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Village of Westchester

From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

Summer is here.

The Waste Management garbage contract was scheduled to expire in July of this year, requiring the board to seek bids for rubbish removal. The village received 6 bids, with Waste Management's bid coming in at 75% higher than the lowest bidder, SBC Waste Solutions. The board discussed, over several meetings, the options presented to us and formally selected SBC Waste Solutions to replace Waste Management this July. The goal is to provide equal or increased services and minimize disruption during the transition.

At the May 14th Village Board Meeting, a water rate increase was passed that will go into effect July 1st and will be reflected on the September water bill. The September utility bill will be the first bill to reflect both the garbage cost reduction as well as the water rate increase. This utility rate increase was to provide exclusively for the replacement of lead water mains and service lines within the community that has recently been mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Residents can preview what their expected bi-monthly bill would be on our website, with our online calculator. Your water bill includes the amount of usage for the two-month period that will be calculated with the reduction in garbage costs to determine what potential increase in cost you may have in September. For further questions and answers please see the article to answer many of your questions later in this newsletter. This information along with frequently asked questions about our change to SBC Waste Solutions can be found online on our website.

This past month I had the honor in swearing in both newly hired as well as promoted personnel. Firefighters Mark Wandtke and Daniel Perzyna were sworn in as Fire Lieutenants. Sean O'Connor and David Middendorf as Fire Captains. Patrol officer and Detective Kevin Tierney was promoted to Police Sergeant and Erick P. McCord III and Jose Rodriguez Tabuyo were sworn in as newly hired patrol officers who have recently completed the police academy. We wish them all great success in their new positions.

Deputy Chief Michael Fellers attended and graduated from the 10-week prestigious Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's school of Staff and Command. The program, commonly reserved for administrative staff, provides excellent training on critical command-level content such as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more. Congratulations Deputy Chief Fellers.

Thank you, Officer Cristian Aguirre, for your hard work in the annual fundraising for Special Olympics. Cop on a Rooftop raised \$3,400 this year, surpassing our collection of \$2,800 from last year. For those unaware, this fundraising event is statewide, and locally the fundraising activity occurs at our Dunkin Donuts on 31st Street at Wolf. Those who donate receive shirts and mugs for their generous contributions. A continuation of this fundraising event is

scheduled for Saturday June 22nd at 8am as police officers participate in the torch run from Forest Park to Hillside.

The Balmoral Avenue reconstruction project which was previously planned to be complete in September is ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete sometime in June. The remaining 2024 street projects include Martindale Drive, Boeger from Windsor to Cermak, Kensington from Fleet to Wakefield, along with Newbury and Fairfield. Residents in the affected areas will be notified prior to construction beginning.



David Middendorf sworn in as Fire Captain



Swearing in of new patrol officer Jose G. Rodriguez-Tabuyo

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

June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						01 WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA 1840 WESTCHESTER BLVD WPD POOL OPENING DAY
02	03	04 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL	05	06 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL D92.5 BOARD OF ED MEETING - 6PM WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	07	08 SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT 11:30AM LIBRARY
09 NATL PARKS PRESENTATION - 1PM PRAIRIE HOUSE	10	11 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	12 WESTCHESTER SENIOR BINGO - 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER	13	14 WILDFLOWER WALK 9AM WOLF RD PRAIRIE FLAG DAY	15
16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY BEMIS WOODS WALK 11AM	17	18 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL	19 JUNETEENTH FREEDOM WALK - 9:45AM BROADVIEW MISSIONARY CHURCH JUNETEENTH FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - 10:45AM VILLAGE HALL	20 SUMMER D92.5 BOARD OF ED MEETING - 6PM WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	21	22 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN 8AM JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - 11AM TO 6PM GLADSTONE PARK
23	24	25 RAFT NIGHT AT WPD POOL VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	26	27 BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING 10AM BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	28 ASHLEY WOODS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE 8AM TO 3PM	29
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Congratulations to our recently promoted members! Thank you for your continued dedication!



Left to right: Lieutenant/Paramedic Mark Wandtke, Fire Captain Dave Middendorf, Lieutenant/Paramedic Dan Perzyna, Fire Captain Sean O'Connor

Summer Swimming Safety Tips

As the warm weather settles in and summer beckons us to cool off in the water, the Westchester Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of swimming safety. Whether you're heading to a local pool, lake, or planning a trip to the beach, keeping these essential tips in mind can ensure a fun and safe experience for all.

- 1. Never Swim Alone**
Always swim with a buddy. Even experienced swimmers can encounter unexpected difficulties. Having someone with you can be a lifesaver in an emergency.
- 2. Supervise Children Closely**
Children should always be supervised by an adult when near or in the water. For younger children or weak swimmers, an adult should be within arm's reach at all times. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant vigilance.
- 3. Learn to Swim**
Enroll yourself and your children in swimming lessons. Knowing how to swim can significantly reduce the risk of drowning. The Westchester Park District offers swim lessons.
- 4. Understand Pool Rules and Signage**
Pay attention to posted rules and follow

- lifeguard instructions. These guidelines are in place to protect everyone.
- 5. Use Life Jackets When Necessary**
For non-swimmers and those not confident in their swimming abilities, wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket is crucial. Ensure it fits properly and is in good condition.
 - 6. Avoid Alcohol**
Do not consume alcohol before or during swimming, boating, or supervising children in the water. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance, and coordination.
 - 7. Learn CPR**
In the event of an emergency, knowing CPR can make the difference between life and death. The Westchester Fire Department offers CPR classes. Contact us to find out more about our next training session.
 - 8. Be Aware of Weather Conditions**
Check the weather forecast before heading out to swim. Avoid swimming during storms or when there is lightning.
 - 9. Stay Hydrated and Use Sunscreen**
Swimming outdoors can lead to dehydration and sunburn. Drink plenty of water, and apply and reapply sunscreen to



- protect your skin.
- 10. Know Your Limits**
Don't push yourself beyond your comfort level or ability, whether it's swimming distance or trying new water sports.
- By following these simple yet effective safety tips, we can all enjoy a safe and refreshing summer. The Westchester Fire Department is committed to the safety and well-being of our community. If you have any questions or need further information on swimming safety, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.
- Stay safe and have a great summer!
Westchester Fire Department

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance
Open to all!

Thursday, June 20th from 7-9 pm

Helpful Advice From HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Tiffany Sharkey, Presenter

Unlock your job search potential by harnessing AI creatively. This dynamic presentation will guide job seekers on how to leverage AI for success. Covering essential AI skills for job seekers, it will delve into crafting AI-enhanced resumes and maximizing AI tools to streamline the job hunt, empowering individuals to navigate the modern employment landscape with confidence and innovation.

Tiffany Sharkey brings a wealth of expertise to the table as an HR Consultant at Acrisure, specializing in managing the full spectrum of an employee lifecycle. With a background spanning recruitment, onboarding, terminations, and offboarding, she has provided invaluable support to companies of all sizes and stages across multiple states.

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

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NEWSLETTER

June 2024

July 4th Closing Library Closed | All Day

The library will be closed all day on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Look for us at the Parade!

June Book Discussion June 18 | 6:30 PM

Join us to discuss **The Berry Pickers** by **Amanda Peters**. Books are available now at the front desk

June Adult Take-and-Make Craft

Perfect for all skill levels, our take and make **Independence Day Garland** is sure to bring some patriotic cheer into your home. **June 24th**. While supplies last.

Learn Nature Photography Multiple Dates | 6 PM

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.** *Wed. June 12, Wed. July 3, & Wed. July 17.*

Art in the Garden

June 15th 10 AM | June 25th 6 PM

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

Knitting Club

Monthly | Next session June 26

Don't know how to knit? Already knit a ton? All are welcome! Use our supplies or bring your own, and hang out with other local knitters. We meet monthly at **6 PM** to practice our skills together!

Crocheting for Adults

Monthly | Next session June 3rd

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.

Cooking with Cicadas!

Wed, June 5th | 6:30 PM | Community Room

Join culinary experts Catherine Lambrecht, Carolyn Berg, and David Hammond, featured on Good Morning America and Chicago Tonight, as they explore cicada cuisine. Discover new ways to cook with these insects and taste premade dishes while learning from the experts! Registration is required.

Wildflower Walk at the Wolf Road Prairie

Fri, June 14th | 9 AM | Wolf Road Prairie

Join us on a relaxing, guided walk through the Wolf Road Prairie to observe the beautiful early summer wildflowers in bloom. Call 708-562-3573 ext. 2 to register or for more details.

Nature Walks at the Forest Preserve

Evening & Morning Walks | Call 708-562-3573 ext. 2

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. *June 19 at 6:30 PM, July 2 at 10 AM, July 10 at 6:30 PM, July 30 at 10 AM.*

Summer Reading Kickoff Event!

Sat, June 8th | 11:30 AM - 2 PM | WPL Parking Lot

This summer, Adventure Begins @ Your Library! Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, June 8, from 11:30am - 2pm, where the whole family can enjoy live music, a bubble show, hotdogs, shaved ice, face painting and more! Keep an eye out for a whole series of events to help bring out your adventurous side! Adults can enter into our event-only raffle to win a free Kindle Paperwhite!



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

TEEN PROGRAMS

De-Stress Kits

Mon. June 3rd | Youth Department

Pick up a kit full of things to help you unwind after a long school year! Best for ages 13 - 19. While supplies last.

Photography Club

Starts June 14th | Biweekly

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

June 11th: Tiny Art Kits; June 25: Decorate a Planter; July 9: Decorate a birdhouse; July 23: Assemble a hibiscus flower wreath! While supplies last

Popsicle Storytime

Tues. June 11 | 11 AM | Youth Department

This very special storytime will feature songs, stories, and a sweet treat! **Registration is required.** Best for prek-2nd grade.

Family Fun Storytime

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Starting June 12th

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

Campfire Storytime

Th. June 20 | 6 PM | Youth Department

It was a dark and spooky night...well, not really, but get ready for an evening storytime for the whole family! Wear your pjs and bring your favorite stuffy. Stay after the program for a campy treat. **Registration required. Best for PreK-2nd grade.**

Register for Summer Reading!

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!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Open Gaming

Mondays | June 10th - July 24 | 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+.

Comic Book Adventure

Thur. June 13th | Youth Department

Design a new superhero, tell a crazy cat story, or even a spooky tale as you create your own comic book! The sky's the limit! **Registration is required.** Best for grades 3-5.

Decorate Your Dome

Fri. June 14th | Youth Department

Drop by the library with your bicycle helmet and use our cool supplies to decorate it! All ages welcome; younger children may need assistance from an adult caregiver.

Open Sewing

Sat. June 15th | 11 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. June 22nd | 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; June 24: Suncatcher craft; July 8: 3D Paper Craft; July 22nd: Underwater mosaic kit. While supplies last



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Congratulations to our newly sworn in Police Officers! We're happy to have you on our team!



Police Officer Jose Rodriguez-Tabuyo



Police Officer Erick McCord III

Celebrate Responsibly this Fourth of July – 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

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

24-01535
04/27/2024 5:45PM
TRAFFIC STOP
31ST ST & MANNHEIM RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Bryan Simbana-Imba, 26, Lyons, was cited for No Rear Registration, Open Alcohol in Vehicle, No Driver's License, and No Insurance. Simbana-Imba was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01576
04/29/2024 9:28PM
SHOTS FIRED
MANNHEIM RD & BALMORAL AVE

WPD Officer while stationary heard two gun shots in the area. Responding WPD Officers canvassed the area with negative results and no victims.

24-01622
05/02/2024 5:40AM
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
3061 WOLF RD
On 05/02/24 at approximately 05:40am,

WPD units were dispatched to 3061 Wolf, 3068 Wolf and 3069 Wolf for criminal damaged to property. Proviso Central Communications advised responding Officers a subject had broken the window of the businesses. Officers arrived on location and were directed by witnesses that the subject left towards 31st St. Officers observed a male matching the description of the subject, and detained. Upon further investigation and witness statements the subject was brought into the police department for further questioning. The Cook County State Attorney Office was contacted and approved three counts of Felony Criminal Damage to Property against Victor Santiago, 41, Carol

Stream. Santiago was issued a citation and Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.
24-01637
05/02/2024 11:56PM
TRAFFIC STOP 1
0300 BLK CAMBRIDGE ST
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle

perform a traffic infraction. Jhonaiker Valladares-Riveros, 19, Cicero, was cited for Improper Lane Usage, and No Valid Driver's License. Valladares-Riveros was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.
24-01652
05/03/2024 4:54PM
BATTERY
3063 WOLF RD
WPD Officers were dispatched to 3063 Wolf Rd for Suspicious Circumstances. Officers arrived and spoke with the victim who stated that she was working at the drive through window when a white vehicle, pulled up to the window and poured an unknown liquid onto her. The victim refused medical attention and Officers obtained a license plate of the vehicle. Lazaria Crawford, 19, Chicago was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.
24-01715
05/07/2024 12:01AM
TRAFFIC STOP

10300 BLK ROOSEVELT RD
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. William Belk, 27, Forest Park, was cited for Driving without Headlights and Driving while License Suspended. Belk was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.
24-01769
05/09/2024 8:08PM
RETAIL THEFT
2128 MANNHEIM RD
A WPD Officer observed a subject exit the Jewel Store with a shopping cart overflowing with unbagged groceries. While observing the subject place items in a vehicle, a store employee came outside and advised the Officer that the subject had stolen products from the store. Wildredo Herrera-Carpio, 26, Chicago was charged with Felony Retail Theft. Herrera-Carpio was found to have a Warrant out of Cook County Sheriff Office for retail theft. Herrera-Carpio was transported to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

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Upcoming Utility Rate Increase – Overview and 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 century-old 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 million.

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 used.

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) 345-0020.

PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for June will be the week of the 3rd – 7th
July’s collection will be the week of July 8th – 12th
August’s collection will be the week of August 5th – 9th

The Public Works Department will collect branches the first full working week of every month (April-November)

- All brush must be put out on the front parkway by 7:00 a.m. on the designated pickup day. Branches can be up to 7 feet in length and stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a “restack” notice will be left.
- Again, please put ALL brush out on your designated pickup day and Public Works crews will determine what constitutes an open load, which will be picked up later in the week.
- An open load would include any brush that will not fit through the chipper such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift. Dirt must be removed from any root balls for pickup.
- Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

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

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

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

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

WEDNESDAY: From Roosevelt Rd north

to the expressway and from Gardner Rd west to Mannheim Rd. Also, Roosevelt Rd south to Canterbury St from Haase Ave west to Heidorn Ave.

THURSDAY: From Bellevue Ave west to Wolf Rd, Martindale Dr south to 31st Street.

Waste Management also collects yard waste weekly on your regular collection day.

Waste Management – 1-800-796-9696

- If your garbage or recycling was not picked up on your regular day, please call Waste Management directly to report a missed collection.
- If you have large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) please call Waste Management directly to schedule a large item collection.

The Waste Management’s “At Your Door Special Collection” service will pick up unwanted-potentially hazardous and hard-to-recycle items from your home.

That number is 1-800-449-7587.
The full list of items may be found at www.wmatyourdoor.com/residential

Street Parking Restrictions

As of April 1, snow parking restrictions are lifted and street maintenance parking restrictions go into effect. Please check the signs at the ends of your block or check the Village website so you don’t receive a ticket!

Westchester Tree Replacement Program

1. The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway in front and/or side of their residence. Please call Public Works if

you would like to request a tree be planted sooner rather than later 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 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. This includes:

- (1) Outdoor Watering
- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Buildings
- (4) Pool Filling
- (5) Sprinkling/ sprinklers

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.

2023 Water Quality Data Report
The 2023 Water Quality Report is now available - to access the report, scan the QR

code on page 22 using your smart phone or type www.bit.ly/westchester2023report into your internet browser.

Construction News

Construction notices & signs are appearing all around the village. Please read notices if you receive them, and remember to obey all signs, permanent or temporary.

- In-House Street Paving Phase I will occur the last two weeks of June 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 Bellevue Ave between Windsor Dr and Preston St, and on Carlisle St between Sunnyside Ave and Mayfair Ave

- Kensington Ave. from Cermak Rd. to Windsor Dr. is expected to begin construction in June for water main and lead service line replacement, followed by street reconstruction.

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

- Wedgwood Dr. Bridge is be closed between Suffolk Ave and Norfolk Ave. for replacement. The anticipated construction completion date is September 15th 2024.

As always, residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 if an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention. If after 3:30pm M-F & on weekends and holidays, please call police non-emergency at 708-345-0060.

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• 2024 Street Resurfacing Program



• 2023 Green Alley Reconstruction



• 2024 Alley Reconstruction Locations Map



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Juneteenth Celebrations

JUNE 19, 2024 – FREEDOM WALK & FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

FREEDOM WALK:

9:45 A.M. LINE-UP

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[REGISTER HERE!](https://bit.ly/westchesterfreedomwalk)



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN WITH NON-STOP BEATS FROM DJ RON STEELE, TASTY FOOD
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Thursday, July 4, 2024
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The Village of Westchester is seeking **participants and sponsors** for the annual **Independence Day Parade**. All businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to take part in this patriotic event.

Email: info@westchester-il.gov

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT

If you would like to participate in the 2024 parade, please fill out the form below, and return by **June 17** to: info@westchester-il.gov or mail to **Attn: Parade, Village of Westchester, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.**

Official Entry Name: _____

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Email: _____ Day-of Phone: _____

Address: _____

Type of Entry (Mark all that apply): Walking ☐ Float ☐ Clown ☐ Bus ☐ Van ☐
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Global Warming and Electric Vehicles - Why buy an EV?



BY WALT WOJCIK
GROW COMMISSIONER

As you may already know and have read in previous GROW articles in this newspaper, the earth is experiencing global warming. Our local temperatures, on average, are warmer now than decades ago. I grew up in Chicago and have seen the warming winters with less snowfall and the increasing severity of storms, all consequences of rising temperatures. Are we (humans) the cause for this warming? The vast majority of climate scientists agree that burning of coal to create electricity, the burning of refined oil to create gasoline/diesel-powered cars/trucks/trains/planes and the burning of natural gas to heat buildings and to cook have caused a rapid buildup of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. (99.966% of the peer-reviewed scientific papers in the last decade are in agreement with human activity as the cause of climate change. Ref 1) With the onset of the industrial revolution, humans unknowingly extracted these fossil fuels (i.e. coal, oil, and natural gas) which were then thought to be a gold mine of energy from the earth. But, in reality, today we now know that although burning fossil fuels created energy, a comfortable life style, and wealth, it also released back into the air the buried carbon causing global warming (Ref 2, 3).

I have asked myself, but what more can I do to reduce my CO₂ emissions? The Congressional Budget Office recently reports that transportation is a major emitter of CO₂. Personal vehicles (cars, light trucks such as sport utility vehicles/SUV, and motorcycles) are responsible for about 22% of all energy-related emissions of CO₂ (16% originates from buses, commercial trucks, aviation, rail, and ships) (Ref 4). Thus, my solution was to reduce our high transportation carbon footprint. But what would it be like to not use any gasoline to commute. Well, one can walk or bike, but this was not very convenient when commuting to work or when taking my son to and from school.

In 2012, when my 12 year old full size, gas powered sedan developed a major repair, we decided to buy a hybrid plug-in electric vehicle, the Chevy Volt. The price of the car was reduced with both Federal and State rebates. The car was



small in size, but it worked. With a fully charged battery, the Volt would drive off of the battery until out of charge. Then, a gasoline engine would turn on to power the battery that propelled the car. Initially, it had a 50 mile range off of the battery and a 260 mile range off of the gasoline engine. With the gas engine running, the Volt got about 40 mpg. I charged the car in my garage overnight using a 110 volt line 1-2 times per week. I would drive months without needing the gas engine. In the past twelve years, I only drove about 2000 miles using the gas engine. The downside of charging the battery was that the electricity came from coal burning power plants. In 2013, my wife found and we gladly converted our electricity from coal burning plants to wind farms in Indiana.

Also in 2013, my wife's small gas powered SUV developed a major repair. Then, because we appreciated not having to buy a lot of gasoline for the Volt, we decided to buy an all electric Tesla with its longer range 280 mile battery. At that time, Tesla had a series of supercharging stations already built through parts of the USA. As of 2023, Tesla alone has nearly 22,000 superchargers in every state of the USA (Ref 5). There are > 145,000 gas fueling stations in the USA (Ref 6) because owners of gas powered vehicles cannot refuel their vehicle at home. Most EV owners charge their car's battery in their home garage. With the Tesla, we have only gone to a supercharger once or twice per year. The high number of superchargers made it easy for my family to take longer trips without worrying about running out of battery charge. As with the Volt, the cost

of the Tesla was reduced by tax rebates from the Federal and State governments. Because of the larger battery on the Tesla, a 220 volt line was installed in the garage. My wife charges the Tesla overnight about every other week. When charging either car, the cost of renewable electricity per miles driven is about a third of the cost of gasoline used per miles driven.

Over the past 11 years of driving the Volt, I filled the 9 gal gas tank approximately 10 times. Only twice did I need to change the gas engine oil, brakes and tires. I replaced the smaller 12 volt battery once and had two repairs on the larger battery – the first time the battery problem was covered under warranty (a blockage in the battery coolant system needed to be flushed), while the second time a \$260 battery sensor was replaced.

A few months ago, we decided to change cars from the hybrid plug-in Volt to a fully electric vehicle. Imagine, I would no longer pump gas into a tank nor change the engine oil. Today's EVs even have longer battery ranges than my wife's car and can be supercharged in under 30 minutes. Now with more reports on EVs in the social media, some acquaintances advised me not to buy an EV. These reports complain that the mining of lithium and other rare elements used in making the battery is environmentally unfriendly. Also, the EV is so heavy that there is excessive wear of the tires creating another different environmental problem which is the increased formation of microplastics and nanoplastics from tire wear.

Firstly, the concern over mining of lithium and other rare elements is bad

for the environment is correct. However, after making the battery, it is used and charged often without emitting any CO₂ or greenhouse gases when driving and that battery lasts for more than ten years in our experience. Our 2013 Tesla still runs off of the original battery needing no repairs, so far. In contrast, I see more harm to the environment from the continuous removal of crude oil from the earth to make gasoline. One realizes that there is a carbon footprint with oil extraction and the common oil spills, the refining of crude oil to gasoline, the transportation of refined gas by tanker trucks to stations, and the burning of gasoline. All of these environmentally unfriendly steps are needed for everyday use of a gas-powered vehicle and occur for the life of the vehicle. (For a somewhat technical review on EVs and gas-powered cars, I refer you to the article by Massachusetts Institute of Technology/MIT Climate scientist. Ref 7.)

Secondly, I considered buying a Tesla Model Y SUV that has a 75 kilowatt hour battery but NO gas powered engine, transmission, exhaust system, etc. that would add to the overall curb weight. My new EV weighs 4,400 pounds, while other SUVs with gas engines have similar weights (for example, the Jeep Grand Cherokee, Ford Explorer, and Toyota RAV4 - data obtained from manufacturers website). In addition, all drivers are aware that tire wear also depends on how one drives.

Hard stops and fast starts will wear the tire tread rapidly too.

see GROW next page

GROW from previous page

Another advantage of an EV vs a gasoline powered car is that the EV has less parts to break. The EV has mainly a large battery and an electric motor. Of course, both cars have a chassis, brakes, windows, etc. The EV has no spark plugs, wiring to the plugs, fuel injectors that can foul, heater hoses that can leak, engine belts that wear and slip, starting motors, mufflers, catalytic converters that some like to steal, gas tanks and fuel lines that can leak, and more. In a recent Consumer Reports article by Jeff Bartlett, Teslas were found to have the lowest maintenance costs over a ten year evaluation (Ref 8).

It is important to be aware that in cold weather, the driving range of an EV's battery is LESS. This was true for the Volt and the Tesla. You may expect a 30 to 40% drop in the battery's driving range

on days when the temperature drops below 30-20 degree Fahrenheit. A lot of the decreased range is due to the battery's charge being used to warm the cabin and the battery itself. The battery will charge slower because ions (electricity) move slower in the cold. I have never had any difficulty starting our cars in the winter.

Thus, when weighing the pros and cons of buying an EV, my decision is that driving an EV is a good choice to help fight climate change. We were the first to buy a Hybrid Plug-in EV and later a full EV on our block, but now we have five neighbors driving EVs and many others have hybrid cars. Even to this day, my wife and I love the quiet in the car's cabin, especially when the road has been recently paved. Then there is only the road noise. I ask you to consider buying an EV or start with a Hybrid plug-in EV as I did. Also, consider changing your electricity over from coal burning to

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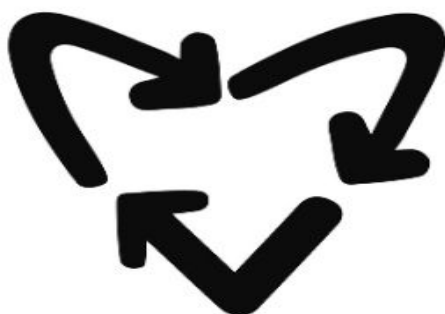
In the next few months, GROW and I will be notifying you of free EV showings so you can stop and talk with various owners about their experiences driving an EV.

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Walt Wojcik obtained his PhD in pharmacology with scientific training at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and later at the National Institute of Health in Washington DC. Afterward, he was Chief of a research lab at Georgetown University in Washington DC while faculty in the medical school. Later, he received his MD at University of Maryland and then trained in neurology at University of Chicago Hospitals. He worked as a neurologist at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn and, more recently, was faculty at Loyola University before recently retiring.



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Proviso Handyman department

June 2024

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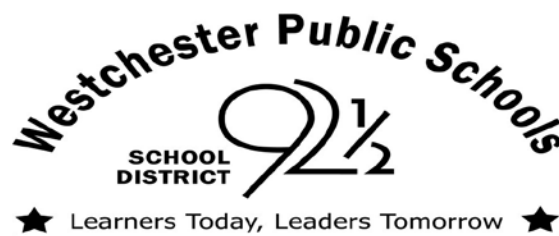
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A Letter from the Superintendent

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!

Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D

Westchester Primary School

The Westchester Primary School Community finished our year strong and celebrated our learning. On May 23rd we hosted the Jazz and Cadet Bands from WMS and WIS. Their music and talent is unparalleled, and they inspired our students to be musicians. On May 24th, our students reflected and celebrated their year-long growth in learning at our fabulous grade-level Victory Day celebrations with invited parents/guardians. Additionally, the wonderful WPTC sponsored our Second Grade Celebration on May 28th, we enjoyed Field Day activities on May 29th, and our preschoolers held their celebrations on May 30th!

As this school year has come to a close, the WPS Staff would like to thank all of our families for their partnerships this year. From our first day of school in August, our children have been resilient. Our May assessments of learning measure student growth and provide information to identify our student strengths and areas for improvement. Our staff will have a busy summer planning for learning, and we encourage all families to take advantage of SUMMER LEARNING located on our sd925.org website 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 on the first day of school. Moreover, as we look ahead to the first weeks of the 24-25 school year, our 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 the correct 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 <https://primary.sd925.org/> and click on the Parents Tab on the right side for guidance. There is a link for Home Summer Enrichment.

Also, as part of planning for the next school year, parents are urged to register their children and return completed paperwork as soon as possible when registration opens in July. We are closely monitoring class sizes. So, if you have a child that will be five years old on or before September 1, 2021, please be sure to complete Kindergarten Pre-Registration online for the 2024-2025 school year on our school district website at <https://www.sd925.org/> and use the following menu path:

1. Click on the "Registration" tab
2. Click on the "Kindergarten" tab

This is the first step in enrolling your child for kindergarten starting this fall. You will receive a notice after the review of your materials confirming the pre-registration process is complete. By early July you will receive information in the mail to complete the online registration/residency verification process and pay fees. Here is the Checklist for Pre-Registration:

1. Complete the Kindergarten Enrollment Form.
2. Email a copy of your child's official birth certificate. A child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2024.
3. Email a state or government-issued photo ID with your name and current address.
4. Email birth certificate and ID to gchayka@sd925.org.
5. Email your child's kindergarten physical exam to jsardinas@sd925.org.

Please note that all items (completed enrollment form, ID, and birth certificate) must be received to process pre-registration.

Westchester Intermediate School

As our year closes out, we have a number of things to be proud of. Our students continue to grow in Math. Our Bridges resource is rigorous and we continue to see the positive effects it has on student learning. Our second year with the HMH reading resource is also very rigorous and we continue to work through the foundational gaps we are seeing with our student's reading ability. We notice our students' need to grow in their reading stamina, writing skills, vocabulary and background knowledge. We will continue to focus on those areas next school year.

Thank you to our WPTC for an amazing celebration of our Teachers and staff last month. We also appreciate all their help with our end of the year celebrations, Field Day and so much more. Their willingness to continue to support both our academic learning and social emotional learning goals at WIS is awesome.

Our Spring Band concert was wonderful this year. It is always wonderful to see how much they grow each year. Thank you to Mr. Collins for inspiring them and to our families who encourage and endure the practice at home. We are proud of all of our musicians.

Over the summer, it is important to have your children read and practice their math skills each day. They don't have to spend hours at it. Just 15 to 30 minutes per day can make a huge difference in preventing summer dips in their learning.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer whether they are staying in town or traveling. It is good to have the opportunity to rest for a bit. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Summer Meals

COMIDAS DE VERANO

FREE! GRATIS!

All children 18 and under.
Available to all families.

Todos los niños de 18 años y menos.
Disponible para todas las familias.

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.

COMIDAS DE VERANO SALUDABLES Y NUTRITIVAS se ofrecen para niños y jóvenes menores de 18 años cuando termina la escuela. Para encontrar un lugar con comidas de verano más cercano a usted llame o marque a los números siguientes.

Call/llame (800) 359-2163

Text **FoodIL** To **304-304** Envíe **ComidasIL** A **304-304**

or visit **SummerMealsIllinois.org**

Free Summer Meals are part of the Summer Food Service Program funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Sponsor: Westchester Public School District 92-5

Site: Intermediate School - 10900 Canterbury St.
Primary School - 2400 Downing Ave

Site Number: Visit www.sd925.org for details

From July 15, 2024 through August 1, 2024

Monday through Thursday only.

Westchester Middle School

Congratulations to our April Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Liam Gonzalez and Mason Guidry, 7th Grade: Hayate Crone and Rylen Magbalon, 8th Grade: Kaitlynn Kurosaki and Elizabeth Reiff. Warriors of the Month are selected by their teachers for setting a strong example and exceeding the expectations of the 4 Bs: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be There/Be Ready.



Congratulations to the Class of 2024. They graduated from WMS on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Tayler Allen	Damian Hernandez	Jayleena Nunez
Leonardo Almaraz Sanchez	Carter Holland	Daniella Ocampo
Abigail Almazan	Ava Holman	Kostiantyn Oliynyk
Santiago Alva	Marquis Howard	Alayna Ortiz
Thomia Armstrong	Anthony Jacklin	Julian Palomino
Camille Arnold	Ania Jackson	Virginia Peneschi
Kristen Atienza	Josiah Jackson	Yahaira Perez Gomez
Esteban Barban	Saleeyse Jackson	Jazlene Perez
Benjamin Becerra	Kennedi Jenkins	Alani Polepaka
Altesa Berbatovci	Grace Johnson	Maria Powers
Ulpiana Berbatovci	Kameron Johnson	Ariana Reed
Nicholas Blissit	Bliss Jones	Elizabeth Reiff
Angela Borjon	Darius Jones	Valeria Rico
Francis Brion	Mariyah Julion	Celeste Rocha
Drake Bryant	Charles Kaden	Jessy Rodriguez Herrera
Amiyah Buford	Soleil Karounos	Josiah Romanowski
Noah Burnham	Thummapon Kittianont	Alexa Romero
Marionna Carter	Kaitlynn Kurosaki	Eliot Rrahmani
Jaiden Casteel	Aharon Landeros	Daniel Salinas
Ela Cerda	Devan Lazaro	Annabel Sanchez
Emma Chmelka	Mykeshe Leggett	Layla Sanchez
Venny Cordero	Myshawyn Leggett	Edward Schicker
Kamran Currie	Abigail Lehmann	Rachel Schicker
Eric Cuza	Naima Leon	Milena Schoff
Treviona Davis	Dennis Lepak	Carlos Servin
Hunter Desai	Alexander Lindsay	Aaliyah Steele
Jazmine Diaz-Bautista	Andre Lodree	Lailah Stubblefield
Colin Duff	Emiliano Loera	Liam Tazelaar
Valeria Duran	Sebastian Lopez	Gwendolyn Thomas
Mirakle Dvorak	Olivia Marin	Natalie Tistoj
Jovany Feliciano	Xavier Marin	Xavier Torres
Giuliana Fiordiroso	Mylena Marsala	Yurely Torres
Alyssa Flowers	Madison Martinez	Elaimeshell Turner
Mary Flynn	Laila McCain	Juan Valencia
Charlotte Franzwa	Da'Myiah McIntosh	David Vargas
Samantha Garcia Delgado	Javier Melecio	Andrei Vilchis
Amaya Garcia	Bailey Mercardo	Alexander Villalobos
Tony Garcia	Zoey Michaels	Adrian Villarreal
Daniel Gavurnik	Abigail Milas	James Washington III
Jozlyn Gonzalez	Michael Miranda	Taylor Wells
Maddox Gonzalez	Anthony Moore	Tamyiah Williams
Samantha Grant-Duda	Monwell Moore	Christian Wilson
Stacey Guerra	Eliana Mora	Zyion Younkins
Julian Guzman	Brianna Morris	Carter Ziede
Evelyn Hennings	Angel'la Murray	
	Ramona Nagan	

UPCOMING NEW GARBAGE/RECYCLING

SERVICE PROVIDER: PLEASE READ!



S.B.C. WASTE SOLUTIONS, BASED IN BROADVIEW, WILL BEGIN GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICE TO VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS ON JULY 1, 2024.

VISIT WWW.SBCWASTESOLUTIONS.COM/WESTCHESTER OR CALL SBC AT 312-522-1115 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

- THE COLLECTION SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN THE SAME. RESIDENTS' PICKUP DAYS WILL NOT CHANGE.
- RATES ARE \$21 PER MONTH (\$42 PER BILLING CYCLE) FOR REGULAR SERVICE AND \$18 PER MONTH (\$36 PER BILLING CYCLE) FOR SENIOR SERVICE.
- SBC WILL BEGIN DELIVERING CARTS THE WEEK OF JUNE 3 – RESIDENTS SHOULD START USING THEM AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVE THEM, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL JULY 1. ONCE YOU RECEIVE/BEGIN USING THE SBC CARTS, YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR EMPTY WM CARTS AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION. WE CANNOT PROVIDE AN EXACT DATE FOR SBC CART DELIVERY OR WM CART COLLECTION.
- RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE (1) 95-GAL GARBAGE CART AND (1) 95-GAL RECYCLING CART. IF YOU WANT TO DOWNSIZE TO 65- OR 35-GAL, YOU MAY CALL OR EMAIL SBC AT THE CONTACT INFO ABOVE – THIS CAN BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO DELIVERY.
- RESIDENTS WHO HAD PURCHASED EXTRA GARBAGE/RECYCLING CARTS FROM WM HAVE THE OPTION OF AFFIXING A FREE SBC STICKER TO THEIR CART OR EXCHANGING IT FOR A NEW SBC CART FOR \$35 – RESIDENTS CAN CALL OR EMAIL SBC TO COORDINATE.
- RESIDENTS CAN PURCHASE EXTRA SBC GARBAGE/RECYCLING CARTS FOR A ONE-TIME FEE OF \$85 PER CART – RESIDENTS CAN CALL OR EMAIL SBC TO ORDER.
- ORGANICS/YARD WASTE CARTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$12-\$16 PER MONTH DEPENDING ON SIZE – RESIDENTS CAN CALL OR EMAIL SBC TO ORDER.



MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 2ND - SEPTEMBER 15TH MEMBERSHIP RATES <small>AGE 2yr & Up - membership required</small>
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	8:45am-10:45am 11:00am-11:30am 11:30am-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm
MONDAY-THURSDAY	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
SATURDAY	7:50am-8:50am 8:00am-11:00am 11:00am-11:30am 11:30am-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm

RENTAL MEMBERS ONLY
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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	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
2yr & Up	\$8.00	\$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

2024 season

JUNE 1ST - SEPTEMBER 2ND

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.WDPARKS.ORG

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED



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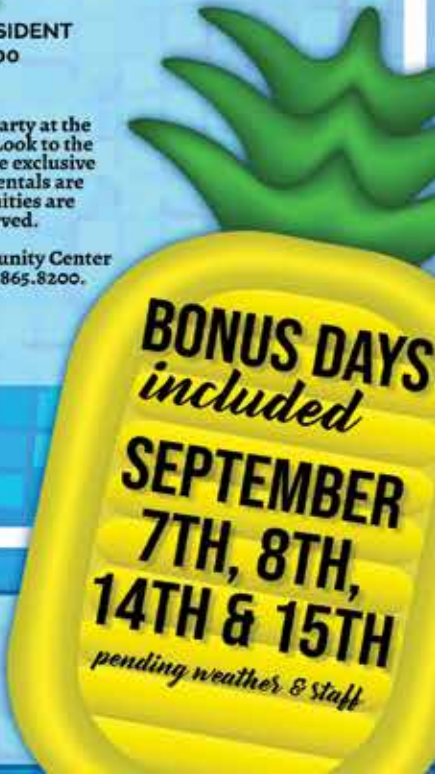
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WESTCHESTER MARKET UPDATE

• APRIL 2024 •

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New Home Listings
down 22.7% from last year

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Closed Home Sales

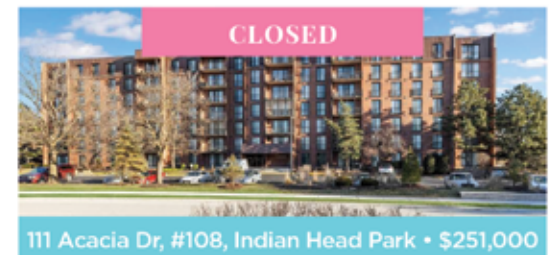
Average Sales Price

\$345,350

up 16.8% from last year

MRED Infosparcs: single family homes in Westchester,
April 2024; April 2023 vs April 2024

RECENT INVENTORY



**#1 AGENT IN
WESTCHESTER⁺**
SIX YEARS IN A ROW
(2018-2023)

Lifetime Resident,
Local Expert



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