



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

**July 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Inspiration**
  - a. D. Scott
  - b. Next Month:
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Public Participation** - In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.
6. **Review of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of 6-2-22 minutes
7. **New Business**
  - a. *Discussion:* Recycling Change and Waste Management educational event on recycling
  - b. *Discussion:* Tree City USA - Tree Board formation
  - c. *Discussion:* Liz/Nicole - C4 Memo Of Understanding (MOU) & Proposed Municipal Endorsement - "Climate Action Plan Template Resolution for Municipalities"
  - d. *Discussion:* Plastic Free July - Best practices to share on Go Green Westchester FB
  - e. *Discussion:* Commissioner Leads/Interests
  - f. *Community Outreach:* GROW presence at businesses / table set-up / environmental education QR
8. **Old Business**
  - a. *Status* - Open Meeting Act Due w/i 90 days - OMA Training, all commissioners
  - b. *Opportunity:* Liz/Evie - For Village to apply for participation in Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Solar Clearinghouse (end date for application 8/31/22)
  - c. *Discussion:* Matt - Citizens for Conservation - Native Plants for Seeds (seed saving expectation)
  - d. *Continuous Discussion:* Tree Canopy Replenishment
    - i. **Education on trees and natives, donut, not volcano**
    - ii. IDNR – grants to hire for a tree inventory, and other opportunities for planting funding.
      1. Canopy Counts – (<https://chicagorti.org/program/canopy-counts/>)
      2. <https://www.itreetools.org/>
      3. <https://treeequityscore.org>
  - e. *Continuous Discussion:* "Conservation at Home" Val Kehoe
    - i. <https://fpdcc.com/nature/conservationathome/>

- ii. School Application available  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23073>
- iii. Field Trips: <https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-MDF-Programs.pdf>
- iv. <https://illinoisgreenalliance.org/illinois-green-schools-project/> "The Illinois Green Schools Project brings together students, teachers, and staff to collaborate in a year-long project-based challenge to devise and implement creative no-to low-cost sustainable practices." Late summer is when it looks like the application opens back up again.
- v. Continuous *Discussion*: Continuum of iNaturalist Event "Everyday Is A Nature Day" - WRP, Park District, Library, Public Works, Resources & Community
- f. Waste Management Expectations
  - i. Evie - Copy of Contract on radar
- g. Continuous *Discussion*: Healthy Waterways w/MWRD
- h. Budgeted Items
  - i. #1 – Obtain scoring of MMC-GRC from the Village
  - ii. #2 – 1 hour per month with Scott Russell or designee Steve Crowley
  - iii. #3 — \$1,500 for GROW booth materials at community outreach events.
  - iv. #4 – T-shirts for commission members
  - v. Additional funding opportunities: Proviso Township,
- i. Quarterly Report - Due April
  - i. "forthcoming"
- j. Call for Agenda Items 7 - 10 days prior to next meeting – All

**9. Information Only** (*GROW Upcoming Meetings: 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3 & 12/1*)

**a. 2022 Goal & Priority: Community Outreach & Engagement**

**b. Events**

- i. Environmental/Educational Events
  - 1. Upcoming Events:
    - a. 7/11 Plan and Zoning St. Joes meeting
    - b. 7/23 GGG Garden Walk @ 9a-1p
    - c. 8/27 & 8/28 @ 9am *Opportunity*: Liz - Grow Solar Power Hour by Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and MW Renewable Energy Association (MREA)
    - d. 9/17 *Update*: LeeAnn - Community-Wide Yard Sale
    - e. *Update*: Diane - House Rep. Ann Williams, Energy&Enviro Committee
    - f. MWRD, Ann Williams, Lydia Scott, Val Kehoe, FPDCC, Library, Park District, Proviso Township,
  - 2. Past Events:
    - a. 5/14 GGG Plant Sale - Raised 54% more than last year @ \$2,412 for Pantry
    - b. 6/9 @ 6p HighRidge Park Public Input Meeting/Improvements/Vote on Favs
    - c. 6/16 @ 12:30p - Library West Prairie Ribbon Cutting Event
    - d. 7/4 @ 10am - Fourth of July Parade
    - e. Compost Week May 1 – 7, 2022 (ICAW)
      - i. <https://www.compostfoundation.org/Educa.../Compost-Resources>

**c. Monthly Newsletter (DUE 15th of prior month)**

- i. July - (Lee/Nicole) Conservation @ Home
- ii. August - (Liz) Solar
- iii. September -
- iv. October -

- v. November -
- vi. December -
- d. Park District Meetings @ 7pm**
  - i. 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/12
- e. Village Board Meetings @ 6pm**
  - i. 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/13&12/27
- f. Economic Development Committee @ 7:30am**
  - i. 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/12
- g. Library @ 7pm - CoW 2nd Monday / Reg 4th Monday (Dec 3rd Monday)**
  - i. To attend virtually contact Library Director Fidencio Marbella at [fidenciom@westchesterpl.org](mailto:fidenciom@westchesterpl.org) / 708-562-3573
- h. Grassroots Garden Group Meetings @ 6:30pm**
  - i. 7/25, 8/29, 9/26 & 10/24
- i. Commissioner Leads (Liaison to engage both sides and needs)**
  - i. Public Works
  - ii. MWRD -
  - iii. Plan & Zoning-
  - iv. Retail/Industrial-
  - v. Park District-
  - vi. Library -
  - vii. Westchester Schools Dist. 92.5-
  - viii. High School Dist. 209-
  - ix. Wolf Road Prairie-
  - x. IL Extension -
  - xi. FPDCC -
  - xii. MMC EC - Liz
  - xiii. FEMA CRS -
  - xiv. Waste Management-
  - xv. EDC -
- j. Future Content/Engagement/QR Codes**

## 10. Adjournment

The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Any one who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.