



Village of Westchester

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

On December 29, 2023, I signed an Executive Order to outline a policy regarding unscheduled intercity buses entering the Village of Westchester. The Village Board then took a formal vote on an Ordinance regarding the same policy on January 9, 2024, and it passed unanimously. The Village is making every effort to ensure that migrants who are arriving in Illinois are taken to the designated transition centers that the City of Chicago has been using to provide the appropriate services to these individuals.

A short update on West40: West40 is in the process of filing their required zoning relief to the Village of Westchester for use of the St. Joseph High School property. The Planning and Zoning Committee will hold public hearings soon to review their requested zoning change. Once a hearing date is scheduled, the notice will be posted to the Village of Westchester website.

The Village recently hired two police patrol officers and three paramedic firefighters. Firefighter paramedics Carlos Ward and Reilly Curran graduated from the fire academy and are now on shift. Firefighter paramedic Mark Krueger has started the Fire Academy, and officers Erick McCord and Jose Rodriguez have started the police academy. Congratulations to all of them, we wish the best of luck to them during their training and careers.

The Westchester Fire Department, in cooperation with several neighboring fire departments, participated in a joint grant involving nine agencies for public safety radios to enhance the communication between both the fire and police department personnel. The Broadview Fire Department formally applied for the grant on behalf of the group and secured grant funding for Westchester in the amount of \$140,423.31. Thank you, Acting Chief Matthew Martin of the Broadview Fire Department for all the work you put into securing these funds for Westchester.

The Water Meter Replacement Project is nearing completion, and I again thank residents for all their cooperation. One of the secondary parts of

this project was to identify homes that still have lead water lines connected to their homes. In the summer of 2024, the Village of Westchester will have information on our website for homeowners to view related to the lead pipes. We currently have identified over 900 homes that have lead service lines coming from the buffalo box in the parkway to the meter. All this information will be used to prepare the Village's financial path to remediating all the lead lines and begin the process of applying for state and federal assistance.

I hope everyone was able to stay warm during the bitter cold a few weeks ago. We experienced the first substantial snowfall of the season last month, and I would like to thank residents for adhering to the parking restrictions in place which allow Public Works to keep the roadways clear and safely salted. If you need a reminder, please review the signage on the start of your block which states the parking restrictions. Westchester Public Works staff does an incredible job keeping the roads clear of snow through plowing and salting operations, but they need everyone's help in following the parking restrictions to allow them to do this as efficiently as possible.

The Village has started an electronic newsletter (e-news) that is sent to your personal email once a week providing weekly updates on the latest news, event details and other important information happening within the Village. To sign up, visit our website and sign up using the Weekly E-News link. Your email address will not be used for any other reason.

As a reminder, the Illinois Secretary of State senior citizen drivers' services facility is fully operational at the Westchester Village Hall located at 10300 Roosevelt Road. Driver's license renewal, state identification cards, license plate sticker renewals and road tests can be taken here without an appointment. They are open Monday through Friday from 8am until 4pm. Parking is available along Municipal Drive between the Village Hall and the post office.



BEGINNER

MONDAYS 11:00AM-12:30PM
MONDAYS 5:00-6:30PM
1/15-1/29
2/26-3/11
TUESDAYS 10:00AM-11:30AM
1/16-1/30
2/27-3/12
WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM-NOON
1/17-1/31
2/28-3/12
THURSDAYS 9:00AM-10:30AM
2/8-2/22
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per session

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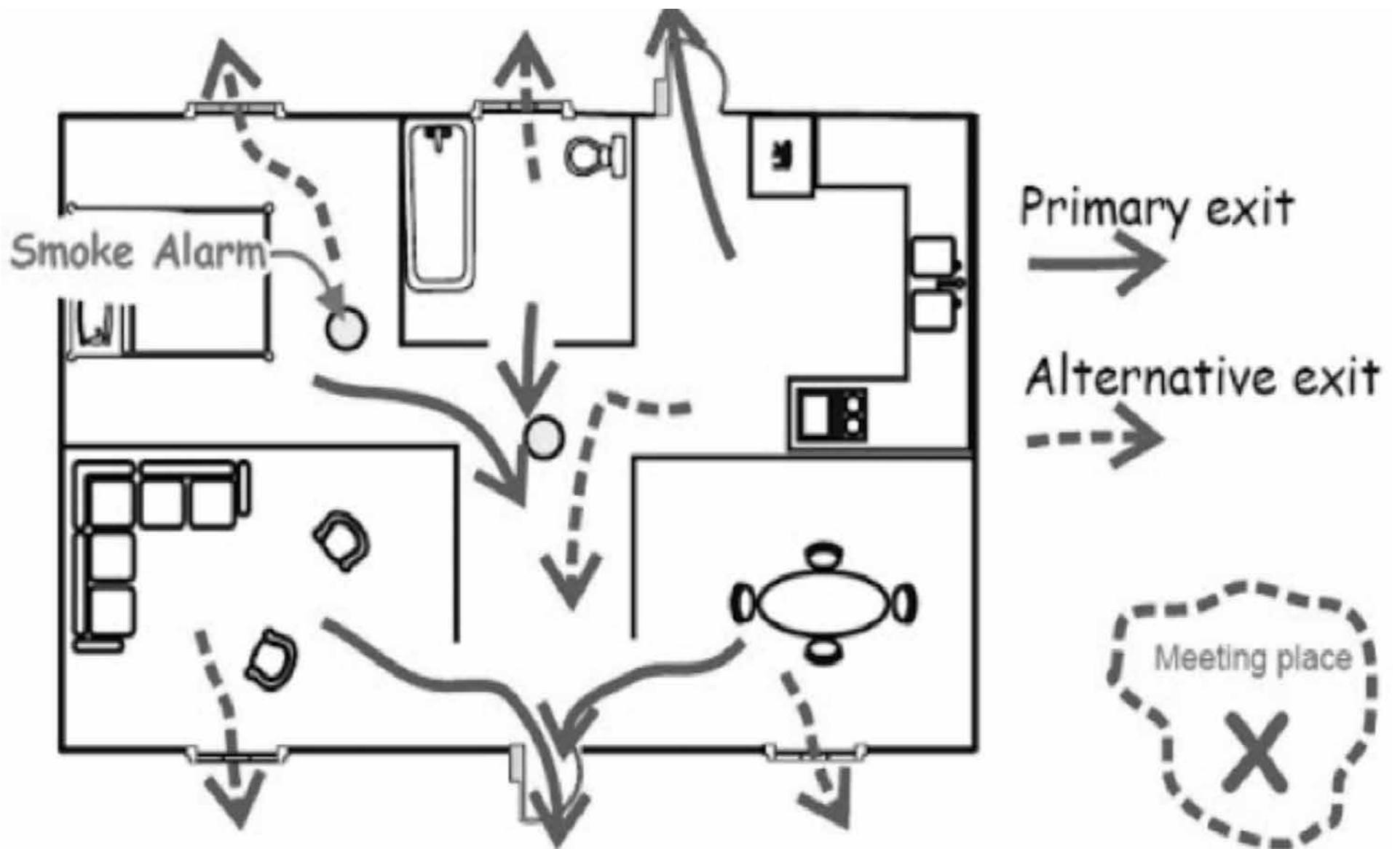
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3/25-4/8
TUESDAYS 10:00AM-11:30AM
2/6-2/20
3/26-4/9
WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM-NOON
2/7-2/21
3/27-4/10
THURSDAYS 9:00AM-10:30AM
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Do You Have a Fire Escape Plan for Your Home?



FIRE CHIEF MIKE MAVROGEORGE

Failing to plan is planning to fail. A fire in your home is dangerous and scary enough, but if you don't have a plan to escape, it will most likely be deadly. The first few minutes after a fire starts in the home are critical. Yes, the fire department will be coming—once we are called. Hopefully that call is coming from you after you have escaped the home. Creating and

practicing a home fire escape plan is simple. Follow the steps below to make sure everyone in your home is prepared and knows what to do in case of a home fire.

- Learn two ways out of every room in your home, in case one exit is blocked or dangerous to use. A second way out can include an escape ladder for rooms on an upper level.
- Practice getting low and moving to your exits in case there is smoke.
- Choose a safe meeting place a safe distance from your home.
- Have a home fire drill at least twice a year.

Children and Fire Safety

It is important to have a plan when there are children in your home. Children may become very scared and need clear direction and help getting out of the house. They may not know how to escape or what to do unless an adult shows them.

- Have a plan for young children

under six who cannot get outside by themselves. In your plan, talk about who will help each child get out safely.

- Children should know what to do when they hear a smoke alarm and there is no adult around. Help them practice going to the outside meeting place.
- Teach children to NEVER go back inside a burning building. Once they are out, stay out!
- Teach your child to get low and crawl on the ground, where the air is less smoky.
- Show a child how to use the back of their hand to check doors for heat before opening and to use a different way out if the door is hot.
- If your child needs to use an escape ladder, show them where you keep it and practice how to use it.

Conduct a Home Fire Drill

Fires can start anywhere in the home and at any time, so run through the plan at different times of the day or night and practice different ways out.

Step 1: Know where to go. Review your safe meeting place. Explain to your kids that when the smoke alarm beeps, they need to get out of the house quickly and meet at that safety spot.

Step 2: Check your smoke alarms. Test your smoke alarms with your kids so they know the sound.

Step 3: Do the drill. Have kids head to their bedrooms and wait for the drill to begin. Assign adults to help young children. Put one adult in charge of sounding the smoke alarm and running the drill. Next, sound the smoke alarm, start the timer and have everyone book it to the safety spot. Once everyone gets to the safe meeting place stop the timer. If you all made it in under two minutes, you each get an imaginary gold medal. If not, give it another try. In a real fire, get to the safe meeting place, then call 9-1-1 and keep everyone close until firefighters arrive.



A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter February 2024, I want to reflect on our progress over the past five months. The collaborative efforts of our dedicated educators, staff, and supportive parents contribute to our schools' success and positive atmosphere.

Our commitment to your children's academic and social-emotional growth remains our priority. We look forward to providing enriching experiences for our students. Whether through engaging classroom activities, extracurricular programs, or community events, our goal is to foster an environment where every student can thrive.

I encourage you to stay connected with your child's teachers and school staff to stay informed about upcoming events, academic progress, and ways you can get involved in our schools. We value your partnership and believe that together, we can create a supportive and nurturing environment for our students to reach their full potential. While we have had a mild November and December, we know the weather can change any minute. Please make sure your student is dressed warmly during these winter months. I also want to remind you how important it is for us to have your most current contact information. The district uses a 'call-out' phone system and texting to notify families should we need to change the daily schedule. The calls are sent to the phone numbers registered by parents and guardians, so it is crucial for you to provide the school with any new phone numbers or email addresses. Please sign up to receive text notifications by completing this form. In addition to phone calls, important information on school status due to inclement weather will be posted on the district's website and social media channels. If we need to close schools, we will implement an E-Learning Day. Kindergarten through eighth-grade students will attend remotely. You can read our plan here. Teachers will provide live instruction via Google Meet sessions and materials. Preschool procedures will be communicated via email from PreK/EC classroom teachers.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to the success of our students. We wish you and your loved ones a happy New Year. Feel free to email me at psalemi@sd925.org or call 708-670-1927. Don't forget to check our Community Link on our website.

Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Westchester Primary School

To start the new year, Westchester Primary School revisited our Dolphin Pride Expectations and participated in activities to build our school culture, climate, and community of learning after the winter break. We know that when students are explicitly taught and held to high expectations, they are prepared and empowered to be successful. When our students showed exemplary behavior in January for doing their best, they were awarded a paper medal to hang in our hallway.



Last month, Westchester Primary School's first and second-grade students were assessed to determine their progress with our 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 develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement for the remainder of the year.

Additionally, each January, students identified as English Language Learners participate in ACCESS. ACCESS is the state assessment designed to measure a student's English proficiency and growth in all four language domains- reading, writing, listening, and speaking. This test is also designed to measure student performance with the social language used daily and more complex academic language. Students will participate in whole group reading, writing, and listening tests and individual speaking assessments. Information gathered from this assessment assists teachers with designing effective instruction.

With winter benchmark data collection completed, WPS continues learning and celebrating this month. WPS excitedly honors Black History Month by highlighting historically Black Colleges and Universities with our students daily. Also, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with activities planned and organized by the Westchester Parents and Teachers for Children (WPTC), and students will participate in activities to commemorate the 100th day of school. Furthermore, WPS will celebrate Read Across America in the last week of February with daily activities organized by our Media Specialist, Colleen Cerny.

Westchester Intermediate School

Our first few weeks back have been very busy. We completed our Winter Assessments. These help us as educators to identify areas in which we need to both support and enrich the learning opportunities for our students. We are able to establish individualized goals for students and guide them towards reaching those new goals. We also refocused on social emotional learning by getting back to the basics with our students. We review expectations regularly, consistently encouraging them to grow each day.

We are excited to have our Beginner and Cadet Bands performing this month for the Solo and Ensemble contest. This contest is a great opportunity for our students to showcase their growth as musicians and how their hard work and practice pays off. Mr. Collins, our Band Director, does amazing work with them and we are very proud of them. Even though he has been on paternity leave the last few weeks, our former band director Mrs. Van Horn came out of retirement to work with our band students. It has been a very smooth transition.

We are thankful to the WPTC again for providing us with new playground equipment. In February we celebrate Valentine's Day with classroom activities and crafts. Our parent volunteers continue to be wonderful with our students. It is good to have our students relax and enjoy some time together as we do focus so much on their academic work each day.

We are very pleased with our growth this year but know we still have opportunities to continue to grow and improve our WIS learning community. We will continue throughout the rest of the year to build on our successes and stress that hard work and sustained effort will bring us amazing growth.

Go Huskies!

LaGrange Area Department of Special Education Presents:

Fun Family Cafe

RSVP

Together we will:

- Learn about community resources
- Support one another
- Share our experiences

WHEN:

December 15, 10:15am-11:15am:
Westchester Primary School 2400 Downing Ave,
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February 2nd & May 3rd
1:00pm-1:45pm:
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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 December Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Emma Garcia and Layla Lodree, 7th Grade: Julian Avila and Lantz Soto, 8th Grade: Charlotte Franzwa and Jessy Rodriguez Herrera. 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.



We are pleased to announce that Beauty and the Beast Jr. will be our musical this year. Auditions will take place in March and performances will take place on May 9 (7:00 pm), 10 (7:00 pm), and 11 (2:00 pm), 2024. Information regarding purchasing tickets will be released closer to the show dates.



Scan me for the most
updated information on
the Village website!



FEBRUARY



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	01 6:00pm D92.5 BOE Meeting 6:30pm Ecological Commission (GROW)	02 1:00pm Fun Family Cafe	03 4:00pm Food Pantry Souper Bowl 1:00pm Little Lyons Soccer Session #2
04	05 4pm-5pm Youth Tumbling 5pm Magic Class 5pm-6pm Youth Tumbling 5:15pm Zumba Fitness & Commit Dance Fitness 6pm Introduction to Astronomy 6:30pm Step Works	06 5:15pm Zumba Fitness & Commit Dance Fitness	07 5pm-6pm Cheer and Poms 6pm Introduction to Sewing	08	09 Generations of Love	10 1:00pm Little Lyons Soccer Session #2
11	12 4pm-5pm Youth Tumbling 5pm Magic Class 5pm-6pm Youth Tumbling 5:15pm Zumba Fitness & Commit Dance Fitness 6pm Introduction to Astronomy 6:30pm Step Works	13 5:30pm D209 BOE Meeting 5:30pm Zumba Fitness & Commit Dance Fitness 6:00pm Village Board and Committee of the Whole Meetings	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 5pm-6pm Cheer and Poms 6pm Introduction to Sewing	15 6:00pm D92.5 BOE Meeting	16 2pm GROW Community Engagement Event at Climate Action Museum	17 District 92.5 Band Solo and Ensemble Contest 8pm Lions Club Fundraiser
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> Village Hall & Public Works Closed 6pm Introduction to Astronomy 6:30pm Step Works	20	21	22 10am Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency Meeting	23	24 1pm-2:30pm GROW "Air Pollution and Your Health" with International Speaker & Advisor: C. Patricia Macias, MD, FCCP, MPH
25	26 6:30pm Step Works	27 5:30pm D209 BOE Meeting 6pm Village Board & Committee of the Whole Meetings	28 5pm Introduction to Sewing	29		



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Road rage and staying calm

In today's world everyone is stressed out, in a hurry, and not thinking of all the consequences when driving at high speeds in traffic until it's too late. Being in law enforcement for many years I have responded to my fair share of incidents where those who drive recklessly put innocent victims just trying to make it home in harm's way. Although there will always be individuals who have no respect for human life or others' safety we must always remember not to get caught up in their anger or reckless actions by retaliating.

You will know them when you see them! They usually have a bumper sticker that reads, "Horn Broken Look for Finger" as they drive 90 miles an hour switching lanes between other vehicles at high speeds, or riding your rear end to just get ahead vehicle by vehicle.

As the good guys we need to always remain calm and not be pulled into their anger by returning gestures, cutting them off, or riding their rear end. Most importantly never get out of your vehicle and walk up on the subject especially in traffic. This

individual could have a weapon or put you in a situation that you get seriously injured or killed.

Follow these helpful tips:

- Stay calm and count to 10 and then smile.
- Resist the urge to retaliate, do not get out of your car to confront them.
- Get license plate information and vehicle description and the location it happened and report it to area police.
- Keep a safe distance and let them pass

you!

- Refrain from making eye contact or obscure hand gestures.
- Give them the benefit of the doubt that maybe they made a mistake, nobody's perfect.
- In time, their actions will catch up with them in some form or fashion!
- Drive safely so you make it home to your loved ones!

Sincerely,
Chief Daniel Babich

COMMUNITY ALERT

On behalf of the Westchester Police Department, we wish you and your family a happy new year. We would like to inform the community about a recent increase in reported online fraud and deceptive practices.

Scammers and fraudsters often target the elderly population due to a perceived vulnerability, executed by various methods, both in person and through online electronic devices - to deceive and exploit innocent individuals. In the past few weeks, the Police Department has received several reports of residents being scammed out of large sums of money. It is crucial to never share personal or financial information with anyone unless you are absolutely certain of their identity and legitimacy.

Be wary of unsolicited phone calls,

emails, text messages, or computer messages asking for sensitive information such as your Social Security number, bank account details, or passwords. Legitimate organizations will never request such information through these channels. When it comes to electronic devices, such as computers, smartphones, and tablets, it is essential to keep your software and applications up to date. Regularly install security updates and antivirus software to protect against malware, ransomware, and other online threats. Exercise caution when clicking online links or downloading internet attachments, especially if they come from unfamiliar sources.

Another common tactic used by scammers is impersonating trusted individuals or organizations. They may pose as bank representatives, government officials, utility companies, or even

family members in distress. Always verify the authenticity of such requests independently. Never feel pressured to make immediate decisions or provide financial assistance without confirming the situation with someone you trust. Remember, it is okay to say "no" or hang up if something feels off. Trust your instincts and seek advice from a family member, friend, or a local authority if you encounter a suspicious situation. By reporting scams and fraud attempts, you not only protect yourself, but also help prevent others from falling victim to the same perpetrators.

We hope these tips will aid in safeguarding your personal and financial well-being. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding scams or fraud, please do not hesitate to contact law enforcement immediately. Your safety

and security are of the utmost importance to the Westchester Police Department.

Some helpful tips:

- Do not purchase debit or gift cards (e.g. Apple inc, Visa, Home Depot) as forms of payment to someone.
- Ignore suspicious emails and avoid unknown hyperlinks and attachments.
- Do not transfer money to anyone you do not know.
- Do not obtain or send digital currency (e.g. Bitcoin) if requested by anyone unknown to you.
- Do not pay for any prize or large sum of money you supposedly won.
- Remember that the IRS will rarely contact you by phone or text message.
- Obtain bank contact information directly from a branch or direct website.

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

Incident# 23-02921

Date/Time: 12/23/2023 4:54AM

Location: 11200 31ST ST

BURGLARY

WPD Officers were dispatched to Shell located at 11200 31st Street for the burglar alarm. Officers arrived and observed one window of the building was broken and two other windows that were damaged and cracked. Upon a walkthrough of the property, Officers observed that the register drawer was removed and emptied. Detectives processed the scene and recovered items from the store.

-UNDER INVESTIGATION

Incident # 23-02994

Date/Time: 12/30/2023 9:32PM

Location: 9906 ROOSEVELT RD

ROBBERY

WPD Officers were dispatched to 9906 Roosevelt Rd for an Armed Robbery. Officers arrived and canvassed the area for the offender. Spoke to the victim who related that they stopped for dinner and walked out to their vehicle, when a male black subject wearing all black approached them and demanded their belongings. Detectives processed the scene and reviewed cameras in the area.

-UNDER INVESTIGATION

Incident # 23-02997

Date/Time: 12/31/2023 2:43AM

Location: 1400 BLK BOEGER AVE

AGGRIVATED BATTERY

WPD Officers responded to the 1400 block of Boeger Avenue for a Disturbance. Officers

arrived on the scene and observed numerous individuals outside arguing. A Westchester Police was attempting to ascertain what was occurring, and an individual shoved the Officer causing minor injuries. Johnnell Pierce, 33, Westchester was charged with one count of Felony Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Misdemeanor Battery, and Misdemeanor Violation of the Concealed Carry Act. Pierce will be transported to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

Incident # 24-00012

Date/Time: 01/02/2024 4:50PM

Location: MANNHEIM RD & OXFORD ST

TRAFFIC STOP

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle

perform a traffic infraction. Manuel Galvez, 27, Cicero, was cited for Driving while License Suspended, and No Valid Insurance. Galvez was issued a Citation and Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL

Incident# 24-00036 Date/Time: 01/04/2024 9:17PM Location: 800 BLK MANNHEIM RD TRAFFIC STOP

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Samantha Jones, 39, Bellwood, was cited for Driving with Suspended Registration and No Valid Insurance. Jones was issued a Citation and Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL

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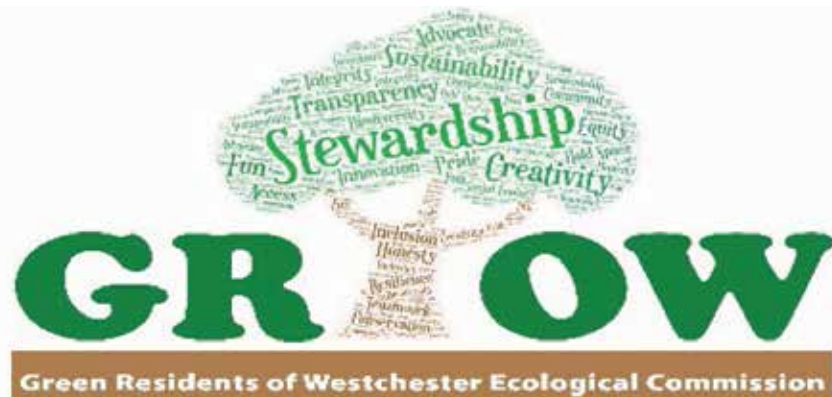
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BY NIKKI WAY AND NICOLE MOLINARO
GROW COMMISSIONERS

Starting your garden preparation now will keep you on track for a great growing year. Below are a few key reminders of what gardening and landscaping actions can be taken in late winter/early spring to ensure you have a strong start that aligns with your growing plans.

February

- Last Call before Fall: Removing buckthorn now provides your natives the opportunity for healthier soil to thrive in. You can help stop the spread of invasive species by visiting <https://fpdcc.com/volunteer/ecological-stewardship-workdays/> to learn about local volunteer events. Feb 26th begins National Invasive Species Week and year-long educational opportunities on the invasive buckthorn.

- Garden Inventory and Planning: Take stock of your existing native plants. Resist the urge to remove dead branches or debris until mid-late April. Assess the need for new mulch and division of plants. Sketch out your garden layout, incorporating new plant additions that take into consideration light, soil, and spacing needs. (<https://xerces.org/blog/dont-spring-into-garden-cleanup-too-soon>)

- Seed Spree: While the ground remains frozen, your indoor haven can become a seedling nursery. Remember to research specific germination requirements and provide adequate light and warmth. (For more specifics on seed sowing and gardening, check out the Grassroots Garden Group at <https://www.grassrootsgardengroup.org/>)

- Tool Tune-Up: Sharpen pruners, clean trowels, and oil shears. Prepare for the busy season ahead by ensuring your gardening tools are in top condition.

- Fun activity: In late February/early March you can force blooms from branches of apple and crabapple, flowering cherry, flowering quince, forsythia, magnolia, redbud, serviceberry, and spring-flowering witch hazel. (For more details visit: <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist/february>)

March

- Watch out for native plant sales: Most local nurseries and groups will have ordering deadlines many weeks prior to their sale dates - particularly if you have a plan and certain desired plants.

- Plant trees and shrubs: March is the ideal time to plant new trees and shrubs before

they begin to bud. You can get a Parkway Tree through the 50/50 Tree program, where the village will split the cost of a new parkway tree of your choice on list. If you are interested in the 50/50 program, contact the Westchester Public Works department at (708)-345-0041.

A New Year, a New Garden: Your Late Winter Growing Guide

- Prune woody plants: with sharp shears or a chainsaw, remove the following from your trees: dead, diseased, crossing, or rubbing branches anytime, including water sprouts and suckers. (<https://mortonarb.org/plant-and-protect/tree-plant-care/plant-care-resources/garden-calendar/#midwinter-to-early-spring>)

April

- Test soil pH: Use a pH meter and fertilize based on soil need. Add compost around trees, in garden, and in lawn bare spots with grass seed. Adding microbes to your soil helps plants get the nutrients they need.

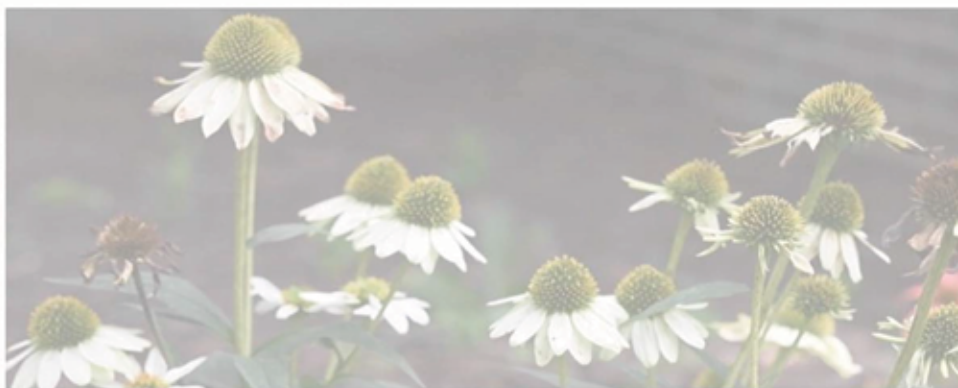
- Suppress weeds with corn gluten: Corn gluten is a great natural way to suppress weeds. Apply it in April before the Forsythia

bloom, and maintain application monthly to mitigate weeds throughout your garden season. (<https://midwestgrowsgreen.org/what-you-can-do/all-resources/>)

- Hold off on transplanting: Fake spring happens in April, so don't be fooled - best practice is to not transplant your plants to their garden until May 11th.

- Hold off on clean up: While it is tempting to clean up your garden, wait until the temperature is over 50 degrees for a few days to give critters a chance to emerge. You can pile your yard clutter in one corner of your garden if you can't wait. The longer you can tolerate your messy garden, the more beneficial insects have a chance to emerge and do their important work.

Get Involved!



2024 GROW Meeting Dates: We usually meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30PM (*unless noted) in the Village Hall Board Room. Upcoming Meetings: Feb 1, March 7

There are many ways to participate in GROW activities:

1. **Attend GROW events:** We host a number of events, workshops, and giveaways each year and promote them in the Village newsletter, website, Facebook page, and weekly email blast.
2. **Share your ideas and concerns at our monthly meetings:** Help us make Westchester a greener and more sustainable community. We meet monthly at Village Hall – meeting dates are listed there and on the Village website.
3. **Become a GROW Commissioner:** We're recruiting to fill a 3-year term open beginning February 2024. Candidates should have ability and availability to participate in Commission meeting and events and contribute to the Village newsletter. Relevant knowledge, education, or experience is helpful but not required. The key to the Commission is being able to educate and engage residents for action on environmental issues/practices. Westchester residents 21 or older are welcome to apply. *To apply, submit a copy of your resume/bio along with a cover letter/statement about your background and interests to: [Evie Slavic eslavic@westchester-il.gov](mailto:eslavic@westchester-il.gov)*
4. **Read GROW agendas, meeting minutes, reports on the Village website** <https://www.westchester-il.org/>.



February Special Events

HOSTED BY GROW



Guided Tour of the Climate Action Museum – Exclusive FREE event!

Friday, February 16th & Friday, March 15th – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join the Green Residents of Westchester (GROW) for a community field trip!

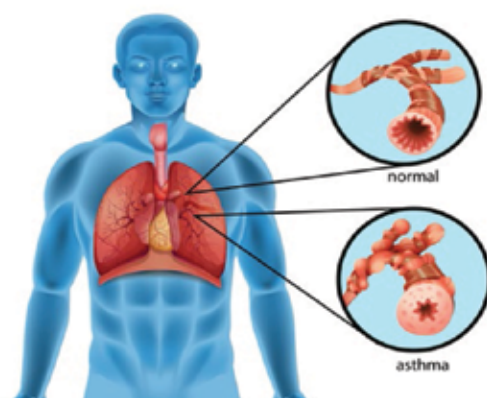
All community members are invited to meet at the Climate Action Museum to embark on a free, guided educational tour hosted by the museum. This special event is designed to stimulate thought, inspire, and entertain. The museum, **one of only six in the world**, aims to become a transformative

“climate rite of passage” for a diverse segment of Chicagoans. Immerse yourself in dynamic, educational content that will inspire decisions that mitigate our Climate Emergency and promote a promising future for our children. **Don’t miss out on this exciting opportunity to engage with your community and contribute to climate action!**

Meet at the Climate Action Museum, 300 S Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606

Enter on Jackson Blvd across from Union Station, or on Van Buren St across from the Old Post Office

For additional information and advance registration (preferred), please reach out to GROW Commissioner Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase at ewchase@westchester-il.gov



“Air Pollution and Your Health” with International Speaker & Advisor: C. Patricia Macias, MD, FCCP, MPH

Saturday, February 24th – 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Did you know that one in three people in the US live with unhealthy levels of air pollution, including all of us in Cook County? Join us for an enlightening afternoon, as we explore the critical topic of air pollution and its impact on our health.

Our distinguished speaker, Dr. Macias, a physician specializing in pulmonary and critical care medicine and public health, brings a wealth of expertise to this discussion. The session will cover the 2023 American Lung Association “State of the Air” Report, shedding light on the relationship between air pollution and various health conditions. Dr. Macias will address those most vulnerable to the effects of air pollution, highlight local sources of exposure, and provide actionable steps to reduce our exposure. **Let’s empower ourselves with knowledge to create a healthier community!**

Village Hall Board Room, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154

For additional information, please reach out to GROW Commissioner Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase at ewchase@westchester-il.gov



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- Volunteer opportunities with community events
- Opportunities to host Chamber Events

WESTCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Proviso Handyman department

February 2024

Do you know that ceiling fans help distribute heat evenly to your rooms.

Are yours in good working order? When was the last time you changed the filters in your furnace?

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**

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NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Friday Senior Matinee

Join us every **Friday at 2 PM** for a movie matinee program! Call the Adult Department at **708-562-3573** to hear what movies are coming up and to register! Registration is encouraged.

February Book Discussion

February 20 | 6:30 PM
Join us this month to read **The Collected Regrets of Clover** by **Mikki Brammer**. Books are available now at the front desk.

Friends of the Library Book Sale!

It's time for the friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale! Material including, books, DVDs, and CDs will be half price all month.

Illinois Libraries Presents: A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

Tues, Feb. 6 | 7 PM | Zoom

Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft. Join us for a conversation about his works and journey to success, including a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family!

Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_JerryCraft

Illinois Libraries Presents: Romance and Regency with Bridgerton's Julia Quinn

Tue, February 20 | 7 PM | Zoom

Join bestselling author Julia Quinn, known for the Emmy-nominated Bridgerton series on Netflix, as she discusses her latest novel, "Queen Charlotte," co-written with Shonda Rhimes. In conversation with renowned historical romance author Sarah MacLean, they'll explore the powerful love story of Bridgerton's Queen Charlotte and King George III, delving into its societal impact. Don't miss this engaging discussion about romance with two acclaimed authors.

Register at bit.ly/ILP_JuliaQuinn

Drop in Crochet Club

Biweekly Mondays, Feb 5th & 19th | 6 PM | Conference Room

Never crocheted before or want to work on a project in a friendly environment? Crafters of all levels can join our drop in crochet club! No registration is required, and materials are provided if you don't have your own. **Must be 18+, registration is not required.**

Learn to Sew for Adults

Thursdays | Feb. 8th - 29th | Youth Department

Explore the basics of sewing with our adult Learn to Sew program. Join us for straightforward sessions to build your sewing skills and connect with others who share your interest! **Registration is required, must be 18+.**

Biomimicry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today's Problems

Wed, Feb. 7th | 6 PM | Community Room

Naturalist **Kim White** will discuss on the surprising links between nature and technology. Discover how creatures like axolotls and hedgehogs inspire sustainable innovations and help solve complex scientific challenges. Don't miss the chance to meet these fascinating animal ambassadors at the library! **Registration is required, this program is intended for adult audiences.**

Qigong and Sound Meditation

Th, Feb. 8th @ 11 AM & Sat, Feb. 23rd @ 1 PM | 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, single session sign up allowed.**

The Chicago Black Renaissance

Sat. Feb. 17 | 1 PM | Community Room

In this presentation, Dr. Davis will guide participants through the Chicago Black Renaissance from the early to mid-20th century. The presentation will include a Q&A and an interactive component where audience members share their migration stories. **Registration is required.**



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UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Magic Carpet Club with Miss Julie

Tuesdays | 4 PM | March 5- April 23

Storytime and crafts for ages **kindergarten through second grade!** Sign up online at our website's calendar.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wed. & Th. | 10:15 AM | Starting Mar. 6th

Storytime and crafts for children **up to 5 years** of age! Registration is required. Sign up online at our website's calendar.

Smart Art with Miss Julie

Thursdays | 4 - 4:45 PM | March 7th - April 25th

Make new friends, learn new techniques, and take home your masterpieces as each week we'll be crafting something new.

February is Black History Month!

Youth Department | Feb 1st - 28th

Check out the books we have on display this month for Black History Month!

Don't forget to ask a librarian for help is you would like to learn more about how to celebrate Black Heritage with your children.

February Smash Bros. Tournament

Sat, Feb. 10th | 2 - 4 PM | Community Room

Battle it out in an epic showdown featuring your favorite iconic Nintendo characters at our Monthly Super Mario Ultimate Smash Brothers Tournament!

This event is intended for patrons in **2nd grade and up. Registration is required.**

YOUTH DATABASE HIGHLIGHT

Check out our free assortment of youth-specific databases below! For a full list visit the Online Tools tab at www.westchesterpl.org

Novel List K-8 Plus

tinyurl.com/ebsco-remote

Don't know what to read? Need a list of books by topic or unit of study? Or to build a book display? Teach with books? **NoveList K-8 Plus** is a database of book recommendations for all.

Mango Languages

tinyurl.com/mango-wpl

Learn languages in a fun and efficient way with real-life conversations, native-speaker audio, and cultural context. The **Mango** app will make you speak like a local in a blink of an eye.

LOTE Online for Kids

lote4kids.com

LOTE 4Kids is a database with over 2500+ digital books in over 60+ languages together with English translations. **LOTE 4Kids** was created for children to learn languages through storytelling.

Digital Library of Illinois

dlil.overdrive.com

Did you know that the **Digital Library of Illinois** has thousands of popular ebooks and audiobooks for both kids and teens? Start reading today with your Westchester Library Card!

POV Reference Center

tinyurl.com/ebsco-remote

Containing resources that present multiple sides of an issue, this database provides rich content that can help students assess and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues and develop analytical thinking skills.



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Local players become champions

BY MARK GREGORY
For the Village of Westchester

With four minutes left to play in the second quarter of the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day, the University of Michigan was tied 7-7 with Alabama, with the winner earning a chance to play for an NCAA football national championship.

Illinois native and former Nazareth Academy quarterback JJ McCarthy dropped back to pass and hit sophomore receiver Tyler Morris coming free over the middle.

Morris caught the 7-yard strike heading toward the right sideline in stride, turned up the sideline, eluded Alabama defenders and dove for the pylon for a 38-yard touchdown – the first of his college career.

It was not, however, the first time the two had connected for a score.

Morris, a Bolingbrook native, also attended Nazareth Academy and in 2019 caught 68 passes from McCarthy for 1,237 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"It was amazing – it just felt amazing that it could be in that game," Morris said of his touchdown.

The Wolverines went on to win the Rose Bowl in overtime and on January 8, Michigan defeated the University of Washington, 34-13, to claim the program's first national title since 1997.

Morris and McCarthy, the same players that won an Illinois state championship in 2018 are now part of the best team in college football.

"JJ and I were talking about it before the (championship) game and saying, 'who would have thought?,' Morris said. "Looking at it back six or seven years ago, who would have thought that we would both be playing in the National Championship game?"

"This is what we dreamed about when we were 14 or 15 years old. It is hard to understand, and it happened – you grow up wishing you could do it and to do it with someone you have known since you were 14 years old."

McCarthy

"I love my teammates so much. I love my coaches," McCarthy told reporters after the title game. "It is bittersweet because this is the last time we will play together. I just love these guys and there is no better way to end it."

When told that coach Jim Harbaugh had called McCarthy the greatest quarterback to ever wear the Michigan maize and blue, McCarthy gave a humble response.

"I am JJ McCarthy - a kid from LaGrange Park, Illinois that tries to be the best he can possibly be every day - that is how I think of myself."

McCarthy has declared for the NFL draft and will not return to throw passes to Morris, who seemingly will be a leader of his position group.

With senior Roman Wilson and graduate student Cornelius Johnson headed to the NFL draft and the announcement that sophomore



COURTESY OF U-M ATHLETICS

Former Nazareth Academy quarterback JJ McCarthy (9) celebrates after winning the NCAA football title Jan. 8 in Houston.

Darrius Clemons and senior Jake Thaw are entering the transfer portal, Morris is expected to be a leader in a position group that will likely feature Semaj Morgan, Frederick Moore and Karmello English – all of who will be sophomores next season.

"Next year, I will be one of the older guys in the room.," Morris said. "Your freshman year, you really don't know what you are doing and you just learn, sophomore year, it is easier and now I will be a junior and one of the older guys."

Morris is ready for the challenge.

"Freshman year, I talked to (former Michigan and current 49er wide receiver) Ronnie (Bell) and he helped me out a lot and then this year, I could just sit with Roman and CJ and watch film and see what they saw on the film and I would tell them what I saw," Morris said, "They were all a big help."

It will be hard work for Morris to be an elite receiver and carve out his path to the NFL - but work has never scared him.

He had worked from the beginning, choosing to attend a state football powerhouse in Nazareth instead of following friends to his hometown Plainfield East, which only opened in 2008 and when Morris was set to attend, was still developing its football program.

He knew traveling to LaGrange Park daily would not be an easy task.

"My parents worked hard for everything we had, so I understood that if you don't work hard, you won't get what you want," Morris said. "They always made sure I knew the benefits and also what it would take. Even going to Naz, they made sure I knew and they supported what I wanted to do and what I thought was best for me."

In the final game of his junior season at Nazareth, which was a four-game, COVID-19 shortened season, Morris tore his Anterior

Cruciate Ligament and subsequently missed his senior season with the Roadrunners.

He left Nazareth and enrolled at Plainfield East for his final semester of high school in order to graduate early and get a head start at Michigan.

"I had to think of what the situation was and keep the end goal in mind. I had been making sacrifices since going to Naz – I was on the bus early and getting home late. You can focus on having fun and relaxing, but you are not going to get the results you want doing that," Morris said.

After losing most of his final two years of high school, Morris was ready for his next chapter and that was with the Wolverines.

"I was really just ready – football wise with the injury and COVID, I was ready to get to college and get started," Morris said. "I knew a lot of guys from the area that were graduating early and the first guy I really knew that did it was JJ [who left Nazareth for IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL when Illinois cut the 2020 season short because of the pandemic] and we talked to his family about that and he said how it helped him out."

"Michigan was really consistent – they offered me my freshman year. Some schools were on and off, but Michigan was always there and they felt genuine – it didn't feel like I was being recruited, just that I was talking to the guys. It did not feel like forced conversation. Then, during COVID year, other schools stopped calling when we didn't play, but Michigan kept asking what I was doing."

And now, in only his second season, he is a champion.

"This season was amazing – we all got what we had worked so hard for," Morris said. "I realized it is not an easy thing to do – playing for a national championship and I got calls and texts leading up to the game and I wanted to



COURTESY OF U-M ATHLETICS

Tyler Morris runs for the touchdown in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

make all those that I love proud."

Morris did not have a catch in the title game, but was in on several key plays as a blocker and said he was happy to do whatever he was asked to do.

"I went out there and did what I needed to do and as long as we won and I did my best to help the team, that was all I wanted to do," Morris said.

Morris and McCarthy are two of 12 players on the Michigan team from the state of Illinois.

PUBLIC WORKS

There will be NO CHANGE to the garbage collection schedule for President’s Day on February 19.

Yard waste collection will resume your first collection day of April.

Village branch collection will resume the week of April 1st - 5th.

Waste Management – 1-800-796-9696

- If your garbage or recycling was not picked up on your regular day, please call Waste Management directly.
- If you would like to request a new garbage or recycling receptacle, please call Waste Management directly.
- If you have large items that will not fit in your receptacle (i.e. couch, chairs, tables, etc.) please call Waste Management directly to schedule a large item collection.

The Waste Management’s “At Your Door Special Collection” service will pick up unwanted-potentially hazardous and hard-to-recycle items from your home.
That number is 1-800-449-7587.
The full list of items may be found at www.wmatyourdoor.com/residential.

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

Please assist us by observing the following:

- Place garbage cans 3 feet behind the curb line- do not place them in the street.

- Do not shovel or blow snow back into the cleared streets.
 - Please observe the “NO PARKING SNOW ROUTE” signs.
- The snow portion of the signs will be enforced after 2 inches of snowfall between December 1st and March 31st.

If you reside on a Primary designated SNOW ROUTE, after 2 inches of snowfall you must remove all vehicles from the snow route. Vehicles must stay off the street until the streets are cleared thoroughly by the plows by Public Works.

If the snowfall is continuing, the restriction is in place until Public

Works completes the plowing for the day. Please check the signs at the corners of your block.

If you reside on a Secondary route, there is no parking Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the even numbered house side and no parking Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on the odd numbered house side after 2 inches of snowfall. Please check the signs at the corners and center of your block for guidance. (This includes ALL side streets not designated a Primary snow route.)

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

Westchester Tree Replacement Program
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.

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 can choose the tree from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree and planting with the Village. To request a 50/50 tree, 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 & on weekends and holidays, please call 708.345.0060.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Balmoral Ave. from Canterbury St. to Roosevelt Rd. will undergo a full reconstruction starting in in spring 2024.



Wedgwood Bridge Construction & Detour

The Village of Westchester will be replacing Wedgwood Drive Bridge over Addison Creek in the Spring of 2024. Wedgwood Drive will be closed

between Suffolk Avenue and Norfolk Avenue. Travelers will be detoured one block south to Gladstone Street using Suffolk Avenue and Norfolk Avenue. The anticipated construction dates and bridge closure are May 15th 2024 through September 15th 2024.

POTENTIAL 2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DEPENDENT UPON FUNDING

STREET PROGRAM

STREET	FROM	TO
Boeger Ave.	Cermak Rd.	Wakefield St.
Martindale Dr.	Windsor Dr.	Windsor Dr.
Sherwood Ave.	Boeger Ave.	Cermak Rd.
Kensington Ave.	Windsor Dr.	Cermak Rd.
Fairfield St.	Sunnyside Ave.	Kensington Ave.
Newbury St.	Sunnyside Ave.	Fairfield St.
Kensington Ave,	Fleet St.	Wakefield St.

ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION

ALLEY BETWEEN		FROM	TO
Suffolk Ave.	Portsmouth Ave.	N. Roosevelt Alley	
Portsmouth Ave.	Newcastle Ave.	N. Roosevelt Alley	
Hull Ave.	Westchester Blvd.	Devonshire St.	The Strand
Hull Ave.	Westchester Blvd.	The Strand	Railroad
Comwell Ave	Balmoral Ave.	Kitchner St.	Expressway
Portsmouth Ave.	Newcastle Ave.	Gladstone St.	Devonshire St.
Newcastle Ave.	Portsmouth Ave.	Devonshire St.	Dead End
Portsmouth Ave.	Suffolk Ave.	Devonshire St.	Dead End
Westchester Blvd.	Railroad	Roosevelt Rd.	Pelham St.
Pelham St.	Dead End	Roosevelt Rd.	Pelham St.
Westchester Blvd.	Hull Ave.	Chaucer St.	Dead End



WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY

Donation Drop-Off Days!

Saturday, March 2 9-11am

Saturday, April 6 9-11am

Saturday, May 4 9-11am

**Westchester Community Church,
1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester**

The Westchester Food Pantry is gearing up for its annual Yard Sale Extravaganza! High-quality unwanted household goods will be turned into food for our neighbors in need. Clean out your closets, cabinets, garages and basements...your donations can make a difference in our communities.

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

We CAN accept the following items in high-quality, good used condition:

Children's books only
Purses and wallets
Backpacks and luggage
Toys, games and puzzles
Baby items (small items)
Tools (manual and power)
Camping equipment (no sleeping bags)
Newer small electronics (radios, CD players, DVD players, mp3 players, tablets)
CDs, DVDs, records
Home decor and artwork
Kitchen items and utensils
Gardening supplies
Craft/hobby items
Vintage collectibles
Office supplies
Pet items/equipment
Antiques/memorabilia
Sporting goods
Party supplies
Jewelry
Compact exercise equipment
Picture frames and photo albums
Vases and candles
Video consoles and games

We CANNOT accept:

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

**The 2024 Yard Sale
Extravaganza will be
May 30, 31 and June 1**

Westchester Food Pantry

Who we serve

Clients must be residents of Berkeley, Bellwood, Broadview, Hillside, Hines, La Grange Park, Westchester or Western Springs.

How it works

Clients can come to the Pantry once each calendar month for fresh produce, frozen meat, dairy products, bakery items, pantry staples and more.

What to bring

Clients **MUST** bring an ID and/or a current utility bill or lease showing residency in our service area. Clients should also bring their own reusable shopping bags.



OPEN
Wednesdays
4:30-7pm
Saturdays
9-11am



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Westchester IL 60154
708-927-4826

WestchesterFoodPantry.org

Westchester Food Pantry

A quién servimos

Los clientes deben ser residentes de Berkeley, Bellwood, Broadview, Hillside, Hines, La Grange Park, Westchester o Western Springs.

Cómo funciona

Los clientes pueden venir a Despensa una vez al mes calendario para productos frescos, carne congelada, productos lácteos, artículos de panadería, alimentos básicos de despensa y más.

Que traer

Los clientes **DEBEN** traer una identificación y/o una factura de servicios públicos vigente o un contrato de arrendamiento que demuestre su residencia en nuestra área de servicio. Los clientes también deberán traer sus propias bolsas de compras reutilizables.



ABIERTO
Miércoles
4:30-7pm
Sábados
9-11am



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WPTC news and notes

February is upon us, and we have some exciting events coming up this month. We had two successful restaurant fundraisers in January at Panera Bread and Panda Express. Thank you to everyone who came out to support WPTC and our schools.

We will be holding another Flying High Night in February. This is a drop-off event; parents can have a few hours to themselves, and the kids can enjoy the activities that Flying High has to offer.

WIS will be having their Mid-Year celebration this month. Valentine's Day parties will be taking place at WPS and WIS, WMS will also be having their Valentine's Day Dance. We are in need of volunteers to help to make these special events happen, we cannot have these events for the students without the help of our amazing volunteers. We are also looking forward to Trivia

Night this month. It is a wonderful opportunity to support our schools. Make sure you reserve a table for your team or sign up individually to show off your trivia skills! As an added bonus our very own 5th Grade teacher, Mr. Pinkleman will be our Trivia Master! It is going to be great fun!

Last, but not least, we are having a restaurant fundraiser at Jason's Deli in Oak Brook.

Please see our Facebook Page or Website for more information.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

WIS Mid-Year Celebration February 7
WMS Valentine's Day Dance February 9

WPS/WIS Valentine's Day Parties February 14

Flying High Fundraiser February 17
Jason's Deli Restaurant Fundraiser February 22



Trivia Night February 23
Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for any updates!
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