am-2:00pm



Westchester Village Hall  
10300 W. Roosevelt Rd.  
Westchester IL, 60154



1st Monday each month  
(excluding holidays)



Please email  
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# Opera and Jazz Join Forces to Support Westchester Food Pantry

*The Westchester Food Pantry, serving over 500 households monthly, honors three decades of community support with a special performance by acclaimed soprano Meghan Kasanders and versatile pianist Lawrence E. Underwood II*

For over 30 years, the **Westchester Food Pantry** has been dedicated to providing nourishing food to individuals and families across Westchester and the surrounding communities who are experiencing food insecurity.

Operating entirely on donations, the Pantry feeds over 500 households each month, providing each with fresh produce, meat, pantry staples, baked goods, dairy products, household items and more. Each cart leaving our facility has an average retail value of \$375.00.

We take pride in our efforts to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors is treated with respect and dignity and receives the support they need to meet their basic needs. New clients and volunteers are always welcome.

**Interested?** Visit us at [WestchesterFoodPantry.org](http://WestchesterFoodPantry.org). We appreciate your support!

**Soprano Meghan Kasanders** has been hailed by Opera News as “a wonderfully promising, rich dramatic soprano.” She is known for her commanding stage presence and versatility across opera, concert, and recital repertoire.

In recent seasons, Kasanders has performed with many opera companies and orchestras across the US, including The Dallas Opera, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony Orchestra, Opera Omaha, Eugene Symphony, Arizona Opera, Opera Saratoga, the New Mexico Philharmonic, and more. Her operatic roles include Sieglinde (*Die Walküre*), Gertrud (*Hänsel und Gretel*), the title role in *Anna Bolena*, Elisabetta (*Don Carlo*), and Magda Sorel in *The Consul*. On the concert stage, she has appeared in works such as Mahler’s Eighth and Fourth Symphonies, Strauss’ *Vier letzte Lieder*,

Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 9*, and Handel’s *Messiah*.

Additional highlights include her Carnegie Hall debut in Bernstein’s *Songfest* under the baton of Marin Alsop, a critically acclaimed performance of Sibelius’ *Luonnotar* conducted by Barbara Hannigan, and the release of her debut album

*That Time of Evening* with pianist Dror Baitel. She is also active in the development of new works through workshops and premieres with companies including American Lyric Theater and Chicago Opera Theater.

A Grand Finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, Kasanders is a graduate of Simpson College, Rice University, and The Juilliard School.

**Lawrence E. Underwood III** is a Chicago-area pianist whose playing blends the sophistication of jazz with the depth, soul, and tradition of sacred music. With over a decade of classical piano training and undergraduate jazz piano performance studies at the University of Miami, Lawrence brings both technical excellence and heartfelt musicality to every performance.

A seasoned church musician and music director, he has served in numerous congregations across Chicago and beyond, currently as pianist at Westchester Community Church. His musical journey includes performance experiences at respected festivals such as the Eastern Music Festival and the Northwestern High School Music Institute, as well as work on tours, stage productions, and recordings. Whether performing jazz piano in concert or leading music in worship, Lawrence’s style is marked by richness, elegance, and authenticity—music that uplifts, connects, and inspires.

To purchase tickets click on the QR code - pick the dollar amount to cover the number of tickets you wish to purchase.



Then continue with your payment or call Westchester Community Church at 708-865-1282.

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS

*Coming Home*  
A Benefit Concert

FEATURING

MEGHAN KASANDERS, SOPRANO  
LAWRENCE UNDERWOOD III, PIANO

SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

AT 2:00PM | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
ADVANCE TICKETS \$15 | AT THE DOOR \$20  
CALL 708-865-1282

1840 WESTCHESTER BLVD, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

# MISS MAKE-BELIEVE'S MAGIC SHOW!



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- CATCHY TUNES •

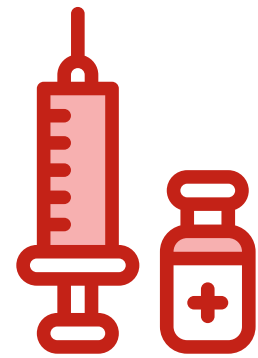
Wed, March 11th  
6 PM - 6:45 PM

Registration  
is required



## Family Friendly!

# FREE MICROCHIP & Rabies Clinic



Magnificent Mutts is partnering with the Village of Westchester, and Cook County Rabies Control to help keep pets in our community healthy and safe!



April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

From: 9 AM - 12 PM - or while supplies last  
10240 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL

**MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COOK COUNTY TO QUALIFY**

( VALID ID REQUIRED TO PROVE RESIDENCY )

## Some restrictions apply:

- 3 pet Maximum
- All dogs must be on a leash, and all cats must be in carriers.
- No rescue groups or personal litters.

## Sponsored by:



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BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL MAGNIFICENT



For more information visit: [magnificentmutts.org](https://magnificentmutts.org)



# WESTCHESTER SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT

**APRIL 18 - 10:00 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.

## 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!**

**[WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV](http://WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV)**





# SPRING CLEAN-UP COLLECTION

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2026**

## Collection Details

The **Village of Westchester** and **SBC Waste Solutions** are excited to announce our 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 25.**
- 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

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