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WESTCHESTER

YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING IN WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS

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Welcome to **WESTCHESTER!**

On behalf of the Village of Westchester and the Village Board, we are delighted that you have decided to call our community home! Here, you get the best of both worlds. Our residents value the peaceful, close-knit community and family-friendly environment Westchester provides while also enjoying the proximity to the cultural and architectural marvel of downtown Chicago just 15 miles away.

I invite you to learn more about what the Village of Westchester has to offer so you can benefit from all of our services, events, and regulations. Within this publication, you will find key information about our Village government, utility billing, and much more! While this guide provides a solid overview of the Village, I highly encourage you to stay connected with us and receive ongoing news and updates by utilizing the communication options described within this guide.

Thank you for being a part of our community!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Greg Hribal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Greg Hribal
Village President



WESTCHESTER

History

The Village of Westchester is located in Cook County, Illinois, 13 miles west of the Chicago Loop. Except for a handful of old farmhouses scattered throughout the Village and a few streets named after German farmers who once owned the land, little remains of the nearly 150-year history of farming in the area that became Westchester. The Village name, the vast majority of street names, and a few homes built in the 1920s provide clues to the founders' plans for a model English-style town, which was thwarted by the Great Depression.

Plans for the Village of Westchester began when utilities tycoon Samuel Insull and associates purchased approximately 2,200 acres of farmland in 1924. A native of London, Insull wanted the new suburb to be a model English town. The planned extension of the Garfield Park rapid transit line from Chicago made this location ideal for suburban development. Westchester incorporated in 1926. Several real estate developers directed the construction of paved streets, sidewalks, sewers, and street lamps, plus the laying of water mains and the planting of parkway trees. The all-English street names chosen by Insull and the construction of houses and apartments of brick, stucco, and hand-hewn timbers set Westchester apart from many other Chicago suburbs. Completion of the rapid transit line to 12th St. (Roosevelt Road) in 1926 and to 22nd St. (Cermak Road) in 1930 enabled prospective buyers to view properties in Westchester.

Construction came to a halt in the 1930s as many properties were tied up in contract and tax delinquencies. The clearing of these delinquent properties after World War II initially caused construction here to lag behind other nearby suburbs. Westchester's biggest gain in population occurred between 1950 and 1960 as the village grew from 4,308 to 18,092, and the few English-style houses that had been built before the Depression were surrounded by Georgians, ranches, and split-levels. With the removal of the rapid transit line and the building of expressways in the 1950s, transportation in the postwar era shifted its focus. Westchester's proximity to the Eisenhower Expressway (Westchester's northern boundary) and to the Tri-State toll-road (near the village's western boundary) became increasingly important to Village residents.

In the 1980s, some of the remaining farmland became the Westbrook Corporate Center, a cluster of five 10-story office buildings near Cermak Road (22nd Street) and Wolf Road. This expanded the commercial tax base of the almost entirely residential village. Residential construction south of the Westbrook development in the 1990s has used up all but one tract of open land within the Village—the 85-acre Wolf Road Prairie, which has been spared development, largely through the efforts of the Save the Prairie Society, active in Westchester since 1975. An Illinois State Nature Preserve, this prairie is but a small, rare remnant of the vast prairies that once covered much of Illinois.

STAYING

Connected



Village Website

WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG



The Village consistently updates its website which features a ton of useful information including:

- Meetings: View agendas, packets, minutes, live meetings, and recorded videos of Village Board meetings.
- Events & Activities: Check out the calendar to see what the Village, Park District, and other local entities are up to.
- Report a Concern: Fill out the contact form to ask a question, report a concern, or request a service from any of our Departments.



Village E-News



SIGN UP ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE HOMEPAGE WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG

Get the latest news, event details, and other important information from the Village delivered straight to your inbox every week!



Village Facebook Page

FACEBOOK.COM/VILLAGEOFWESTCHESTER



The Village maintains an active social media presence on its official Facebook page. Please follow the page to see construction updates, upcoming events, and other important news.



CodeRED



[SIGN UP ON WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG UNDER THE "HOW DO I" TAB](http://SIGN UP ON WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG UNDER THE 'HOW DO I' TAB)

The Village utilizes CodeRED, a web-based critical communication solution that enables local public safety personnel to notify residents and businesses by telephone, text message, email, and social media of time-sensitive information, emergencies, or urgent notifications.



Village Newsletter



The Village publishes and delivers a monthly newsletter to all residents and businesses in Westchester which provides information and news from the Village as well as other local entities and businesses.

VILLAGE BOARD

& Commissions

Meetings

VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Village Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Board Room of Village Hall at 6:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings directly follow Village Board meetings.

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

The Board of Fire and Police Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Board Room of Village Hall at 6:00 pm.

ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION

Green Residents of Westchester (GROW) meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Community Room of Village Hall at 6:30 pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee typically meets on the second Monday of each month in the Community Room of Village Hall. Meeting notices with exact dates and times are posted on the Village website.

BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY

The Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Board Room of the Village of Broadview located at 2550 25th Avenue, Broadview Illinois at 10:00 am.

The Village Board consists of the Village President, Village Clerk, and six Trustees.



Greg Hribal
Village President



Sophia Collins
Village Clerk



Gia Marie Benline
Trustee



Peter Marzano
Trustee



Robert Morales
Trustee



Evie Slavic
Trustee



Victoria M. Vann
Trustee



Nick Steker
Trustee

UTILITIES

Water & Sewer

Water and sewer services are provided by the Village of Westchester. Residents are billed bi-monthly for water and sewer usage and garbage collection. Water and sewer usage is billed per 1,000 gallons. Residents 65 years of age and older qualify for a discounted rate for garbage service. To apply for the rate, call Village Hall at **(708) 345-0020**.

Ways to Pay Your Utility Bill:

- Pay in person, by mail, or drop off in front of Village Hall in the white box outside labeled "Village payment only."
- Set up automatic debit payment from your checking or savings account by completing the application form found on our website. Submit the completed application along with a voided check in person or by mail to Village Hall.
- Utilize E-Pay services to pay online. Click on the "Online Payments" tab on our website homepage, then click "Water/Rubbish/Sewer Bill" and enter your 11-digit account number.

For further questions, concerns, or to request a shut-off, please reach out to our utility billing representatives by email at utility@westchester-il.org

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage and recycling is picked up by SBC Waste Solutions from curbs and alleys once a week. To view the pickup schedule, visit www.westchester-il.org/garbageprogram. When a scheduled pickup falls on a holiday, collection may be delayed a day. Please refer to the Village Newsletter for schedule changes.

SBC also collects electronics, household hazardous waste, yard waste, and compost. For all service questions, please contact SBC directly by phone at **(312) 522-1115**, by email at westchester@sbcwastesolutions.com, or visit them at www.sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester.

Electricity & Gas

ComEd is the Village's electric service provider. To set up new service with ComEd, please call them at **1(800) EDISON-1** or visit comed.com.

Nicor is the Village's gas provider. To set up new service with Nicor, please call them at **(888) 642-6748** or visit nicorgas.com

Cable & Internet

Comcast and AT&T provide service in our area. To set up Comcast service, please call them at **(866) 594-1234** or visit xfinity.com. For AT&T, please call them at **(888) 611-4466** or visit att.com.



IMPORTANT

Places

Village Hall & Westchester Police Department



**10300 W ROOSEVELT ROAD
WESTCHESTER IL 60154**

**VILLAGE HALL
(708) 345-0020**

**WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
(708) 345-0060**

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911



Westchester Fire Department



**10240 W ROOSEVELT ROAD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708) 345-0433**

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911



click icons
for website

Westchester Public Library



**10700 CANTERBURY STREET
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708) 562-3573**



Westchester Park District



**COMMUNITY CENTER
10201 BOND STREET
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708) 865-8200**

**MAYFAIR RECREATION CENTER
10835 WAKEFIELD STREET
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708) 562-6410**



Westchester Food Pantry



**1938 S MANNHEIM ROAD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708) 927-4826**



Seniors Only DMV Facility



**10300 W ROOSEVELT ROAD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(LOCATED INSIDE VILLAGE HALL)
(800) 252-8980 OPTION 2**



PERMIT

Information

Permits are required when:

Permits issued by the Village are required when you erect, construct, alter, enlarge, or move any building or structure on your property including (but not limited to):

- Additions, Remodels, and Demolitions
- Installation and/or Alterations of Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical Systems
- Roofs, Tuckpointing, Siding, and Gutters
- Windows
- Fences
- Pools & Hot Tubs
- Sheds
- Solar Panels
- Concrete/Asphalt
- Dumpster/Container



Building Codes that must be followed during permitted work can be found in Title 14 of the Village Municipal Code which can be accessed under the "I'm looking for" tab on the Village website homepage, or by clicking [here](#).

Permit cards and Village approved plans must be on site at all times.

Permits are not required when:

Permits are not required for the following work:

- Painting
- Replacement of flooring
- Ordinary repair work incidental to the upkeep of a building or structure

Permit Applications

Permit Applications are available in-person at the Building Department and on the [Village website](#).

Permit Applications may be submitted in-person at the Building Department or via email at Building@westchester-il.gov.

Please review the entire Permit Application to ensure all proper paperwork and requested documents are submitted. **All work must be performed by contractors registered with the Village of Westchester.** A list of all registered contractors is available at the Building Department and on the [Village website](#).

**If you have any questions related to building codes and/or permits,
please call the Building Department at (708) 345-0199.**

We're happy to assist!

VILLAGE

Ordinances

If you have any questions related to Village Ordinances or would like to report a possible Code violation, please call the Building Department at (708) 345-0199. Residents should review the Village of Westchester's Municipal Code which can be accessed on the [Village website](#). Here are a few ordinances to keep in mind:



Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers are required and may be purchased at any time throughout the year. They are valid for one year; stickers can be purchased from March 1 through April 30. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30th will have an increased fee.

Vehicle stickers must be purchased for all vehicles housed in Westchester, as well as for all vehicles that are registered through the State of Illinois with a Westchester address. For example, vehicles that may be used at a second residence that are registered to their Westchester address are required to have a Westchester vehicle sticker. All vehicles on Pelham St and Gardner Rd require an additional "P" Parking Sticker, at no additional cost. Please visit the Village website for more information on vehicle sticker fees.



Parking

Parking on Village streets during snow removal:

Between December 1st and March 31st, after a two-inch snowfall, except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, on odd-numbered sides of the street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays until said snow has been removed.

Parking on Village streets during street maintenance:

Between April 1st and November 30th, except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, during certain weekdays on streets designated by the village for street maintenance as indicated by signs posted by the village.



Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are required. Every person who owns or keeps a dog within the limits of the Village shall report to the Village Clerk annually, on or before the first day of January of each year, his or her name and address, and shall give the name, breed, color and sex of each and every dog kept by such person within the Village, and shall present for the scrutiny of the Village Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian indicating that the dog has been inoculated for rabies within one year previous to the date of application for license. There is no cost for a dog license.

Other Important Village Codes

- Grass/weeds cannot be higher than eight inches
- No vehicle may be parked on grass or unpaved areas
- Items/garbage cannot be left on parkway indefinitely
- Garbage containers must be covered
- Garbage containers cannot be left out past garbage day
- Junk/debris cannot accumulate on your property
- Gutters cannot be placed in a manner as to create a nuisance to neighboring properties from drainage/runoff
- Street address numbers must be identified on property

PROVISO TOWNSHIP

Information & Services

The Village of Westchester is located within Proviso Township. The Township offers a variety of services to residents. For more information, please contact Proviso Township directly at (708) 449-4300 or visit their website provisotownship.com



Assessor's Office

The Proviso Township Assessor offers a variety of services, including assistance with property tax forms, notary, and home bound seniors.



Clerk's Office

The Proviso Township Clerk is the custodian of public records for Proviso Township. Birth and death records and election services are a few of the items available through the Clerk's office.



Senior Services

Proviso Township offers a variety of senior services including free rides to doctors appointments, blood pressure testing, wheelchair loans, benefits and tax assistance, and much more. Handyman services are available to residents who are 60 years of age or older as well as disabled residents for a fee of \$5.00 per visit plus the cost of parts if needed.



*We're so glad
you're here!*

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