



Village of Westchester

MAY 2026 Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT GREG HRIBAL



Development Updates: Mannheim/Roosevelt, Enterprise Properties; Plus Town Hall Info and More

Discussions regarding the sale of the property at **Mannheim and Roosevelt** are moving forward. **Culvers** has advised that they are preparing to bring their option of purchase to the board soon for review.

Xceed Development, who will be building retail establishments around the Culvers, has secured agreements with two of the three tenants occupying the property and will be presenting these items to the village board once the designs are prepared.

Also, the Village is working towards finalizing an agreement with the **United State Post Office** to purchase, and ultimately move to, the village owned property at **2305 and 2315 Enterprise**.

The purchase is expected to be completed in the coming months and has been an ongoing discus-

sion due to the expiration of the lease at their current location as of July of 2023. Various locations have been explored over the past three years, but the amount of space required for the post office has been a concern. Our efforts have always focused on keeping the post office in our community.

Mark your calendars. The Village is hosting a **Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:00pm** at the **Westchester Intermediate School** located at **10900 Canterbury Street**.

You will be able to learn more about what is happening in our community and ask questions in an open forum. Visit our website for more information.

The Village's **Spring Shred Event** experienced an incredible turnout once again! If you are not aware, the Village hosts shred events

twice a year — in April and October — to give residents the opportunity to have sensitive documents shredded on-site. Old and unused prescriptions and electronics are also taken for disposal at these events to safely dispose of these items.

Save the date for the next one — **October 17**.

A special thank you to **SBC Waste** for their generous donation of a truck, which made it possible to recycle the boxes and bags used to transport documents. Their continued support and participation play a vital role in making this community event a success.

Each summer, **Commonwealth Edison** routinely does preventative maintenance by **trimming trees** around power lines and this

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

MAY



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SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for a season full of community, celebration, and fun in **Westchester!**

for our *Summer Events!*



JUNE 19 & 20
JUNETEENTH FREEDOM WALK & BLOCK PARTY
Honoring freedom. Celebrating community. Walking together for a brighter tomorrow.



JULY 4
4TH OF JULY PARADE
A patriotic tradition we're proud to celebrate together. Don't miss the fun!



JULY 31 & AUG. 1
PARTY IN THE PARK
Two nights of live music, food, fun, and community in the park!



AUG. 4
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Building stronger, safer neighborhoods together. Join us for an evening of connection and fun!



For more details, Freedom Walk or 4th of July registration, vendor applications, and sponsorship opportunities

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.westchester-il.gov/events



JOIN THE FUN



SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



SEE YOU THERE!

Westchester Fire Department Reminds Residents: Stay Safe as Warmer Weather Arrives

From the Fire Department

As the days grow longer and temperatures begin to rise, the Westchester Fire Department would like to remind residents that spring and early summer bring new routines—and new safety considerations.

With children spending more time outdoors, families traveling, and seasonal activities ramping up, now is a great time to revisit a few important safety practices.

Keeping Kids Safe as School

Lets Out

With the school year coming to a close, more children will be outside during the day riding bikes, walking to parks, and playing with friends.

Drivers are encouraged to remain especially alert in residential neighborhoods, watching for children who may unexpectedly enter the street.

Parents and guardians can also take a few moments to talk with children about basic safety habits, such as:

- Looking both ways before crossing the street
- Avoiding distractions like phones while walking or biking
- Staying aware of their surroundings

Bike safety is also key—helmets should always be worn, and bikes should be equipped with reflectors or lights if riding later in the evening.

Grilling and Outdoor Cooking Safety

Grilling season is here, and while it's a favorite way to enjoy the warmer weather, it's important to keep safety in mind:

- Keep grills at least 10 feet away from homes, decks, and structures
- Never leave a grill unattended



As warmer weather brings more outdoor activity and seasonal routines, the Westchester Fire Department encourages residents to review fire safety practices, including keeping extinguishers accessible and staying prepared for potential hazards.

while in use

- Check propane tanks and connections for leaks before lighting
- Keep a fire extinguisher or water source nearby

Even a small flare-up can quickly become a larger issue if not monitored carefully.

Fireworks and Holiday Awareness

As we approach Memorial Day and look ahead to the Fourth of July, the Fire Department reminds residents that fireworks can be dangerous and are regulated under local ordinances.

Improper use can result in injuries, fires, and property damage.

Residents are encouraged to at-

tend professional fireworks displays and celebrations rather than using fireworks at home.

These events are conducted with safety measures in place to protect attendees and surrounding properties.

Severe Weather Preparedness

Spring and early summer can also bring unpredictable weather, including strong storms, high winds, and even tornadoes.

Now is a good time to make sure your household is prepared:

- Identify a safe location in your home, such as a basement or interior room
- Keep a battery-powered weather radio or ensure emergency

alerts are enabled on your phone

- Have an emergency kit with essentials like water, flashlights, and batteries

Taking a few minutes to prepare ahead of time can make a significant difference during an emergency.

Smoke Alarms and Home Safety

Seasonal changes are also a great reminder to check your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure:

- Smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home and near sleeping areas
- Batteries are replaced if needed
- Units are tested regularly to ensure they are working properly

These small steps play a critical role in keeping your household safe.

We're Here for You

The Westchester Fire Department is proud to serve our community and remains committed to protecting residents through emergency response, education, and prevention.

If you have questions about fire safety, emergency preparedness, or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we head into a busy and exciting season, we encourage everyone to stay aware, stay prepared, and most importantly—stay safe.

A Legacy of Care: Four Generations of the Conboy Family Serving Westchester with Compassion and Dignity

For over 140 years, Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home has guided families through life's most difficult moments while remaining deeply rooted in community, tradition, and trust.

Their mission is to provide comfort, respect, and dignity to families going through the deaths of loved ones.

For over 140 years, the Conboy family has directed funeral services, first beginning in the city (think Grand and Damien), moving to the end of the old trolley car line on Madison, then to North and Austin, and finally here to Westchester.

Four generations of the Conboy family have been part of this journey. Most long-time residents know Peter Conboy, who still works here, but more importantly, took over the funeral home from the Budilovsky family in 1972.

Peter was at the North Avenue location, and in an encounter with Joe Conley, then President of the Westchester Savings and Loan (where BMO Harris is), told Peter that Mr. Budilovsky was considering retirement. Peter met with the Budilovskys over dinner, and a hand-shake agreement was in place! Not only that, Mr. Conley was willing to establish a loan so Mr. Conboy could purchase the site on Cermak Road!

Peter began directing funerals here along with Chris Balodimas who is still an active associate with Conboy's. Over the years other associates came to work with him, including Ed Parker, Kenneth Kuratko, Don Smith (all of whom are still actively directing) and the late Mike Bruno. Since 2016, Jean Conboy Hanson and Matt Conboy are the owners and primary directors.

They have several employees, all who have been with them for over 10 years. This includes Funeral Directors, Peter Kennedy and Brian Kuratko, and Office Manager, Nancy Drelich. They also have 5 part time personnel for driving, office work, and being wait staff during funerals and memorials.

When asked about why he might want to come to Westchester, Peter stated "There was something about how close knit a community it felt like." Peter's children, Jean Conboy Hanson and Matthew Conboy grew up here, and both went to Worsham Mortuary College for their degrees. They began to work

at Conboys as directors in 1998.

They were always impressed with how residents worked together to make the town of Westchester a better place. Jean and Matt have both stated how unique in Westchester there is a true sense of community and involvement.

Over the years Conboys has been part of the Westchester community.

They have supported the Westchester Seniors group, the Seniors of Divine Infant and Divine Providence, Westchester Baseball and Softball, sponsored the annual Senior Baseball Outing for 50 years, the D.I. Golf League, IHM and St. Joe's, the Fun Fest, the 4th of July Parade, and were deeply involved in the Chamber of Commerce.

Peter was even President of the Chamber. Many of you will recall that, every year, the last vehicle in the 4th of July Parade is the famous horse-drawn carriage, a signature of the Conboy Family.

What you may not know is the story behind it. Peter saw notice about an auction downstate that had some older funeral implements. He drove down, and saw the carriage. He and another man got into a bidding war. At one point the other man looked at him and said: "Why do you keep bidding up on me?" Peter replied: "The carriage is from 1885 – the year our family opened our first funeral home." He pulled out a business card which says "Est. 1885". The man looked at him and said: "It's yours".

The day-to-day work involves what most people think of as the obvious: Planning a funeral or a memorial. But that is only the beginning. They pre-plan services. They help arrange for everything from the moment of death to after the burial or cremation.

They arrange for flowers, meals, visitations both on and off-site. What they most appreciate is how unique each day is: It is never the same. Conboy's provide services for around 325 funerals and memorials a year. When asked how many services the family has likely done, they guess, at least 20,000! Recently, the Conboy's have expanded their services



Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home on Cermak Road, where generations of the Conboy family have provided compassionate care and trusted service to the Westchester community.



Members of the Conboy family, owners and directors of Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, carry on a four-generation legacy of providing compassionate, respectful care to families in the Westchester community.

with the acquisition of Wolniak Funeral Home (near Midway), Humes Funeral Home (Addison) and Cooney Funeral Home (Park Ridge).

Jean and Matt often reflect on how fortunate they have been—not only to work side by side, but to learn under the guidance of their father. They value the time they spend together, whether in conversation, over lunch, or on the job, and both describe him as their

mentor and guiding influence. Yet they agree that their greatest privilege has been earning the trust of the families they serve. Seeing the relief on a person's face, knowing that their care and dedication have helped ease a difficult moment, and building lasting relationships with families and businesses throughout Westchester—these are what matter most to them.

Conboy's very much celebrates being part of our Westchester com-

munity. And with over 50 years here, they look forward to many more years of serving you, and making a difference when your family faces the loss of a loved one and the grief that comes with that loss.

Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home
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Business Phone: 708-562-5900

Two of the Best Investments You Can Make to Protect Your Valuables

From the desk of Police Chief Daniel Babich

No matter how careful we try to be, there is always a new scam, a new system, or someone out there with a new way to take advantage of people.

Unfortunately, valuables like cash, jewelry, precious metals, foreign currency, and even firearms continue to be targets.

I regularly talk with residents about ways to better secure their homes, and while no system is completely foolproof—especially when dealing with professional thieves—there are two investments that can make a significant difference.

The first is a doorbell camera. These devices provide live video directly to your phone and allow you to see and speak with whoever is at your front door—or even moving around your property—before you open the door.

This gives you an added layer of awareness and control, helping you avoid unwanted or suspicious situations.

Doorbell cameras are especially useful for households with children or for residents who travel frequently.

In addition to deterring crime, they can help prevent package and mail theft and may even assist law enforcement in solving incidents within your neighborhood.

The second recommendation is investing in a high-quality home safe. Not all safes are created equal.

A good safe should be constructed of heavy steel, welded without seams that could be pried apart. For added security, safes can be bolted to the floor or wall—or



As new scams and theft tactics continue to emerge, the Westchester Police Department encourages residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes, including investing in modern security tools and properly securing valuables.

even reinforced with added weight, such as concrete, to prevent removal.

A properly built safe is extremely difficult to break into without specialized tools, such as a cutting torch—which would likely trigger smoke detectors or draw attention before access is gained.

Safes come in a wide range of sizes and price points, allowing homeowners to

choose an option that fits both their needs and budget.

At the end of the day, these types of investments are about peace of mind.

It is far better to take proactive steps to protect your belongings than to deal with the aftermath of a theft.

Personally, I would much rather invest in

the security of my home than risk losing items that can't be replaced.

As always, if you have questions about home safety or would like additional guidance, the Fire Department is here to help.

**Stay safe,
Chief Daniel Babich
Westchester Police Department**

WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Have a Tip?

Residents can share information with the Westchester Police Department by calling the tip line at (708) 345-0060.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous when providing information.





WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Adult Book Discussion

Tue, May 19 | 6:30 PM

Join us to discuss **Speak to Me of Home** by **Jeanine Cummins**, a story of three generations of Puerto Rican women exploring identity, family secrets, and home between PR and the Midwest. Copies are available now at the Circulation Desk.

Library Closed Memorial Day

Monday, May 25 | All Day

The Library will be **closed all day** on **Monday, May 25th** in honor of Memorial Day. Thank you for your understanding.

Native Plant Giveaway

Saturday, May 9th | 10AM - 1PM

Stop by to pick up some free native plants from our very own Prairie Rising! We will have a variety of seedlings available in limited quantities. This is the perfect way to bring all the butterflies to your yard!

Sit and Stitch Group

Wednesday, May 6th | 6 PM

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or any portable handwork project and join fellow crafters for a relaxing craft session at the library. **Registration is required.**

Embroidery Journaling

Thursday, May 14th | 6 PM
Community Room

Stop by to learn this month's embroidery stitch Scroll Stitch, and the Pistil 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: Paper Flower Cards

Monday, May 18th | Adult Department

Stop by the Adult Department to grab a kit to make a card featuring a rolled paper flower bouquet! **While Supplies Last.**

Bable-On with R. F. Kuang

Wednesday, May 20 | 7 PM | ZOOM

R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Academic yet approachable, Kuang's work combines history, magic, and classical literary tradition to render powerful critiques of academia, the publishing industry, and even contemporary popular culture.

Registration is required.

Flower Arranging

Wednesday, May 20th | 2 PM or 6 PM
Community Room

Learn the fundamentals of floral design in this hands-on flower arranging workshop. All materials will be provided, and you'll leave with a fresh floral creation of your own.

Registration is required.

Qigong and Sound Meditation

Saturday, May 16th | 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.**

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 is required.**

Summer Reading

Saturday June 6th- August 1st

Summer Reading is almost here: get ready to Plant a Seed, Read with us! There is a reading club for all ages with fun prizes. Earn entries by reading or listening to books and attending programs! See a librarian for more information.

You Can Brew It: Mead

Wednesday, June 17 | 6 PM | Community Room

Discover the art of home mead making in this introductory program exploring one of the world's oldest fermented beverages! Learn about the history of mead, essential equipment, and basic brewing practices, along with helpful resources for getting started or improving your current batches. Perfect for curious beginners and hobbyists alike who want to learn more about the process of making mead. **Registration is required.**



Looking for Garden Volunteers!

Are you an adult who likes to garden? Would you like to learn more about native plants while you help us care for our pocket prairie? Applications are now open for our new Garden Volunteer Program. Apply online or pick up an application at the Circulation Desk.



Storytime at the Library

Scales and Tales Travelling Zoo

Wednesday, May 13 | 6 PM | Community Room
This one-hour show is hands-on and interactive! Race a giant tortoise, hold baby chicks, meet an armadillo and more! Combining fun and animals with education is what Scales & Tales does best!
Best for PreK - 5th Grade, registration is required.

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Starting June 3rd
Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day!
Best for babies - PreK.

Teen Programs

Teen Volunteer Help

Saturday, May 9th | 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.**

Finals De-Stress Kit

Monday, May 18th | Teen Room
Relax during finals week with a de-stress kit. Includes coloring pages and other self care items to enjoy during the stress of exam season. **Limit one (1) kit per person while supplies last. Best for grades 9 - 12.**

Teen Book Bedazzling!

Tuesday, June 9 | Community Room
Bring in your favorite book to bedazzle! Using gemstones and glue, decorate a book cover the way you want. All supplies included; we will have limited books on hand to decorate if you don't have your own). **Registration required; for teens in grades 6-12.**

Youth Programs

Cut the Cheese! Youth Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department
May is American Cheese Month! Find all 12 types of cheese hidden in the Youth Department, then come to the desk for a prize! Limit one (1) sheet per participant

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.**

Imagination Station

Monday, May 11th | 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.**

Lego Club

Friday, May 15th & 29th | 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.**

Get Loopy: Learn Cursive

Wednesdays | June 3rd - 24th | 4 PM
Learn how to write in cursive in this fun 4-part series, taught by a special guest! This program is intended for kids going into **3rd grade and up.** All supplies will be provided! **Seats are limited; registration required.**

KET CIRCU Pocket Circus: The World's Smallest Circus!



Saturday, June 6th | 11 AM
Community Room

Celebrate the beginning of summer with an energetic circus of two with a blend of magic, acrobatics, juggling, music, and dancing! Fun for the whole family. Pocket Circus is a bilingual show of English and Spanish. All ages are welcome.



2026

YARD SALE

EXTRAVAGANZA!

All proceeds help feed our neighbors!

First Pick Thursday

May 28

8 AM - 3 PM

The best items
come out first!

Freebie Friday

May 29

8 AM - 3 PM

Freebies when you spend
more than \$15

Fill-A-Bag Saturday

May 30

8 AM - NOON

Fill a shopping bag \$5
Fill a box for \$10

Westchester Community Church

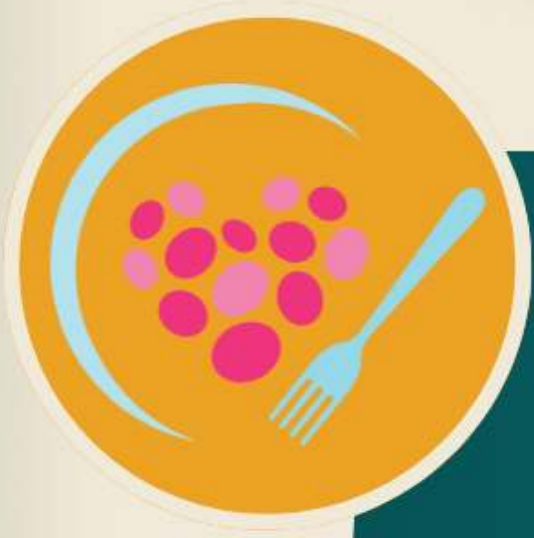
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WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY

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



Village branch collection for May will be the week of the 4th – 8th

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

July's collection will be the week of July 6th – 10th

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, the branches may not be collected.

- 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 (Friday).

- 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. Crews will not come back around once finished, and PW does not take collection requests outside of the schedule below.

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

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

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

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

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.

FRIDAY: Open loads observed during scheduled collections above.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. will occur through the end of December.
S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. –

312-522-1115
sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester

- If your garbage, recycling, and/or yard waste was at the curb by 6am but was not collected by 6pm on your regular day, please call S.B.C. directly to report a missed collection.

- You may place two (2) large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) at the curb every week for collection. Please call S.B.C. directly to inform them of large items.

- S.B.C. will collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste), at no additional charge, including household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals.

This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions

From April 1 through November 30, parking restrictions are in effect to support **street maintenance** activities.

Please check posted street signs carefully—it is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle parked during designated weekday hours on streets marked for maintenance. These restrictions help ensure our streets stay clean and well-maintained.

These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm as designated by posted signage. 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.

National Drinking Water Week: May 3rd – May 9th

Drinking Water Week is an annual observance in May sponsored by the American Water Works Association to recognize the critical role drinking



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

National Public Works Week: May 17th – May 23rd

APWA is proud to announce the theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" for the 2026 National Public Works Week poster.

The roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Some work—like building roads and bridges—is highly visible, while other public works contributions—like maintaining water and sewer systems—are sometimes hidden from view.

Together, these efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, reminding us that every project, seen or unseen, powers the connection between service

and the people it supports.

The theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" reminds us that public works professionals are motivated to serve the communities that they love and that power them to always do their best.

Whether serving as first responders, responding to electricity outages, providing regular waste pickup, or making roads and sidewalks passable after a winter weather event, public works puts service at the forefront for their community.

2026 Construction News

- **Spring Concrete Restoration** will occur at areas that were disturbed since last October by Public Works.

- **Water Main Improvements and LSL**
 - Sunnyside from Windsor to Wakefield followed by street paving
 - Portsmouth from Gladstone to Roosevelt followed by In-House street paving in 2027

- **Street Reconstruction** will occur on Stratford from the Cul-de-sac to Wakefield, and on Wakefield from Stratford to Sunnyside.

- **Green Alley Reconstruction** will occur just south of Roosevelt from Heidorn to Haase.

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.

2026 Utility Rate Update – Effective July 1

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Thursday, May 21st

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

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The Wilds of Westchester

By: **Alexandra Silva**
GROW Commissioner
M.S. Ecology & Evolution

It's 3:00 a.m. and this article is late. I mean, days late. I've been suffering from a case of writer's block, or rather choice paralysis. Do I write about the queen bumblebee, of indeterminate species, that visited my lilac bush yesterday?

The one that, months earlier, found a soil cavity underground within which to hibernate for months, alone and brooding a batch of young? Or should I write about the sandhill cranes that flew over Westchester in droves just last month?

The ones that ventured north from Tennessee and Louisiana on their way to Minnesota and Canada? One could mistake them for a distant flock of geese if not for their peculiar (and loud!) bugles.

I turn to peer out my front window and am startled by a hulking figure

on my front lawn. My heartbeat indicates I'm being chased by a character from a horror movie, but none of my cats seem bothered. With one cat under my arm, I brave a closer look and find I'm staring at two adult Bambis chowing down near our sapling oak tree. The deer are hulking and I'm intrigued:

Why my lawn? Could it be the plethora of dandelions that have brought little spots of sunshine to my yard? Or the purple clover that is slowly edging out blades of grass? Or, is it the grass itself? It's too dark to tell, but I find myself proud to have provided a meal for one of the wondrous beasts that Disney used to inspire me as a young child.

And voilà, we have a topic: Food.

Everybody needs it, but for some, it has become scarce. Let's take monarch butterflies, for instance, the caterpillars of which feed only on milkweed that has become less and less common over the past several decades, largely due to pesticide use and a cultural drive to create manicured landscapes.

Now an icon of conservation, the monarch and its food source are re-

ceiving a renewed sense of focus that is visible in yards across Westchester.

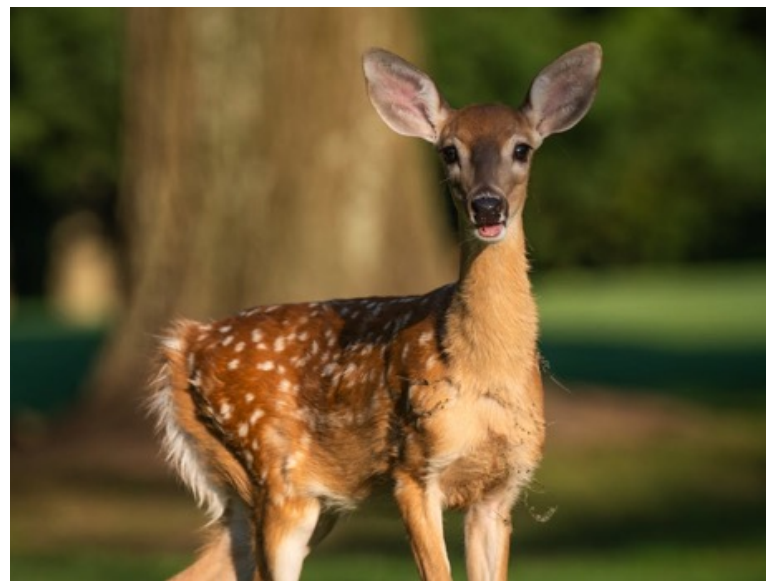
But the same cannot be said for the other 150+ species of butterfly that call Illinois home, or their food sources. Even our woodland species, like deer, are having a more difficult time accessing spaces to forage, because the woods themselves are being crowded out by invasive buckthorn.

Have you noticed the dense brush along the edges of the forest preserve? That's buckthorn, escaped from people's yards, that is creating an impenetrable landscape.

Don't get me wrong, I will be sad to find that the deer may have munched down the early buds of my front yard plants, but I will still take solace knowing that what they ate in my yard was as healthy as it can get. Energetically speaking, organisms lose 90% of what they consume through the process of cellular respiration that fuels their bodies.

This leaves approximately 10% to be retained as biomass, or the organism's live weight. In the world of ecology, this means that only 10% of a lower trophic level is available to the next trophic level when consumed. You must take these percentages as an approximation, but the result is the same: Energy is lost as one moves up the food chain, therefore there is less energy available to higher level consumers (think: omnivores and predators).

As these organisms consume matter, they tend to retain any fat-soluble, persistent organic pollutants to which they are exposed.



A young white-tailed deer.

This means that if the deer feeding off my lawn, or the bumblebee sipping nectar from the lilac, were to ingest a fat-soluble pesticide or herbicide, those components could build up, or accumulate, within their system over their lifetime. Ecologists refer to this as bioaccumulation.

Now, should the deer or the bee be consumed by another organism, then that organism will ingest and likely retain much of that chemical.

That predator, of course, does not just eat a single bumblebee or deer. Instead, it consumes many of them, and other organisms, in order to account for the 90% of energy it loses to metabolic processes.

As a result, across the consumer's lifetime, the concentration of toxin increases beyond that of its prey. This leads to biomagnification, or the increase in concentration of toxins up the food chain.

It is this premise that endangered the bald eagle given its repeated exposure to DDT, a pesticide that increased in concentration as it moved up the food chain and ultimately resulted in thinned egg shells that could not support the weight of brooding parents.

In the wilds of Westchester, this can manifest in many ways, from the owls or foxes who are poisoned by eating rodenticide-laced prey to the immuno-compromised bird who ate one too many caterpillars off an insecticide-treated shrub.

It's 7:45am now and I must be off to work, but first I encourage you: This summer, take a pause before using pesticides, herbicides, or rodenticides to consider alternative methods or how it can be deployed in a targeted and sparing fashion, lest Babmi, Friend Owl, or your neighborhood bumblebees bear the consequence.

Green Fact of the Month

In 1820, Illinois had 22 million acres of prairie land mainly found in the northern two-thirds of the state. By 1978, less than 2,300 acres remained and Westchester has 82 acres of prairie land called the Wolf Road Prairie.

This prairie is home to more than 360 native plant species. See Forest Preserves of Cook County at fpdcc.com and Illinois Department of Natural Resources at dnr.illinois.gov.

Recipe of the Month

• This recipe works well for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Want to leave out the potato crust? No problem, this recipe will still turn out great removing that step.
 • **Enjoy!**

• Hashbrowns, Spinach and Tomato Pie

• Ingredients

- 2 cups Ore-Ida Shredded Hash Brown Potatoes, thawed
- 1 cup part-skim shredded mozzarella cheese, divided (or leave out to limit dairy)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- 3 to 4 cups packed fresh baby spinach

- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup milk (try a plant-based option like oat or almond)
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg, or to taste
- salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste

• Instructions

- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Spray a 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray; press down the Shredded Hash Brown Potatoes into the pie plate.
- Bake for 9 minutes; remove from oven top with 1/2-cup shredded mozzarella and set aside.
- Heat olive oil in a skillet. Add garlic and cook and stir for 20 seconds.
- Stir in the tomatoes and continue to cook for 30 seconds.
- Mix in the spinach and cook for 2 more

- minutes or until wilted, stirring frequently.
- Remove from heat and spread over the hashbrowns.
- In a mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, nutmeg, salt and pepper; whisk until thoroughly combined. Pour it over the spinach and tomatoes.
- Sprinkle the remaining shredded mozzarella over the pie.
- Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until top is golden brown.
- Let cool for 10 minutes before cutting.
- Serve.

Source: www.diethood.com

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A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful Spring Break. As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our schools are filled with activity, from athletics and events to end-of-year celebrations. Our focus remains on supporting every student so they finish the year successfully and with confidence.

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 opened **March 2, 2026**. Registration is 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.
- **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.

Enrollment is contingent upon residency as of the first day of school. Families who move outside District boundaries after registering must enroll in their new district per state law. If your child will **not** be returning to District 92½, please notify us so we can adjust enrollment projections.

To qualify for the **Early Bird registration rate**, registration must be **completed by June 5, 2026**, including acceptance of online registration status and payment of all current and past-due fees.

Families requesting **bus transportation** must complete a Request for Transportation Form available on the District website (www.sd925.org under the Registration tab). Transportation will not be provided unless registration, payment, and the transportation form are completed by **July 31, 2026**.

For registration questions, please contact your school:

- **WPS:** wpsreg@sd925.org
- **WIS:** wisreg@sd925.org
- **WMS:** wmsreg@sd925.org

Additional information is available at www.sd925.org under the **Registration** tab. Families needing translation assistance may contact the emails above.

Thank you for your patience and continued partnership as we implement this new process.

Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent

Westchester Primary School

In April, WPS students were challenged to be a good friend. Students that were caught being extra kind to friends were recognized by staff. After spring break, routines were retaught to build our school culture. Consistent reminders and reflection of Dolphin Pride keep our students safe, happy, and learning!

Our WPS Showcase was held on April 9th! The Westchester Primary School kindergarten, first-graders, and second graders gave live musical performances, showcased their artwork and STAEAM projects, and showcased their writing research for all to see. Kindergarten and first grade students researched their favorite animal, and the second graders researched events from various decades. The WPS Showcase of Learning was a fantastic success to celebrate spring learning!

The WPTC/WPS Spring Book Fair event held in April was also successful! The Scholastic Spring Book Fair at WPS provides our school with funds to purchase books and resources to support all student learning. Also, our annual WPTC Parents and Pastries event was a great success with many families beginning their day together at WPS with a treat while being able to browse the Spring Bookfair.

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

As the school year is coming to an end, WPS continues to engage students in learning and several special activities/celebrations. We will host the 92 ½ Jazz Band. Their music and talent is unparalleled, and they inspired our students to be musicians. Our students are currently reflecting on their year-long growth in learning to prepare for our fabulous grade-level Victory Day celebrations. Additionally, Kindergarteners and first-graders are taking a field trip to the Brookfield Zoo, the wonderful WPTC will sponsor our Second Grade Celebration, and Field Day is fast approaching.

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2026 Westchester Aging Well Neighborhood Events

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| June 10 - BINGO! | November 11 - Wellness Topic |
| | December 9 - Holiday Party |

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Events held at:
Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154

All event times are 11:00am - 1:00pm

Westchester Intermediate School

We have many things to celebrate as we move into the last part of our school year. Our 5th Graders tackled the Illinois Science Assessment. All our grades were able to go on field trips this past month. Third went to the Brookfield Zoo, Fourth headed over to the Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College, and Fifth visited Naper Settlement. They were very fun and educational for our students.

Our Spring Chorus concert with Mr. Holliday was amazing. The students have grown a great deal from the Winter Concert. We hosted our Fine Arts fest. We still have the Second Grade tour, parent night, and Spring Band Concert coming up. We are looking forward to seeing our families here for those events as well.

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

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

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 March Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Benjamin Palomino and Jaylah Perez, 7th Grade: Tanya Acosta and Alexa Castellanos, 8th Grade: Keylin Garcia Pineda and Hope Voegtle. 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.



Westchester Middle School

WMS Math Team Takes 1st Place Overall at the PMSA Math Contest! Congratulations to our math team, who earned 1st place overall at the PMSA Math Contest! Our students did an outstanding job representing our school and demonstrating their problem-solving skills. This award is the result of sustained effort from our students, supported every step of the way by their parents and the dedicated teachers and specialists who have helped them grow over the years.

Individual Awards

Amelia Szymaszek – **1st Place, 8th Grade**
Matthew Dattalo – **2nd Place, 8th Grade**
Ralfy Gonzalez – **2nd Place, 7th Grade**
Emilia Wiktorzak – **3rd Place, 7th Grade**

Team Competition

Karina Guerrero & Matthew Dattalo – **1st Place, 8th Grade**
Amelia Szymaszek & Mia Del Real – **2nd Place, 8th Grade**
Ralfy Gonzalez & Emilia Wiktorzak – **2nd Place, 7th Grade**
Anna Romero Aranibar & Kaya Szymaszek – **3rd Place, 6th Grade**

Joint Competition

Karina Guerrero & Matthew Dattalo – **3rd Place, 8th Grade**
Dez Gallardo – **2nd Place, 6th Grade**

Math Team members include: **Christopher Reiff, Karina Guerrero, Mia Del Real, Amelia Szymaszek, Matthew Dattalo, Ralfy Gonzalez, Emilia Wiktorzak, Dylan Creamer, Anna Romero Aranibar, Kaya Szymaszek, Dez Gallardo, and Gabe Pradas.** Also, congratulations to our coaches, Amanda McMahon and Anna McKenzie



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. 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.



We are nearing the end of this wonderful school year!

Your support throughout the year has been instrumental. We have a few more fun events to round out the year such as 2nd and 5th grade celebrations, 8th grade dinner and year-end dance, plus Field Days at all schools!

Please keep an eye out for those events and volunteer opportunities!

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

May holds Teacher Appreciation week that we celebrate May 4-8. Please help us show appreciation for all that this district's wonderful teachers and staff do throughout the year for our children!

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

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

WPS had their Spring Book Fair along with their open house.

Both events were truly enjoyed.

WIS had their spring book fair as well, along with their spring concert and Talent Show! As always, we thank you for your continued support! **We are looking forward to a fun May!**

Important Dates:

May 6: WPTC Meeting, 6pm WIS Cafeteria

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 26: WPS/WMS Field Day

May 27: WIS Field Day

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

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

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year's location has been posted online and mapped for residents to be aware of what locations they will be working in.


It must be noted, that Com-Ed personnel will never request to

enter your house for this matter. If you have any concerns about any utility that is requesting access to your home, contact 9-1-1 immediately and they will verify their identity.

Our **public works** staff have resumed **monthly branch pickups**. On the first full working week of each month between April and November, brush, branches tree limbs can be placed out front for pickup.

Also, **SBC** does collect **yard waste** that is bagged or containerized with a "Yard Waste" sticker attached to the can. Stickers are free at village hall if needed.

Visit the website for more information on how to prepare your branches and waste that are picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day.



Join the GROW Ecological Commission for a tour of

Sustain DuPage

on Saturday, July 18 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

We'll tour their garden and restoration site while learning about Sustain DuPage's sustainability philosophy, community of volunteers, and initiatives like seed sharing, food security, and habitat restoration.

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Limited to 20 participants. To reserve your spot or learn more, email: kroberg@westchester-il.gov



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May 2026

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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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Clerk

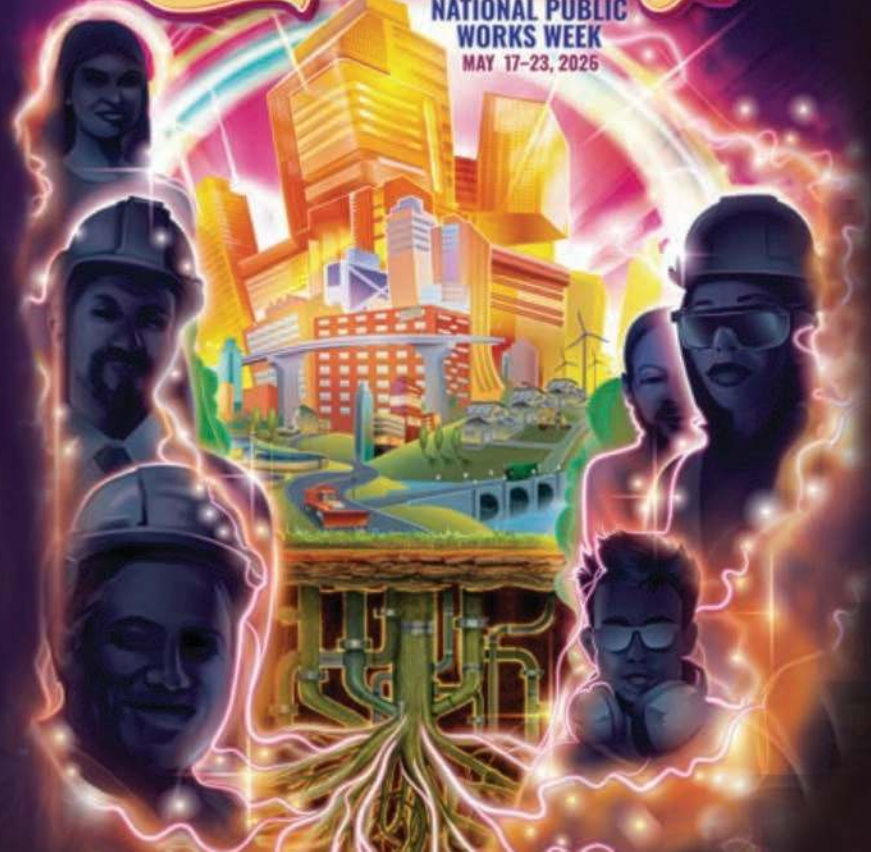
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MAY 17-23, 2025



VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER PRESENTS

2026
Juneteenth

CELEBRATIONS



June 19

**FREEDOM WALK
& FLAG-RAISING
CEREMONY**



June 20

**COMMUNITY
BLOCK
PARTY**

*community * culture * reflection * celebration*

EVENT DETAILS + VENDOR/SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

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ENCORE PRESENTATION:

Patricia Reaves

Staffordshire China on the Prairie

Sunday – May 31, 2026

1 to 3 pm

Wolf Road Prairie House

11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester





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Aging Care Connections' mission is "to enrich the quality of life in our community by providing older adults and their families with guidance and support that enhances the ability to age well."

Adult Protective Services: We receive and investigate reports of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of older adults (60+) and disabled adults (18+).

Aging Well Neighborhood: Uniting older adults, businesses, and services for lifelong wellness, home aging support, chronic condition management, health education, and an age-friendly community.

Benefits Assistance: Trained staff and volunteers help older adults access entitled benefits and services.

Caregiver Support: Offering counseling, support groups, and respite care for those caring for older adults.

Chore Housekeeping: A monthly/bi-monthly program to assist with personal care and housekeeping tasks that can also help to meet necessary transportation needs.

Comprehensive Care Coordination: Aging specialists offer in-home assessment, service linkages, care planning, and ongoing monitoring to support older adults and families.

Congregate Meals: Socialization and nutritious meals for older adults (60+) in a congregate setting, for a suggested donation.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Support groups, counseling, education, and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren.



Housing Assistance: Person-centered services to preserve housing and prevent homelessness for older adults.

Home Repair: Minor repairs and modifications for older individuals to stay at home safely and comfortably.

Information and Assistance: We provide comprehensive info about local, state & federal resources essential to older adults & their family.

Options Counseling: Long-term care education, decision support, and assistance with enrolling in public programs.

Senior Opportunities and Services: Designed to meet the needs of older at-risk individuals through referral to existing health, employment, housing, legal, consumer, transportation, mental health and other services.

Special Diet Home Delivered Meals: We assess and provide meals to homebound older adults who are unable to prepare meals or require a special diet.

Transitional Care: Linkages and expedited support for clients returning home from healthcare facilities, helping prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Transportation Assistance: We connect older adults to transportation services that meet their needs and are appropriate for their limitations.

Would you like more information? Visit our website at www.agingcareconnections.org or call us at 708-354-1323

Anti-Discrimination Statement

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

Aging Care Connections

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GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP

LET'S BLOOM TOGETHER!

It's a Date!

8TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 9th

9am-12pm

Corner of Cermak and Mannheim

Come get all your veggies, flowers, and herbs, to beautify your gardens and dinner table this summer! Plants are just \$5 each and all proceeds benefit the Westchester Food Pantry!

Head to the events page on our website and add it to your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!

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VILLAGE OF
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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

While there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the event, you can also submit them in advance on our website:

www.westchester-il.gov

