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# Village of Westchester

*From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal*



**2023 Person of the Year CSO Kosir, pictured with Sgt. Battaglia, Sgt. Rizzo, Ofc. Stock & Ofc. Rodriguez.**

The Village of Westchester sends its deepest sympathies to the family of Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough. An eleven-year Member of the House of Representatives for the 7th District and former Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Clerk Yarbrough was a devoted public servant in the State of Illinois. The Village thanks her for her dedication and service to both Cook County as well as the State of Illinois. Her visitation services were held at Grace Central Church, located just north of Gladstone Park and I would like to commend our police, fire and public works staff for their efforts in maintaining a safe environment for the hundreds of visitors that came from throughout the state to pay their respects.

At the April 9th board meeting, West 40 formally presented their outline for the use of the former St. Joseph High School property. They currently are preparing for the demolition of the North building in the coming months and will be having a public hearing in May of this year to ultimately receive formal zoning approval for their project. For those unable to attend any of the town hall meetings they have held, they have presented the Village with a plan to only utilize the former Immaculate Heart of Mary building and remove the former St. Joseph building in the coming months. Their proposal includes renovations to the former sister residences to house 40 children on-premises and educate those students on the property. The exterior of the property and building will generally remain completely unchanged.

The Village Board recently accepted an offer to begin the process of selling property that was purchased by the Village on Enterprise Drive in 2021. An unsolicited offer of \$4,000,000 was brought forward to the Board from the Butler Group and they are now conducting their due diligence to finalize the sale.

Thank you, Aviator Coffee, for inviting the Village to your formal ribbon cutting April 11th. Their improvement to the former LePeite Café has been an incredible journey for them as they prepared their flagship location here in Westchester. With an overall goal of franchising this model in the near future, I wish them great success. For those unaware, they currently are serving a traditional coffee and fresh sandwich menu for mornings and afternoons and began serving light alcohol in the evenings providing a relaxed atmosphere for gathering.

As construction projects progress, we always appreciate

patience with the temporary disruptions and ask that residents and visitors observe all the local signage for parking. We make every attempt to notify residents via hand delivered notices regarding temporary water shut-offs (if required) and/or specific day parking restrictions to limit the disruption in the construction zones. I highly recommend signing up for CodeRed notifications, a service that provides email, texts and phone calls to affected areas. Visit our Village of Westchester website for more information on signing up.

I recently had the honor of swearing in newly hired police officer Ezio Van Pratt in April. Ezio comes from Cook County as a correctional guard and began his police academy training on April 28th. We wish him great success in his career here as our police department has been working to fill the vacancies opened by past retirements.

At this year's Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Westchester event, the Village of Westchester honored employee David Kosir as person of the year. David Kosir has worked with the Village for over 3 years as a community service officer. Outside of those duties Dave assists with communications and information technology for the Village. Over the past several years David has shown his dedication to the village and is a valuable asset to the organization, and we were honored to bestow this award to him.



**Officer Van Pratt & Village President Hribal.**



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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!

# MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NO MOW 'TIL MOTHER'S DAY - RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HALT LAWN-MOWING TO PROVIDE CRITICAL FOOD SOURCES TO POLLINATORS. TAKE A BREAK &amp; ENJOY THE BIODIVERSITY! MORE DETAILS WITHIN NEWSLETTER.</b>			01	02 <b>GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL</b>	03	04 <b>WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY DROPOFF DAY 9AM-11AM 1840 WESTCHESTER BLVD</b> <b>WESTCHESTER CYCLE GROUP BIKE RIDE - 9AM MEET AT MANNHEIM &amp; CERMAK FOUNTAIN - EVERY SATURDAY!</b>
05 <b>US NATL PARKS PRESENTATION - 1PM PRAIRIE HOUSE 11225 CONSTITUTION DR</b> <b>MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK MAY 5-11</b>	06 <b>NATL AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK MAY 6-10</b>	07	08 <b>AGING WELL GARDENING SEMINAR - 11AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER 10835 WAKEFIELD ST</b>	09	10	11 <b>GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP PLANT SALE - 9AM TO 12 PM - MANNHEIM &amp; CERMAK GAZEBO</b>
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>NATL POLICE WEEK MAY 12-18</b> <b>NO MOW 'TIL MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM ENDS TODAY</b>	13 <b>FIRE PENSION BOARD MEETING - 4PM WESTCHESTER FIRE DEPT 10240 ROOSEVELT RD</b> <b>POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETING - 5:15PM VILLAGE HALL</b>	14 <b>VILLAGE BOARD &amp; COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL</b>	15	16 <b>D92.5 BOARD OF ED MEETING - 6PM WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	17 <b>COP ON A ROOFTOP - 5AM TO 12PM - DUNKIN' 11204 31ST ST</b> <b>NATL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY</b>	18
19 <b>NATL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 19-25</b> <b>FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVES WALK THROUGH BEMIS WOODS NORTH - 11AM</b>	20	21	22 <b>CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - 7PM VILLAGE HALL</b>	23 <b>BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY MEETING 10AM BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL</b> <b>DISTRICT 92.5 GRAD DANCE 5PM TO 7PM</b>	24	25
26	27 <b>VILLAGE HALL CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - 10AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER</b>	28 <b>VILLAGE BOARD &amp; COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - 6PM VILLAGE HALL</b>	29	30	31 <b>DISTRICT 92.5 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN TO 7TH GRADE</b> <b>WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA - MAY 30 &amp; 31, JUNE 1 1840 WESTCHESTER BLVD</b>	

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## CALL FOR EVENT SPONSORS & FOOD/ARTISAN VENDORS!

**JUNE 19 & 22**

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

June 19 - Freedom Walk & Flag-Raising Ceremony. Meet at Broadview Missionary Church by 9:45am, ceremony and Juneteenth Traveling Museum to follow at Westchester Village Hall until noon. Register for walk at [westchester-il.org](http://westchester-il.org).  
June 22 - Community Celebration at Gladstone Park, 11am to 8pm, live entertainment, food trucks, and fun activities for all ages!

### PARTY IN THE PARK

Two days of fun at Community Park! Join us for awesome live bands, tasty food trucks, and plenty of games and activities for all to enjoy. July 12, 4pm to noon. July 13, 12pm to 10pm.

**JULY 12 & 13**

**AUG 06**

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Celebrate with the Westchester Police Department at National Night Out! Join us for games, activities, and delicious food as we come together to celebrate community spirit and strengthen bonds between officers and residents. Location and time details to follow.

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO  
[INFO@WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV](mailto:INFO@WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV)**



# The Tornado Sirens Are Sounding



**FIRE CHIEF MIKE MAVROGEORGE**

Westchester residents are familiar with tone of a tornado siren, but you may not be familiar with all of the situations that those sirens are activated, and how often they are tested. Here is a list of frequently asked questions about our warning system, and tips that you can use to protect in the event of severe weather.

## **When is a Tornado Warning Issued?**

A tornado warning can be issued by the National Weather Service in two scenarios. The first is when there has been a tornado observed by trained weather spotters on the ground, and the other is when Doppler radar indicates rotation within a storm that could spawn a tornado at any time. The latter scenario is one that officials have made it a point to warn residents of, urging them not to wait until they see a tornado before seeking shelter.

A tornado watch is issued when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes. Sirens do not sound when a watch is in effect, and residents don't necessarily have to seek shelter during a watch.

## **Who Activates the Sirens and When are They Activated?**

In most cases, our public safety dispatch center in Hillside will activate warning sirens upon notification from the National Weather Service of a tornado warning. In some cases, Westchester public safety officials may request activation due to dangerous weather approaching the Village, such as winds in excess of 70 mph, dangerous lightning, and very large hail.

The sirens can also be used in the event of a national emergency, including a military attack or a chemical attack, and those alerts will use a different tone, which can be heard on the Illinois Department of Homeland Security's website.

## **What if I Did Not Hear the Warning Sirens Inside My Home?**

Warning sirens are only designed to be heard outdoors to warn residents outside that they should take cover inside and monitor weather reports. They ARE NOT designed to be heard inside the home. The insulation of homes and modern windows, coupled with wind and other storm noise, will completely muffle the sound of the siren.

It is critical to have other means of warnings, including a NOAA weather radio, smart phone apps, or Westchester's Code Red System. FEMA offers a free mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS). The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide. The mobile app can also help you locate open shelters and critical disaster resources near you in the event of an emergency.

We also recommend that residents put together a storm preparedness kit that includes essentials like flashlights, batteries, blankets and clothing. Items like waterproof matches, a paper and pencil, cash, and extra water can also be included in the kit.

For a full list of suggestions, residents can visit <https://ready.illinois.gov/>

## **How Often Are Sirens Tested?**

Sirens in Illinois are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at approximately 10 a.m. If the possibility of severe weather exists on that date, then the test can be moved at the discretion of local officials.

## **Do Communities Still Use the Sirens to Signal an "All-Clear" Situation?**

Most communities in Illinois no longer use sirens to signal an "all-clear," but it varies by area, so check with local emergency management officials for more information. Westchester does not issue an all-clear signal, because of the confusion another siren activation causes.

## **What is the Westchester Code Red Notification System?**

The CodeRED® Emergency Notification System is a high-speed telephone communication service the village uses to notify residents and businesses of an emergency, urgent situation, or village events that require attention.

Residents and businesses are urged to complete the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, email address and text messaging are optional.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have an unlisted phone number, have changed their phone number or address within the last year, or use a cellular phone as their primary telephone number. The information you provide is used by the Village of Westchester for notification purposes only. Your information will be kept confidential and will never be sold or disclosed to others.

CodeRed Registration Link:

<https://www.westchester-il.org/getdoc/9b85f497-cd39-4325-b791-7b8cedfd947b/codered.aspx>



## LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

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

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm**

### **Helpful Advice From HR While Conducting Your Job Search**

**Leslie Kelley, Presenter**

- Think your resume is good? You may be way ahead of others who you are competing against! You may not!
- Think your business protocol during your search is good? You may be way ahead of your competition! You may not!
- Think you may want to learn more from the corporate, “other side” of recruitment – YES! Come join us to get out ahead of your competition! Be the best you can be during your job search!

Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Resources for Chervon North America, Inc. in Naperville, IL. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in HR and a Master’s degree in Organizational Behavior. Leslie is actively involved in recruitment each week and can share some important tips that may launch your job search to the next level in a market that is topsy turvy!

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

*Visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com) for additional resources*



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# NEWSLETTER

May 2024

## Memorial Day

### Library Closed | All Day

The library will be closed all day on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

## May Book Discussion

### May 21st | 6:30 PM

Join us to discuss **Before the Coffee Gets Cold** by **Toshikazu Kawaguchi**. Books are available now at the front desk

## May Adult Take-and-Make Craft

Perfect for all skill levels, our take and make button bouquet kit offers a fun way to craft a tiny spray for home décor or gifting. **Grab yours on May 20th, while supplies last.**

## Illinois Libraries Presents: The Many Lives of Kal Penn

### Tues, May 7 | 7 PM | Zoom

Kal Penn (kalpenn.com) is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for his starring roles in Designated Survivor, House, Mira Nair's The Namesake, the Harold & Kumar franchise, and the Christmas comedy The Santa Clauses for Disney+. His first book You Can't Be Serious was released on November 2, 2021 from Simon and Schuster/Gallery Books. He also narrates the audiobook.

Register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_KalPenn](https://bit.ly/ILP_KalPenn)

## RESCHEDULED Illinois Libraries Presents: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

### Tue, June 4 | 7 PM | Zoom

Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades.

Register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_TempleGrandin](https://bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin)

## Birdwatching for Beginners

### Wed, May 8 | 9 AM | Prairie House

Join us as we observe spring migratory birds from the comfort of the observation deck at the Historic Prairie House. The Library will provide binoculars and bird ID handbooks. While this event is geared toward seniors (including those with mobility issues), anyone may register. This is a wheelchair-accessible program. **Meet at the Prairie House, 11225 Constitution Drive Westchester, IL 60154**

## 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 American 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.

## 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 kick-off 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!



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

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

## KIDS KAYAKING

June 5 & June 12 | 9 AM - 12 PM | Thatcher Glen Pond

Our library staff will teach kids safety tips and the basics of kayaking before setting out on the water. The program takes place at Thatcher Glen Pond near the Trailside Museum. Choose from three 45 minute time slots (9:15, 10:15, or 11:15) on a first come first serve basis! **Registration is required at least 1 week before each trip.** Contact the youth department at **708-562-3573 ext. 3** for more details!

## Mothers' Day Take-and Make Craft

Thur. May 9th | Youth Department  
Celebrate Mothers' Day with our special youth craft program at the library! Pick up your take-and-make supplies, available for free, and create heartfelt gifts to show appreciation for the mothers in your life.

## Looking Ahead into Summer...

### Open Gaming

Mondays | 2 PM | Starting June 10th  
Participate in our weekly open gaming program, specifically designed for 2nd graders and older, where they can enjoy a variety of video games!

### 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!

## SUMMER READING 2024

June 10th - July 29th

Adventure Begins at Your Library! Sign up for our 8-week summer reading club where you'll read and record books according to your age level and receive super-cool prizes!

### Youth Summer Reading Club

Meet each corresponding age group goal and receive a prize!

For Read to Me: 20 books

Beginning Readers: 15 books/chapter

Readers: 4 hours of reading.

Keep track in the library-provided reading log, and don't forget to play Bingo!

Sign up at [westchesterpl.readsquared.com](http://westchesterpl.readsquared.com) or in-person starting at our Kick-off Event on June 8th!

### Teen Reading Challenge

For every two books you read you win a prize-- and any book counts! Log your reading by using Google Forms or fill out a paper log. Stuck on what to read next? Use the bingo card with some prompts for more activities. Get bingo on your Bingo card to win an extra prize!



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# As Temperatures Rise, So Do Ruse Burglaries

Ruse burglaries are crimes in which the offender uses a distraction, or a “ruse”, in order to commit a burglary. These burglary rings, often targeting the elderly, operate by exploiting the vulnerabilities of society’s most at-risk members. They stealthily move between communities, rarely revisiting a location immediately after committing crimes, which complicates our efforts to track them.

The best defense when dealing with these types of crimes are vigilant residents who also keep an eye out for their elderly neighbors. So, we will try and give our citizens tactics and signs that can help you and your neighbors to identify these types scams before they happen:

- Watch for vehicles like trucks, SUVs, or minivans equipped with ladders but no

- company markings. These vehicles may continuously circle your block, a common precursor to a burglary attempt. Often, these trucks might carry equipment like large steel kettles used for applying tar on driveways—a detail that can seem legitimate but is frequently part of the ruse.
- Impostors may pose as contractors, municipal workers, utility employees, roofers, or tree trimmers. They might claim to be part of a legitimate, ongoing road project or simply ask for a glass of water as a pretext to enter homes. Typically, you will observe one individual approaching a homeowner, either by knocking on the door or engaging with them while they are outside on their property. The accomplices typically wait in their vehicle, waiting until the homeowner is lured to the back of the house by the first

contact. This usually results in the front or garage door being left open inadvertently, signaling the waiting criminals to enter and steal valuables, such as jewelry and cash. The initial contact may claim to be checking on a neighbor’s plumbing and insist on entering your basement to examine the water pressure. While this distraction unfolds, the other criminals swiftly burglarize the home. Once the theft is complete, the accomplice notifies the initial contact, who then fabricates an emergency that requires their sudden departure, promising to return.

- Regardless of who they claim to be or what assistance they offer, do not let them into your home. If you encounter such a situation, call 911 immediately to verify their identities. If the individuals leave in a hurry, try to safely record details like their vehicle’s license plate

number and any distinguishing features, and relay this information to the police. Remain on the phone with the dispatcher until officers arrive.

In closing, a practical measure to protect your loved ones is to install a video doorbell system such as Ring. This tool allows residents to view and communicate with visitors without opening the door and alerts other household members. Additionally, the footage can serve as valuable evidence for law enforcement.

By staying alert and informed, we can safeguard our community against these deceptive tactics.

Stay Safe,  
Chief Daniel Babich

## WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

**24-00883**  
**03/15/2024 12:33PM**  
**TRAFFIC STOP**  
**ROOSEVELT RD & BALMORAL AVE**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Kevin Cooper, 40, Chicago, was cited for Operating a Vehicle with Suspended Registration and Driving while Revoked. Cooper was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**24-00908**  
**03/17/2024 1:30AM**  
**TRAFFIC STOP**  
**ROOSEVELT RD & PORTSMOUTH AVE**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Paul Anderson, 44, Chicago, was cited for Speeding, No Valid Insurance, and Driving while License Suspended. Anderson was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**24-00914**  
**03/17/2024 5:43PM**  
**AGGRAVATED VEHICULAR HIJACKING**  
**3020 WOLF RD**  
Westchester Police Officers were dispatched to Mariano’s located at 3020 Wolf Road for an Aggravated Vehicular Hi jacking that had just occurred in the parking lot. Officers spoke to the victim who related that he was driving his Dodge Durango from Oak Brook, when he realized he was being followed by a maroon Dodge Charger. The victim parked in the parking lot of Marianos and the suspect vehicle pulled up behind his vehicle when two subjects jumped out of the vehicle displaying hand guns and demanded the keys to the vehicle. The suspects and vehicle fled the area prior to Officers arrival. Westchester Detectives were given tracking permission by the owner, and were able to track the victims vehicle in the 14000 block of Yale Avenue, Chicago. With assistance from multiple law enforcement agencies, one subject was taken into custody. The victims vehicle and a weapon was recovered from the scene. The Cook County States Attorney Office was

contacted and approved one count of Felony Aggravated Vehicular High Jacking charge against Steven Clark, 19, Cicero. Clark will be transported to the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

**24-00931**  
**03/18/2024 4:23PM**  
**ROBBERY**  
**11211 CERMAK RD**  
On March 18th, 2024 at approximately 16:23 hours, Westchester Police Officers were dispatched to Byline Bank located at 11211 Cermak Road, for a Bank Robbery that just occurred. Proviso Central Communications received a 911 call from the bank relaying suspect information and an approximate location of the bank bag. Bank staff advised responding Officers that a subject entered the bank handing the teller a note indicating that he was robbing the bank by threat of violence. No firearm was displayed or implied during the incident. Officers from Westchester, Hillside, Berkeley executed a thorough search of the area, locating a subject matching the description in the area of Cermak Road and Enterprise Drive awaiting a bus. Larnie Brewer, 51, Chicago was taken into custody. The Federal Bureau of Investigations responded to the scene, and interviewed Brewer. Brewer will be transported to Federal holding facility to await a bond hearing.

**24-00946**  
**03/19/2024 7:15PM**  
**DELIVERY OF CANNABIS 30GM & UNDER**  
**MANNHEIM RD & ELIZABETH ST**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Sam Antes, 29, Westchester, was cited for Expired Registration, and Possession of Adult use Cannabis by Driver. Antes was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**24-01039**  
**03/26/2024 5:11PM**  
**TRAFFIC STOP**  
**1400 BLK WESTCHESTER BLVD**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle

perform a traffic infraction. Ammon Bougard 27, Westchester, was cited for Expired Registration, and Expired Drivers License. Bougard was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**24-01069**  
**03/28/2024 10:15AM**  
**TRAFFIC STOP**  
**MANNHEIM RD & ROOSEVELT RD**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Lawrence Gaines, 54, Bellwood, was cited for Improper Display of Registration, and No Valid Drivers License. Gaines was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01075 03/28/2024 8:42PM ATTEMPT ROBBERY 11200 31ST ST WPD Officers responded to 11200 31st (Shell Gas Station) for an Attempt Robbery. Officers spoke to the victim, who stated a male white subject wearing a red hoodie, with a blue bandana mask and possibly jeans walked into the business and demanded the employee to give him money. The employee also relayed to police that the subject did not make any threats or display any weapons but did have his hands in his sweater and appeared to have something in one of his hands. The subject left the business without taking anything and was last seen walking northbound behind the gas station into the woods. Responding officers checked the area and were unable to locate a subject matching the description - Under Investigation.

24-01154 04/03/2024 1:49AM TRAFFIC STOP 800 BLK MANNHEIM RD WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Ahtziri Munoz, 19, Cicero, was cited for Speeding, and Driving without a License never issued. Munoz was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01166 04/03/2024 7:14PM TRAFFIC STOP MANNHEIM RD & ROOSEVELT RD WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Cesar Mejas-Rodriguez,

28, Chicago was cited for Improper use of Registration, No Valid Insurance, and No Valid Drivers License. Mejas-Rodriguez was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01167 04/03/2024 9:05PM SHOTS FIRED 900 BLK CROMWELL AVE WPD units were dispatched to a call of shots fired in the area of the 900 block of Cromwell Ave. A second was received for the 800 block of Westchester Blvd. The area was canvassed by responding Officers with negative results. On 4/4/24 Officers were dispatched to the area of Gladstone St & Cromwell Ave for a resident who found shell casings. The scene was processed by Evidence Technicians and two spent, and two unfired casings were collected on the scene. Detectives are reviewing camera footage in the area - Under Investigation.

24-01178 04/04/2024 7:12PM TRAFFIC STOP MANNHEIM RD & BOND ST WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Adrian Valle, 20, Berwyn, was cited for Speeding, and No Valid Drivers License. Valle was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01179 04/04/2024 7:42PM TRAFFIC STOP MANNHEIM RD & DORCHESTER ST WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Yanet Barroso-Turro, 29, Stone Park, was cited for Speeding, Failing to Yield for an Emergency Vehicle, No Valid Proof of Insurance, and No Valid Drivers License. Barroso-Turro was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01223 04/07/2024 6:33PM TRAFFIC STOP MANNHEIM RD & DEVONSHIRE ST WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Justin Blakely 33, Oak Brook Terrace, was cited for Suspended Drivers License, Speeding, and No Insurance. Blakely was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.



24-01232  
04/08/2024 11:40AM  
DISTURBANCE  
10147 ROOSEVELT RD

WPD Officers responded to a disturbance at 10147 Roosevelt Rd. Police arrived and both parties were separated. Officers spoke to both parties involved and at which time one of the parties involved during a name search, discovered a warrant out of Cook County for

Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. Dominick Wellington, 36, Westchester was taken into custody and turned over to Cook County Sheriff Police for a bond hearing.

24-01355  
04/15/2024 3:41PM  
TRAFFIC STOP 1  
0300 BLK ROOSEVELT RD


WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. Lance Orr, 47,

Chicago, was cited for Expired Registration, and Operating a Motor Vehicle while Drivers License Revoked. Orr was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

24-01389  
04/17/2024 4:20PM  
TRAFFIC STOP  
MANNHEIM RD & CRESTWOOD LN


WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle

perform a traffic infraction. Eloy Guzman-Rico, 49, Chicago was cited for Defective Windshield, No Valid Registration, No Proof of Valid Insurance, Improper use of Registration, and No Valid Drivers License. Guzman-Rico was issued a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.






# Cop on a Rooftop!

FRIDAY, MAY 17  
5 A.M. TO NOON  
DUNKIN' - 11204 31ST ST



Join us for the 21st Annual Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop Fundraiser! Westchester Police Officers will be on the rooftop to heighten awareness and raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. While supplies last, the Police Department will be selling t-shirts, pins, hats, tumblers, and a chance to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle.



# 2024 Yard Sale

All proceeds benefit the  
**Westchester Food Pantry**  
a 501c3 organization serving the communities of  
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**THURSDAY**  
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Office Supplies  
Christmas

**\$5.00**  
**BAG SALE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**ONLY**





GROW Ecological Commission is proud to have advised the Village President and Board of Trustees to proclaim May 6 through May 10, 2024 as Air Quality Awareness Week to increase awareness of the harmful effects air pollution poses to our environment, economy, and the health of Westchester residents. Visit the GROW page on the Village website to view the recent "Air Pollution & Your Health" presentation to learn more.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 10, 2024 AS AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER**

**WHEREAS**, air pollution can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Westchester; and

**WHEREAS**, annual air pollution levels for ground level ozone "smog" and fine particulate matter "soot" in Westchester exceed the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2023 Chicago was deemed to have the "worst air quality in the world" due to Canadian wildfire smoke producing harmful levels of fine particulate matter; and

**WHEREAS**, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, and make up about two out of every five residents in Westchester; and

**WHEREAS**, information from EPA's most recent NAAQS reviews indicate public health benefits from further reductions in ground level ozone "O3" and fine particulate matter "PM2.5" pollution within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, attaining compliance with NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the Village's economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 6 – 10 as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Westchester Board of Trustees support the efforts of the American Lung Association and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote air quality.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westchester, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 10 as "Air Quality Awareness Week" and encourage our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including visiting the GROW Ecological Commission presentation on "Air Pollution and Your Health" at [https://www.westchester-il.org/government/grow-ecological-commission-\(1\)/presentations](https://www.westchester-il.org/government/grow-ecological-commission-(1)/presentations), and promote air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

PROCLAIMED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024

Greg Hribal, Village President

ATTEST:

Sophia Collins, Village Clerk



# Save the Dates



## **JUNE 19, 2024**

### **FREEDOM WALK & FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY**

WALKERS TO MEET & LINE UP BY 9:45 A.M. AT BROADVIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2100 S 25TH AVE – WALK BEGINS AT 10 A.M. CEREMONY & JUNETEENTH TRAVELING MUSEUM TO FOLLOW AT WESTCHESTER VILLAGE HALL, 10300 W ROOSEVELT RD, 11 A.M. TO NOON. TO REGISTER FOR THE WALK, VISIT [WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG](http://WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG) OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW.

## **JUNE 22, 2024**

### **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK  
MUSIC, FOOD, VENDOR MARKET, AND FUN ACTIVITIES  
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11 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

*More details to follow*







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# PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for May will be the week of the 6th – 10th  
June’s collection will be the week of June 3rd – 7th  
July’s collection will be the week of July 8th – 12th

- 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.

Weekly yard waste collection by Waste Management will begin on your first regular collection day in April.  
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 would like to request a new garbage or recycling receptacle, please call Waste Management directly.
  - If you have large items that will not fit in your receptacle (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](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com/residential).  
Street Parking Restrictions

As of April 1st 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’s Tree Replacement Program

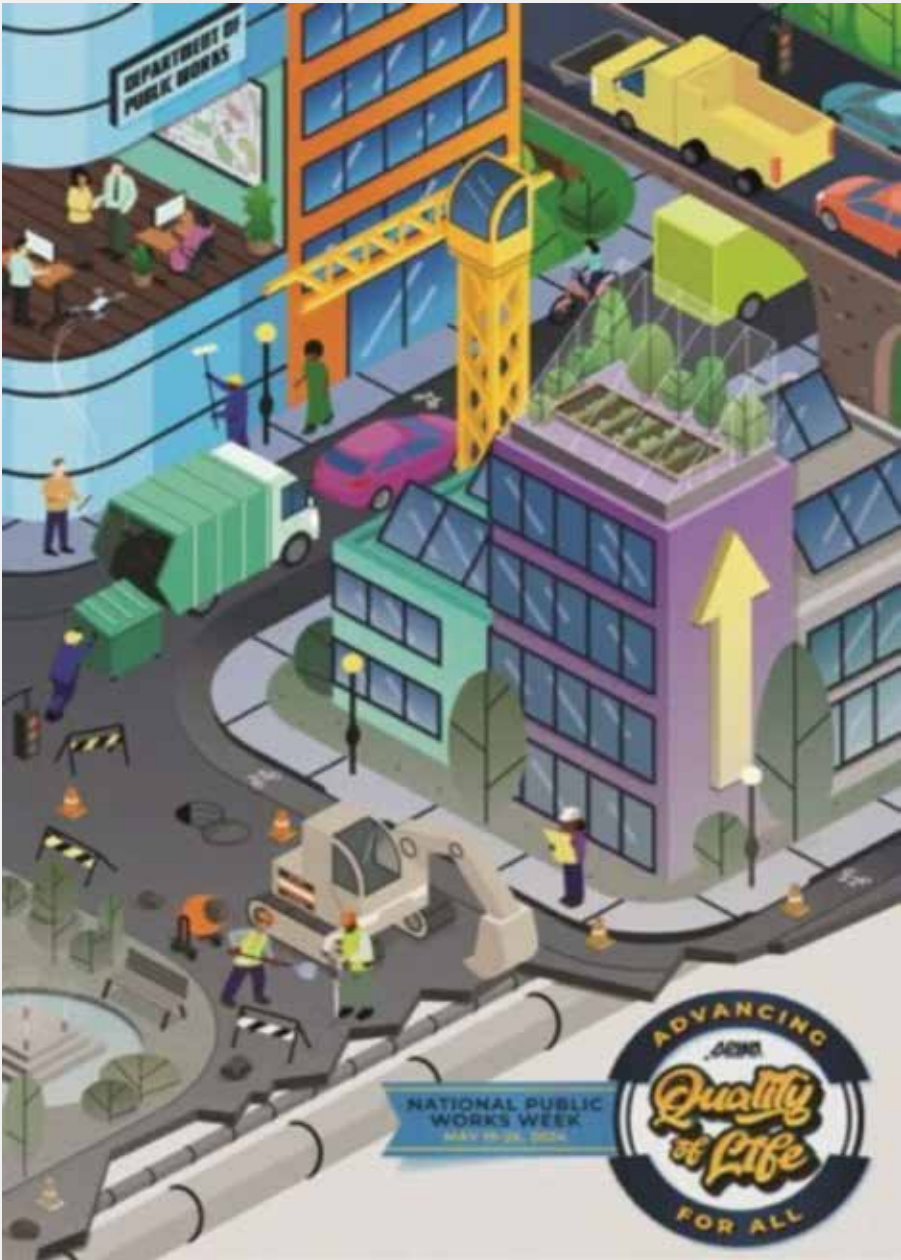
The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway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

If you would prefer to choose the species of the tree to be planted, this can be achieved through the 50/50 program. The resident can choose the tree from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree and planting with the Village. To request a 50/50 tree, please call the Public Works Department at 708.345.0041.

## 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 noon, 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.

## National Drinking Water Week: May 5th – May 11th

Drinking Water Week is an annual observance in May sponsored by the American Water Works Association to recognize the critical role drinking water plays in our daily lives. This year’s theme, “There When You Need It,” highlights the work water professionals do around the clock to ensure high-quality drinking water is always available at your tap, whenever you need it.

## National Public Works Week: May 19th – May 25th

APWA is proud to announce the theme “Advancing Quality of Life for All” for the 2024 National Public Works Week poster

Public works contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live in the world. Public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities.

The “Advancing Quality of Life for All” theme shines a spotlight on the way public works professionals advance our quality of life, whether as a first responder to an electricity outage, regular waste pickup, or a myriad of other ways they silently serve their communities.

Public works professionals advance the quality of life by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities dynamic places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.



# PUBLIC WORKS - CONSTRUCTION NEWS

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



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



- In-House Street Paving Phase I will occur in 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 Belleview Ave between Windsor Dr and Preston St, and on Carlisle St between Sunnyside Ave and Mayfair Ave

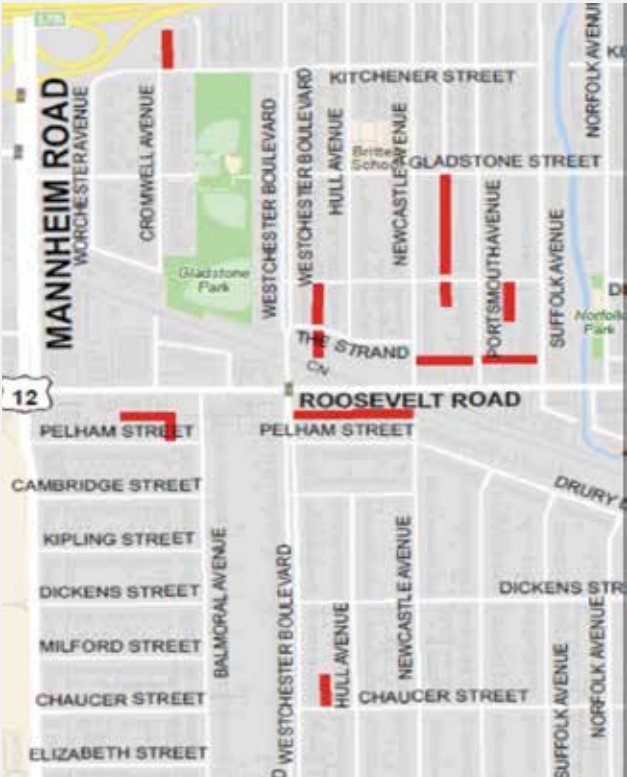
- 2024 Street Resurfacing Program



- 2023 Green Alley Reconstruction



- 2024 Alley Reconstruction Locations Map



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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WESTCHESTER | LAST 30 DAYS

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<b>\$333,335</b> Average Sales Price	<b>\$335,000</b> Median Sales Price
<b>17</b> Closed Sales	<b>32 Days</b> Average Market Time

Data provided by MRED LLC. for Single Family Homes on 04/10/2024 for 30 day period.

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# PARTY IN THE PARK

FRI JULY 12 ★ 4PM TO 10PM

SAT JULY 13 ★ 12PM TO 10PM



COMMUNITY PARK  
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Get ready for two days of fun for all ages! Join us for awesome live bands, tasty food trucks, and plenty of games and activities for all to enjoy. It's going to be a blast!



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## GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP

LET'S BLOOM TOGETHER.



### **Saturday, May 11th, 9am-noon** IT'S OUR 6TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE!

From Alyssum and Beans to Zucchini and Zinnias...Grassroots Garden Group has it ALL!  
With over 40 varieties of flowers, veggies, and herbs, and over 600 plants to choose from, you might need to make a second trip!

Join us at the gazebo by the Westchester fountain at Mannheim & Cermak Roads (parking available on Crestwood) and stock up on everything you need for your garden.  
As always, all profits will benefit the Westchester Food Pantry!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 20th is our 6th Annual Westchester Garden Walk!

Interested in being a sponsor for the Garden Walk?

Contact us at [GrassrootsGroup2015@gmail.com](mailto:GrassrootsGroup2015@gmail.com) for more details!

View all upcoming events on our website, [GrassrootsGardenGroup.org](http://GrassrootsGardenGroup.org)



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!

## Alpine BANQUET HAUS

### History Moving Forward

Joseph Tousek, the owner of Alpine Banquet House, embarked on his culinary journey in 1968, pursuing a Master's degree in Chef, Pastry, and Bartending, followed by four years of hospitality business school.

He immigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1981 and honed his skills in prestigious Chicago hotels such as the Ritz Carlton, Four Seasons, and Mayfair Region, serving celebrities like the Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, and Michael Jackson.

Through the course of this journey, Joseph now boasts an impressive 56 years of experience in the food industry.

In 1988, Joseph settled in Oak Brook Terrace and established Alpine Banquet Haus in Westchester.

Despite starting in a modest structure on the corner of Roosevelt Road and Wolf Road, Joseph's vision and dedication led to three renovations, including acquir-

ing neighboring property for additional parking. Alpine Banquet Haus specializes in hosting various private events, from weddings to celebrations of life, with a commitment to inclusivity and accommodating any budget. In the words of Joseph, "Everyone deserves a celebration, whether it is in life or after."

Joseph's devotion to the community is evident through support for the Westchester Chamber of Commerce and hosting community events. His long-serving staff, including Rubin, reflects the familial atmosphere he fosters. Rubin has been a constant presence, working alongside Joseph for an impressive forty years. They began their journey together as young men in Chicago, and Rubin has remained

by Joseph's side since Alpine opened over 35 years ago.

Other members of the staff have also demonstrated remarkable loyalty, with tenures ranging from fifteen to twenty years, further underscoring the sense of family and connection at Alpine.

As Alpine looks to the future, Joseph's son Thomas and daughter-in-law Kat are poised to continue the legacy of excellence. Thomas, with 20 years of experience, will maintain the quality of service and cuisine, while Kat, as banquet coordinator, introduces modern event management techniques and enhances online presence through social media and other tools. While they are prepared to continue adapting, they also remain fiercely committed to preserving the quality, history, and tradition of what has made Alpine Banquet Haus a successful community gem.

When asked about supporting local businesses like Alpine, Joseph emphasizes the importance of community backing, echoing the Westchester Chamber of Commerce's call to "shop locally." Reach out to Alpine Banquet Haus for your next gathering!

Alpine Banquet Haus  
11141 W. Roosevelt Road  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Contact: Kat Tousek Kalcikova  
Event Coordinator  
708-409-8640  
708-673-2105  
Kat@alpinebanquethouse.com  
Alpinebanquethouse.com





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



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# WPTC news and notes

March sure flew by! We are all enjoying the warmer temperatures and longer days. April is sure to be another fun-filled month as we round out the school year.

Last month we had our WPTC meeting in the WIS cafeteria, it is a wonderful opportunity to hear about what exciting things our students have been doing and what they will be doing in the future. All are welcome to attend. Our last and final meeting for the school year will be May 1st at 6pm in the WIS cafeteria.

March's restaurant fundraisers at Wendy's and Giordano's were a success. Thank you to all who ditched the pots and pans for the night, and supported our schools.

Students at WPS enjoyed a popcorn day in March, and WIS will have their popcorn day in April!

April kicked off with our POP fundraiser! Students will have an

opportunity to win some amazing prizes while they are raising money for their schools!

The spring book fair is back this month, students at WIS will be able to purchase books April 3rd and 4th, WPS will have theirs April 23rd and 24th.

Parents and Pastries will be held at WPS April 25th during their open house from 5:00-7:00 pm.

We will also be having two restaurant fundraisers this month. One at Mattone's restaurant and another at Jimmy John's. Come on out and support our schools.

Please remember the WMS School Store has returned and will be open once a month!! Dates will be announced on our Facebook page and announcements are made during school to remind the students.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!



#### Important Dates:

WIS Book Fair: April 3 and 4

WPS Book Fair: April 23 and 24

April 11- Mattone's Restaurant

April 22- Jimmy John's

Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for any updates!

[www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com](http://www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com)  
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You can also reach the WPTC via email at [wptc925@gmail.com](mailto:wptc925@gmail.com).

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**1 to 3 pm**

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# Proviso Handyman department

**May 2024**

Time to open the windows and let the fresh air in! We can help take your storm windows off and put them away and install window screens. It's time to slide in a new filter in your furnace in preparation for summer. Do you have a rain barrel that needs to be connected to your gutter? We can do that for you!

**Call 708-547-4001**

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township



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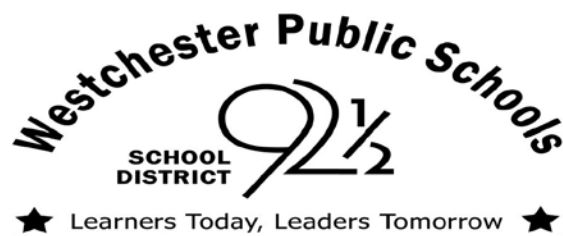
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## A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great April. This month marks a critical time for our students as they embark on the final stretch of the school year. With standardized testing, extracurricular activities, and end-of-year celebrations on the horizon, we must come together to ensure our students feel supported and encouraged every step of the way.

Thank you to our parents who completed the 5Essentials survey over the past few months. We are looking forward to preliminary data later this Spring. In all three buildings, we surpassed the 20% participation rate needed for a report. Your feedback is essential to our continuous improvement efforts.

Congratulations on this year's School Citizen of the Year (SCOTY) winners. The SCOTY program recognizes students chosen by their schools as good school citizens and models for others. Our SCOTY winners were honored on March 20th at West Leyden High School.

Our winners are:

Westchester Primary School - Benny Lopez  
Westchester Intermediate School - Kimaya Willett  
Westchester Middle School - Olivia Marin

Please make sure to check your calendars for important dates in April. April 26th is a non-attendance day for students, so plan accordingly. You can access all important events here. You can also check out past Board meetings on our YouTube channel.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, please stay engaged and involved in our school community. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or simply checking in with your child about their school day, your support plays a vital role in our students' success. Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to our school. If you have any questions, please contact me via email (psalemi@sd925.org) or cell (708-670-1927). Enjoy your May!

Sincerely,  
Philip Salemi, Ed.D

## Westchester Primary School

Students were challenged to be a good friend in April. Students who were caught being extra kind to others received a link to hang on our main hall friendship bracelet. One to two students were chosen daily in each class to receive a friendship bracelet and be the class friendship role model. Consistent reminders for Dolphin Pride keep our students safe, happy, and learning!

At the end of March, the Westchester School District hosted the 2nd Annual Pre-K Health & Wellness Fair from 6-7:30. Families participating in any Pre-K Westchester School District affiliated programs were invited to attend the free event. The Health and Wellness Fair was intended to promote health and wellness for students and their families in our community, along with raising awareness of local resources available to them in the Westchester area and nearby communities. During the event, families were able to participate in free yoga sessions offered by Brain to Belly Kids Yoga. The Perfect Jerk and The Chicken Factory both provided free food samples to enjoy at the event. Families were also able to participate in other activities located throughout the building including face painting and a craft activity.

The Health & Wellness Fair was sponsored by the following local businesses and organizations: Belly to Brain Kids Yoga, Midwestern University-College of Dental, The Perfect Jerk, The Chicken Factory, StateFarm Insurance-Blaine Carragher, Pillars Community Healthy, Pure Climate & Heating, Boyce Chiropractic, K-Signs and Designs, and Julie White House-Real Estate. Each business had a table at the event allowing families to stop by and learn more about the services or products offered. The Westchester Food Pantry, Westchester Public Library, and Westchester Park District also joined at that event with tables to provide information about resources offered by their organizations. The District is extremely grateful for the sponsors' financial support and the participation of all businesses and organizations present at the event. Westchester School District staff were joined by Westchester Middle School volunteering students to provide additional support to families present at the Fair. The District looks forward to hosting the 3rd Annual Pre-K Health & Wellness Fair next year.

WPS Open House and Fine Arts Showcase was held on April 25th! The Westchester Primary School kindergarten, first-graders, and second-graders gave live musical performances, showcased their artwork, and showcased their writing research for all to see. Kindergarten and First-grade students researched their favorite animal, and the second graders researched an animal habitat. Our second graders also created their habitat to showcase in their classrooms with a clay sculpture of an animal in their habitat.

The WPTC/WPS Parents and Pastries and Book Fair events held in April were also very well attended! The Scholastic Spring Book Fair at WPS was in the media center and ran Tuesday - Thursday, April 23rd-25th. The students were able to shop during their classroom's scheduled time in our school day. For Parents and Pastries, each participant was offered pastry from the WPTC during the WPS Open House with the ability to purchase from the book fair.

In May, our students are participating in benchmark assessments, including the NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). This state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused and data-driven decisions. Students are tested on MAP three times each year (fall, winter, and spring) in the areas of reading and math. The teachers use this growth and achievement data from MAP and other benchmark assessments to determine student growth for this school year, including student academic strengths and areas for growth.

Kindergarten Screenings and parent tours will be held at WPS by appointment on Thursday, May 16, 2023, from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM for pre-registered students. Both a parent and pre-registered child must attend the screening. If you missed Kindergarten pre-registration in April, please check our website for more information or contact the School Office at 708-562-1509.

As the school year is coming to an end, WPS continues to engage students in learning and several special activities/celebrations. We will host the 92 1/2 Jazz Band. Their music and talent is unparalleled, and they inspired our students to be musicians. Our students are currently reflecting on their year-long growth in learning to prepare for our fabulous grade-level Victory Day celebrations. Additionally, the wonderful WPTC will sponsor our Second Grade Celebration, and Field Day is fast approaching.



## Westchester Intermediate School

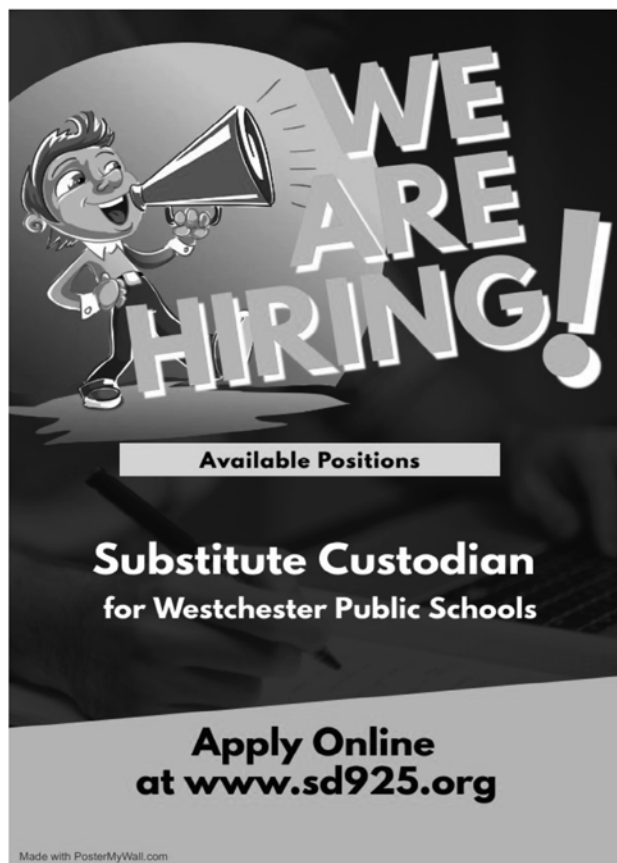
We have many things to celebrate as we move into the last part of our school year. Our 5th Graders tackled the Illinois Science Assessment. We hosted our Science Night last month as well which was amazing. We were so happy to bring that back this year. Third and Fourth graders were able to go on field trips this past month. Third went to the Morton Arboretum and Fourth headed over to the Cemon Earth and Space Center at Triton College. Both were very fun and still educational for our students.

Our Spring Food Drive for the Westchester Food Pantry brought in an abundance of items to support our local families with food insecurities. Our Spring Chorus concert with Mr. Holliday was amazing. The students have grown a great deal from the Winter Concert. We hosted our 4th Grade Fine Arts fest. We still have the Second Grade tour, parent night, and Spring Band Concert coming up. We are looking forward to seeing our families here for those events as well. And our 5th Graders will visit the Middle School to get them ready for next year.

As we finish up the year, we will have Spring Benchmarking with the assessment tools we have used this year. These will help us measure how our students grew over the whole year and guide us in planning for the next school year. Which seems a bit crazy that we are already thinking about that, but we are.

As summer approaches it can get tricky for students to stay focused. Encourage them to keep working up to their potential as we close out the year. It takes us all to keep our students learning and growing.

Go Huskies!



## Westchester Middle School

We continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone in the WMS learning community. Students and staff should:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be There, Be Ready

Join the Westchester Middle School as they perform Beauty and the Beast Jr. this spring! Performances will be May 9 (7 p.m.), May 10 (7 p.m.), and May 11 (2 p.m.). If you have any questions regarding our musical, please contact director Kierstin Durst at [kdurst@sd925.org](mailto:kdurst@sd925.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

WMS, in coordination with the WPTC, is having their McTeacher Night on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Please join us at the McDonald's at 31st and Wolf Road.

WMS is set to hold their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The ceremony will take place in the WMS gymnasium.

Congratulations to our March Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: 6th Grade: Lia Feldbauer and Samantha Wyckoff, 7th Grade: Valeria Garcia and Ari Kyles, 8th Grade: Altesa Berbatovci and Guiliana Fiordiroso. 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 our Destination Imagination teams, the Fab 5 (Kosta Bartzis, Matthew Dattalo, Nolan Jawor, Adrian Perez, and Santi Raygoza) and the Glam Girls (Angel Murray (not pictured), Jaylene Ojeda, Makiyah Stevenson, and Anya Thompson) for their first place finishes at the State Tournament. Way to go teams and Mrs. Blair their sponsor.



# IMPORTANT!



**NEW GARBAGE &  
RECYCLING SERVICE  
PROVIDER STARTING  
JULY 1, 2024**



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

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW - PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MAILING MATERIALS RELATED TO THIS TRANSITION!**







MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 2ND - SEPTEMBER 15TH MEMBERSHIP RATES <small>AGE 2yr &amp; 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  
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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](http://WWW.WDPARKS.ORG)

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**BONUS DAYS  
included**  
**SEPTEMBER  
7TH, 8TH,  
14TH & 15TH**  
*pending weather & staff*





CHRISTIE'S  
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

# Spring!

is here!

Here are 10 helpful tips to *freshen up* your home for Spring:

- Clean Gutters and Check Roof
- Scrub Walls, Baseboards and Outlets
- Replace Filters
- Clean Faucets and Showerheads
- Clean Out the Dryer Vent
- Wash Exterior Windows
- Clean the Grill
- Prep Your Garden
- Test Smoke Alarms
- Clean Outdoor Furniture

## CURRENT WESTCHESTER INVENTORY

\*SOLD WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS AND CLOSED FOR OVER ASKING!



closed\*  
24 Kings Ct  
\$345,500



closed\*  
11151 Regency Dr  
\$350,000



closed\*  
1632 Manchester Ave  
\$375,142



just listed  
1914 Burns Ave  
\$289,000



for rent  
10303 Canterbury St #1  
\$2,000

Housing inventory is historically low, now is a great time to list!

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS LOOKING TO MAKE A MOVE, I'D LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST

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

Lifetime Resident,  
Local Expert



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