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From the President's Desk...



Please be aware that our children are now back in school, so be careful around all school zones, stop at all stop signs and do not pass a stopped school bus. The safety of our children is always a priority.

I want to extend my appreciation to our Fire, Police and Public Works personnel for their excellent service during the storms on Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14. We are most grateful to the response from each department and thank them for their assistance in this emergency situation.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday November 9, 2008 for our Annual Westchester Veteran for the whole family. Westchester is

home to one of the finest races in the Chicago area. The race draws over 1000 runners, walkers and volunteers from the community. Last year a check for \$5000.00 from the Veteran was given to the Wounded Heroes Foundation. Further information can be found on page 4 . Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 am. on Sunday November 2 or before you retire on Saturday November 1. Also, you are encouraged to change the battery in each smoke detector in your home at the same time.

The Chicago Highlands Golf Course at 31st and 1-294 is scheduled to open in July, 2009. This will be a beautiful addition to our Village. Remember you can view the progress of this golf course at www.chicagohighlands.com

Congratulations to the Westchester Raiders who are the recipients of the 2007 American Youth Football Team of the Year. The award was presented to President Mike O'Hagan in August after compiling the grade point average of participants in the Westchester Football and Cheerleading programs against other programs. The award is presented annually to only one association **nationwide** with the highest GPA based on report cards submitted. Congratulations to the boys and girls from Westchester and the surrounding communities. You have made your family and your hometown very, very proud.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 12. Representatives from the offices of Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan and Proviso Township Assessor Michael Corrigan will be hosting an outreach program for filing real estate tax appeals for assessed valuation, at 6:30 p.m. in the Westchester Village Hall Board Room.

The Village construction projects are nearing completion. The Bristol Dover project is at the "punch list" level, and Balmoral should be completed by the end of October.

Village Trustee Neil Boyle was on hand at the Library to thank Representative Bob Biggins for his work in obtaining a \$60,0000 grant. The grant will be used for security measures for the Village water system. Representative Biggins also worked with Representative Karen Yarbrough in securing the grant.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2008

Monday, October 6- Friday, October 10:

Village of Westchester branch pick up program.

Wednesday, Oct 1: Family Film Night, "Spiderwick Chronicles" 6:30 pm.

Library Friday, October 3: Library closed at noon - staff training.

Friday, October 3: Fish and Chicken Fry, Mini Autumn Craft Sale & Raffle. Westchester Community Church, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 4: Divine Providence Craft Fair. Location: 31st and Wolf Road. 9am-4 pm

Sunday, October 5: Divine Providence Craft Fair. Location: 31st and Wolf Road. 12 pm- 2pm



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday October 5: Anointing of the Sick Mass 11:30am-12:30pm. Divine Providence Parish. Available to anyone who wishes to be anointed with the Sacred Chrism. For more information call the Rectory at 562-3364.

Saturday, October 4: Aspire's Beautiful Children fashion show & silent auction. Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Raffle tickets for a \$1,000 shopping spree are currently on sale for \$20 each (no more than 1,000 will be sold). The winning ticket will be drawn at the fashion show; winner need not be present. Call Susan Ondreja: 708.547-3575 ext. 3558 for more info.

Wednesday, October 8: Family Film Night at Library. "Camp Rock" 6:30 pm at the Library.

Saturday, October 11: Village Blood Drive, Community Center, Bond and Westchester Blvd. 8:15 am to 3 pm.

Sunday, October 12: The Chicago Peregrine Falcon Program - From Decline to Recovery. Once an endangered species, the Peregrine Falcon population is now up to 200 pairs in the Midwest. Mary Hennen, Bird Division -The Field Museum 2:00 pm. Prairie House. \$5, \$3 senior

Sunday, October 12: Historic Route 66. Join David Clark for the history of this historic route. Please register in advance: 708-562-3573. 2 pm at Library

Wednesday, October 15: Family Film Night at Library.

Westchester Flu Shot Program

Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 10 am to 1 pm
Call 345-0020 for MANDATORY appointment time
Dominick's Pharmacy Flu Clinic
Flu shots: \$28.00 Pneumonia: \$45.00
Dominick's will bill Medicare Part B participants

"August Rush" 6:30 pm at the Library.

Saturday October 18: "Alive at 25" Young driver intervention program. Sponsored by the police department. Register by email: aliveat25@westchesterpolice.com.

Sunday, October 19: St. Joseph High School, Open House 1-3 pm.

Sunday, October 19: Polka Mass: 11:30am – 12:30pm. Divine Providence Parish. Music by the Joe Pat Orchestra. All are invited to attend this very unique way of celebrating the Mass. For more information contact the Rectory at 708-562-3364 or visit www.dprov.org.

Sunday, October 19: Sixth Annual Divine Providence Oktoberfest. Fun & games for the kids, great food and music by the Joe Pat Orchestra. Polka Mass. Come one - Come all! 1pm- 4pm. McInerney Center & Mayfair Room of Divine Providence School. For more information call 562-3364 or visit our website at www.dprov.org

Sunday, October 19: The Westchester Community Image Council meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. for maintenance and other clean-up efforts. Weather or other circumstances may cause a change in dates, so please check with www.westchestercic.org for the most updated information. All volunteers welcome.

Wednesday, October 22: Family Film Night "Nim's Island" 6:30 pm at the Library

Secretary of State Jesse White's Mobile Driver Services Facility

Friday, October 24, 200, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Westchester Village Hall, Community Room

Event is hosted by Angelo Luciano. Available services: Vision screenings, written exams, duplicate or corrected license, driver license renewal, identification cards, license plate renewal stickers; (CDL and road tests not available). Those wanting to secure an ID card for the first time will need to present three pieces of identification: Social Security card, a birth certificate and piece of mail showing current address.

Saturday, October 25: Harvest of Crafts, Westchester Community Church Craft Sale, Raffle & Café, 9:30am-2:30pm.

Saturday, October 25: The Westchester Community Image Council will hold a beer tasting & dinner from 5-10 p.m. at Fresh Meadow Golf Course. A \$35 ticket includes dinner; a sampling of beers from Goose Island, Three Floyds & Summit breweries and raffles. Proceeds benefit the WCIC's projects for 2009. Reservations required. Call Cheryl at 773/704-1484 or www.westchestercic.org for more information.

Sunday, October 26: Deadline for Library's Write-A-Book Contest. All Westchester grade school students are eligible, contest rules available at all schools and the Library.

Sunday, October 26: Faith Lutheran Church. 60th Anniversary Celebration. 3:00 pm. All are Welcome. Call 708-650-4082 to RSVP and for more information.

Wednesday, October 29: Family Film Night at Library. "Garfield's FunFest" 6:30 pm at the Library

Wednesday, October 29: Band Concert at WMS, 7:00 PM, annual fundraiser begins.



With Halloween quickly approaching the Westchester Police Department would like to remind all parents to instruct their children to stop only at houses that are well-lit, and never enter a stranger's home. Recommended trick or treat times 3pm –7pm

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 3- Friday, November 7: Village of Westchester branch pick up program.

Saturday, November 1: Scrapbooking Fundraiser Westchester Community Church 8:00 am–11:00 pm

Sunday, November 1: Christmas Wreath Sale. Divine Providence. Orders taken after the 5pm Saturday Mass and after all Sunday Masses. For more information, please contact Dee at 708-562-3427.

Sunday, November 2: Oaks in a Nutshell. Learn about oaks from acorn to mature tree and the status of oaks in natural environments and urban landscapes. Edith Makra, Community Trees Advocate-Morton Arboretum \$5, \$3 senior 2:00 pm. Prairie House.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



November 4 Election Voting Information

Voter registration closes Tuesday, October 7. If you have moved or changed your name you must re-register. You may register at the Village Hall (bring two forms of ID) or download forms at www.voterinfonet.com

Regular registration ends October 7 but there is a "grace period" from October 8-22 when you can register and vote IN PERSON at the downtown County Clerk's office or any of the five suburban offices.

Friday, November 7: Fish & Chicken Fry & Mini Craft Sale Westchester Community Church 4:30-7:30 pm.

Saturday, November 8: Parish Raffle & Silent Auction, 7:00 pm - 12:00 am, Divine Infant Parish. See our website for more information: www.divineinfant.org

Sunday, November 9: Friends of the Library Annual Meeting. Entertainment by Chicago Mob Dixieland Jazz Band. 2 pm at Library.

Wednesday, November 12: Village Blood Drive, Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. 2 pm to 7 pm.

Wednesday, November 12: Assessor outreach program for filing real estate tax appeals for assessed valuation. 6:30 p.m. Westchester Village Hall Board Room.

Saturday, November 15: Divine Infant Book Fair. Langan Hall. 9:00 am-12 Noon.

Saturday, November 15: St. Joseph High School Reunion-Alumni Banquet, The Drake - Oakbrook 7pm. For more info. Call Gene Pingatore 708-562-7488

Sunday, November 16: "150 Years of Preparing for the Future-. Immanuel Lutheran Church anniversary celebration. Special Fellowship hour at 10:00 am Worship Service at 11:00 am. All are welcome! Banquet luncheon at 1:00 pm at Alpine Banquets in Darien. For more information or banquet tickets, call 708/562-5590 or generalimmanuel-hillside.org

Sunday, November 16: Awards Ceremony for winners of Library's Write-A-Book Contest, 1:30 pm at Library

Sunday, November 16: The Westchester Community Image Council meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. for its public gardens maintenance and clean-up. Weather may cause a change in dates, check www.westchestercic.org for latest information.

Tuesday, November 18: Early Childhood Screenings @ Westchester Public School. Appointments to be taken from October 20 -November 7. Call Elena: 708/450-2700 x649.

Wednesday, November 19 - Westchester Middle School Fall Choral Concert, 7:00 PM

Thursday November 20: 4th Grade Performance at Westchester Intermediate School , 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 22: Aisle of Gifts Craft Show, Gift giving ideas for everyone. Grand Raffle. Divine Infant. Langan Hall, 9 am to 3pm. More info: www.divineinfant.org

Sunday, November 23: St. Joseph High School, Open House 1-3 pm. Joe Tortorich 708-562-4433

Thursday, November 27: Library closed for Thanksgiving.

Thursday November 27 & Friday November 28: Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sunday, November 30: Deadline for entries in Share A Memory project. Personal stories, reminiscences of senior citizens. Forms available at the Library.

DECEMBER

Friday, December 5: Library closed until noon for staff training

Friday, December 5: Fish Fry, Last Chance Craft Sale. Westchester Community Church 4:30-7:30 pm.

Saturday, December 6: A St. Nicholas Feast and Entertainment 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Divine Providence Parish. Music of the Season provided by the octet Ye Carolers. For reservation info, contact us at 562-3442 or visit our website at www.dprov.org.

Sunday, December 7: A German Christmas on the Prairie. German settlers arriving the mid-1800's brought holiday traditions with them: hand-made ornaments, seasonal lore and Christmas stollen & cookies. Patricia Reaves, German Teacher & Researcher, Riverside-Brookfield High School. 1:00 pm. Prairie House

Tuesday, December 9: Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Luncheon. Morton's Steakhouse. Open to businesses and residents. Cost \$40 per person. Raffle proceeds to local charities. Call Bill Ernst for reservations or raffle donation: 243-9859.

Wednesday December 10: Westchester Middle School Winter Band Concert, 7:00 pm.

Thursday ,December 11: Holiday Choral Concert at Westchester Intermediate School, 7:00 pm.

Thursday December 11: Christmas Celebration, Featuring Santa and his bag of gifts. Divine Infant, Langan Hall 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 16 - Winter Band Concert at Westchester Intermediate School, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16 - WMS Band & Chorus perform at Yorktown Mall, 11:30 AM (tentative)

Thursday, December 11: St. Joseph High School, Open House, 6-8pm.

Thursday, December 18: Christmas Choral Concert, 1:00 & 7:00 pm. Divine Infant. See our web-site for more information www.divineinfant.org.

Sunday, December 21: The Westchester Community Image Council meets tentatively the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. for its work day on the public gardens. Weather may cause a change in dates, so please check www.westchestercic.org for the most updated information. .

Wed. December 24-Thurs. December 25: Library closed for Christmas holiday. Village Hall closed December 25.

Scouts to hold food drive, eyeglasses and flag collection.

Cub Scout Pack 73 , Boy Scout Troop 73, and Pack/Troop 172, will distribute flyers on November 15th with details of the food drive. Residents who receive a flyer may leave their donations on their front porch by 9 a.m. Saturday, November 22.

19TH ANNUAL WESTCHESTER VETERUN

Sunday, November 9, 2008

CARA'S BEST RACE IN 2004, 2005 & 2006!

Health Walk, 5K and 10K Run. Flat fast course. Hot dogs available at the end of the race for all you health nuts!



Sunday, November 9, 2008 9:00 AM
Mayfair Park, 10835 Wakefield

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for 5 & 10K race for male and female in each age group. \$ 250 cash for 1st place male/female in 5 & 10K races. Special awards for 1st place Westchester resident. Exciting post race raffle!

Directions: From Chicago: Take 290 west to Mannheim road south to 22nd street, turn west (right) to Mayfair avenue, turn south (left) to Mayfair Park. From Interstate: From 294, exit Ogden Avenue. Go east to Wolf Road turn north (left) and proceed to 31st Street, turn east (right) on 31st to Mayfair and proceed north (left) to Mayfair Park.

Parking: Please park in designated areas only around Mayfair Park and Divine Providence Church. Please have consideration for those attending 7:30 and 9:30 morning mass. Follow the signs or park in residential streets off the race course.

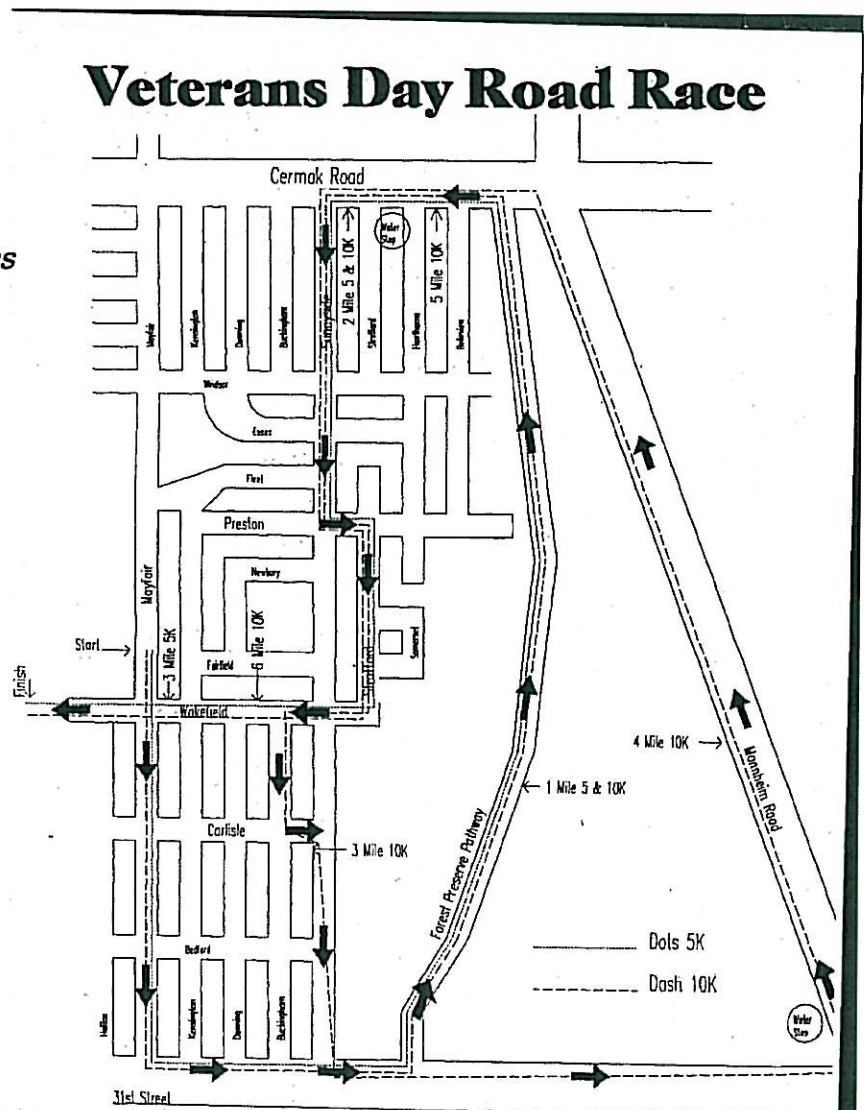
Visit : www.westchesterchamber.org for more information or to register online: www.signmeup.com/61650

Dear Westchester Residents:

The 18th Annual Veterun will be held on Sunday, November 11th at 9 am. Please note the map showing routes and streets utilized during the Run. Parking restrictions and street closures will be in effect for as short a time as possible, between the hours of 7 am and 11 am.

Be advised that your street may be inaccessible at some time Sunday morning and please plan accordingly. Proudly display your American flag along the route, and come out and cheer on the runners! We appreciate your consideration and cooperation during another great Westchester event.

*Sincerely,
Village of Westchester
Westchester Chamber of Commerce
Westchester Park District*



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

"Prevent Home Fires" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, 2008. As simple as the message sounds, we really do have a difficult time making that message work. In 2006 fire departments across America responded to over 400,000 residential house fires.

The fire department spends a great deal of time spreading the message, at schools, community events, block parties, any time we are asked....use caution, be careful. Still, the number of home fires, and sadly the injuries and deaths associated with home fires are not decreasing enough. Watch the morning news, daily there is usually a story of a tragic fire that occurred the evening before. Unacceptable. Period.

So what can we do? Recognize facts; not, if it will happen, but rather when will this happen to me. A solution exists, recognize that there are common causes for residential home fires; cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials. It is more than understanding those causes, but realizing that the other portion of the equation is staring at you in the mirror.

The food left on the stove to burn, combustible materials left too close to the stove, or too close to a space heater, or your furnace. Letting the aromatic candles burn all day long; while no one is home to enjoy them. Making sure that the Play Station, TV, cable box, lamp, computer, are all plugged into a single outlet for convenience. Using electrical appliances that have been damaged, and "repaired" enough to use a few more times, or taping the fuses in the fuse box so they will not continually trip when overloaded. One favorite is that smoking causes fires....next time you are at the convenience store, look behind the counter at the cigarettes; ever notice that they never caught fire on their own? Maybe leaving the lighter or matches out for children to experiment with is not the best idea. Sarcastic, yes...but we never look at ourselves when disaster strikes.

Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2008, is a great reminder to pay attention, use caution and be careful. It reminds us about our safety, at home and at work. The use of exit drills to familiarize ourselves with the other exit, not the front door. Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors, which are required by law, should be tested and replaced if over 10 years old. Use common sense, if it looks unsafe, it is. Those common causes of fires are preventable. This year, lets "Prevent Home Fires", by looking at how we can make the difference.

The Westchester Fire Department is available to speak to community organizations, as well as provide home fire safety inspections. Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 708-345-0433 to schedule.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Fall is a good time to finish all of your outdoor projects. Concrete and asphalt can generally be installed thru the first snow fall. Concrete and asphalt plants stay open until around December 1st.

There is plenty of time before the snow flies to prepare your home for winter. New windows and doors will save on your heating bills and eliminate drafts while improving the appearance of your home. Perform pre-heating season maintenance on your furnace or boiler to assure a trouble free winter. A new high efficiency heating system can also lower your monthly energy bills.

If you need a list of contractors currently registered with the Village, call the Building Department and we will provide our current list.

Remember to always get at least three estimates. Check that the scope of work and materials provided is the same. Ask for references and do not hesitate to call and check them. Always insist that your contractor provide you with a certificate of insurance, a signed contract and an installation schedule.

Remember we have our own phone and fax numbers to better serve you!

Phone 708 345-0199

Fax 708 345 0884



FLOODING PROBLEMS

During a heavy rain the storm sewers "charge" or fill to capacity. The water then takes the path of least resistance. Please read the following information and takes steps to help deter the water from ending up in your home or business.

Steps you can Take to Take to Alleviate Property Flooding and Basement Backups

- * Trash around storm water drains should be removed. The Village does regular street sweeping but more debris accumulates during storms.
- * Properly dispose of yard waste to avoid it from traveling to storm drains and causing backup.
- * Oil, grease, paint, or any hazardous chemicals should never be placed in sanitary drain and/or washed into inlets or other sewer structures.
- * Sump pumps, drain tile, downspouts, yard or driveway drains should never be piped to sanitary sewer lines.

*A sump pump is a small pump installed in basements or low areas. When water reaches a certain depth in the sump, a float will rise to turn on the pump.

*A drain tile is a pipe that is typically perforated and installed around the perimeter of the basement floor. Groundwater flows into the drain tile, which is connected to the sump pump. * Sump pumps need a battery operated backup system in case of a power outage

- * A downspout is the vertical rectangular tube attach to the roof gutter allowing rainwater to flow down.

Make sure your downspouts are draining at least 6 feet from your foundation walls; only onto your own property not into a storm drain or your neighbor.

- * Swales or detention areas should never be graded, filled in or built over since storm water flow can be affected. Swales are graded low areas in yards to control and direct the flow of storm water to inlets, creeks, etc.
- * In the event of a basement flooding during a heavy rain or storm, STOP unnecessary water use. Any water you put into the drain will go directly to your basement.
- * Many basement bathrooms are the basis of backflow due to not being properly connected to the sewer system. If you have problems with a bathroom in your lowest level, preventive measures such as installation of ejector pits; ball flapper for toilets or floor drains; or ball valves for laundry tubs may alleviate some problems.

Check our website for more information on corrective measures and cleanup tips.

The SNOW season will be here before we know it.

When it begins to snow our crews work hard and long to keep our streets clear and safe. Please help us do our job more efficiently by observing these simple rules:

 - *Place your garbage cans and bins BEHIND the curb line and not in the street as this makes us plow around them and we can't clean up the curb.*

 - *Observe the NO PARKING and SNOW ROUTE signs and remove your automobile from the street until the snow has been cleared. THESE PARKING SIGNS WILL BE ENFORCED THIS WINTER!*

 - *Avoid a ticket & remember that every car left parked causes 3 car lengths of street to be unplowed.*

 - *Do not throw or blow snow back into the street once it has been plowed! This can cause a dangerous situation due to slick spots on an otherwise clear street. This has caused accidents in past years.*

The following parking restrictions WILL be enforced:
After a two-inch snowfall and except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on odd-numbered sides (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even- numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of streets) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Odd sides of the street are defined as the south side of east and west streets, and the east side of north and south streets. Even sides of the street are defined as the north side of east and west streets and the west side of north and south streets.

PUBLIC WORKS



Branch pick up:

REMINDER: final branch pickup for this year will be the week of November 3-7, 2008. Absolutely no brush will be picked up after this date. You will then be required to dispose of it on your own.

Branch pickup will resume April 2009-Again, do not put out any brush before this time as we will not pick it up.

Brush must be stacked neatly with the butt ends facing the curb or it will not be picked up. We do not pick up whole trees, they must be broken down. Also, the Public Works Department does not pick up after landscapers. They are responsible for removal of their own brush.

*Please note that the last pick-up day for yard waste by **Waste Management** will be November 28, 2008.*

As the cooler weather approaches, remember to turn off your outside water spigots in the basement to prevent pipes from cracking or freezing during the winter months.

If residents see an unusual amount of water in the streets or parkways this could be a possible main break. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or 708-345-0060 (after hours police non-emergency number) to report it so we can check it out immediately.

All Plumbers working in the Village of Westchester need a State or City of Chicago Plumbers license, a contractor's license from the Building Department plus a certificate of insurance. A permit is required to assure codes are met and an inspection from the Plumbing Inspector is necessary.

Residents are advised to contact the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod out the sanitary line. Our department will check to make sure the problem is not in our sanitary lines.



Summer seems to fly by faster every year! As we move into fall we are wrapping up our street repairs so that we can move into leaf season. Even though we will be using the street vacuum to clean the curbs we ask you to NOT rake leaves into the streets as this clogs the sewers.

As you may know, due to budget constraints the Village has discontinued the leaf bag program. Please be aware that the Village ordinance prohibits raking leaves into the street or gutter and residents are subject to \$25-\$100 fines. The street sweeper and vac machine will only be used to insure proper operation of the Village storm sewer system. Public Works will not clean streets where residents have deposited leaves on the curb line. Please dispose of leaves in cans or bags that can be purchased at your local hardware store or grocery store. With your cooperation the Village can preserve the charm of its neighborhoods as well as the maintenance of our sewer system.

Community Hotline

The Village of Westchester has instituted a Community Hotline. The number is 708-233-3099. The hotline will be for informational purposes ONLY. During an event such as a heavy storm, residents can call the hotline to get the latest important news. There will be no message system on this line. To report general storm damage call Public Works: 708/345-0041. For emergencies call 9-1-1,

Power Outages

Frequently power outages are due to storm damage from tree limbs.

You are responsible for the power lines from your home to the utility poles. ComEd is responsible for lines from pole to pole.

If you see dangerous limbs on wires from pole to pole please let ComEd know, by calling: 1-800- EDISON-1.

Call the Public works department if you notice dead or dangerous limbs on parkway trees.

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VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1ST

Newly-acquired vehicles must be licensed within thirty (30) days of purchase. If vehicle stickers are not properly displayed by February 15, 2009 the owner is subject to a fine, in addition to fees being doubled.

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>FEE (2/15)</u>	<u>FEE (2/16)</u>
Auto	\$ 3 5 . 0 0	\$70.00
Motorcycle	\$ 3 2 . 0 0	\$64.00
Truck (B Plate)	\$ 6 0 . 0 0	\$120.00
Truck (C Plate)	\$ 7 0 . 0 0	\$140.00
Il. Disabled Plate	\$10.00	\$20.00

Seniors: \$20.00 to residents age 65 by 2/15/09. One per person.

The Village Hall will be open for your convenience on Saturday February 14, 2009 from 9 am to noon. Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am. to 5 pm.

DOG AND CAT TAGS: Dog Tags and Cat Tags are free of charge and available at the Police Department. Newly-acquired dogs and cats must be licensed within 30 days after receiving their first rabies vaccine. Rabies certification must be presented upon registration.

AFTER-HOURS PAYMENTS: Use the drop box in the lobby of the Village Hall, located in the main lobby just to the left of the doorway into the Village offices after hours.

BILLING LATE FEES: Water and garbage fees are billed quarterly by section. If you do not receive the bill because of a post office error, you are still subject to late fees. Bills not paid by 5 pm on the due date will be charged a late fee.

WATER RATE INCREASE: Ordinance 08-1766 increased the water rate from \$4.60/thousand gallons to \$5.00/thousand gallons. The sewer rate increased from .50 cents/thousand gallons to \$1.00/thousand gallons. The increase was required in order to do repairs and improvements to the water system. The Village water fund has been operating with a deficit partly due to the fact that increases from the City of Chicago have not been passed on to the residents.

SENIOR DISCOUNT: Seniors 65 years of age or older are eligible for a discount off the standard residential refuse, recycling and yard waste collection rate. Applicants must provide proof of age and forms are available at the Village Hall or on line at www.westchester-il.org. **The discount is permanent and does not have to be renewed. The Discount is reflected on your bill with the code: SR RUBB, to denote the senior rubbish discount.**

Please see our website www.westchester-il.org for information on direct debit and E-pay options for water bills.