



# Village of Westchester

April 2026 Newsletter

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## FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT GREG HRIBAL



*Congratulations to Sgt. Bruno Coltri, who's been with the Westchester Police Department since 2003, on his well-deserved promotion!*

## Supporting Local

The Village of Westchester has previously announced the opening of a number of new, independently owned and operated family businesses to our community.

These establishments represent not only exciting new dining options for residents, but also a meaningful investment in the continued growth and vibrancy of our Village.

Recently opened businesses such as **Jungle Plate, Wing Snob, Blaque Flames BBQ, Tastefull, Jalapeño Taco, Kriser's Natural Pet Store and**

**The Original Hoagies and Chees-**

**esteaks** have already begun to make their mark. In addition, we look forward to the upcoming opening of Culver's, which will further expand dining choices for residents and visitors alike.

Additionally, the Mannheim and Roosevelt development will include a few more dining options that will be presented to the board in the coming months.

Each of these businesses is rooted in entrepreneurship and family ownership, an important foundation of local economic strength.

Their decision to invest in Westchester reflects confidence in our

community and contributes to job creation, local spending, and an enhanced quality of life.

Small, family-run businesses thrive when they are supported by the community they serve. We encourage residents to visit these establishments, try something new, and help ensure their continued success.

Choosing to shop and dine locally keeps dollars circulating within Westchester and strengthens the businesses that make our Village unique.

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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!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			1 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY WATER AGENCY 10:30AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	2 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	3	4		
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19	20	21	22	23	24 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 9:30AM WESTCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL	25 SBC VILLAGE-WIDE SPRING CLEANUP 		
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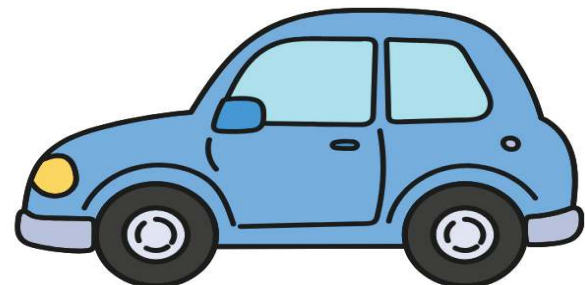
## VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE NOW

Purchase Before May 1 to Avoid Late Fees & Citations

**Village vehicle stickers are now available for purchase.** 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.

## Natural Gas Safety: What Residents Should Know

### From the Fire Department

Natural gas is commonly used in homes and businesses for heating, cooking, and hot water.

While it is a safe and efficient energy source when properly maintained, a gas leak can pose a serious safety hazard. Understanding how to recognize a potential leak and what actions to take can help keep your household and neighborhood safe.

#### How to Recognize a Possible Gas Leak

Natural gas is naturally odorless, but utility providers add a chemical called mercaptan to give it a distinctive sulfur-like smell, often compared to rotten eggs. Signs of a potential gas leak may include:

- A strong sulfur or "rotten egg" odor
- A hissing or blowing sound near gas lines or appliances
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise healthy area

- Dust blowing from the ground or bubbling in standing water near a gas line

If you notice any of these warning signs, it is important to act quickly and safely.

#### What to Do If You Suspect a Gas Leak

If you believe there may be a gas leak:

- 1. Leave the area immediately.**  
Move to a safe location away from the building or suspected leak.
- 2. Avoid creating sparks.** Do not turn lights on or off, and avoid using electrical devices, phones, or appliances inside the building.
- 3. Call 911 and Nicor Gas from a safe location.** Calling 911 ensures the Westchester Fire Department can respond quickly to secure the area and assist with public safety, while Nicor Gas

will send technicians to locate and repair the leak.

#### 4. Do not attempt to locate or repair the leak yourself.

Nicor Gas, the natural gas provider serving Westchester and much of northern Illinois, operates a 24-hour emergency response line at 888-642-6748.

#### Preventing Gas Leaks

Residents can help reduce the risk of gas leaks by following several safety practices:

- **Schedule regular maintenance** for gas appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, and stoves.
- **Ensure appliances are installed and serviced by qualified professionals.**
- **Keep vents and flues clear of debris or obstructions.**

- **Know the location of your gas shutoff valve** and ensure it remains accessible.

- **Call JULIE (811)** before beginning any digging project to have underground utilities marked.

#### Working Together for Community Safety

The Westchester Fire Department and Nicor Gas work closely to respond quickly to reports of gas leaks and ensure public safety. Residents play an important role by recognizing warning signs and reporting concerns promptly.

If you ever suspect a gas leak, leave the area immediately and report it by calling 911 and Nicor Gas so trained professionals can respond safely.

For additional information about natural gas safety, visit [www.nicorgas.com](http://www.nicorgas.com).



**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 - 12:00PM - 3:00PM**

**PROVISO WEST HIGH SCHOOL 4701 W. HARRISON- HILLSIDE, IL**

REGISTRATION: 11:00 AM | OPENING CEREMONIES: 11:30 AM | LET'S WALK: 12:00 PM



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## A Family Legacy of Flavor: How Young Prince Became a Westchester Community Staple

This month, the Village is proud to highlight small business owners Delfino and Galdino Salto, and their business Young Prince located at 1912 S. Mannheim Road, Westchester, IL 60154.

With decades of experience and a passion for both family and community, the Saltos have built a business known for its welcoming atmosphere and long-standing presence in the Village.

The Salto family journey in the food industry began in 1978, when the Salto patriarch, Carmen Salto, opened the family's first fast-food establishment in Melrose Park.

After their father's retirement in 1990, Delfino and Galdino relocated the business to Westchester—where it has remained for over three decades.

Today, Young Prince continues to thrive, supported by a loyal and dedicated staff, many of whom have been with the business for 5 to 25 years.

When selecting a new location, the Saltos carefully considered several communities before choosing Westchester. He was drawn to the Village's strong sense of community, convenient location, and welcoming atmosphere.

At the time, nearby schools such as St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) brought steady foot traffic, particularly from students after school, helping establish Young Prince as a neighborhood staple.

Over the years, Young Prince has adapted to changing times and customer preferences.

What began as a traditional fast-food menu featuring hot dogs and Italian sausage has expanded to include gyros, chicken, salads, and ice cream.

While the closure of nearby schools reduced some of the business's foot traffic, Young Prince responded by diversifying the menu and maintaining the friendly, family-oriented environment that customers value.

Evolving food trends have also played a role in shaping menu offerings.

Looking ahead, the Young Prince



*The welcoming storefront of Young Prince on Mannheim Road, a longtime Westchester favorite where family tradition and community come together.*

plans to continue growing and evolving the business. Future plans include expanding the menu to possibly feature items such as tacos, burritos, omelets, and shrimp dinners, while refining existing offerings to focus on customer favorites.

They also aim to introduce more value-driven meal options. Despite these changes, his vision remains the same: to keep Young Prince a place where families can gather, enjoy a meal, and spend time together.

In addition to dine-in service, Young Prince offers convenient drive-thru and delivery options, including DoorDash, to meet the needs of today's customers.

Young Prince's commitment to their customers and the Westchester community is evident in every aspect of his business.

Residents are encouraged to visit Young Prince, support a long-standing local business, and experience the warmth and friendliness that have defined it for generations.

**Young Prince**  
1912 S. Mannheim Road  
**Phone:** (708) 562-9100  
**Website:** [youngprincerestaurant.com](http://youngprincerestaurant.com)



*Delfino Salto stands behind the counter at Young Prince, continuing a family tradition of friendly service and quality food that has welcomed Westchester customers for decades.*

## April Showers Bring an Increase in Car Accidents

*From the desk of Police Chief Daniel Babich*

April is a pivotal month for emphasizing safety across various aspects of daily life.

As the season transitions into spring, snow melts and seasonal rains arrive, making road conditions more challenging.

During this time, it's especially important to stay vigilant and adopt preventive measures to ensure personal and community safety.

Distracted driving continues to be a leading cause of accidents on the road.

According to the National Highway Traf-

fic Safety Administration (NHTSA), thousands of people die each year due to drivers being distracted by their phones, passengers, stress, or other activities while behind the wheel.

A vehicle can be like a two-ton weapon when in the wrong hands.

### How to Prevent Distracted Driving

- **Put your phone away** – Store it in the glove compartment or use apps that block notifications while driving.

- **Use hands-free technology** – If you must take a call, use a Bluetooth system

or hands-free device.

- **Avoid eating or multitasking** – Keep both hands on the wheel and your attention on the road and your surroundings.

- **Educate young drivers** – Teens are among the highest-risk groups for distracted driving accidents due to cell phone use and speeding. Encourage safe driving habits early.

- **Slow down and come to complete stops** at stop signs and intersections.

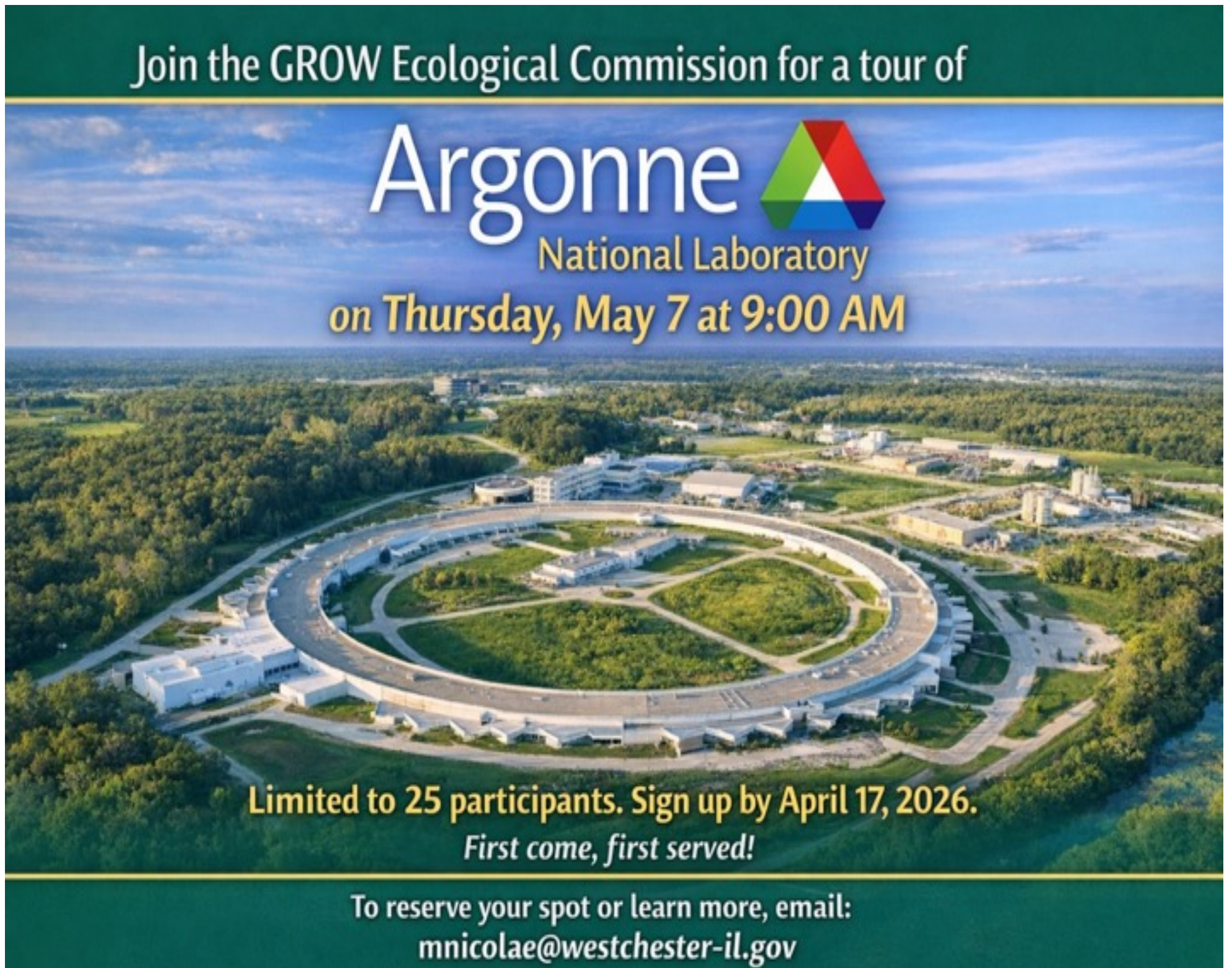
Westchester Police Department Traffic Enforcement Officers are actively en-

forcing traffic laws, including violations related to tinted windows, speeding, stop signs, and the use of cell phones while driving.

Please follow the driving laws so we don't have to add additional stress to your day through traffic citations, court dates, traffic school, or fines.


Let's work together to keep everyone safe wherever we drive.

**Chief Daniel Babich**  
Westchester Police Department



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)



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

April 2026

**Adult Book Discussion****Tue, April 21 | 6:30 PM**

Join us to discuss *The River is Waiting* by Wally Lamb. The propulsive story of a young father who, after an unbearable tragedy, reckons with the possibility of atonement for the unforgivable. Copies are available now at the Circulation Desk.

**Late Opening Friday, May 1st****Library opens at 12 PM**

The library will open at 12 PM on Friday, May 1st for a staff inservice training. Thank you for your understanding.

**Celebrate National Library Week!****April 19th - 25th**

Share your joy at the library by contributing to our community display. Throughout the week, we'll fill our space showcasing what brings Westchester joy.

**Embroidery Journaling****Thursday, April 9th | 6 PM****Community Room**

Stop by to learn this month's embroidery stitch Herringbone Stitch, and the similar-looking Chevron 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: Puzzle Piece Frame****Monday, April 20th | Adult Department**

Stop by the Adult Department to pick up a kit to create your own puzzle piece picture frame, perfect for displaying a favorite photo.

**While Supplies Last.****Voice, Culture, and Human Connection - Cristina Henríquez****Thursday, April 16 | 7 PM | ZOOM**

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez, for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. Carmen Álvarez will join Henríquez as moderator. **Registration is required.**

**Design a Book Nook!****Tuesday, April 28th | 2 PM or 6 PM****Community Room**

Create a miniature house designed to sit between your books as a decorative book nook. Using our supplies, you'll design and decorate a cozy façade with windows, a door, and colorful details. Perfect for crafters and book lovers alike.

**Registration is required.****Sit and Stitch Group****Wednesday, May 6th | 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, April 18th | 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.**

**Chair Yoga with Miss Mel****Thursday, April 16 | 10 AM - 11 AM | Community Room**

Come stretch with our very own illustrious Miss Mel! This is a gentle chair yoga session, perfect for all fitness levels with no floor work required. Just bring yourself and get ready to move, breathe, and relax. **Registration is required.**

**Calligraphy Basics with Audrey Ra****Thursday, May 21 | 6 PM | Community Room**

Elevate your handwriting by learning the beautiful art of calligraphy! This artistic skill will bring color and life to all your handwritten creations.

**Registration opens May 1st at 9:30 AM.****Container Garden Secrets****Wednesday, April 15th | 6 PM | Community Room**

Whether you live in an apartment, condo, town home or single family home, you probably have the space for the color and interest of container gardens, one of the hottest trends in gardening. Includes container selection, plant selection, simple design considerations, the proper planting and maintenance to help ensure success. **Registration is required.**



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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, April 9th | 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.**

### Pajama Storytime

Thursday, April 16 | 6 PM | Youth Department  
It's National Pajama Day! Wear your pajamas, bring your stuffy, and let's celebrate with a fun evening storytime! (We do not guarantee they will be ready for bed afterwards!) **PreK-2nd grade.**

## Teen Programs

### 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.**

### Teen Volunteer Help

Saturday, April 11th | 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.**

### Teen Take & Make Craft

Monday, April 13th | Teen Room

Drop by the teen room for a paint-your-own ceramic watering can! Take it home or stay in the library and create it! **This craft is for grades 6-12 only, while supplies last**

## Youth Programs

### Hug a Tree Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department

National Arbor Day is in April, so send the trees some love! Once you find all twelve trees in the department, stop at the Youth Services desk for a prize. Limit one (1) sheet per participant

### Lego Club

Friday, April 3rd & 17th | 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, April 6th | 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.**

### Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, April 22nd

Celebrate Earth Day by making a Mini Papier-Maché Garden Pot Craft Kit! **Best for grades K - 5; while supplies last.**

### Mother's Day Bouquet Craft

Monday, May 4th

Color and build a beautiful paper flower bouquet to give to your favorite person on Mother's Day! **Best for K-5; while supplies last.**



### Busy Little Yogis

Wednesday, April 22nd | 10:15 AM  
Community Room

This class is designed for toddlers, preschoolers and/or junior kindergarten students. Yoga is all play for these busy little yogis! We explore yoga through moving, stretching, posing, and breathing. Each class includes our warm-up, a song complete with yoga poses, breathwork, balancing series, and relaxation. Come move with us! **Registration required; limit 15 families. If you own a yoga mat, please bring it!**



WESTCHESTER  
FOOD PANTRY

# SPRING FLING ARTISAN MARKET



AT THE WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
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SUNDAY  
APRIL 12TH  
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# WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

**Open Wednesdays 4:30-7pm and Saturdays 9-11am.**  
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- Bakery Items ✔



**Questions? Email**  
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**The Westchester Chamber of Commerce**  
invites you to  
**CELEBRATE WESTCHESTER 2026**  
*In Memory of William "Bill" Ernst*

**2026 Chamber Award Recipients:**

- \*Shop with a Cop
- \*Miracles in Progress
- \*Lions Club
- \*Grassroots Garden Group
- \*Westchester Library

**2026 Persons of the Year Nominated By:**

- \*Village of Westchester
- \*Westchester Library
- \*Westchester Park Dist.
- \*Westchester Schools
- \*Westchester Chamber of Commerce






Join us for an evening of remembrance and celebration as we recognize this year's nonprofit award recipients presented with funding from the Westchester Chamber of Commerce and the Persons of the Year nominated by the various entities of Westchester, all honored for their service to the community.

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Alpine Banquet Haus**  
**11141 Roosevelt Road, Westchester IL**  
**Cocktails at 6pm - Dinner at 7pm**  
**Single Ticket Price: \$80/Person**  
**Group Tickets (5+): \$75/Person**

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



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### 2026 Westchester Aging Well Neighborhood Events

<p><b>February 11 - BINGO!</b></p> <p><b>March 11 - Wellness Topic</b></p> <p><b>April 8 - BINGO!</b></p> <p><b>May 13 - Wellness Topic</b></p> <p><b>June 10 - BINGO!</b></p>	<p><b>July 8 - Wellness Topic</b></p> <p><b>August 12 - BINGO!</b></p> <p><b>September 9 - Wellness Topic</b></p> <p><b>October 14 - BINGO!</b></p> <p><b>November 11 - Wellness Topic</b></p> <p><b>December 9 - Holiday Party</b></p>
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\*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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**VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER**

# Town Hall Meeting


Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and be part of the conversation as we share community updates, plans, and facts.




**Tuesday, June 2**



**Starts at 6:00 PM**



**Westchester Intermediate School  
10900 Canterbury Street  
Exterior Door #2**

Visit Our Website 

[www.westchester-il.gov](http://www.westchester-il.gov)

## Village branch collection for April will be the week of the 6th – 10th

May's collection will be the week of May 4th – 8th

June's collection will be the week of June 1st – 5th

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

- All brush must be put out on the front parkway by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. Branches can be up to 7 feet in length and stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a "restack" notice will be left.

- Again, please put ALL brush out on your designated collection day and Public Works crews will determine what constitutes an open load, which will be picked up later in the week.

- An open load would include any brush that will not fit through the chipper such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift. Dirt must be removed from any root balls for pickup.

- Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

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

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

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

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

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

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

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. will occur through the end of December.

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

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- 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.

### 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.

Please check the signs at the ends of your block or check the Village website so you don't receive a ticket!

### 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.



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**ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

*Being the second Tuesday of said month*

**at the hour of 6 PM at**

**The Proviso Township Hall**

**4565 W Harrison Street**

**Hillside, IL 60162**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Elected Officials
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Selection of Moderator
5. Approval of Minutes of 2025 Town Hall Meeting held 4/8/2025
6. Supervisor's Report – Town Fund
7. Supervisor's Report – General Assistance Fund
8. Declaration of Surplus Property
9. Motion to Set Time for Next Year's Annual Town Meeting
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

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**FUTURE READY EXPO:  
CAREERS, TRADES, AND JOBS**

This experience is designed to provide senior-level students from Proviso East, PMSA, and Proviso West with meaningful exposure to career and workforce opportunities. Students will be at the school in 1 hour rotations from 12-3 pm. Then it will be open to the public from 4-6 pm.



Thursday  
April 23rd



Students: 12- 3 pm  
Public: 4- 6 pm



Proviso East High School  
807 S 1st Ave, Maywood, IL 60153

*Transportation will be provided for PMSA and Proviso West students. Each school will have a designated time slot listed on their permission form. For more information, please contact Lmcintosh@pths209.org or School Parent Engagement Coordinators GHibbler@pths209.org (West), CHobbs@pths209.org (East).*

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**FREE CAR LIGHT REPAIRS: TAILLIGHTS | HEADLIGHTS | LICENSE PLATE LIGHTS  
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**April 11, 2026**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
VEHICLE SERVICES  
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To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/sherifflightsaver>

The Village of Westchester Presents

# Party IN THE Park 2026

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**Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1**

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY PARK, 10201 BOND ST

## Friday

6:00 – 8:00 PM • **BILLY ELTON** (Billy Joel & Elton John Tribute)  
8:30 – 10:30 PM • **HELLO WEEKEND** (High-Energy Dance Hits)

## Saturday

4:00 – 6:00 PM • **BLOOZE BROTHERS** (Blues Brothers Tribute)  
6:30 – 8:30 PM • **HOW RUDE** (90s Tribute)  
9:00 – 11:00 PM • **HI INFIDELITY** (Classic Rock Tribute)



In partnership with Westchester Park District & Westchester Chamber of Commerce

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MAY 1, 2026**

*to ensure inclusion in promotional materials*

**Questions?**

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## Earth Month: Small Steps, Big Impact

By: GROW Ecological Commission

Our individual, everyday actions (while sometimes seemingly small) really do make a big impact!

Planting only one native plant starts to attract more pollinators, changing one meal a week from meat to plant-based saves gallons of water, buying thrift instead of new saves pounds of carbon emissions.

Over time, these actions build upon each other to create a healthier you, greener Westchester, and a more beautiful world.

This Earth Month, we challenge you to reflect on where you are and take a step forward in your sustainability journey. Wheth-

er that means taking a first step like using a reusable water bottle instead of plastic or adding one more action to your list of many, every action you take matters and contributes to improved environmental quality in your home and community.

Here are some ideas to get you started!

### Lifestyle

• **Consume Responsibly:** Your **dollar is your power** in creating the world you want to see. What issues are near and dear to you?

Shop local or minority owned; look for products with certifications like Certified B, Fairtrade, or Forest Stewardship Council that meet standards of social and environmental sustainability; remove impulse purchases (wait 30 days - or even a day - to evaluate if you really need a new

purchase); shop thrift or second hand.

• **Repair First:** Before buying new, see if it can be fixed. Embrace **reuse and repair** culture by visiting local cobblers, tailors, or electronics repair shops (which also supports local businesses and the local economy). Or turn something into a new art project. (Save the Date for Repair-a-Palooza September 26 @ Village Hall)

• **Zero Waste Living:** Aim to **go plastic-free** and waste-free. Switch to reusable bags, use bulk-buy stations, unplug appliances, turn off lights, reduce food waste. Every purchase and item in the home offers opportunity for change in reducing plastic and waste of resources (and saves money in the long run!). Save the Date for Reuse-a-Palooza - the community wide garage sale - September 19 & 20

• **Talk About It:** Talk with friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, elected officials, etc. about the changes you make and how easy it can be. This **spreads your positive impact** and you may even learn about new changes you want to make along the way.

### Moving Through the World

• **Active Transit:** Nothing beats

the added benefits of **walking or biking** when it comes to transportation options. It's great for your health and the air quality of our streets. Is there one errand you can do closer to home and walk?

• **Public & Electric Options:** For longer commutes, utilize the **train, bus** or consider making your next car an **Electric Vehicle (EV)**.

### In the Home & Garden

• **Conserve Water: Shorten your showers,** install a rain barrel to capture runoff from your garden, water your garden in the early morning or evening to minimize evaporation. All are also great ways to reduce your water bill.

• **Plant-Based Eating:** Change at least **one meal a week to meatless**. There are incredible flavors and benefits to explore with plant-based eating; you could even notice having more energy, reduced inflammation, and overall improved health. (Have you tried one of the monthly recipes in this newsletter?)

• **Solar and Electric Conversions:** Consider installing solar panels and switching to electric heat pumps and induction stoves. These **"home conversions"** reduce reliance on fossil

fuels and often lower long-term utility bills.

• **Compost Your Scraps:** Instead of sending organic waste to the landfill (where it produces methane), start a backyard bin or utilize SBC's curbside **composting program**.

• **Go Native:** Swap grass and ornamental flowers for **native plants**. They require less water, zero pesticides, and provide vital habitats for local pollinators. They attract more butterflies too!

• **Sustainable Lawn Care:** If you keep a lawn, adopt **"Slow Mow Summer"** and ditch the chemicals. Leave grass clippings to nourish the soil and make your next lawn equipment purchase electric. Been missing seeing fireflies? This is one way to help support a healthy habitat for them to come back.

**The Big Picture:** Sustainability comes down to making intentional choices that honor our resources, improve our wellbeing, and protect the environment for future generations.

Every gallon of water saved, every native flower planted, and every bike ride taken adds up. With our everyday choices, we are all building a healthier welcoming Westchester!

## Green Fact of the Month

Earth Day celebrations involve actions to protect our planet by reducing pollution, planting trees and gardens, decreasing the use of energy coming from fossil fuels, reducing waste, and protecting all animals on the planet.

**Some Facts:** Over 1 billion people participate in Earth Day events on April 22nd each year. Since the onset of Earth Day in 1970, over 100 million trees have been planted in Earth Day events.

## Recipe of the Month

• **A sweet treat that's sugar-free and dairy-free?**

• Yes, please!

• These no bake cookies are great to keep in the freezer for when you want a tasty snack; works as a quick breakfast or pre-workout fuel as well!

### Healthier No Bake Cookies

- - 1/2 cup peanut butter
- - 1/3 cup coconut oil
- - 1/4 cup non-dairy milk (like coconut, almond, soy)
- - 1/2 cup maple syrup
- - 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- - 1 tsp vanilla extract

- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1.5 cups quick oats

### Instructions

- Add peanut butter, coconut oil, milk, and maple syrup to a small pot and heat over medium low.

- Once the mixture starts to boil, let it bubble for one minute and then turn heat off.

- Add cocoa powder, vanilla, and sea salt and stir. Next, add in oats and mix until fully combined.

- Scoop out about 2 tablespoons per cookie and place on a parchment paper lined baking sheet.

- Lightly flatten/shape each cookie

into a circle.

- Refrigerate for one hour and enjoy!

These are best kept in the refrigerator or freezer since coconut oil starts to melt at room temperature.

*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.*



**WASTE SOLUTIONS**  
INC  
**312-522-1115**



## New & Improved Compost Collection

**Call SBC to register  
today! 312-522-1115**

### What's New?

- ✓ Residents may now use their own cart at no additional cost - no rental required - similar to the yard waste program.
- ✓ Carts must have a secure, fitted lid.
- ✓ Residents must register with SBC by calling 312-522-1115 & follow their provided composting guidelines/list of acceptable materials.

### Prefer an SBC Cart?

- ✓ Rental carts are still available - now with simplified pricing!
- ✓ Flat rate: \$12/month during the collection season (paid in one fee)
- ✓ Multiple size options for your preference (all same price)

### What Goes in the Compost Cart?

- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Meat scraps & eggshells
- ✓ Bread, grains, & baked goods
- ✓ Coffee grounds & tea bags
- ✓ Yard waste



**DO NOT** put in trash, food containers/trays, plastic, styrofoam, or pet waste

📞 312-522-1115

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

*Carts without proper lids or containing unacceptable materials will result in no pickup.*



## A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into April, we are entering an important stretch of the school year. The work happening in our classrooms right now matters. This is the time when focus, effort, and consistency make a real difference for students.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing for students in grades 3 through 8 took place in March. These assessments provide us with valuable information about student progress and help guide our instructional decisions. We asked that students came to school on time, well rested, and ready to give their best effort each day of testing.

Spring Break will take place the week of March 30. There will be no school during that week. Students will return the following Monday (April 6th), ready to begin the final stretch of the school year.

The Board of Education has approved the [2026/2027 school year calendar](#). It is available on our District website and in our principals' weekly communications.

The District will begin registration for the 2026–2027 school year earlier than in previous years to support planning and staffing for the upcoming school year.

### Registration timelines are as follows:

- **New incoming kindergarten students:** Registration opens **March 2, 2026**. Registration will be completed online using a Google Form available on the [District's website](#).
- **Returning students:** Registration opens **April 6, 2026**. [Returning students](#) must register through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and upload residency documents online. No in-person registration or document drop-off will be available. [Click here](#) for our 26-27 Fact Sheet.
- **New students entering grades 1–8:** [Registration](#) opens **July 1, 2026**

As this early registration process is new, processing may take 48–72 hours or longer due to volume. Please note that the regular daily operations of our school offices remain the priority, and processing times may be impacted as staff continue to support students and families throughout the school day.

In order to make the process as efficient as possible we ask that you direct any registration related questions to the emails below:

- **WPS:** [wpsreg@sd925.org](mailto:wpsreg@sd925.org)
- **WIS:** [wisreg@sd925.org](mailto:wisreg@sd925.org)
- **WMS:** [wmsreg@sd925.org](mailto:wmsreg@sd925.org)

More information about returning student registration will be available at the end of the month.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of District 92.5. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [psalemi@sd925.org](mailto:psalemi@sd925.org) or 708-670-1927. You can also view recordings of our Board of Education meetings on our District YouTube channel.

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi, Ed.D  
Superintendent

## Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary Students were challenged to earn “Shamrock for Safety” in March by following Dolphin Pride Expectations: Be Ready, Be Caring, Be Safe. Students read and listened to books that encouraged safety and received paper shamrocks to hang in our entryway. One or two students in every homeroom were chosen to wear a shamrock medal each day or be the class role model for the day.

WPS celebrated Read Across America from March 3rd through March 7th. During this week, we moved the focus from Dr. Seuss Week to its intended purpose – encouraging students to **celebrate reading**. Rather than focusing on one author, we explored diverse texts from multiple writers and a March Madness Bracket was created by our Media Specialist for students to vote. Each day at WPS, students participated in fun activities to celebrate Read Across America. We ended the week with Mystery Readers from Westchester Middle School!



WPS is very proud of Aria Quizon, a first-grader, for being chosen as a runner-up of the ISBE Reflections: America 250 Art Contest. Her artwork is currently hanging in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield.



## 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.*

## Westchester Intermediate School

April is a busy month at WIS. We had a number of evening events going on. We hosted our Talent Show. It was great to see our students show off their talents to a packed house of parents and family. We had martial artists, dancers, singers, and musicians demonstrating their skills for all of us. It takes courage to stand up in front of everyone like that. I'm very proud of our kiddos.

We have completed our state mandated testing for the year. We took the Illinois Assessment for Readiness before spring break as we work towards the goal of 50% of our students being proficient this year. It is a lofty goal but we can make it.

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

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

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

Go Huskies!

## Westchester Middle School

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

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

Congratulations to our February Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Lashaun Turla and Cadence Zelasko, 7th Grade: Logan Koch and Naomi Reed, 8th Grade: Evie Bleskin and Matthew Merino. 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.



This year, under the direction of our Library Aide Mrs. Klemchuk, she started the Library Ambassadors program. These students completed an application and were selected to assist in the daily process of the library. These individuals supported our recent book fair, promoted the library events and information in their ELA classes, and have been a positive influence on reading in our school. We thank all of them for their service to our school and making the start of this process a huge success.



Little Mermaid Jr. will be our musical this year. Performances will take place on May 7th (7:00 pm), 8th (7:00 pm), and 9th (2:00 pm), 2026. If you are interested in purchasing an ad for the musical's program or making a donation, please contact director Alexandra Angeloni at her email [aangeloni@sd925.org](mailto:aangeloni@sd925.org) We look forward to seeing you there!

WMS is tentatively set to hold their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM. The ceremony will take place in the WMS gymnasium. Four tickets will be provided for each student and all fees must be paid up at that time to receive them. Please contact the Business Office if you have any questions about fees.



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

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

March also included WIS Parents and Pastries, and Flying High Night, which broke a record for attendance! The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we hope parents had a well deserved few hours to themselves!

WPS Parents and Pastries will be held April 9th from 8:00-8:30 am, and WPS will have their Spring Book Fair April 15th-17th.

Our last WMS School Store will be April 30th during lunch. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

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**Important Dates:**

**WPS Parents and Pastries: April 9**

**WPS Book Fair: April 16-17**

**WMS School Store (cash only)- April 30**

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**Please continue to check our Facebook page  
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**Sunday – April 26, 2026  
1 to 3 pm**

**Wolf Road Prairie House  
11225 Constitution Drive,  
Westchester**

**Sponsored by Save the  
Prairie Society**

**Dr. Spencer Cortwright  
Biology Department  
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# SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026



SESSION 1 JUNE 8-26  
SESSION 2 JUNE 29 - JULY 17  
SESSION 3 JULY 20 - AUGUST 7

RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 23RD  
NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2ND



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**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

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

We look forward to seeing you!

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# 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  
[HinesOutreach@va.gov](mailto:HinesOutreach@va.gov)  
with any questions.

# From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

*Continued from the front page*

The Village Board and staff sincerely appreciate the commitment these business owners have made to Westchester.

We extend our best wishes for their continued growth and success and thank our residents for supporting local entrepreneurship.

Please join the village board for a **Town Hall** meeting for **Tuesday, June 2nd** at **6pm** at

the **Westchester Intermediate School** located at 10900 Canterbury.

More information will be available on our website and distributed through e-news in the near future.

Last year a number of residents advised that they were unaware of the Spring Clean-Up day in Westchester.

On **Saturday, April 25th**, SBC Waste is once again providing a **Spring Clean-Up Collection** as a part of their agreement with the Village.

It is a single day where you can place large items out for garbage collection such as furniture, mattresses, carpet, appliances and more.

Items must be placed out front by 6am on April 25th. For a full

list of acceptable items, please visit our website.

This year's Party in the Park will be held at the **Westchester Community Park** on Friday and **Saturday, July 31st and August 1st**. Bands such as Billy Elton, Hello Weekend,

The **Blooze Brothers**, **How Rude 90s Tribute**, and **Hi Infidelity** are scheduled to perform.

We look forward to another incredible event.

Lastly, please help me congratulate **Westchester Police Officer Bruno Coltri** who was recently promoted to the position of **Sergeant**.

Bruno has been with the department since 2003 and will be formally sworn in this April at a board meeting.



**ILLINOIS MASTER GARDENERS**

# CONTAINER GARDEN SECRETS

Container gardening is a popular way to add color and interest to any space. Learn how to choose containers and plants, apply simple design ideas, and use proper planting and care techniques for success.



**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH, 6 PM**  
COMMUNITY ROOM



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### **E-Bike Safety and Enforcement**

With the warmer weather arriving, we have already seen an increase in e-bike riding in the neighborhoods and parks. However, the Park District has received numerous complaints regarding reckless operation of electric bikes and illegal mini bikes on park paths, fields, and near playgrounds. These activities create significant safety hazards, including the risk of collisions with pedestrians and children.

Many complaints are not simply about children riding bikes. They involve children and adults operating electric bikes at speeds more than 30 mph and the use of devices that are not legally classified as e-bikes under Illinois law.

Under Illinois law, electric bicycles are limited to the following three classes:

*Class 1 – Pedal-assist only; motor stops assisting at 20 mph*

*Class 2 – Throttle-assisted up to 20 mph without pedaling*

*Class 3 – Pedal-assist up to 28 mph (Rider must be at least 16 years old)*

Electric bicycles must have a motor of 750 watts or less to qualify under Illinois law.

### **Where E-Bikes May Be Operated:**

- E-bikes must follow the same traffic laws that apply to bicycles.
- E-bikes may be ridden on roadways and where permitted by law.
- E-bikes are not allowed on sidewalks under Illinois law.
- E-bikes and other motorized devices are not permitted on park athletic fields, turf areas, or landscaped park property.

### **What Is NOT an E-Bike:**

Electric dirt bikes, modified bikes, and motorized devices with motors exceeding 750 watts are not electric bicycles under Illinois law. These devices are subject to different registration, licensing, and roadway restrictions and are not permitted on park property.

Our goal is education and voluntary compliance. However, due to the increase in complaints and safety concerns, police officers will be conducting periodic enforcement in parks and surrounding neighborhoods as activity increases.

Let's keep our parks safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Westchester Park District

**Cook County Clerk's Office**

**PROPERTY AFTER DEATH**  
**& Property Fraud Prevention Forum**

**Sat., April 25, 2026 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Maywood Public Library**  
**121 S. 5th Ave., 2nd Floor Maywood, IL 60153**

- ✓ Learn how to transfer your home, your car and your bank account to your loved ones
- ✓ Protect Your Home from property fraud
- ✓ Speak with Licensed Professionals



**REGISTER NOW**



**EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

This Workshop is Brought to you by the Cook County Clerk's Office & hosted by Proviso West NAACP, Maywood Public Library & Universal Housing Solutions.

Special Notice: This information is provided compliments of Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon and does not constitute as legal advice in any way, shape or form. Furthermore, it is provided without any Title examination or review of your individual estate plan. Please contact an attorney or licensed estate planning professional if you have additional questions, comments or concerns, as the Cook County Clerk's office staff may not assist you with the preparation of any legal documents.

**Proviso Handyman Department**

**April 2026**

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

**Call 708-547-4001**

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



**Bellwood · Berkeley · Broadview · Brookfield · Forest Park · Hillside · LaGrange Park · Maywood · Melrose Park · North Riverside · Northlake · Stone Park · Westchester · Western Springs**

**+ Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+**

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VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER PRESENTS

2026

*Juneteenth*

**CELEBRATIONS**



**FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY**

WESTCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

**FREEDOM WALK & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

GLADSTONE PARK

**DATES & DETAILS COMING SOON! STAY TUNED: WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV**

# BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



## Old Glory Lodge #141 Blood Drive

**Saturday, April 11**  
**9:00 AM – 1:15 PM**

Westchester Masonic Temple  
Basement, 10210 Canterbury St, Westchester

**Sign up today**

- Call Vitalant at 877.258.4825
- Scan the QR code
- Or visit [Vitalant.org](https://Vitalant.org) and use Blood Drive Code: 10055402

For questions, contact Ivan Lugo 630-229-8440

Before you donate: Eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of fluids. Bring your photo ID.  
Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcomed.

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**DONORS EARN REWARDS.** Learn more at [Vitalant.org](https://Vitalant.org). Donate April 6-30 and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of two Vitalant \$10,000 gift cards! That's enough to buy groceries for a year! Book your appointment today

**FREE EVENT!**



# IMFID EVENT

Illinois Masonic Family Identification Program

**HOSTED BY**



**9:00am  
to  
12noon**

**Westchester Masonic Temple  
10210 Canterbury St  
Westchester, IL 60154**

**Parents this is what you get:**

**COLOR PHOTO:** Receive a photo including height notation that is digitized on a convenient USB drive.

**RECORDED INTERVIEW:** Capture the appearance, speech patterns, personal characteristics, and mannerisms for easy media distribution.

**A DNA SAMPLE:** Take a saliva cheek swab, the latest tool in the scientific arsenal to make a positive ID of lost children.

**FINGERPRINTS:** The oldest form of positive identification as they are unique to every person.



# AFFORDABILITY TOWN HALL *with* SPEAKER WELCH

Hear what's going on in Springfield  
and get the latest news and updates.

**Wednesday**  
**April 29th**  
**6-8 PM**

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

Refreshments will be served.

[WWW.EMANUELCHRISWELCH.COM](http://WWW.EMANUELCHRISWELCH.COM)



**Emanuel "Chris"  
Welch**

7th District State  
Representative  
Speaker of the House



# FREE MICROCHIP & RabiesClinic



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



Giveaways from:  
**KRISER'S**  
PAW PRINT

**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:



**For more information visit:** [magnificentmutts.org](http://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**





# 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

EMAIL SBC  
WESTCHESTER@SBCWASTESOLUTIONS.COM