



Village of Westchester

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

As many of you learned this past month, an iconic Westchester staple of 43 years is no more. It is with great sadness that we announce Paul's Pizza and Hotdogs closed its doors for the last time on Saturday, May 17. Paul originally opened at 31st and Downing in April 1982, later expanding the business to the shopping center at 31st and Wolf in the early 2000s.

Paul began his career in public service in 1998 when he became a village trustee. He went on to serve two terms as village president, stepping down in 2021. His involvement and commitment to the community extended beyond public office—he was a consistent supporter of the village, the parks, and the schools, and sponsored hundreds of local sports teams, providing food donations and financial support throughout the past 40 years. Thank you, Paul, for supporting the community for over four decades. Your dedication to public service and your role as a local business owner who always put Westchester first are deeply appreciated.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Westchester Police Department, will host a personal safety seminar as part of their senior safety program. The event will take place in the Westchester Village Hall Courtroom on Thursday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m. Contact the Cook County Sheriff's Office at 708-865-7341 to register. The Sheriff's Office regularly partners with our police department to provide seniors with important information on topics such as scam and identity theft prevention. Make sure to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and visit our website regularly to stay informed about upcoming events at Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Cop on a Rooftop event on May 16 at the Dunkin' location at 31st and Wolf. Your generous donations helped the Westchester Police Department raise over \$4,000 for Special Olympics Illinois. The annual Special Olympics Torch Run will be held on June 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., starting in Bellwood and ending at



the Sheet Metal Union Hall located at 4550 Roosevelt Road in Hillside. Please join us in supporting this wonderful cause.

Looking ahead, we have a summer full of exciting events. In June, we'll host a Juneteenth Freedom Walk and Flag-Raising Ceremony at 10 a.m. on June 19 at Westchester Village Hall, followed by a Juneteenth Block Party at Gladstone Park on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In July, our annual 4th of July Parade will take its usual route through town, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Our Party in the Park, celebrating Westchester's 100th anniversary, will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12. The Westchester Park District's Summer Concert Series continues at Mayfair Park from 6 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday in August. For more information on event details, including band lineups and locations, please visit our website. Please also help us welcome Blaque Flames BBQ, located at 9914 Roosevelt Road, which opened on May 16.

Serving hot chicken, wings, chicken strips, burgers, and more, their menu offers something for the whole family. As with all new restaurants in Westchester, community support is crucial to sustaining these family-owned businesses. When dining out this summer, please consider supporting Westchester's local establishments.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY	5 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	6	7
8 CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL PRESENTATION 1-3PM PRAIRIE HOUSE	9	10 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	11 AGING CARE BINGO 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER	12 SENIOR SAFETY SERIES 4:30PM VILLAGE HALL	13	14
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16	17 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRESENTATIONS 7PM VILLAGE HALL	18	19 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED JUNETEENTH FREEDOM WALK & CEREMONY 10AM-12PM GRACE CENTRAL/ VILLAGE HALL	20	21 JUNETEENTH BLOCK PARTY 11AM-4PM GLADSTONE PARK
22	23	24 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	25	26 BWJWA MEETING 10AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL SOLAR PRESENTATION 7PM VILLAGE HALL	27	28
29 SIP, SAVOR & SUPPORT 3-7PM PRAIRIE HOUSE	30					

• VILLAGE MEETINGS • VILLAGE EVENTS • OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

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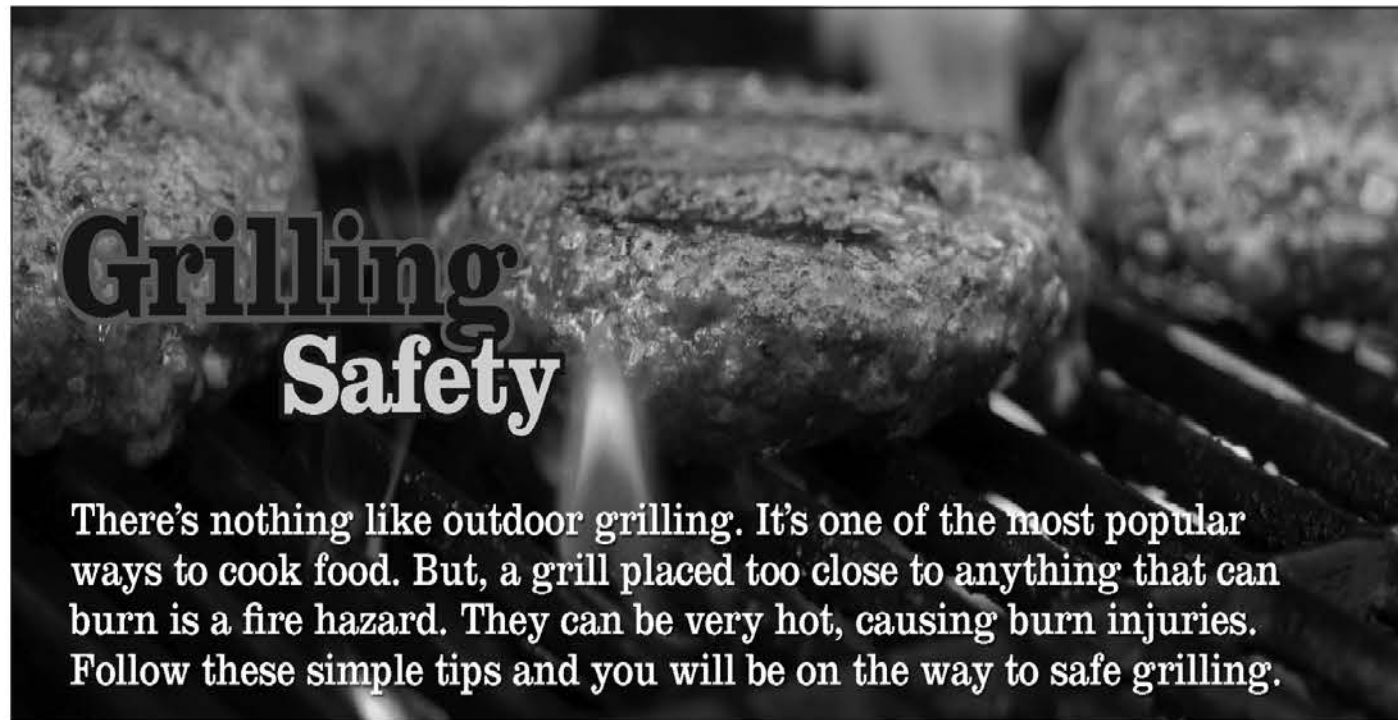
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SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

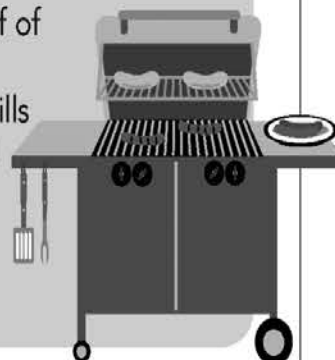
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Fire Safety Tips

It looks like the nice weather is finally here for Westchester!

As we start to enjoy our backyards, parks, and forest preserve with family and friends, please keep some outdoor fire and grilling safety tips in mind. Please keep your grills away from combustibles like your home and garage walls as well as patio furniture.

Please follow Westchester ordinances and keep fire pits at least 15 feet away from structures when using and keep a hose or water bucket nearby.

You can check the village website for current village rules for outdoor fires.

307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces.

Portable outdoor fireplaces (e.g. fire pits) shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

** NFPA data show that between 2019 and 2023, gas grills were involved in an average of 9,287 home fires per year, including 4,682 structure fires and 4,605 outdoor fires. In roughly one-fifth (20%) of these fires, the grill had not been cleaned. In addition, an annual average of 21,682 patients went to emergency rooms because of grill-related injuries between 2020 and 2024, according to data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Rocky's Pizza



Rocky's Pizza, 10421 W. Cermak Road

“A Westchester Community Staple for Over 40 Years”

Nestled at 10421 W. Cermak Road in Westchester, Rocky's Pizza is far more than a neighborhood pizzeria – it's a beloved community cornerstone. For 40 years, the restaurant has been proudly owned and operated by the Savarino family.

Darlene and Anthony “Tony” Savarino took over the business in 1985, continuing the legacy originally started by founder Rocky Felco.

Recognizing Rocky's deep-rooted connection to the community, the Savarinos wisely chose to keep the well-known name, preserving the connection that locals had already grown to cherish.

Tony Savarino, a Vietnam War veteran, is a vital part of Rocky's success. His

dedication to both his craft and his customers is evident in every aspect of the restaurant—from the quality of the food to the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Over the years, Rocky's has built a loyal customer base, with generations of Westchester families continuing to make it a regular stop. Rocky's dedicated regulars is one of the main reasons the local pizzeria has become part of the Westchester's fabric.

Like many small businesses, Rocky's faced a significant challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With dine-in service shut down and larger office orders disappearing as employees transitioned to remote work, the Savarinos endured a difficult and uncer-

tain time.

Their perseverance and unwavering commitment to serving the community helped the restaurant weather the storm and emerge resilient.

Although the second Rocky's location in Homer Glen has since closed, the original Westchester location remains a testament to the Savarinos' dedication to the community of Westchester.

Their focus on customer service, consistency, and community engagement has solidified Rocky's Pizza as a true Westchester gem.

Today, the Savarinos continue to prioritize building their customer base and navigating the challenge of staffing in a competitive labor market.

Looking to the future, the Savarino family plans to carry the legacy forward through their children and grandchildren—ensuring that Rocky's Pizza remains a cherished part of Westchester for years to come.

While they intend to be a mainstay of the Village don't wait too long until your next (or first!) visit to Rocky's for that delicious pizza that will keep you wanting to come back for more.

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Enjoy Fourth of July FUN Without the FINES!

It's never too early to talk about one of the most celebrated holidays in this great land we call the United States of America. This country will be 249 years old this Fourth of July—and of course, it lands on a Friday!

While that's great for celebrations, it's also one of the most challenging nights of the year for police officers across the country.

Last year, I worked the Fourth of July alongside my officers.

We issued 20 citations for illegal fireworks, each carrying a **\$750 fine**. Some individuals even received second violations.

While we want everyone to enjoy the

holiday with friends and family, it must not come at the expense of someone's safety, property—or peace of mind.

Chasing down fireworks across the sky, in every direction, trying to pinpoint where they're coming from—it's not fun.

And it gets harder when people who've been drinking try to argue why they should be allowed to break the law.

Our job is to protect all residents, including your homes and pets, and we take that responsibility seriously. Some of the most common responses we hear from those violating the law include:

- "I didn't know they were illegal." **Yes, fireworks are illegal throughout the entire State of Illinois.**

- "*Why are you writing me up and not the guy two blocks over?*" **There's no order to enforcement—we act when we locate a violation and then move on to the next call.**

- "*We're just having fun.*" **Yes, but sometimes that fun comes with risk, danger, and real harm to others. So once again, I'm asking residents: please leave fireworks to the certified professionals.**

We have over six thousand homes in West-

chester, and while our team works hard to keep everyone safe, we need your help.

Don't shoot off fireworks. Instead, enjoy a **safe, fun, and phenomenal Fourth of July weekend** by joining us for the parade and celebrating responsibly.

Remember, fireworks are totally illegal in the Village of Westchester—and a violation carries a \$750 fine.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe.

Daniel Babich
Chief of Police

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

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

25-01223 04/07/2025 1:17AM DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL

A 38-year-old female from Westchester has been charged with Domestic Battery and a 35-year-old male from Berwyn has been charged with Violation of an Order of Protection in Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. Both individuals were taken into custody, processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

25-01285 04/12/2025 6:36PM TRAFFIC ARREST 1600 BLK GARDNER RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 22 year old male from Lyons, IL was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign, and No Valid Driver's License. The 22-year-old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-01293 04/13/2025 3:50PM TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD & KIPLING ST

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 45 year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Improper Display of License Plate, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Valid Proof of Insurance, and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid Drivers License. The 45 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-01431 04/24/2025 7:07PM DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL

A 54-year-old male from Westchester has been charged with Domestic Battery in Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. The 54-year old was taken into custody, processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing

25-01450 04/26/2025 7:19PM TRAFFIC STOP 1200 BLK GARDNER RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. 39-year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Suspended Plates for Insurance Violation, Expired Plates, No Valid Driver's

License, and No Valid Vehicle Insurance. The 39-year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-01491 04/29/2025 5:35PM TRAFFIC STOP 1900 BLK GARDNER RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. 29-year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Disobeying Stop Sign, No Valid Drivers License, and No Valid Insurance. The 29-year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL

25-01550 05/05/2025 3:52AM TRAFFIC ARREST 1300 BLK HIGHRIDGE PKWY

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. 37-year old male from Glen Ellyn, IL was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Open Alcohol Container, No Valid Insurance, No Valid Drivers License, and Expired Registration. The 37-year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the

4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-01586 05/07/2025 5:23PM TRAFFIC ARREST 1400 BLK GARDNER RD

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction 33-year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Disobeying Stop Sign, No Valid Drivers License, and No Valid Insurance. The 33-year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-01603 05/09/2025 3:37AM TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD & DORCHESTER ST

WPD Officers were dispatched to Mannheim Road & Dorchester Street for a motor vehicle accident. A 29-year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Improper Lane Usage, Driving Under Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol and Damage to Property. The 29-year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Check out our new Website redesign!

www.westchesterpl.org has a new look! Head over to our NEW and IMPROVED website to see all of the new changes.

June Book Discussion June 17th | 6:30 PM

This month we're reading ***Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*** by J. Ryan Stadal. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Library Closed on Independence Day

The Library will be **closed all day on Friday, July 4th** in for Independence Day. We'll see everyone at the parade!

Summer Reading 2025: Color Our World

June 7th - July 31st

Youth Reading Clubs

Join our Youth Summer Reading Clubs for all ages—from PreK to high school! Whether you're just starting with Read to Me, growing your skills in Beginning Reader or Reader, or diving into new worlds in our Teen club, there's something for everyone. Track your reading, earn rewards, and have fun all summer long with Beanstack!

Adult Club

Our Adult Summer Reading Club is a great way to relax, discover new books, and celebrate your love of reading. Log your reading and activities on Beanstack to earn prizes and connect with a community of fellow readers all summer long!

What's Beanstack?

Beanstack is a web and mobile app that enables you and your family to track reading progress through the Library's various reading challenges.

Don't want to use the app? No problem! You are still able to fill out paper slips for your books at the library.



Scan the QR code or go to **westchesterpl.beanstack.org** to register. Once you have registered you or your child, you can enroll in our reading challenges!

Tiny Art Kits

Sat, June 7th | Adult Department

Pick up your kit starting June 7th and make sure to turn it in before the last day of Summer Reading to get an entry into the raffle!

Photography in Nature

Wed, June 11th, 18th, and July 2st | 6 PM | Multiple Locations

Join us in either the Library Garden Prairie Rising or Bemis Woods North to take photos of the new plants, pollinators, and birds. Use your own camera or smartphone, or arrange with the library in advance to borrow one of our DSLR cameras. **Registration is required.**

Take-and-Make Kits

Monday, June 16th | Adult Department

Stop by the adult department to grab a kit to make some fabric strawberries! **While supplies last.**

Movie Matinee: The Friend (2024)

Wed, June 18th | 1 PM | Community Room

When a solitary writer adopts and bonds with a Great Dane that belonged to a late friend, she begins to come to terms with her past and her own creative inner life. Starring Bill Murray and Naomi Watts.

Learn to Make a Shadowbox

Wed, June 25th | 2 PM or 6 PM | Community Room

Learn how to create a beautiful, three-dimensional shadowbox collage in this class. You'll get tips on selecting and arranging meaningful objects, editing your choices, and using the right adhesives. By the end, you'll have a personalized piece of art, ready to display or gift.

Qigong & Sound Meditation with Gail Morales!

June 14th | 11 AM | Community Room

Join Gail Morales for this beginner friendly workshop that is a combination of qigong and beautiful sounds.

Qigong involves a series of slow flowing movements and deep measured breathing while in a chair or standing. The workshop ends with soothing sounds from seven crystal singing bowls, chimes, handheld gongs, and other sound instruments. **Registration is required.**



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Storytimes in the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Starting June 11th

Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day! Best for babies – PreK.

Popsicle Storytime

Tuesday, June 17 | 11 AM | Youth Department

Join us for a very special storytime with songs, stories, and a sweet treat!

Teen Programs

Teen Mystery Book Boxes

Monday, June 9th | Teen Room

Sign up for a mystery book box! In the box, you'll find two books on a specific theme and some surprises! For grades 6-12 with a library card. **Registration is required.**

Teen Tiny Art Kits

Monday, June 9th | Teen Room

This month, pick up a kit that has everything you need to paint a tiny piece of art! For grades 6-12.

Teens June Coloring Contest

Monday, June 9th | Teen Room

Stop by the Teen Room for a coloring sheet! At the end of the month, two winners will be selected to receive a prize! For grades 6-12.

Teen Take & Make Craft

Monday, June 16th | Teen Room

Pick up a cool craft kit that you can make at home or in the library! For grades 6-12; while supplies last.

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, June 21st | 1 - 4 PM

Adventure awaits! Sign up for a one-shot Dungeons & Dragons quest guided by an experienced Dungeon Master! No prior experience is necessary except for a wild imagination! For grades 6-12; **registration required.**

Youth Programs

Big Ol' Mess with Miss Mel

Mondays | 10 AM | Starting June 9th

Create in the messiest way possible! Finger paint, make slime and more! Best for ages 4-7, registration required. Please dress in old clothes. **Registration is required.**

Kids Crafts

Biweekly Tuesdays | Starting June 10th

Get crafty at our fun craft table and make something special to take home!

Heist at The Library

Thursday, June 12th | Youth Department

Are you a super spy? Try to solve the puzzle and steal the prize! **Registration is required.**

Lego Club

Friday, June 13 & 27 | 3 PM

Don't miss this fun club where you can show off your building skills and get to put your creations on display!

Family Tie-Dye

Tuesday, June 24th | 11 AM | Community Room

Take that old white t-shirt from drab to fab with this family-fun tie dye program! You bring the shirt, we'll supply the tie dye! **Registration is required**

Thrift Shop Paintings

Tuesday, June 24th | 11 AM | Community Room

You don't have to start from scratch. Just pick up a thrift shop painting and have at it! Add giant squid tentacles to a seascape! Add a UFO tipping over a cow! The possibilities are endless as you let your wacky side shine. For grades 3-8. **Registration is required.**

Kids Pond Kayak Trips

June 18th, 20th, & 27th

Our library staff will teach kids safety tips and the basics of kayaking before setting out on the water. **Call 708-562-3573 ex 3 for more details.**



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Save the Dates



Juneteenth Ceremony & Community Celebration

Honoring Westchester's past and embracing its future – join us for a Freedom Walk on 6/19 followed by a block party at Gladstone Park ON 6/21! **REGISTER FOR THE WALK:** westchester-il.org/juneteenth

June
19 &
21



Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

An afternoon of history and hospitality at the Prairie House – sip, savor, and support the Westchester Community Events Foundation! westchester-il.org/sipsavorsupport

June
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4th of July Parade

Join us for this beloved timeless tradition, this year featuring a "Rolling Through The Years" Classic Car parade! Register or sponsor: westchester-il.org/july4

July
4



Westchester's 100th Birthday Party in the Park

A centennial celebration of community spirit – a weekend full of tasty food, live music & plenty of fun at Community Park as we celebrate 100 years of Westchester! westchester-il.org/partyinthepark

July
11 &
12



National Night Out

Join us for an evening full of family fun at Westchester Intermediate School with the Westchester Police Department – touch-a-truck, face painting, bounce houses, and more!

August
5

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Want Lower Energy Bills? Come Learn How to Save Money with Local Programs

Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase,
GROW Commissioner

In Illinois, electricity rates are higher during peak periods (June 1st to September 30th) and lower during off-peak times. Below are upcoming events to walk you through local programs and resources that will help lower your energy bill – no solar panels necessary!

• **Learn about programs that don’t require installing solar panels:**

June 17th at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall Board Room

The Village of Westchester has joined other

Illinois communities that have partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to offer Community Solar Subscriptions through MC2 for their residents and small businesses. Presented by Sharon Alegado, Vice President with MC2 Energy

Learn about the ComEd and Nicor Energy Efficiency Programs and get signed up for your free assessment, and learn how to obtain free or discounted energy-saving products. Presented by Tori Woolbright, Energy Efficiency Specialist with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

• **Learn about solar installation programs and other solar offerings**

June 26th 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Boardroom

Citizens Utility Board, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and Cook County partnered to offer the Switch Together Program that vets installers and provides a group purchasing discount.

The Illinois Solar for All Program is a state program that makes solar more affordable for income-eligible residents, allowing more people to enjoy savings on their energy bills. Learn about other community solar offerings.

Presented by Marina Minic, Solar Programs Coordinator with Citizens Utility Board



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For more information, contact ewchase@westchester-il.gov

SLOW MOW IS THE WAY TO GO

Nikki Way,
GROW Commissioner

Q: Why didn’t the Village do No Mow Til Mothers Day this year? How do we help the pollinators?

A: You might remember that last year, GROW and the Village tried “No Mow ‘Til Mother’s Day,” inspired by the UK’s “No Mow May” movement. But here in the Chicago area, spring warmed up fast — and so did our lawns. Grass shot up, went to seed early, and by summer, many yards became tough to manage.

It turns out, “No Mow May” works better in cooler, wetter climates like the UK. Here in Westchester, we need a more flexible approach to support pollinators and keep our yards manageable.

This summer, we’re encouraging Slow Mow Summer.

The basic idea of “No Mow...” campaigns is to hold off on mowing to let the flowers bloom. For most of us, this means giving the plants and weeds in our lawns (like dandelions, violets, and clover) a chance to flower and become a pollinator food source, then mow before they go to seed.

“Slow Mow” means that you let your lawn grow to five inches before cutting it down to 3.5 inches. That’s what we do for our lawn and we receive lots of compliments on how healthy it looks (especially while dotted with dandelions, clover, and violets!)

The best part about leaving the grass longer

(as well as holding off on the spring clean-up) is that it creates the conditions for a yard full of fireflies and butterflies!

Slow Mow Summer helps to:

• **Prevent weeds:** Letting your grass grow a bit longer naturally shades out weed germination and growth, helping you spend less time pulling them — and reducing the need for chemical weed killers.

• **Promote Healthier Grass:** Taller grass fosters deeper roots and more resilient lawns, saving you time and money in the long run.

• **Enhance Wildlife Habitat:** Longer grass provides shelter and food for bees, butterflies, and fireflies.

• **Reduce Pollution:** Fewer mowing sessions mean less fuel use and emissions.

This summer, take it slow and be flexible: Adjust to a slower mowing schedule, whether you cut the law yourself or have a service involved. Watch how nature responds and tailor your approach to what works best for your yard.

Even if you like a tidier lawn, mowing less

frequently can still save you time and money while benefiting your home environment. Healthier grass, less fuel use, fewer emissions, and more support for biodiversity — all with a neater appearance!

If Slow Mow isn’t for you - other tips to improve your environment:

If you can’t stand the thought of changing your lawncare routine, there are other ways you can contribute:

• **Chemical-Free Zones:** Avoid pesticides and herbicides that can poison the soil and the insects that call it home — fireflies included.

• **Native Landscaping:** Shrink your lawn and add a large native plant border - there are many beautiful plants, including Purple Coneflower, our Village’s official flower.

• **Spread some other ground covers:** Incorporate native lawn alternatives like clover and violets to provide a continuous food source for local pollinators.

Organizations & Resources:
• Bee City USA – Mowing Guidelines section
• Wild Ones West Cook - Learning & Resources section

Green Fact of the Month

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average gas-powered lawn mower produces as much pollution per hour as 11 gas-powered cars. Consumer Reports found that choosing an electric mower would save you money within 5 years of ownership, if not earlier.
<https://search.app/S9Ab3aR3Coj1VVUm8>

Recipe of the Month

Lentil Tacos with Roasted Cauliflower
makes 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 large head of cauliflower, separated into florets
- 1 medium onion, 3/4 cup finely chopped
- 2 large cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons of tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ¾ cup brown lentils
- 2 cups of vegetable broth or water
- 8 corn or flour tortillas
- 2 medium avocados
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- Handful of fresh cilantro or parsley

Instructions

Roast Cauliflower:

- - In a large bowl, toss cauliflower with 3 tablespoons of olive oil, salt and black pepper. Arrange evenly and in a single layer on parchment-lined baking sheet.
- Bake for 30 minutes at 425 deg F, flipping halfway until cauliflower has crispy golden edges.

Make Lentil filling:

- - In a medium pot, add to 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat, onions, garlic and salt sautéing for 5 minutes, until onions soften.
- - Add tomato paste, cumin, and chili powder to pot, stirring over medium heat for 1-2 more minutes.
- - Add lentils and broth to pot, stirring until mixture comes to a gentle boil.
- - Lower heat to simmer, uncovered, for about 30 minutes.
- - Drain any liquids before making tacos.

Making Avocado Sauce:

- - Combine avocados, lemon juice, vinegar, and salt.
- Then process in a food processor until smooth.
- To assemble tacos, place a small portion of lentil mixture on warmed tortilla. Add cauliflower and drizzle with avocado sauce. Top with chopped cilantro or parsley.
- Source: Amy Webster, from Eat for the Planet Cookbook, Zacharias and Stone, Abrams, New York

PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for June will be the week of June 2nd – 6th

July’s collection will be the week of July 7th – 11th

August’s collection will be the week of August 4th – 8th

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 your designated collection 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 collection 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

debris 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.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. will begin on your first regular collection day in April.

S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. –
312-522-1115
sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester

- 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, batteries, long fluorescent light-bulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions

From April 1 through November 30, parking restrictions are in effect to support **street maintenance activities**. Please check posted street signs carefully—it is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle parked during designated weekday hours on streets marked for maintenance.

These restrictions help ensure our streets stay clean and well-maintained. These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm as designated by posted signage.

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, on any 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 may 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.

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

Outdoor water use during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) 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 2024 Water Quality Report is available in this newsletter, and may also be found online at www.westchester-il.org/waterreports

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

- **In-House Street Paving Phase I** will occur the week of June 23rd-27th *weather dependent*

Street	From	To
Gladstone St	Newcastle Ave	Gladstone Bridge
Chaucer St	Gardner Rd	Bristol Ave

- **In-House Street Paving Phase II – September TBD**

Street	From	To
Windsor Dr.	Mayfair Ave	Boeger Ave

- **Water Main/ Service Line Replacements, Sewer Lining, and Street Resurfacing Program**

Street	From	To
Norfolk Ave.	Wedgwood Dr.	Roosevelt Rd.
Pelham St.	Westchester Blvd	Newcastle Ave.
Drury Ln.	Newcastle Ave.	Gardner Rd.
Canterbury St.	Mannheim Rd.	Westchester Blvd

- **Street Resurfacing Program**

Street	From	To
Waterford St.	Mannheim Rd.	Cul-de-sac
Kitchner St.	Westchester Blvd	Worcester Ave.
Canterbury St.	Suffolk Ave.	Gardner Rd.



Water main & service line replacements only		
Balmoral Ave.	Canterbury St.	Wight St.

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 or on weekends and holidays, please call the non-emergency number at 708-593-3830.

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2025

Juneteenth

CELEBRATIONS



June 19

FREEDOM WALK & FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
WESTCHESTER
VILLAGE HALL

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SPARTANS WILL BE LEADING
US WITH SPIRIT AND CHEER!

REGISTER FOR THE WALK:
[WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/
JUNETEENTH](http://WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/JUNETEENTH)



June 21

BLOCK PARTY

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
GLADSTONE PARK



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BAND**



**12:50-1:50
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COUNTRY ARTIST**



2025 Juneteenth CELEBRATIONS

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JUNE 19 FREEDOM WALK DETAILS:

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED – WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/JUNETEENTH**
- MEET AT GRACE CENTRAL CHURCH BY 9:45 AM (10216 KITCHNER ST, WESTCHESTER)
- WALK BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM
- ROUTE: GRACE CENTRAL → KITCHNER → SUFFOLK → ROOSEVELT → VILLAGE HALL
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

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Westchester History

Celebrating the Centennial

Presenters: Patricia Reaves and John Doyle



Sunday – June 8, 2025

1-3 pm

Franzosenbusch Prairie House

11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester





Sip, Savor & Support

June 29 3:00 - 7:00 PM \$25

Join us for an afternoon of history and hospitality at the beautiful Prairie House as we sip, savor, and support the Westchester Community Events Foundation!

Advanced purchase required, space is limited.

Tickets: www.westchester-il.org/sipsavorsupport




JULY 4TH PARADE

STARTS AT 9:30AM

VIEW ROUTE AT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/JULY4

CALLING CLASSIC CARS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Join us as we celebrate Westchester's past, present, and future with a special **Car Parade** featuring both **vintage classics** and **cutting-edge electric vehicles**!

Whether you're showcasing a beautifully restored antique or the latest in clean technology, we'd love to have you be part of this unique community tradition.

As always, **everyone is welcome to participate**—businesses, organizations, sports teams, and more. Walk, float, or drive the parade! Let's come together to celebrate **Westchester's centennial**!

REGISTER BY JUNE 13

To register, fill out the form included in this newsletter or complete it online at www.westchester-il.org/july4, and submit it to Village Hall or email it to info@westchester-il.gov by **June 13**.



LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance
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Thursday, June 19th from 7-9 pm

Staying Organized & Following Up During Your Search

Steve Rosenblum, Presenter

A job search is a process. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is a process. One of the most important elements of successfully making it through a search is staying organized. This lively, interactive, and informative presentation will take you through steps to stay organized while offering insight, tools, resources, and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead, and succeed in one's search.

Our speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will share his experiences and best practices encouraging others in attendance to do the same. Steve has over twenty years in various HR roles, including regional management, training, succession planning, diversity program leadership and talent acquisition. He has been intimately involved in leading change and partnering with senior executives and others to support company growth, infrastructure, employee retention, and performance optimization. Some of the companies he has worked at include Sears, DeVan ry, Career Education Corporation, US Cellular, Claire's Stores, Infosys Limited, Ryerson, and SAC Wireless.

Join us for interactive & insightful discussion at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs on 6/19 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome! There is no cost to attend.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

AGING WELL NEIGHBORHOOD




Aging Well in Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule

Mayfair Recreation Center
10835 Wakefield Street
Westchester, IL 60154

Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

June 11 - BINGO!
July 9 - Wellness Topic*
Aug. 13 - BINGO!
Sept. 10 - Wellness Topic*
Oct. 8 - BINGO!
Nov. 12 - Wellness Topic*
Dec. 10 - Holiday Party*

*RSVP to Gia Marie Benline giabenline@gmail.com or awn@agingcareconnections.org
MayFair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield St., Westchester 60154

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What Preceded the 1925 Founding of Westchester

Part II

The town of Westchester established in 1925 west of Chicago along a new branch extending from the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin trainline that could take commuters to and from the city in 38 minutes was not simply created on “open land.” The land on which Westchester arose had been used mainly as farmland after the federal government had made it “public land,” available for sale once Native Americans were vacated from it in the 1830s.

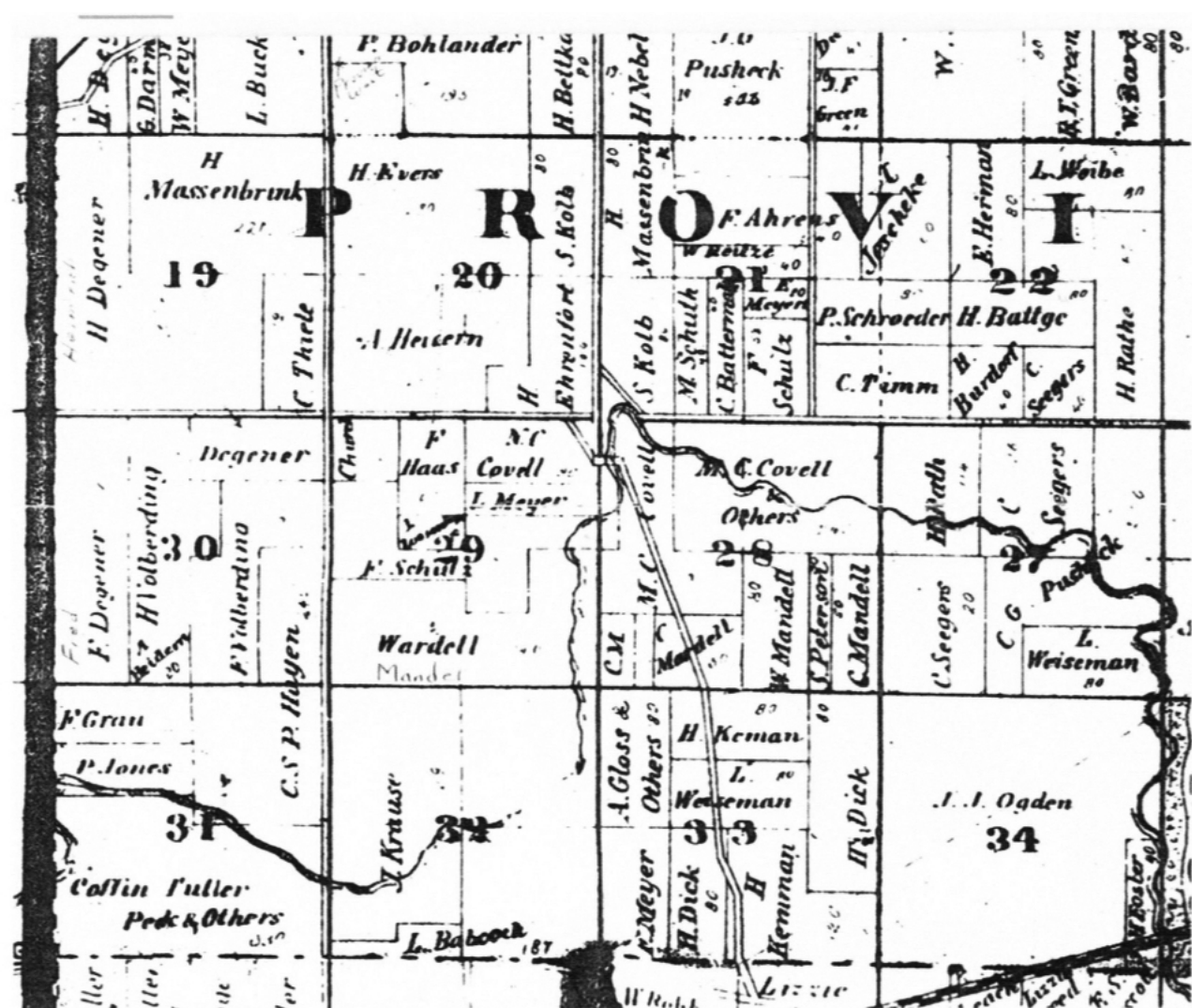
The first to purchase it were largely profit-seeking “Yorkies” from the East Coast. The next wave of land buyers were Germans arriving from the 1830s to the 1850s, who were pleased at being able to acquire what for them were unusually large tracts of land—80, 160, or 320 acres or more. These farmers and their descendants by and large stayed on these farms for at least half a century or more until suddenly, in 1924, mysterious buyers approached them offering unheard of amounts of money for their acreage. Family after family sold their animals, vehicles, and tools and moved to neighborhoods arising in Westchester, Hillside, La Grange, La Grange Park and elsewhere.

Today Save the Prairie Society is fortunate to have a few historical sketches left by descendants of these local German farms to give us an idea what life was like back then. The first one was of the Mandel dairy farm (owned by Louis and Nellie Degener Mandel) once located at the site of current-day Westchester Commons. The second sketch was created by Dorothy Battermann. Dorothy J. C. Battermann, nearing the age of 100 years, gave an interview in 2008. The combination of the sketch and interview is a lovely reflection on 1920s life on the Battermann farm on the north side of Cermak just east of Mannheim, some details will be related here. Her father was Christoph Battermann, born in 1849 in Ettenborstel, Hanover, the kingdom of members of the British royal family. Christoph came to America as a teenager circa 1855.

Dorothy’s grandfather Johann Heinrich Christoph Battermann came with his third wife and several children, Christoph being the oldest. Son Christoph died in 1933 at the age of 84. The family settled on the land and built a farmhouse between the Westchester streets of Newcastle and Portsmouth on a long strip extending north of over 80 acres.

Their neighbor was the Martin Schuth family, who were already present on the 1850 census. The sketch Dorothy Batterman passed down shows how the farmers provided for themselves back then. They had a cow barn and yard, separate chicken, geese, and pig yards with housing, and a separate horse barn. They had a milk barn where they had to milk the cows starting at 6 am to get the milk ready in time for delivery to the dairy. They had a straw barn, a storage building, a tool shed, a buggy storage, a garage, a place for farm machinery, and an outdoor privy (there were no bathrooms in the house).

The older part of the house dating at least to the 1870s was expanded by an addition built right before World War I by Christoph’s brother, Heinrich, a carpenter. To the right of the house, they had patches of strawberries, rhubarb and raspberries, a couple of apple trees and a vegetable garden, with a grape arbor located behind the house. They also had currants. To the back of the main house toward the left side there was a large orchard with plums, pears, apples, peaches and cherry trees. Further back were the fields where they grew oats, wheat, corn, hay, alfalfa and potatoes. They had a cider press and would sell cider next to 22nd Street (now Cermak), which was still a gravel road back in the 1920s. In front of the house stood a well. Sadly, Christoph’s first wife, Dorothea Maria, died



1870 Plat Map of Proviso

of diphtheria in 1887 along with at least one of her children. Christoph was married again, to a much younger wife, Hulda Stieg. The many children each had a specific task on the farm, depending on the season. The Battermann farmhouse has been renovated and is still standing today along Cermak Road across from Eden Lanes.

The Battermann children went to the Immanuel Lutheran school that is still facing Cermak Road. The eighth grade was added in the 1920s to enable children to continue going on to high school. It was at first predominately a German school, but over time English was added. That was the third school on the Immanuel Lutheran forty acres. There was originally a little bell tower on the school that is no longer there. The children had to walk a mile and a half to get to school from the farm by crossing Salt Creek twice over wooden bridges near Mannheim Road. Cermak was eventually straightened there, but initially the road curved slightly to the north from the East to avoid Salt Creek. Crestwood Lane is now the name of that former curve, and the land between that road and Mannheim belongs to the Forest Preserve. In 1870 that area north of Crestwood Lane was owned by Siegfried Kolb, who owned land east and west of Mannheim Road in 1861 between Roosevelt and Cermak. His 80 acres toward the west became Glen Oak Cemetery. Later it combined with Oak Ridge Cemetery, which was on land that was owned by the Evers/Boeger families.

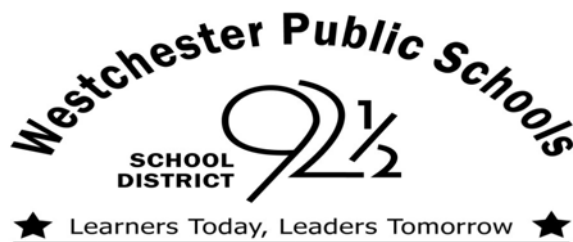
Another beautiful farmhouse that is still standing is the Schultz farm near Salt Creek on Somerset in section 29. In 1861 the Schultz family already owned a stretch of land through the

middle of section 29 east of Wolf Road extending to Brainard. One of the sons also owned land across the street north of the Prairie House at that time. His neighbors in 1861 were Ludwig Meier to the North, and Christian Mandel to the south with land holdings along 31st Street. Friedrich Schultz and his family migrated to America in 1846. After a brief stay in Naperville, they came to Proviso in 1847. Friedrich Schultz, Jr. was born in Brandenburg in 1830. He made the transatlantic journey when he was 16.

He stayed on the farm with his wife Lizette in Proviso until his death in 1915. They had three sons and a daughter – Fred, Henry, William and Emma. In 1893 William married Martha Mesenbrink, who came from the farm across the street (Queen of Heaven Cemetery today). William and Martha stayed on the farm until 1920, when they moved to La Grange. Their son Elmer was a World War I veteran and married Clara Battermann.

The former Westchester farm families had many children and quite extended family interconnections. They took their hay and produce to sell to markets in Chicago. They created operating schools, churches and cemeteries. A general picture emerges that although life was hard, and chores were abundant, families did much to support each other, laying foundations upon which the new community of Westchester could build starting in 1925.

Patricia Reaves
Save the Prairie Society
Director and Historian



A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

With the arrival of June, we begin the final full month of our school year. It's a busy stretch filled with activities, transitions, and well-deserved celebrations of student and staff success. **The updated last day of school is June 2nd (8th graders will have their last day and graduation on May 30th). June 2nd is an Early Dismissal day. Please update your calendars.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mary Pieniazek for her 8 years of service on our Board of Education. Earlier this year, she decided not to run again. She has been a valuable member, and we will miss her. I would like to welcome TiShaunda McPherson, a new board member. Mrs. McPherson was sworn in on April 24th. This term is for 4 years.

Congrats to our WMS Destination Imagination Team, Conspiracy Crew, which took 2nd place at the State competition in April. The team members are Logan Koch, Nathan Koch, Adrian Perez, Hayate Crone, Rylan Chrapkowski, Nolan Jawor, and Leonel (Santi) Raygoza. Their sponsor is WMS teacher Alicia Blair, and their coaches are parents Megan Jawor and Teresita Raygoza. The team will travel to Globals in Kansas City on May 21st and 22nd. We wish them well.

Just a friendly reminder about our Celebrate Westchester event on May 17. The Village is collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce to add some super fun centennial flair – a live jazz duo, 1920s-themed tap dancers, Gatsby-era attire, and more! We hope to see you all there. Tickets can be purchased online here: www.westchester-il.org/celebrate.

As I mentioned in a previous email, we will use ParentSquare for school communication, primarily email, text, and app notifications. Several parents are already receiving texts and emails. 20% of our families have downloaded the app. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified. Click [HERE](#) to learn how to get started with Parent Square.

We will start Student Registration for the 2025-2026 school year on July 1st. All returning families must register online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.

1. No paper information will be mailed home this year. All information is available online under the Registration tab of the District website.
2. 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 15th at 4:00 pm).

If you have any questions, please contact me via email (psalemi@sd925.org) or cell (708-670-1927). Enjoy your Summer Vacation!

Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent

Westchester Primary School

The Westchester Primary School Community finished our year strong and celebrated our learning. In April, we celebrated learning during our Open House-Fine Arts Showcase. Our students performed songs and families visited classrooms and halls to view student research, writing and art work samples facilitated by our wonderful staff. Many families completed a scavenger hunt in the building. Also in April, we hosted the Preschool Wellness Event for all preschoolers in Westchester and neighboring communities. In May we continued focusing on our growth and learning. On May 22nd 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 27th, 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 was completed on June 2nd, 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 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 electronically 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, 2025, please be sure to complete Kindergarten Registration online for the 2025-2026 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 "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.



VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER

Annual Independence Day Parade

Friday, July 4, 2025
Parade begins at **9:30 a.m.**

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.

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT

If you would like to participate in the 2025 parade, please fill out the form below, and return by **June 13** to: info@westchester-il.gov or mail to **Attn: Parade, Village of Westchester, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.**

Official Entry Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Day-of Phone: _____

Address: _____

Type of Entry (Mark all that apply): Walking ☐ Float ☐ Clown ☐ Bus ☐ Van ☐
Truck ☐ Car ☐ Classic/Antique Vehicle ☐ Marching Band ☐ Political/Public Official ☐
Electric Vehicle ☐ Electric Bike ☐

Other ☐ (Describe) _____

HOW TO BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

For a **\$100.00** sponsorship donation, you and/or your business/organization will be listed as an official Parade Sponsor in an issue of the Village Newsletter, which is delivered to approximately 7,200 households. Please fill out the form below and return with payment by **June 13** to our 501(c)(3) organization at **Attn: Parade, Westchester Community Events Foundation, 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154. Please make checks payable to Westchester Community Events Foundation. Thank you!**

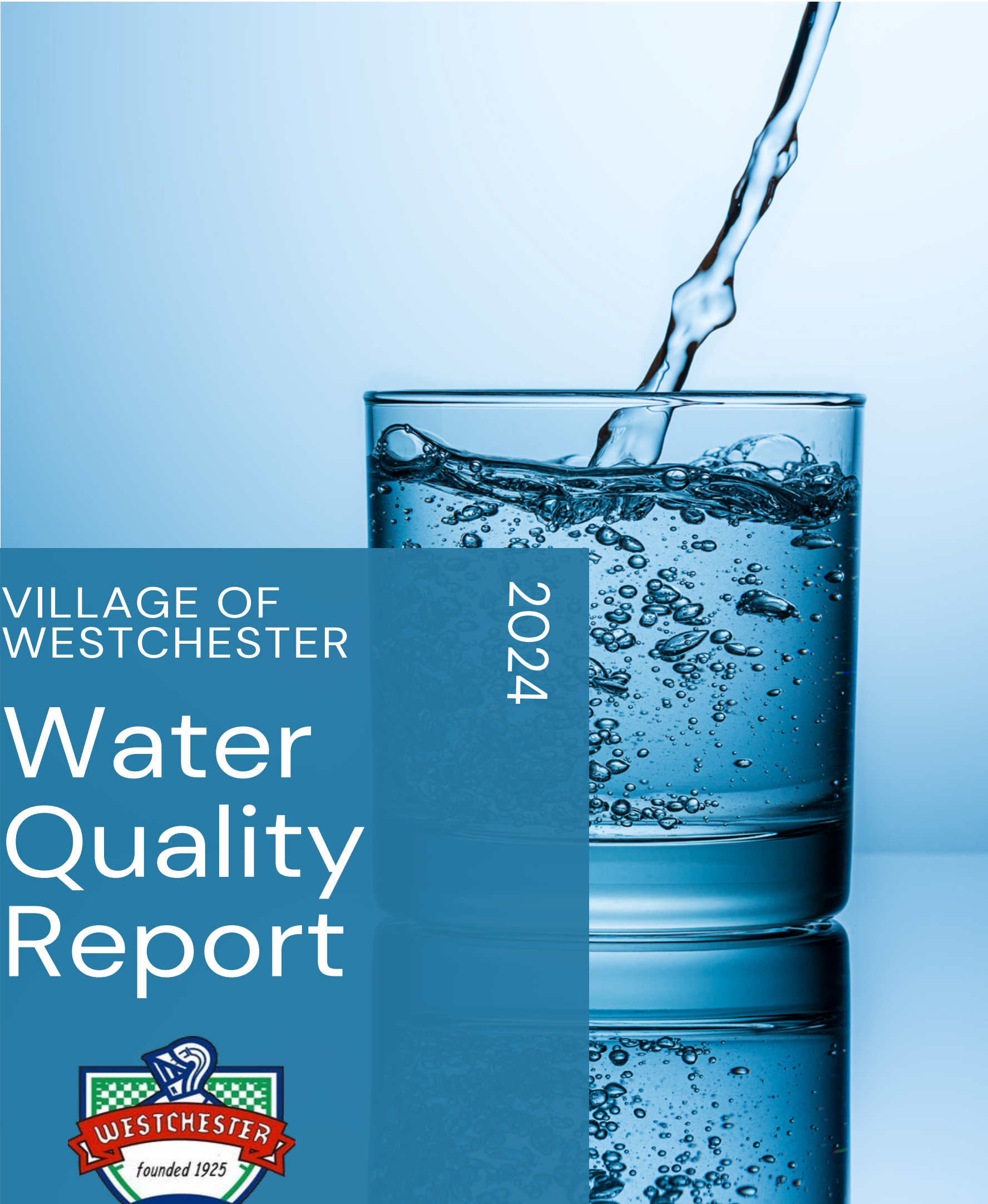
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Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____





VILLAGE OF
WESTCHESTER

Water
Quality
Report

2024



Introduction

The 1996 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 the 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 Quality Report.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, 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 animals or from human activity.

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 wildlife.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be 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 Hotline 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/AIDS or 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.

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. The Village of Westchester is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family’s risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact Public Works at (708) 345-0041. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps that you can take to minimize exposure is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The Village of Westchester constantly monitors and safeguards 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 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 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 upon 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 www.westchester-il.org or by phone at 708-345-0041. Our Water Department is happy to help resolve an issue.

As first responders, our Public Works team is also on duty 24/7/365 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 bien.

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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 it 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 system.

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 the 10th Avenue Pump Station, and the personnel use this information to make adjustments in the operation of the system. The Agency personnel have iPads that allow them to view the information from the 10th Avenue station remotely and make adjustments.



NEXT TIME YOU TURN ON YOUR FAUCET, REMEMBER THE BROADVIEW–WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY AND THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER WATER DEPARTMENT ARE DILIGENTLY WORKING TO KEEP YOUR WATER SAFELY FLOWING.

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water operator at 708-548-6889. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>

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 compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Source of Water:	Type of Water:
Chicago	Purchased Surface Water

Water ID:IL0313150

Water Infrastructure Improvements

In 2024, the Village of Westchester took critical steps to address aging infrastructure, comply with state and federal mandates, and ensure the sustainability and safety of its water and sewer systems. With much of the Village's underground infrastructure dating back nearly a century, the need for proactive and strategic investment has never been greater. Nearly half of the Village's water mains, 27% of sanitary sewers, and 60% of storm sewers were installed in the 1920s and 1930s, leaving these systems in urgent need of modernization. Adding to the challenge is the federally mandated Lead Service Replacement Act, which requires the replacement of approximately 1,000 resident-side and 3,600 Village-side lead service lines by 2040. In response, the Village has embraced a proactive and responsible approach that prioritizes long-term financial planning, strategic infrastructure maintenance, and transparent governance to ensure a resilient future for the community.

2024 WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

A significant effort went into upgrading our aging water system, with 0.75 miles of 1920s-era water mains replaced and 126 lead service lines removed and updated to meet state mandates. Sanitary and storm sewer systems saw 6.5 miles of main lines cleaned and televised, while 1,263 feet of sanitary sewer were lined to ensure better performance and reliability.

PROFESSIONAL WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY

To address these priorities, the Village implemented initial utility rate adjustments in July 2024 to begin funding critical infrastructure improvements. However, recognizing the need for a more detailed analysis, the Village simultaneously proposed a professional Water and Sewer Rate Study to guide long-term infrastructure planning and ensure responsible financial stewardship. Initiated in 2024, the Village partnered with Baxter & Woodman to conduct the comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate Study. This initiative reflects the Village's commitment to thoughtful, data-driven decision-making.

ADDRESSING LEAD SERVICE LINE COMPLIANCE

Compliance with the Lead Service Replacement Act was a top priority for the Village in 2024, and significant progress was made toward meeting these mandates:

- **Lead Service Line Inventory:** The inventory was completed, submitted to the EPA, and made publicly available on the Village website in July 2024. This transparent approach ensures full compliance with EPA requirements and provides residents with access to important information about their water service. View the inventory at www.westchester-il.org/leadinventory
- **Replacement Plan Development:** Partnering with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL), the Village began drafting a comprehensive project plan to try to secure funding through the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP).
- **Water Filter Pitcher Distribution Program:** To ensure EPA compliance and protect vulnerable households during the transition period, the Village implemented a program to provide affected residents with water filter pitchers.

**IN 2024, 126 LEAD LINES
WERE REPLACED**

Water Quality Data: Regulated Contaminants

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **Action Level Goal (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. **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **mg/l:** 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 7,350,000 gallons of water. **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 (MRDLG):** The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety. **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **Action Level Goal (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. **Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. **N/A:** not applicable. **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. **mrem:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body). **ppb:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. **ppm:** milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Copper Range: 0.73 to 114 ppb
Lead Range: 0 to 34.8 ppb

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data, please call Public Works at 708-345-0041.

The Village of Westchester has developed a service line material inventory. To view the system's service line inventory, please visit <https://www.westchester-il.org/leadinventory>

LEAD & COPPER

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	AL	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	07/13/2023	1.3	1.3	0.0771	0	ppm	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	07/13/2023	0	15	6.44	1	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

WATER QUALITY DATA CONTINUED

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	1	0.78 - 1.1	MRDLG= 4	MRDL= 4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	20	12.33 - 24	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	42	24.1 - 65	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection



Violations

HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	10/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.	The sample for this testing was collected on December 3, 2024, which was prior to the required sample window of December 5–19, 2024, resulting in a violation. We have since completed all required monitoring. All subsequent testing has shown that the water continues to meet all IEPA health and safety standards.

TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation	Corrective Action
Monitoring, Routine (DBP), Major	10/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.	The sample for this testing was collected on December 3, 2024, which was prior to the required sample window of December 5–19, 2024, resulting in a violation. We have since completed all required monitoring. All subsequent testing has shown that the water continues to meet all IEPA health and safety standards.

Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER – Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the Village of Westchester

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires public water suppliers to notify the community about certain monitoring and reporting violations. The Village of Westchester is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The results of regular monitoring are an important indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

Our water system violated two drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations. During the month of December 2024, we did not complete all required monitoring for haloacetic acids (HAA5) and total trihalomethanes (TTHM). **The sample for this testing was collected on December 3, 2024, which was prior to the required sample window of December 5–19, 2024.** As a result, we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that specific monitoring period. The IEPA issued two Tier 3 violations to the Village of Westchester as a result of this timing error.

What Does This Violation Mean?

A Tier 3 EPA monitoring violation occurs when a water system fails to comply with a monitoring or reporting requirement that does not pose an immediate risk to human health. In this case, the violation was due solely to the sample being collected earlier than allowed by the IEPA—not due to contamination or a failed water quality result.

What Has Been Done?

We have since completed all required monitoring. All subsequent testing has shown that the water continues to meet all IEPA health and safety standards.

What Should You Do?

No immediate action is required. Your water remains safe to drink and use for all household purposes. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For More Information:

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact:

John Fecarotta

Head Water Operator

Village of Westchester

10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154

Phone: (708) 548-6889

Water System ID: ILO313150

The Village of Westchester remains committed to providing safe, high-quality drinking water to all Westchester residents.

City of Chicago 2024 Water Quality Data

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, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This data has been enclosed on the following two pages.



CITY OF CHICAGO WATER QUALITY DATA

2024 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.

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 2024.

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

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

N/A: Not applicable

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (unit of measurement) <i>Typical source of Contaminant</i>	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Turbidity Data						
Turbidity (NTU/Lowest Monthly % ≤0.3 NTU) <i>Soil runoff</i>	N/A	TT (Limit: 95%≤0.3 NTU)	Lowest Monthly %: 99.7%	99.7% - 100%		
Turbidity (NTU/Highest Single Measurement) <i>Soil runoff</i>	N/A	TT (Limit 1 NTU)	0.39	N/A		
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (ppm) <i>Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits</i>	2	2	0.0203	0.0198 – 0.0203		
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm) <i>Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits</i>	10	10	0.39	0.36 – 0.39		
Total Nitrate & Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm) <i>Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits</i>	10	10	0.39	0.36 – 0.39		
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)						
TOC	The percentage of TOC removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA.					
Unregulated Contaminants						
Sulfate (ppm) <i>Erosion of naturally occurring deposits</i>	N/A	N/A	28.2	25.3 – 28.2		
Sodium (ppm) <i>Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener</i>	N/A	N/A	9.18	8.87 – 9.18		
State Regulated Contaminants						
Fluoride (ppm) <i>Water additive which promotes strong teeth</i>	4	4	0.76	0.67 – 0.76		
Radioactive Contaminants						
Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/L) <i>Decay of natural and man-made deposits.</i>	0	5	0.95	0.83 – 0.95		02-04-2020
Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium (pCi/L) <i>Decay of natural and man-made deposits.</i>	0	15	3.1	2.8 – 3.1		02-04-2020

Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5)

As required by UCMR 5, EPA's latest monitoring cycle, the City of Chicago has completed monitoring for 25 perfluorinated & polyfluorinated alkyl substances, 4 perfluorinated alkyl acids, and lithium in its drinking water for four quarters in 2024. None of the contaminants were detected in our drinking water.

Units of Measurement

ppm: Parts per million, or milligrams per liter

ppb: Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water

% ≤ 0.3 NTU: Percent of samples less than or equal to 0.3 NTU

CITY OF CHICAGO WATER QUALITY DATA

CONTINUED

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity

TURBIDITY

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

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

FLUORIDE

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 0.6 mg/L to 0.8 mg/L.

SODIUM

There is no state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials who have concerns about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about the level of sodium in the water.

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

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 of all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance where 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 compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Further information on our community water supply's Source Water Assessment Program is available by calling DWM at 312-742-2406 or by going online at <http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/swap/factsheet.aspx>

2024 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 2024. 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 turbidity 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 2024, 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 concerns to DWM's Water Quality Division at 312-744-8190. Data reports on the monitoring program for chromium-6 are posted on the City's website 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_emergincontaminantstudy.html

For more information, please contact
Patrick Schwer
At 312-744-8190

Chicago Department of Water Management
1000 East Ohio Street
Chicago, IL 60611



MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 8TH - SEPTEMBER 14TH REGULAR RATES <i>AGE 2yr & Up - membership required</i>
must reside in same household	RESIDENT / NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL	\$130 / \$244
FAMILY OF 2	\$203 / \$384
FAMILY OF 3	\$240 / \$469
FAMILY OF 4	\$277 / \$554
FAMILY OF 5	\$314 / \$639
FAMILY OF 6	\$351 / \$724
FAMILY OF 7	\$388 / \$809
FAMILY OF 8	\$425 / \$894
FAMILY OF 9	\$462 / \$979
FAMILY OF 10	\$499 / \$1064
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL	\$120 / \$226
SENIOR COUPLE	\$186 / \$346

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY	8:45am-10:45am 11:00am-11:30am 11:30am-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm	RENTAL MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL
MONDAY-THURSDAY	7:50am-8:50am 8:00am-11:15am 12:30pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-7:30pm	LAP SWIM 6/9-8/9 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM
FRIDAY	7:50am-8:50am 8:00am-11:15am 12:30pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm	LAP SWIM 6/9-8/9 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL
SATURDAY	7:50am-8:50am 8:00am-11:00am 11:00am-11:30am 11:30am-6:00pm 6:15pm-8:15pm	LAP SWIM 6/9-8/9 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL

*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

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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

2025 season

JUNE 7TH - SEPTEMBER 1ST



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