

# Willage of Westchester

#### From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

As you read this, SBC Waste Solutions is now fully transitioned into being the waste hauler for the Village of Westchester. Due to the expiration of the Waste Management contract this July, seeking new and competitive pricing was an important part of the contractor review process. Most importantly, garbage collection days are not changing, and we hope residents will utilize all of the enhanced services being provided by SBC. Please read the information mailed to your home or visit the SBC Waste Solutions website to learn about all of the available pickup services offered.

I had the pleasure of swearing in Police Officer Kevin Tierney as a Sergeant and newly hired firefighter Carmelo Rodriguez. Kevin Tierney, previously working in the police investigation's unit, replaced recently retired Sergeant Russell Newton Jr. who retired after working in Westchester for 38 years. Best of luck in retirement officer Newton, and thank you for your years of dedication.

Wedgewood Bridge groundbreaking occurred on June 17th. The village received bridge program funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation covering 80% of the costs involved with a complete replacement of the bridge scheduled to be compete by the fall. Similar to the Gladstone Bridge project last year, the roadway will be closed throughout the project as the 70-year-old bridge is replaced.

West 40 is currently working towards completing demolition of the former St. Joseph High School building in 12 weeks. The North building is the only building being removed during this project and interior work on the South building will begin soon. They have obtained the needed permits and have advised they will be working weekdays between 7am and 3 pm. On rare occasions, there may be some work done on Saturdays depending on weather and the progress of the contractors. They have advised the village that their contactors will be utilizing various methods to keep vibrations and dust to a minimum.

A complete list of construction updates can be found on our website detailing planned work for the coming weeks outlining some temporary road closures and updated plans as the projects progress. Those living in affected areas are provided hand delivered letters to advise of the start of a project, potential parking restrictions on certain days and other relevant information such as sidewalk, curb or driveway replacement schedules. These notices are placed at the front doors for those not home.

This year the Village, Westchester Park District and Chamber of Commerce are partnering for a Party in the Park scheduled for Friday and Saturday July 12-13 at the Westchester Community Park located at 10201 Bond. Food, music, games and activities are planned. Come by and visit July 12th from 4pm-10pm and July 13th from 12pm to 10pm. Music by Arra, High Stakes, Bi-Polar Bear and more are scheduled.

Are you planning to be out of town on vacation or gone for the summer visiting family? Visit our website or call the

Westchester Police Department if you plan on being away from home with no one staying at the house and the police department will conduct a vacation watch around your home during your trip. We just need your name, address, phone number and information on any local key holder or neighbor to contact in the event of an emergency.

Lastly, Please support the Westchester Food Pantry this summer with a donation of \$40 and receive nearly \$90 in incentives at local restaurants. Restaurants such as Aviator Coffee, ThiThi's, GP Italiano are a few of the sponsors participating to help support the pantry. In a recent discussion with the Executive Director, Amanda Grant, I was advised that the number of those in need has dramatically increased over the past year. Support through volunteering and contributions is always a way to support the mission of providing food assistance in those in need. For those unaware the Westchester Food Pantry is located at 1938 Mannheim Road.



**Swearing in of Sergeant Kevin Tierney** 



Swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic Carmelo Rodriguez

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE TO SEE ALL DETAILS!









SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01	O2 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL	03	O4 4TH OF JULY PARADE 9:30AM	O5	O6 WESTCHESTER CYCLE GROUP BIKE RIDE - 9AM MEET AT MANNHEIM & CERMAK FOUNTAIN - EVERY SATURDAY!
07	08	O9 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL  VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	10	11 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	12	13
14	15	16 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL	17	18 D92.5 BOARD OF ED MEETING - 6PM WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	19	20 GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP 6TH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK 9AM - 1PM
21 CASUAL WALK THRU BEMIS WOODS - 11AM	22	23 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL  VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	24	25 BROADVIEW- WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING 10AM BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	26	27 FOUR POINTS HOTEL COMMUNITY EVENT 11AM - 3PM
28	29	30 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL	31	***	*	L J V J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J





# **New Firefighters Help Deliver New Baby!**

Shortly after 2am on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, Firefighter/Paramedics from the Westchester Fire Department received a call of a woman actively in labor.

Upon their arrival 2 of our newest department members FF/PM Reilly Curran and FF/PM Mark Krueger along with the assistance of Captain Sean O'Connor and FF/PM Kevin Dotson assisted the mother who had given birth. The medics were able to apply a cord clamp which allowed the father the opportunity to cut the cord. Mother and baby were assessed and baby's cries were said to be strong. With the assistance of Broadview Fire Department both the new Mother and baby were transported to the hospital without incident.

Both FF/PM Curran and FF/PM Mark Krueger were given Stork pins by Interim Chief Carl Reina along with EMS Coordinator Lieutenant Eric Biskup. Both Firefighter/Paramedics shared this sentiment: "These are the types of calls you train for, certainly not your everyday call, but one we were glad to be part of."

#### Fireworks Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks started an estimated 12,264 fires in 2021, including 2,082 structure fires, 316 vehicle fires, and 9,866 outside and other fires. These fires caused 29 civilian injuries and \$59 million in direct property damage. These fires are not only caused by commercial/consumer fireworks, but also by unregulated novelty fireworks that are sometimes purchased at local supermarkets.

In addition to fireworks, novelties such as sparklers, snappers, and poppers are very dangerous. Sparklers account for the greatest number of fireworks injuries, and often to the youngest victims. Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers

are a lot more dangerous than most people think

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the NFPA, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries.

Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.

(All information was found courtesy of the NFPA website)

# What Exactly is Hydrant Flushing? What is Hydrant Flushing?

Hydrant flushing involves quickly releasing water from fire hydrants to maintain the quality of the city's water system. This controlled action ensures proper water flow in hydrants for firefighters, residents, and businesses. The Westchester Fire Department conducts this testing once a year.

#### Why Do We Do It?

Hydrant flushing is an essential preventative maintenance strategy to ensure the safety and quality of the public water supply.

Optimize Water Quality: Flushing removes sediment and minerals from the water mains, improving the color, odor, and taste of the water.

Maintain System Efficiency: It clears away rusty or contaminated water, ensuring the water main is in optimal condition for firefighting and in the event of water main breaks.

Identify Issues: The process helps water operators identify broken or inoperable valves, ensuring they work at their maximum potential.

Support Firefighting: Firefighters rely on hydrants to assess flow rate and water pressure, which is crucial for effective fire-







ground operations.

#### Temporary Effects

Reduced Water Pressure and Flow: Residents may notice a temporary reduction in water pressure and flow during hydrant flushing.

Discolored Water: The process can stir up minerals, causing water discoloration that

may appear rusty or tea-colored. While this discoloration is usually safe to drink, it can stain clothes and dishes. Discoloration occurs due to iron and other minerals being stirred up during the flushing process. Even if you live outside the immediate hydrant flushing area, you may still notice discolored water because the water system is all connected.

# **WESTCHESTER FIRE BLOTTER**

2024-1329

10400 Block of Preston 5/26/2024

The Westchester Fire Department was called to the scene for the boat that was on fire. Upon arrival at scene crew found heavy smoke and flames coming from a boat in the back yard of the residence. There was fire exposure to the fence line (approximately 20-35 linear feet) and shed. Engine 26 pulled rear skid hose load to the back yard of residence and extinguished the fire impinging on the boat, shed and fence line. Westchester fire chief is investigating cause and origin of fire.

Resident said that a passerby knocked on his door telling him that something in his back yard

was on fire which is when the resident called 911. Homeowner said that he installed the new lithium ion batteries in the boat within the last week. Power was cut to the shed at the breaker by resident and verified by FD personnel.

2024-1324

# 2200 Block of Sherwood 5/25/2024

The Westchester Fire Department was called to the scene for a garage fire. Upon arrival at scene crew found heavy black smoke coming from detached garage in the rear of the dispatched location. Crew pulled two skid hose loads off the back of Engine 26 and made entry to garage via door on south side of building. Hillside FD cut main door on front of garage

and put second skid load into service helping with extinguishment. Broadview FD pulled siding and awning exposing the area in search of fire extension. Fire was extinguished and Chief 25 and Hillside fire investigator began investigation of the cause and origin. Crews disconnected the fuse to the garage cutting the power. Resident noted that the fuse controlled lights in kitchen and bathroom in the house. Crew advised resident to have licensed and bonded qualified electrician service panel as panel is not to code.

2024-1452

#### 10000 Block of Roosevelt

WFD rescue companies responded for the

outdoor gas leak where a construction worker struck a gas line. Upon arrival WFD companies noted a strong hissing sound of a gas line.

Truck 25 deployed an 1 3/4" cross-lay hose for fire protection coverage. T25 hit a hydrant and made a positive water source. C2 and rescue company members provided plug and dike and duct tape to the hissing gas line. Rescue companies secured that gas line. Chief 25 contacted central dispatch and had Nicor respond out. Nicor arrived and clamped the pipe.

Problem was mitigated by Nicor and the fire department.  $\,$ 



## Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule



Mayfair Recreation Center 10835

Wakefield Street

Westchester, IL 60154

Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

July 10th: Senior Safety with Cook County Senior Safety Academy

Sept. 11th: Moving you to Better Health with In Motion
Counseling and The Stars & Stripes musical performance by

Rick Pickren.

Upcoming: Save the Date November 13

RSVP: Registration Preferred – Space limited.

Gia Marie Benline <u>giabenline@gmail.com</u> or email ACC at <u>awn@agingcareconnections.org</u>

BINGO: Free Snacks!

June 12, August 14 & October 9

Aging Care Connections, 111 W. Harris Ave. LaGrange, IL 60525 P: 708-354-1323 W: Agingcareconnections.org

These programs are brought to you by the:

WESTCHESTER Aging Well Team

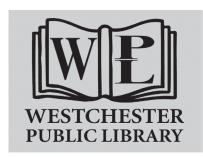
The Westchester Aging Well Team is a group of volunteers working to make Westchester a great place to age well. Through a series of free informational programs, we help to promote lifelong wellness, support aging at home, raise awareness of available resources, provide a sense of community, and support healthy, informed, and safe aging.

#### Anti-Discrimination Statement

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

#### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

Aging Care Connections is committed to building a diverse, equitable, inclusive, accessible, and supportive work environment that fosters a sense of belonging. We believe that individuals with a variety of lived experiences, backgrounds, and strengths who share a passion for helping older adults and those that support them, are essential to successfully serving our diverse communities.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# EWSLETTER

July 2024

## **August 2nd Late Opening**

Library open 12-5

The library will open late on August 2nd due to staff training. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **July Book Discussion July 16 | 6:30 PM**

Join us to discuss None of This is True by Lisa Jewell. Books are available now at the front desk

# July Adult Take-and-

Grab a kiragami kit while supplies last! Suitable for all skill levels. Must be 18+. **Grab Yours July 15th**.

#### **Summer Reading 2024! Adult Page Turners Club**

There is still time left to complete your summer reading goals and enter your books into our raffle! Submissions must be in by

#### July 31st!

#### Don't Know What to Read?

Check out a few of our suggestions! Grab a free bookmark for more recommendations at the library.

#### For the Adventurer...

Outlawed by Anna North: The Crucible meets True Grit in this riveting western adventure story of a fugitive girl, a mysterious gang of robbers and their dangerous mission. The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah: A desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of

#### For the Crafter...

Garden Made by Stephanie Rose: Showcases over forty projects to adorn your garden, beautify your home, or give as gifts.

Folk Embroidered Felt Birds by Corinne Lapierre: A project book showing all steps to make three-dimensional embroidered birds made from felt.

#### For the Hiker...

#### 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles of Chicago by Ted Villaire:

Extensive key-at-a-glance information & helpful lists highlight the best hikes for children, for wildlife viewing, and other categories.

Guide to Wild Food Foraging by David Squire: This book is a compact and comprehensive directory 100+ profiles of wild plants, and has useful information for foraging beginners.

Comprehensive booklists for each of the above, and other categories (Gardening & Naturalism) are available at the library.

## **Nature Photography**

#### Wed. July 17th | 6 PM | Library Garden

Join us in the library gardens to practice your photography with light and helpful guidance. Bring your own camera or use one of our own; no experience is required! Learn how to take beautiful photos right here at the library! Must be 18+.

#### Registration is required.

#### Art in the Garden

#### July 9th & July 23rd | 6 PM | Library Garden

Practice sketching and watercolor painting in our beautiful native garden! All skill levels are welcome, & all materials provided. Must be 18+. Registration is required.

#### **Crocheting for Adults**

#### **Monthly | Next Session July 1st**

Join us for our relaxed and cozy Drop-In Crocheting Class on the first Monday of every month at 6 PM where you can work on your crochet projects at your own pace, while enjoying light and helpful guidance.

### Nature Photography Scavenger Hunt

#### July 13th | 10 AM | Library Garden

Our regular nature photography program, but with a twist! Come explore the library's cameras AND our native gardens with guidance from a librarian. Complete a nature-based scavenger hunt by photographing plants and insects throughout the gardens, and win an extra entry into the summer reading club drawing.

# **Nature Walks at the Forest Preserve**

#### July 10th at 6:30 PM | July 30th at 10 AM

Explore your local forest preserve trails with the Westchester Public Library in either the morning or the evening! Park at Bemis Woods North and meet at the bridge for an easy 30-40 minute nature walk, led by a Westchester librarian.

Appropriate for most adult ability levels; call or stop by for more details. Registration is required



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If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm; Sunday: Closed.

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • Board of Trustees John Lamberti-president, Elizabeth Hunter, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods & Stephanie Pedersen • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month 7 PM.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

# **Photography Club**

July 12 & 26 | 2 PM

Interested in taking pictures? Learn how to use the library's cameras and explore the neighborhood through a camera lens. For ages 13 - 19. Registration is required.

#### **Teen Take-and-Make Kits**

**Multiple Dates | Youth Department** 

July 9: Decorate a birdhouse; July 23: Assemble a hibiscus flower wreath! While supplies last

# **Popsicle Storytime**

#### Tues. July 16 | 11 AM | Youth **Department**

This very special storytime will feature songs, stories, and a sweet treat! Drop-in. Best for prek-2nd grade.

# **Family Fun Storytime**

#### Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Until July **24th**

Join us on Wednesday mornings for stories, songs, and crafts in this family-friendly storytime!

# **ZAP! Storytime at the Zoo**

Th. July 25 | 10:30 AM | Brookfield Zoo Visit your favorite librarians at Brookfield Zoo! Admission for Westchester patrons will be free on this day, so you can enjoy a storytime and the zoo, too! Please call the Youth Services Department for more details at 708-462-5373 ext. 3.

# **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

# **Open Gaming**

#### Mondays | Until July 22 | 2 PM

Choose from the library's selection of PS4 & PS5 and Nintendo switch games to play against friends and meet new ones! You can also play one of our many board games. Best for grades 3+.

# **Open Sewing**

#### Sat. July 20th | 10:30 AM | Youth **Department**

Ask us for help with a project! Sessions open to both kids and adults (2nd grade and up); all must have attended a class or have sewing machine experience.

#### **Outdoor Art**

Sat. July 27th | Youth Department | 2 PM Join us in our garden (weather permitting) to create a work of art! Registration is required. For grades 3+.

## **Youth Take-and-Make** Kits

#### **Multiple Dates | All Ages**

June 10th: Color your own visor kit; **July** 8: 3D Paper Craft; July 22nd: Underwater mosaic kit. While supplies last

# **Register for Summer** Reading!

### **Until July 29th**

Join our 8-week summer reading club where you'll read and record books according to your age level and receive super-cool prizes! Sign up in person at the library!



# **Police Memorials Across the United States**

As we look across this nation, we see a world spinning out of control in every capacity and at every level around the globe. I would like to take this time to ask our residents to remember the Police Officers serving your community 24/7, 365 days a year, including holidays. In the last four months, 55 Police Officers have been killed in the line of duty across the United States, protecting their communities, along with six Police K9 Dogs who were killed while protecting their officers. We are only halfway through the year, and police officers are facing more serious

crimes involving guns, with fewer repercussions for the offenders. In my 35 years as a police officer, I have not seen such civil unrest since the 1960s. Police officers today are dealing with more advanced types of crimes, being overworked due to officer shortages, and facing a constant rise in crime with new trends.

I am very proud to serve as the Chief of Police for Westchester, a department with officers who work diligently every day to serve and protect our residents, often outnumbered by those who seek to take advantage of our

community. The job has become more dangerous over the past five years, with individuals becoming more aggressive toward society and police officers. We are handling more calls for service involving guns, and police officers must have more patience, knowledge, and higher tolerance levels, sometimes at the cost of their own lives.

Please keep all police officers in your thoughts, especially Westchester Police officers, as they respond to calls for service each day, walking into the unknown and hoping to return home to their loved ones at the end of their

They say, "Blessed are those that serve." I truly hope that's true, because despite the challenges, our officers remain dedicated and resilient, always striving to find the light and make a positive difference in our community.

Sincerely. Chief Daniel Babich

### **WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER**

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

24-01791

05/10/2024 9:05PM

TRAFFIC STOP

#### **CERMAK RD & NEWCASTLE AVE**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Jose Moreno, 30, Chicago, was cited for Speeding, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle while License Suspended, and Failure to Properly Secure Child under 8 in appropriate Child Restraint System. Moreno was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01809

05/11/2024 10:03PM

WARRANT ARREST

10000 BLK ROOSEVELT RD

WPD Officers were dispatched to the 10000 block of Roosevelt Rd for an open 911 line. Officers arrived and were advised of a disturbance that has occured. All parties were interviewed on the scene, and Officers determined no disturbance occured. During the interview process during a name check it was discovered that one of the subjects had a no bond warrant of out of Will County for Failure to Appear for DUI. Angel Cervantes-Lake, 27, Ottawa was taken into custody and turned over to Will County Sheriff Police.

24-01812

05/12/2024 10:19AM

TRAFFIC STOP

#### CERMAK RD & SUNNYSIDE AVE

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Fatima Mendoza-Beltran 24. Cicero, was cited for Speeding, Operating a Motor Vehicle while Registration Suspended, No Valid Insurance and No Valid Drivers License. Mendoza-Beltran was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th

24-01894

#### 05/18/2024 1:12AM TRAFFIC STOP

#### 1100 BLK MANNHEIM RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Debora Williams, 56, Chicago, was cited for One Felony Count of Aggravated Driving while License Revoked, Driving without Headlights, No Valid Insurance, and Driving while License Revoked. Williams was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01908

05/18/2024 11:49PM

DOMESTIC BATTERY

WESTCHESTER, IL.

53 year old man from Berkeley finds himself charged in Cook County Circuit Court with one count of Domestic Battery following an incident. Cecil Mackey, 53, was taken into custody, processed and then transported to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

24-01962

05/21/2024 8:28PM

THEFT

9916 ROOSEVELT RD

WPD Units responded to 9916 Roosevelt Rd for a subject that stole money from the register. Subject was located by responding Officers in the area of Gladstone St and Bristol Ave. A subject was detained and confessed of the crime. Cook County States Attorney Office was contacted and denied Felony charges, but approved Class A Misdemeanor Theft. Elijah Newbern, 31, Westchester, was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL

24-01986

05/22/2024 6:43PM

TRAFFIC STOP

2100 BLK MANNHEIM RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Gilier Amezquita-Oliveros, 33, Brookfield, Jose Moreno, 30, Chicago, was cited for Driving without a Valid License. Amezquita-Oliveros was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02041

05/25/2024 4:20PM

TRAFFIC STOP

#### WESTCHESTER BLVD & CERMAK RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Luis Montanez, 28, Chicago, was cited for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol, and Alcohol Concentration in breath is .08 or greater. Montanez was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02111

05/30/2024 4:49AM

TRAFFIC STOP

CERMAK RD & WOLF RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Nelson Quintana-Cunuhay, 25, Chicago, was cited for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, No Valid Insurance, and No Valid Drivers License. QuintanaCunuhay was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02120

05/30/2024 2:06PM

TRAFFIC STOP

10300 BLK ROOSEVELT RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Michael Farino, 59, Westchester, was cited for Suspended Registration and Driving while License Suspended. Farino was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02125

05/30/2024 9:15PM

TRAFFIC STOP

#### 10300 BLK ROOSEVELT RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Gitsu Guerra-Guevara, 30, Chicago, was cited for Speeding, No Valid Drivers License, and Not Properly securing a Child under 8 years of age. Guerra-Guevara was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02128

05/31/2024 1:58AM

TRAFFIC STOP 2 300 BLKWESTWOOD DR

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. William Bell, 40, Riverdale, was cited for Driving while License Revoked and Speeding. Bell was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02157

06/02/2024 5:29AM

TRAFFIC STOP

11200 BLK CERMAK RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Juan Delesus-Ileras, 31, Cicero, was cited for Improper Lane Usage, No Valid Insurance, Driving while License Suspended, and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. DeJeus-Illeras was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-02229

06/06/2024 5:13AM

TRAFFIC STOP

2100 BLK MANNHEIM RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Armando Santillan-Coria, 51, Chicago, was cited Speeding, Expired Registration, Suspended Registration, No Valid License, and No Valid Insurance. Santillan-Coria was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

# REMINDER: Celebrate Responsibly July 4 – Avoid the \$750 Fine

One of the most celebrated holidays in the United States, the Fourth of July, can sometimes be a challenge for law enforcement across the nation. Every year, as the sun sets, the sky is illuminated by powerful fireworks being set off in all directions. These fireworks can cause serious damage if they land improperly. As a Chief of Police with 36 Fourth of July celebrations under my belt, my focus

has always been on working alongside my officers to ensure the safety of our community, rather than enjoying the fireworks display.

This year, the fine for setting off any type of fireworks in Westchester will be \$750.00, with zero tolerance for violations. This strict enforcement is necessary to protect the safety, property, and quality of life of those who do not wish to be disturbed by the

loud explosions. Fireworks can scare pets, damage property, and start fires in fields and houses. There's also a significant risk of personal injury.

We urge you to leave the fireworks to the professional shows being held in many other communities across Illinois, where they can be conducted safely and enjoyed by all for free.

Please respect our police officers who are dedicated to protecting

everyone in Westchester and ensuring that everyone enjoys equal protection under the law. Our officers would also love to be at home celebrating this special holiday with their families. Let's all work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July for everyone.

Sincerely, Chief Daniel Babich



# The Board of Fire and Police Commission for the Village of Westchester Now Accepting Lateral Transfer Police Officer Applications!

Application Open: June 17, 2024- September 17, 2024

#### **How to Apply:**

- Applications can be requested by emailing: <a href="mailto:mdetente@westchester-il.gov">mdetente@westchester-il.gov</a>
- Complete and submit your application by Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 4:00pm
- Starting Salary up to: \$87,727 (Currently negotiating new scale)

#### **Minimum Requirements and Qualifications**

Applicants for eligible, certified Police Officer appointments must meet the following minimum qualifications and requirements at the time of application:

- United States citizen or permanent resident
- Be currently employed, on a full-time basis, as a police officer with a regularly constituted Illinois municipal police department for a period of not less than two (2) years. (Part-time certification as a law enforcement officer does not meet this requirement)
- Individuals must be at least 23 years old.
- Education- Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- One of the following:
  - Successful completion of at least 30 semester hours (or their equivalent in quarter or trimester hours) of credit from an accredited college or university (copy of official transcripts due with application)

#### <u>OF</u>

- At least 12 months of active service in any branch of the United States military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard) with an honorable discharge or medical discharge.
- The Board of Fire and Police Commission, in its discretion, may accept evidence of comparable work experience in lieu of the education requirement.
- Experience- Current status as a Police Officer for one year after completion of a probationary period and currently in good standing in the Police Department in which the person serves or in laid-off status due to financial restraints only. Also must possess substantially equivalent skills and abilities as a current Village of Westchester Police Officer.
- Valid Driver's License
- Must agree to comply with all requirements of the position and have the ability to pass all examination and training requirements.
- Ability to furnish upon request, a copy of the following, to the extent applicable: a resume; professional licenses; training certificates; documents confirming work experience; birth certificate; high school diploma or GED certificate; transcripts of higher learning; Military service board and discharge papers (DD-214/ Copy 4); last two employee evaluations; two police reports demonstrating best work and any other employment related material as requested or required.

#### Selection Process will include the following components:

- Review of application materials
- Interview
- Background Investigation
- Conditional Offer
- Post-Offer examination, including but not limited to: polygraph; psychological assessment; medical examination; POWER Test; and drug screening.

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#### A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will start Student Registration for the 2024-2025 school year on July 1st. All returning families must register online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.

- 1. Please ensure all unpaid fees from previous years are paid in full before registration so you can take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Rate (July 16th at 4:00 pm).
- 2. All IDs and vehicle registrations must have current Westchester addresses. Area DMVs require appointments, so please allow yourself enough time to make the necessary changes to avoid any registration delays. Click here to schedule an appointment with the DMV.
- 3. All students needing bus transportation must complete a Request for Transportation Form, which will be available on the district website. Students will only receive transportation services after completing registration, including payment, and submitting the transportation form by July 31, 2024.
- 4. Please make arrangements for your child to receive any necessary physicals or immunizations as soon as possible. Students enrolling in school for the first time, Kindergarten, and 6th grade students must present proof of a health examination and required immunizations before the start of school. Per Board policy 7-100, students who do not comply with these requirements prior to the first day of school will be excluded until the required forms are provided. If you have any questions, please contact your school's health office.

#### Other important dates related to Registration

- July 1- Registration Starts
- July 4 and 5 District Closed
- July 16 Early Bird Deadline 4:00 p.m.
- July 31 Registration Deadline

As in the past, you will be required to upload documents online that prove your residency; no in-person or document drop-off will be available. Tutorials to help guide you through the process are posted online. Timely registration will allow principals to staff their buildings adequately, so we ask that you start registering your children early. Teacher assignments and student schedules will be shared beginning the week of August 12th. Registration for new students will also start on July 1st. For new student enrollment, please visit the district website at www.sd925.org or contact the school offices.

Finally, I want to recognize our staff that are retiring this year: Karen Klemchuk (WMS Language Arts), Sally Kuhn (Technology Specialist), Kathy Gisseler (WMS Science), and Debra Jankiewicz (WMS Special Education). Your commitment to the students and our District will not be forgotten. You are always welcome back!

I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable summer. If you need anything, please contact me via email (psalemi@sd925.org) or phone 708-670-1927). See you in August!

Sincerely, Philip Salemi, Ed.D

#### **Westchester Primary School**

At WPS, we finished our year with reflections and celebrations of learning. Our second graders enjoyed their Second Grade Celebration organized by the WPTC, all students participated in Field Day and Victory Day, and our preschoolers enjoyed their end of the year celebrations. These end-of-the-year activities allowed our students to celebrate their growth, and we are so proud of all of them.



Our celebrations have led us right into summer, and we encourage all families to take advantage of SUMMER LEARNING because it is very important to learn all year long! During the summer, students' skills and knowledge can SLIDE back 2-3 months. Illinois State Learning standards are very rigorous, and students jump right into learning the first day of school. Moreover, as we look ahead to the first two weeks of school for 2024-2025 children will be assessed in reading and math. They will take the standardized MAP test, as well as other assessments. Based on those assessments, academic decisions will be made to place the children in reading and math differentiated groups within their classroom. Students who need more support may be meeting with our support staff for additional learning time. Home partnership and support will help children make a SPLASH next year! Please help your child be prepared for the first day of school by spending some academic time during the summer. Please see our school website <a href="https://">https://</a> primary.sd925.org/ and click on the Parents Tab on the right side for guidance. There is a link for Home Summer Enrichment.

Additionally, as we plan over the summer for our upcoming school year, we have a message for parents of eligible kindergarten children: All students will be placed in full-day kindergarten unless a half-day registration is requested, as we are planning for full day for the 2024-2025 school year. If a family submits a request to the office for a half-day option, their student will be placed in the morning session. Half-day students will have instruction with the exact same core academic curriculum as the full-day students. Full-day students will participate in Specials Classes (i.e., physical education, music, art, STEAM and media) in the afternoon and reinforcement of what was learned in the morning session. Our bus orientation meeting date and time will be in August and routes will be communicated with our families through the Powerschool App. Families must create a Powerschool account.

As part of planning for the next school year, all parents of schoolaged students are urged to register their children online beginning on July 1. Early bird registration opens beginning July 1st. For all pre-registered kindergarteners and returning incoming 1st and 2nd graders, packets were mailed to your home. If you have any questions please contact gchayka@sd925.org or at 708-562-1509. Our 2024-2025 School Calendar is located on our sd925.org website under the "I Want To" tab on the right. We can't wait to begin school on August 21st.

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#### **Westchester Intermediate School**

I hope that all of our families are having a relaxing summer. Summer work is underway in the Intermediate building. Our custodial staff is cleaning, repainting, and making repairs to the school in order to make it ready for the new school year. We are very thankful to our amazing custodial crew who are able to get right to work after students leave for the summer.

We have our Jump Start summer school upcoming and it will be wonderful to see both students and staff working together to increase skills in both reading and math. We encourage all of our students to do a little bit of reading and math each day just to keep those skills up and the brain working.

We have said goodbye to Mr. Gloede, one of our 5th grade teachers, who is moving on to a new school district. We appreciate all the time and energy he gave to our students. We are sad to see him leave but wish him the best in his new endeavors.

We are excited for Mrs. Oskvarek, one of our 5th grade teachers who is changing her role next year to become the STEAM teacher for both WPS and WIS. She is going to bring both her love of science and project based learning to our students next year. We also get to welcome Ms. Brooke Labue and Ms. Ally Main to our staff as new 5th grade teachers next year. We are looking forward to them beginning their educational journeys with WIS. We will see you soon.

Have a great rest of the summer! .

Go Huskies!



**HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS SUMMER MEALS** are available for children (18 and under) when school is out. Find a site close to you. Call or text the numbers below.

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#### **Westchester Middle School**

Congratulations to our May Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Caitlin McMahan and Hope Voegtle, 7th Grade: Mai-Yin Clark and Victoria Guidice, 8th Grade: Carter Holland and Milena Schoff. Warriors of the Month are selected by their teachers for setting a strong example and exceeding the expectations of the Warrior Way: Ambitious, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Optimistic, Ready to Learn, Safe and Successful



Congratulations to our Destination Imagination team, the Fantastic 5, for finishing 12th in the Global competition. Our team competed against teams from all over the world and had a great experience. Also, congratulations to the Glam Girls for qualifying for Globals. Both teams represented WMS well (1st place finishes at Regionals and the State competition) and we are proud of their hard work and dedication this year. Team members for the Glam Girls were Angel Murray, Jaylene Ojeda, Makiyah Stevenson, and A'Nya Thompson. The Fantastic 5 team members were Kosta Bartzis, Matthew Dattalo, Nolan Jawor, Adrian Perez, and Santi Raygoza. Congratulations to the teams and a big thank you to Mrs. Blair, their WMS sponsor.





# Utility Rate Increase Begins July 1 - Overview & FAQs

#### **Purpose of This Effort**

As part of the Village's commitment to community improvements, capital infrastructure, and maintaining safe and reliable utility services, the Village President and Board of Trustees have approved adjustments to water and sewer utility rates. effective July 1, 2024. These adjustments are necessary due to two primary factors: aging infrastructure and the Lead Service Replacement Mandate.

#### How Does Water and Sewer Service Work?

The Village purchases water from the Broadview Westchester Joint Water Authority (BWJWA), who purchase water from the City of Chicago. The water purchased from the BWJWA is just for obtaining water for the Village. Once purchased, the Village is responsible for all costs to operate, maintain, repair, and, if needed, replace the water system infrastructure throughout the Village.

Furthermore, sanitary sewer treatment and stormwater runoff is handled by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). While MWRD treats sewage and manages stormwater runoff downstream when it discharges into waterways, the Village, like the water system, is also responsible for all costs related to the sanitary and storm sewer systems throughout the Village.

#### Why is a Rate Increase Needed?

Utility Fund revenues can only be used to fund the operations, maintenance, and improvements of the Village's Utility System. Our community is facing a pressing challenge of aging underground infrastructure, with a significant portion of our water mains (49%), storm sewers (27%), and sanitary sewers (60%) dating back to the 1920s-1930s. This centuryold infrastructure, over 75 miles of main in total, requires urgent attention and an ongoing improvement plan to ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable water and sewer services to our residents. Funds received from increased utility rates support the capital improvements needed to bring this underground infrastructure up to date, reducing the frequency of service interruptions due to main breaks and emergency repairs. This improvement plan is anticipated to be a 20-year effort, and is estimated to cost approximately \$120

#### What About Lead Water Services?

The Lead Service Replacement Act, mandated by the federal government, requires the identification and replacement of all lead service lines in our water system. This unfunded mandate reinforces the critical need for proactive investments in our infrastructure to uphold public health standards and meet regulatory obligations. Currently, there are approximately 1,000



"resident-side" (from the outside valve to the water meter) lead water services, and approximately 3,600 "Village-side" (from the water main to the outside valve) lead water services throughout Westchester. Under this mandate, the Village must remove all lead services from the water system by 2044.

While municipalities have the option to devise a funding strategy that could entail individual residents bearing the burden of lead service line replacements, which can cost upwards of \$15,000 per service line, the Village has instead chosen to incorporate and fund lead water service line replacements as part of these adjust utility rates. These utility rate adjustments enable the Village to absorb these costs as part of the overall underground infrastructure program, without separate additional cost to Village residents. This approach ensures that lead service line replacements are seamlessly integrated with the Village's community-wide infrastructure projects, at more competitive rates due to utilizing economies of scale.

#### **Utility Bill Impact**

The water usage rate will be \$16.70 per 1,000 gallons used, and the sewer usage rate will be \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons used, which will take effect on July 1, 2024. These rates will be seen on the September utility bills, and water and sewer charges are billed in arrears. It is important to note that individual usage is notated on utility bills as units, where each unit equals 1,000 gallons. For example, if your utility bill says 5 units of water usage, that equates to 5,000 gallons

This initial rate adjustment aims to prevent a deficit in the Village's Utility Fund while a comprehensive professional study is conducted by a third-party consultant to determine the ongoing rate needed to

continue funding underground capital infrastructure improvement in the future.

In addition, historically, the Village has received higher costs to purchase water than what was charged to users. For example, in 2023, the BWJWA received a 22.55% water rate increase to the cost of water purchased from the City of Chicago, which was passed on to the Village. In the same year, Village water rates increased 3%. This has resulted in costs outpacing revenues in the Villages Utility Fund.

Estimates used in Village Staff analysis during the multiple meetings the Village Board reviewed and discussed recommendations for rate adjustments follow the EPA average individual consumption rate of 82 gallons per day. However, many Westchester residents use substantially less than 82 gallons per individual per day. As part of the communications and information about the rate adjustments, a utility bill calculator tool is available below. This calculator, along with additional information about the rate change, is available on the Village website so residents can enter their most recent usage from the May utility bills to see an estimate of their September utility bill.

Fortunately, the Village is transitioning to a new rubbish service hauler, SBC Waste Solutions, on July 1, which will be seen on the upcoming July utility bills. This transition will save residents approximately 23.6% on the rubbish charge, partially offsetting the utility usage rate increases.

#### **Alternative Funding to Address Capital Improvement**

Village staff and consultants are extremely diligent in pursuing grants for projects to reduce the financial burden on Westchester residents and businesses. Due to this extreme effort, for the current fiscal year, the Village is receiving \$4.3 million in capital

project grant funding awards.

Anytime a grant is available that the Village is even remotely eligible for, the Village applies for that grant. It is important to note that several grant opportunities require projects to be "shovel ready", meaning if the grant is awarded, the project is already designed, engineered, and ready to be sent out to bid. As such, the Village tries to stay one construction season ahead of anticipated future projects so if a grant opportunity arises, the Village is more likely to obtain that grant.

Unfortunately, a lot of the current grant and loan (with forgiveness) programs available for underground infrastructure have median household income (MHI) limits. Recently per the IEPA, the MHI for our area is \$72,563, and Westchester's MHI is \$94,151. As such, the Village is frequently denied grant opportunities due to Westchester's MHI exceeding grant eligibility requirements.

#### **Overall Objective**

The fundamental objective of the Village remains to deliver safe and dependable services to our residents. Remember, from the day-to-day motions of turning on a faucet or flushing a toilet, to the sudden emergencies that require firefighting efforts, our goal is to ensure that these essential services are always readily available, without compromise.

Your understanding and support are crucial as we work towards building a safer and more resilient community for generations to come.

For more information about the utility rate adjustments and infrastructure improvement projects, please feel free to contact the Village Administration at (708)

# PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for July will be the week of the 8 th - 12 th

August's collection will be the week of August 5th – 9th

September's collection will be the week of September 9th-13th

The Public Works Department collects branches the first full working week of each month (April-November) Please see the section map online for your collection day.

- All brush must be placed on the front parkway by 7am on your designated collection day.
- Branches may be up to 7 feet in length and must be stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction.
- Dirt must be removed from any root balls.
- Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated collection area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

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

NEW WASTE HAULER: S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. – 312-522-1115

- S.B.C. also collects yard waste on your regular collection day every week April December.
- 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, and swimming pool chemicals. This special collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

2024 Independence Day Holiday Garbage Schedule

There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, July 4th - Independence Day

Thursday's collection will be Friday, July 5th Friday's collection will be Saturday, July 6th

Monday, July 1st & Tuesday, July 2nd collection will remain the same

**Street Parking Restrictions** 

Street maintenance parking restrictions are in effect. Please check the street 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 in a 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 can 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.

Westchester Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village will replace public sidewalk trip hazards this fall. We also offer a 50/50 shared cost sidewalk replacement program if the public sidewalk in front and/or on the side of your residence is in poor condition, but does not qualify as a hazard. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to have an evaluation done and to register for squares. Both programs are first come, first served.

Village Watering Restrictions

There are water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15th to September 15th, from

12pm to 6pm. This includes:

(1) Outdoor Watering/ Running Sprinkler(s)

- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Vehicles
- (4) Swimming Pool Filling

Outdoor water use during unrestricted hours (before 12 p.m., after 6 p.m.) is allowed on even numbered days for residents with even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for residents with odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

Water Quality Data Report

The 2023 Water Quality Report is available online at www.bit.ly/westchester2023report.





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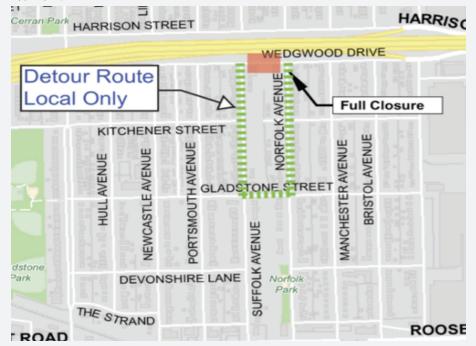


# **PUBLIC WORKS - CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

• Balmoral Ave. from Canterbury St. to Roosevelt Rd. is currently under construction for water main replacement with street reconstruction to follow.

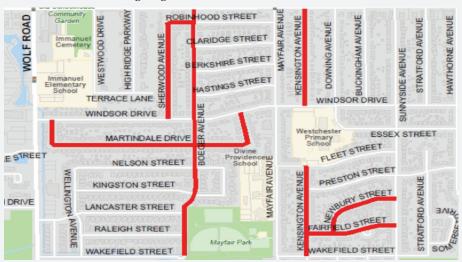


• Wedgwood Dr. Bridge will be closed between Suffolk Ave and Norfolk Ave. for replacement. The anticipated construction dates are JULY 15th 2024 through September 15th 2024.



- In-House Street Paving Phase I will occur in JULY on Manchester Ave between Canterbury St and Drury Lane, and on Suffolk Ave between Drury Lane and Dickens St
- In-House Street Paving Phase II will occur in September on Belleview Ave between Windsor Dr and Preston St, and on Carlisle St between Sunnyside Ave and JULYfair Ave

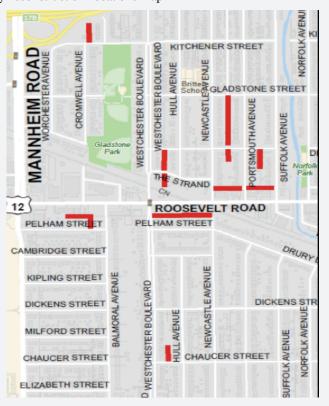
• 2024 Street Resurfacing Program



· 2023 Green Alley Reconstruction



• 2024 Alley Reconstruction Locations Map



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

#### **Presented by the Economic Development Committee**

A fascinating owner-operated digital print center right here in Westchester! Alisun Business Printing offers a consultative approach, giving your project personalized attention from concept to completion. We have a vested interest in helping your business succeed.

# How Did Alisun Business Printing Start?

The partnership between Donna Erickson and Natalie Sweeney began when both owner-operators worked together at a franchise printer and bonded over years of being in the print and marketing industry. Donna Erickson said, "We wanted to make an opportunity for clients of all company sizes to have a partner that prioritizes your satisfaction and success, whether you are a two- or two-hundred-person operation."

Alisun Business Printing originated when Donna and Natalie decided to branch out on their own as a small woman-owned business. "We aim to extend print services to all businesses seeking personalized assistance regardless of familiarity with print files and paper types. Our objective is to provide accessible tailored solutions to those who can benefit from a personalized approach, ensuring convenience and ease of use." Alisun Business Printing was formed in 2015. The business name Alisun Business Printing was prompted as a tribute to their daughters, Alexandra and Madison. "We combined their names with a twist to form Alisun."

Donna said, "Our main focus has always been on printed materials for all company sizes, including training manuals, brochures, business cards, and flyers. This has grown into many more unique product offerings from laser-etched name tags and directional signage to custom vinyl stickers."

#### What Makes Their Business Unique?

Alisun Business Printing focuses on providing personal service. In the current market, it is easy to find online solutions for many products, but the downside is that the end user is responsible for all art and specifications. We review every order, checking artwork and working to ensure we know what clients are actually looking to achieve.

How Have Alisun Business Printing's



#### **Services Evolved?**

It was interesting to hear about how the services of Alisun Business Printing evolved. Donna Erickson mentioned that at the beginning, Alisun was focused on B2B offerings, but after spending time learning more about community needs, they now also offer B2C services such as announcements, invitations, and much more.

#### Why Westchester?

The attraction for Donna and Natalie to open Alisun Business Printing in Westchester in 2015 was that both Donna and Natalie were familiar with the area and had been doing a lot of business in neighboring communities. "After looking at a few options, we decided the layout of our current location best suited our needs and budget. We were able to expand into the suite next door after a year in business. One of the owner-operators also lives in the community. We have stayed in the Westchester area because our current location suits our layout and budget requirements.'

# What Are the Biggest Changes in Recent Years?

Donna said that, in her opinion, the biggest changes in Alisun Business Printing over the last few years have been technology. "Our digital presses can help produce many more traditional items at a lower quantity and faster speed."

#### What Challenges Are Faced?

Running a small business always comes with challenges. Donna and Natalie have faced various obstacles, such as staying current with rapidly evolving technology, managing operational costs, and competing with large online print services.





Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic posed significant challenges, including disruptions in supply chains and a temporary decline in demand for print services.

# How Can Westchester Better Support Their Business?

We asked Donna and Natalie how Westchester can better support their business. The response was: "I think it's important to keep business local whenever possible. An opportunity to keep all print and marketing material in the community could help make us all stronger together."

What's Next for Alisun Business Printing?

Currently, Alisun Business Printing is focused on maintaining our excellent service and deepening our

connections within the neighborhood and surrounding areas. We aim to continue being a one-stop source for all print and marketing needs, offering great value and personalized attention.

# Mission Statement for Alisun Business Printing

When you choose Alisun, you're not just getting printing services; you're getting personalized attention from start to finish. From eye-catching brochures and flyers to professional business cards, every client request is carefully reviewed by a live agent, ensuring that we fully understand your needs and can deliver the best possible results.



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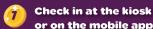
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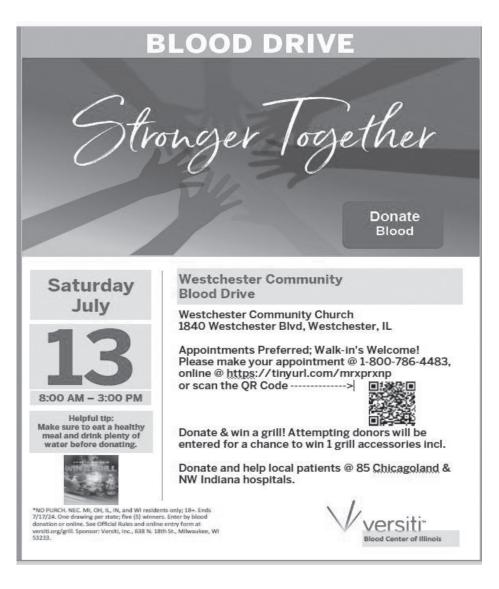
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# **Westchester Food Pantry this summer!**

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**Troy Rudolff, Presenter** 

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We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional information.

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# Reduce Emissions & Save Money while Traveling



BY KARI ROBERG, COMMISSIONER GROW Ecological Commission

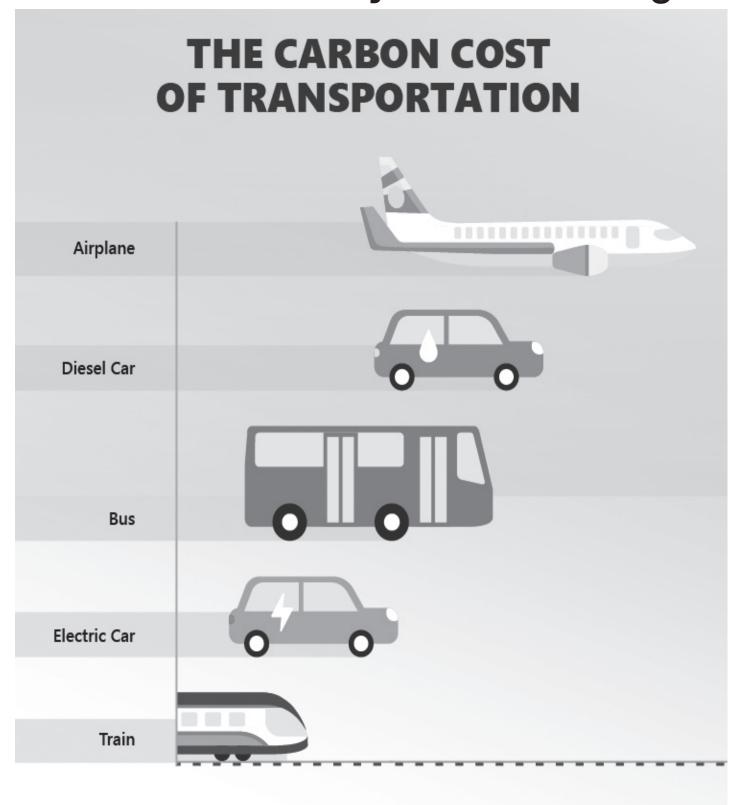
Summer travel season is upon us! Travel can bring so many wonderful benefits, but did you know travel also contributes 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions, can burden natural resources, and harm wildlife? Transportation accounts for the largest environmental impact, producing nearly 50% of travel's carbon emissions. In every choice along the journey (accommodations, dining, tours, souvenirs, etc.), there's opportunity to minimize negative impacts...and it may even save you money along the way! Consider the tips below the next time you travel.

#### Choosing a Destination and Packing

- o Learn about the place you're visiting. Understanding how your behaviors impact the local community can help you be a respectful visitor and reduce negative impacts.
- o Look for accommodations, restaurants, tour guides, etc. that are proactive in reducing waste, minimizing emissions, and positively impacting the local community.
- o Pack reusables like water bottles, utensils, and tote bags to reduce waste.
- o Pack light. It lessens the weight on vehicles which reduces fuel consumption.

#### Transportation

- o Walk or Bike. Any human powered mode of transport is the best option whenever possible. Not only does it account for the lowest environmental impact, but it also has low-to-zero cost and is great exercise.
- o Train. When it comes to traveling farther distances, train travel accounts for the lowest greenhouse gas emissions. From Chicago, Amtrak travels to 46 states and parts of Canada. And countries around the world have robust and efficient train systems.
- o Bus. In general bus accounts for greater fuel emissions than train, but public transportation is always a more sustainable choice compared to car or airplane.
- o Car. When traveling by car, share a ride and choose electric whenever possible.



o Air travel. When you must fly, fly non-stop as takeoff and landing use the most energy. Google Flights is one example of a website that shows the carbon emissions of flights so you can factor that into your booking choice. Public transport is a great way to get to and from an airport. Pace Bus travels from Westchester to both O'Hare and Midway Airports.

Source: www.ourworldindata.org

#### Before Leaving Home

o Unplug appliances and devices. Did you know electronics use energy even when turned off (i.e. TV, toaster, printer, etc.)? In addition to reducing energy use and saving money, unplugging reduces risk of fire.

- o Turn air conditioning off or turn up the temperature to conserve energy
- o Close blinds and drapes to keep your home cool
- o Lower water heater temperature or set it to vacation mode
- o Set light timers to protect the home and ensure lights aren't on all day

Learn any sustainability tips during your travels? Implement them at home and share what you've learned with friends

and family. For questions on this article, email me at kroberg@westchester-il.gov.

Kari Roberg has twenty years of experience working in the tourism industry with a focus on leveraging community voices, research, and encouraging sustainable practices that respect local cultures and natural resources. She holds a master's degree in Community Resources and Development from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in Recreation, Sport and Tourism from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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# WATER QUALITY REPORT

#### 4 JULY 2024

## 2023 Water Quality Report - Introduction

The 1986 Safe Drinking Water Act passed by Congress mandates that every public water supply in the United States prepares and distributes an annual report on water quality. This annual report to water consumers in the Village of Westchester characterizes quality of our drinking water. The format of this report is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), USEPA requires certain mandatory language and data in this report. These informational items must be published every year in the Village's Water Qualify Report.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includer fivers, lakes, streams, ponds respectives, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of an implies or from the

All water can be contaminated by the following: Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas productions, mining or farming; Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses; Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities; Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and vilidifile.

Drinking water, including botted water, may reasonasily over expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hottline at 1-800-426-4791. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDSor other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide similar protection for public health.

IN 2023, DRINKING WATER IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS. THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER WATER SYSTEM DID NOT EXCEED ANY STATE OR FEDERAL CONTAMINANT LEVELS, NOR AND OTHER WATER QUALITY STANDARD, DURING 2023.

The Village of Westchester constantly monitors and asfeguards the water supply. Our dedicated team of experienced Water Operators is committed to providing its customers with safe drinking water, and we are pleased to share this water quality report with you for water tested from January I, 2023 through December 31, 2023. If you have any questions about this report, please contact John Fecarotta, Head Water Operator, at 708–548–6889. A printed copy of this report is available into request.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to ask questions and/or provide comments at Village Board meetings. The Village Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.

Water-related issues can also be reported by submitting a service request online at <a href="https://www.westchester-il.org">www.westchester-il.org</a> or by phone at 708-345-0041. Our Water Department is happy to help resolve

As first responders, our Public Works team is also on duty 247/365 for water-related emergencies, such as water main breaks and/or damaged fire hydrants. For emergencies after hours, please call the police non-emergency phone number at 708-345-0060, and a crew will be dispatched.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda

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# 2023 Water Quality Report - Water Infrastructure Improvements

The Village of Westchester is dedicated to ensuring the safety and reliability of our water system through strategic investment and proactive planning, especially considering the aging infrastructure originating from the 1920s, in addition to federal lead service line replacement requirements. Village officials and staff are actively discussing funding options for these projects as they realize the long-term impact they will have on the community and Village operations.

#### 2023 STREET & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The 2023 Street Reconstruction and Water Main Improvement Project was a part of the Westchester Bond Referendum that passed in November of 2020. It consisted of replacing approximately 14,500 feet of water main, along with the resurfacing of 2.75 miles of roadway. The project included water main replacement, full-depth asphalt replacement, replacement of all curb and driveway aprons, and improvements to the storm sewer infrastructure on Boeger Avenue, Mandel Avenue, Burns Avenue, Shaw Street, Shakespeare Street, and Shelley Street. Additionally, Canterbury Street (from Haase Avenue to Wolf Road) received spot curb replacement, storm sewer improvements, and a two-inch Grind and Overlay Resurfacing.



#### WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Village received a \$2.19 million ARPA allocation in 2023 that has allowed for the replacement of all residential water meters in the Village. The new meters read with 100% accuracy and can quickly detect a residential water leak.

#### FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM

The Fire Department & Public Works Department worked together to inspect and flush all 1,276 fire hydrants throughout the Village. During the inspections, it was found that 10 hydrants needed to be replaced and 123 hydrants required repairs. Public Works has completed all replacements and repairs. This program was crucial in ensuring our Fire Department has a reliable and efficient water supply throughout the Village.

IN 2023, OVER **2.7 MILES OF WATER MAIN** WAS REPLACED

# 2023 Water Quality Report - All About Our Water System

Ever thought about where the water in your tap comes from each time you turn on the faucet? Well, the Village of Westchester Water Department, in partnership with the Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency (BWJWA), is one of the groups making sure if gets to your home.

The water in your home originally comes from Lake Michigan. The City of Chicago Water Department takes the water out of Lake Michigan, treats it to make sure it is safe for drinking, and then pumps the water to all the homes and businesses in the City of Chicago, as well as allows the suburbs in Cook County to purchase water.

That is where the Broadview--Westchester Joint Water Agency takes over! BWJWA connects to the City of Chicago system and transmits the water to their 10th Avenue Pump Station. The water travels about 4.2 miles through a 24" pipe. The water then continues to flow in the 24" pipe, and once the water arrives at the 10th Avenue Pump Station, the water enters three underground storage reservoirs, each with a capacity of half-a-million gallons!

The 10th Avenue Pump Station has 6 pumps, 3 each for the Village of Westchester and the Village of Broadview. The Agency draws the water out of the reservoirs, treats the water with chlorine, and then pumps it to the Village of Broadview's water system, and to the Village of Westchester's Crestwood Avenue Pump Station where our Water Department performs thorough monitoring, treating, and testing before it is introduced into our water

The BWJWA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the 24" water line, the 10th Avenue Pump Station building, and for monitoring the internal systems of their customers. The station and the portions of their customers' systems are monitored and operated with a Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that uses radio frequencies to transmit information from each of the components of the Agency's system as well as key components of their customers' systems. This information is displayed on a large screen at



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WATER AGENCY AND THE VILLAGE
OF WESTCHESTER WATER
DEPARTMENT ARE QUIETLY
WORKING TO KEEP YOUR WATER
SAFELY FLOWING.

The Source Water Assessment for our water supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <a href="https://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/swap/factsheet.aspx">https://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/swap/factsheet.aspx</a>

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus

## 2023 Water Quality Report - Regulated Contaminants

#### DRINKING WATER IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS IN 2023

Demindions: The following tables contain scleentinic terms and measures, some of which may require explanation, Maximum Contaminant, Level (MCL). The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's allow for a margin of steel of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of steel, ragit; milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water ug/l: micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water ug/l: micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. Na; not applicable. Avg. Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The level of disinfectant level of disinfectant the distribution of the

#### COLIFORM BACTERIA

MCLG	Total Coliform MCL	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample	1		0	No	Naturally present in the environment

#### LEAD & COPPER

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	AL	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2023	1.3	1.3	0.0771	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of house plumbing systems
Lead	2023	0	15	6.44	1	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When you water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking, if you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.eps.gov/safewater/lead. Definitions: Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. Action Level Gao (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

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#### 2023 Water Quality Report - Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2023	1	O.84 - 1.2	MRDLG= 4	MRDL= 4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	18	9.81 - 30.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	38	24 - 58.1	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

#### 2023 Water Quality Report - City of Chicago

The City of Chicago Department of Water Management is the Village's source water supplier and therefore must provide required information pertaining to compliance monitoring for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. This data has been enclosed on the following two pages.



#### 2023 Water Quality Report - City of Chicago

#### 2023 Water Quality Data

DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT 0316000 CHICAGO

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Highest Level Detected: This column represents the highest single sample reading of a contaminant of all the samples collected in 2023.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendary year.

Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

tment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

		ECTED CONTAM				
Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
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Turbidity (NTU/Lowest Monthly % ≤0.3 NTU)  Soil runoff	N/A	TT (Limit: 95%≤0.3 NTU)	Lowest Monthly %: 100%	100% - 100%		
Turbidity (NTU/Highest Single Measurement) Soil runoff	N/A	TT (Limit 1 NTU)	0.25	N/A		
	1	norganic Contami	nants			
Barium (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	2	2	0.0195	0.0192 - 0.0195		
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.33	0.29 - 0.33		
Total Nitrate & Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.33	0.29 - 0.33		
	Tot	al Organic Carbon	(TOC)			
TOC	The percentage	e of TOC removal was meas	sured each month and the syst	em met all TOC remova	l requirements set by	IEPA.
	Ur	regulated Contam	inants			
Sulfate (ppm)  Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	N/A	N/A	27.8	25.0 - 27.8		
Sodium (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener	N/A	N/A	8.71	8.43 - 8.71		
	Stat	e Regulated Conta	minants			
Fluoride (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth	4	4	0.74	0.66 - 0.74		
	R	adioactive Contam	inants			
Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/L) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	5	0.95	0.83 - 0.95		02-04-2020
Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium (pCi/L) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	15	3.1	2.8 - 3.1		02-04-2020
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UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

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A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has numbatory health effects language. The a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether finure regulation is

FLUCRIDE
Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride level of 0.7 mg/L with a range of Fluoridic is added to the water sugary to the property of the

#### 2023 Water Quality Report - City of Chicago

#### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Source Water Location
The City of Chicago utilizes Lake Michigan as its source water via two water treatment plants. The Jardine Water Purification Plant serves the northern areas of the City and suburbs, while the Sawyer Water Purification Plant serves the southern areas of the City and suburbs. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States. It borders Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is the second largest Great lake by volume with 1,180 cubic miles of water and third largest by area.

Source Water Assessment Summary

The Illinois EPA implemented a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) to assist with watershed protection of public drinking water
supplies. The SWAP inventories potential sources of contamination and determined the susceptibility of the source water to contamination.

The Illinois EPA has completed the Source Water Assessment Program for our supply.

Susceptibility to Contamination

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#### 2023 VOLUNTARY MONITORING

The City of Chicago has continued monitoring for Cryptosporidium, Giardia and E. coli in its source water as part of its water quality program. No Cryptosporidium or Giardia was detected in source water samples collected in 2023. Treatment processes have been optimized to provide effective barriers for removal of Cryptosporidium oocysts and Giardia cysts in the source water, effectively removing these organisms in the treatment process. By maintaining low urbidity through the removal of particles from the water, the possibility of Cryptosporidium and Giardia organisms getting into the drinking water system is greatly reduced.

In 2023, CDWM has also continued monitoring for hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium-6. USEPA has not yet established a standard for chromium-6, a contaminant of concern which has both natural and industrial sources. Please address any questions or concern DWM's Water Quality Division at 312-744-8190. Data reports on the monitoring program for chromium-6 are posted on the City's websi which can be accessed at the following address below:

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/water/supp\_info/water\_quality\_resultsandreports/city\_of\_chicago\_emerging

ion with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly partments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or



A casual walk through Bemis North and Bob Mann Preserves for fitness and fun. From teen to active elderly persons. Group is limited to 20 individuals.

Visit:

https://fotfp.org/events for information on how to sign up

Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month now from July through November. Meet at 11 AM. 2024 Dates are: 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20 and 11/17/24 weather permitting.

Please join us as we explore the woodland trail to observe both the flora and fauna of the woodlands surrounding Salt Creek. This is a birder hotspot. We will be using the Yellow turf path to the Red paved path. Allow time for some bird watching in the open meadows and observe flora by the trail which changes through late Spring, Summer and Autumn. Last year we had a resident Red Tail Hawk, but be prepared to see a variety of songbirds. We will also encounter a wide variety of plants including Wild Bergamot, Heal-all, Black-eyed Susans, plus a variety of coneflowers, trees and other plants both native, foreign and invasive.

Adults and teens up are welcome to join. A map of site and trail can be found at <a href="https://fpdcc.com">https://fpdcc.com</a>. Parking/Meeting location: Bemis Woods North off Wolf Road between 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Ogden Avenue. Park in area by bridge in the back parking lot. (change) Meet by picnic benches to left of Red Trail by the second trail sign. I'll be sitting in the shade during the hot months.

Equipment Recommended: Good pair of hiking shoes or boots. Mosquito and tick repellent, sunscreen, drinking water. Optional: Binoculars and cameras, walking sticks or poles. Please remember that whatever we bring into the forest should be deposited in an appropriate disposal container or brought back from the hike.

Follow Friends of the Forest Preserves on Eventbrite to event and program updates





# NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDER STARTS JULY 1 SBC WASTE SOLUTIONS



#### **SBC CONTACT INFO**

Website: www.sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester
Phone: (312) 522-1115

Email: westchester@sbcwastesolutions.com



#### **RATES**

- Regular service: \$21 per month (\$42 per billing cycle)
- Senior service: \$18 per month (\$36 per billing cycle)
- These rates will be reflected as of the July utility bill.

#### **COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The collection schedule will remain the same. **Residents' pickup days will NOT change.** 

#### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Service also includes collection of 2 bulk items per week and unlimited collection of electronics and household hazardous waste. Call or email SBC to coordinate.

#### **CART OPTIONS**

- Residents received (1) 95-gal garbage cart and (1) 95-gal recycling cart.
- If residents wish to downsize either cart to 65- or 35-gal, they may call or email SBC.

#### **EXTRA CARTS**

- Residents who had purchased extra carts from WM can affix a free SBC sticker to their cart or exchange it for a new SBC cart for \$35. Call or email SBC to coordinate.
- Residents can purchase extra SBC carts for a one-time fee of \$85 per cart. Call or email SBC to order.

#### **YARD WASTE**

- Residents can continue using their own personal cans or brown paper bags for yard waste at no additional charge.
- Personal cans should be affixed with a "yard waste" identifier sticker, available at Village Hall at no cost.

#### **ORGANICS CARTS**

Organics carts are available for \$12-\$16 per month depending on size. Call or email SBC to order. You must use this specific cart for this program.

#### **RECYCLING INFO**

SBC will be mailing refrigerator magnets to all residents outlining which materials are acceptable and unacceptable for recycling. Residents can expect to receive it in the next couple of weeks.



#### **HOLIDAYS**

Holiday service will be provided one day later than your regular collection day if the holiday falls on Sunday through Friday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, or your collection day of the week occurs *prior* to the holiday, service will not be affected.

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



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GROW Ecological Commission invites you to participate in a community-wide yard sale! Reduce your trash by keeping useful items out of landfills, and/or shop for deals on unique, preloved items that reduce the impacts of buying new. Register your sale to be added to the official map.

September 21-22, 2024





# Proviso Handyman department

# **July 2024**

Are you watering your garden and lawn? Do you notice your outdoor spigot drips after you turn it off? Keep your water bills from skyrocketing by having your spigot checked.

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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- Opportunities to host Chamber Events



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MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 2ND - SEPTEMBER 15TH MEMBERSHIP RATES  AGE 2yr & Up - membership required
must reside in same household	RESIDENT / NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL	\$124 / \$236
FAMILY OF 2	\$193 / \$365
FAMILY OF 3	\$227 / \$446
FAMILY OF 4	\$263 / \$491
FAMILY OF 5	\$290 / \$614
FAMILY OF 6	\$329 / \$698
FAMILY OF 7	\$365 / \$781
FAMILY OF 8	\$401 / \$866
FAMILY OF 9	\$435 / \$950
FAMILY OF 10	\$470 / \$1033
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL	\$113 / \$215
SENIOR COUPLE	\$176 / \$329

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** 

8:45am-10:45am 11:00am-11:30am 11:30am-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm

7:50am-8:50am

7:50am-8:50am 8:00am-11:15am 12:30pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-7:30pm

FRIDAY 7:50am-8:50am

8:00am-11:15am 12:30pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm

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\*Westchester Park District reserves the right to cancel, modify or restrict its schedule, or certain areas of the pool/facility due to mechanical complications, low attendance, staffing, undesirable weather, etc.

#### DAILY ADMISSION RATES

AGE 2yr & Up RESIDENT \$8.00 NON-RESIDENT \$11.00

#### POOL RENTALS

The sun is hot and the water is cool; a perfect time for a party at the pool! Are you looking for the best summer party place? Look to the Westchester Community Pool! Private rentals include the exclusive use of the swimming facility for you and your guests. Rentals are staffed with lifeguards and a Pool Manager. Pool amenities are available and the renter may bring in food to be served.

If you are interested in a pool rental, please call the Community Center Administrative Office for pricing and availability at 708.865.8200.

Rental Availability: Friday: 6:15pm - 8:15pm Saturday: 6:15pm - 8:15pm Sunday: 8:45am-10:45am or 6:15pm-8:15pm

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#### RECENT INVENTORY



30W359 Wiant Rd West Chicago · \$440,000



10338 Bond St Westchester · \$299,000



1810 Buckingham Ave Westchester · \$347,000

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