



Save the dates:

Fest Weekend!

July 11, 12 & 13

From the President's Desk...



I hope everyone had a Happy Easter Season and we are all looking forward to the bright sunshine and warmer weather. It has been a long, cold, snowy winter and we want to thank our Public Works Department for their excellent job in keeping our streets clean this past season. Our men put in a lot of time and we appreciate all they have done. Thanks again for another job well done.

The Public Works Department has been filling the pot holes and will continue to do so in the future. If there are pot holes to be fixed on your street, please call Public Works at 708-345-0041.

Please sign up for the 50/50 sidewalk program. Call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041 for further information.

We are pleased to announce that Fire Department was successful in obtaining grants in the amount of \$261,250.00 for an E-One Pumper Fire Engine, which should be delivered in mid June and \$109,962.00 for SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). Twenty seven of these air packs should be delivered in early May. We want to thank Chief Belmonte, Lieutenant LeBeda and the Fire Department staff for their efforts in securing these grants.

This year's street program has been funded by grants that I have secured in 2005 and 2006 from Congressman Danny Davis' office in the amount of \$750,000.00 and Congressman Dan Lipinkis' office in the amount of \$224,000.00. The following streets will be done this year: Balmoral between Mannheim and Canterbury, Bristol between Cermak Road, and Dickens and Dover between Westchester Blvd. and Gardner Road. We will also be resurfacing Cromwell between Devonshire and Kitchner, as well as inspecting the storm and sanitary sewer lines. The Village will establish a link on our website www.westchester-il.org to provide updates on our street improvements.

I have also obtained a grant for \$288,000.00 with the help of Congressman's Lipinski's Office for the Roosevelt Road Enhancement Program. This will involve decorative landscaping, pedestrian lighting, new entryway signage and other aesthetic amenities. These improvements will be made in Spring of 2009.

Once again our water rates are going to be increased. We are all bearing the burden of various increases that have occurred in our Village these past few years. These increases are necessary to do the repairs and improvements to our water system, parts of which are over 75 years old. Please remember that these increases have been carefully thought out and have not been taken lightly and will benefit us in the future. In retrospect who would have thought we would be paying almost \$4.00 per gallon for gas.

We have been working very hard to attract new businesses to Westchester. The Village Staff has received the final report from Buxton Company relative to the Retail Matching Analysis. We will be actively pursuing new businesses and hopefully we will welcome new retailers to our Village in the near future.

The Planning Commission has been working on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in the commercial corridors of Roosevelt Road and Cermak Road. The zoning overlay district will allow greater use of the property in accordance with modern redevelopment practices.

We are pleased to announce that the Proviso Township Handyman Program is available to qualified residents of Proviso Township for a surcharge of \$5.00 per visit plus the costs of parts if needed. For further information call the Handyman at 708-547-4001.

Flag Ceremony

On Saturday June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. which also is Flag Day, our 2nd annual ceremony will take place honoring the United States flag by retiring unserviceable flags in a dignified manner. The ceremony will take place at the Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. in the back (west) parking lot. When a flag becomes old, worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it should be replaced with a new flag and the old flag should be retired with respect. Village residents can deposit their old flags in collection boxes at the Westchester Community Church, Westchester Public Library and the Westchester Village Hall. Our flag is a representation of our independence and our unity as a nation.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2008

Westchester Library Registration for Summer Volunteers in Youth Department. Students entering grades 7-12 in the fall are eligible to apply. Opportunity to fulfill community service obligations. Call 562-3573.

Tuesday, April 1: Relay for Life Meeting. Village Hall Community Room, 6:30 pm. All welcome. For more information: www.relayforlifewestchester.com

Thursday, April 3: Divine Infant School. Open registration (2:40 – 7:00 pm in the gym) for full day 3-4 year old early childhood program, full day kindergarten program and Grades 1 – 8.

Friday, April 4: St. Joseph Alumni and Immaculate Heart of Mary Alumnae 10 year Reunion celebration. Stimac's Restaurant in Hillside from 7pm to 11pm. For more information please call 562-7488.

Friday, April 4: Library closed until noon for staff training

Friday, April 4: Westchester Community Church Last Fish/Chicken Fry of the season - 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 5: Scrapbooking Day. Westchester Community Church 8am-11pm registration required, please call the church office.865-1282.

Monday, April 7: Divine Providence School, Athletic Association Fundraiser-NCAA Games-Doors open at 6:00pm. Big Screen TV, Food, Raffle prizes, Games, Drinks. Adults \$10.00 Students \$5.00 (under 18) Contact for info: Guy Pagliuco 708 562-3958.

Monday April 7-Friday April 11: National Library Week Celebration. Friends of the Library will be serving coffee and light refreshments each weekday morning, 10-11:30 am at the Library.

Wednesday, April 9: Family Film Night at Library 6:30 pm at Library. For patrons of all ages.

Thursday, April 10: Westchester Middle School presents "2008: A Space Odyssey" Family Science Night, all Westchester families welcome, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Saturday, April 12: Divine Providence Spring Fling "A Night Among The Stars". Dinner, Dancing, Silent & Live Auction. 6pm- Midnight. Call 562-2258 for more information.

Sunday, April 13: Awards Ceremony for Annual Poetry Contest 1:30 pm at Library. Winners announced for contest open to Westchester students in grades 1-8.

Sunday, April 13: 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Father John C. Rosemeyer. 11:30am mass, reception to follow.

Wednesday, April 16: Family Film Night . 6:30pm at Library. For patrons of all ages

Saturday, April 19: Westchester Baseball Parade - Opening Day. 10:00 am - Intermediate School -Highridge.

Saturday, April 19: St. Joseph High School's "ChargerFest". Events commence at 6:30 P.M. and continue until midnight. The evening will offer entertainment, food and drink, Games, Auction and Raffle Tables. A purchase of a "Super Raffle" ticket at \$100 offers a chance to win \$10,000 plus one free admission. Regular admission is \$50. For ticket information please call 708-562-7488.

Wednesday, April 23: Mayfair Open House for Seniors. The Mayfair Center staff and Aging Well are teaming up for this event featuring a tour of the Mayfair Center and information about programs and classes for seniors. Aging Well will highlight local activities and refreshments will be served. 1:00 pm

Thursday, April 24: Prairie House 7:30 pm. "Green Design and Your Building's Eco Value" .Learn how a Green Building rating system provides environmental benefits and can help make your home more energy efficient. Mike Jackson, FAIA, Chief Architect, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Preservation Services Division. \$5.00 - \$3.00 Senior

Thursday, April 24-Saturday, April 26: Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. Thursday evening (6-8 pm) reserved for members of the Friends. Book sale open to the public Friday, 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday 10 am – Noon & 1-3 pm.

Saturday, April 26: Village Blood Drive. 8 am to 3pm in the Community Center gym, Bond & Westchester Blvd. Open to all Lifesavers

Wednesday, April 30: Family Film Night at Library 6:30 pm at Library. For patrons of all ages

May 2008

Library Card Sign-up month: A reminder for parents & students to register/update library cards for new school year.

Saturday, May 3: Divine Infant 8th Grade Plant Sale 9:30-12 noon. Preorders required. Contact Barb 681-1458 or the school office for order forms.

Tuesday, May 6: Relay for Life Meeting. Village Hall Community Room, 6:30 pm. All welcome. For more information: www.relayforlifewestchester.com

Wednesday, May 7: Chamber Springfield Bus Tour. For information call Bill Ernst at 708-243-9859

Friday, May 9: Miracles In Progress Annual Golf Outing at Carriage Greens Country Club. Hole-in-one prize is a 2008 Chevrolet Malibu, For more info or to make a donation, please visit www.miraclesinprogress.org or call 708-531-1616.

Friday, May 9 & Saturday May 10: Westchester Middle School performs, "High School Musical," 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 14: Chamber Golf Outing. 9:00 am Glen Eagle Golf Course. See www.westchesterchamber.org for details.

Saturday, May 17: Youth Car Wash. Westchester Community Church 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Saturday, May 17: Pet Blessing Westchester Community Church. Noon

Saturday, May 17: Westchester Gardens Plant Sale. 22nd & Mannheim 9am -1 pm.

Sunday May 18: 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. Thomas E. Unz. 11:30 am mass, reception to follow.

Sunday, May 18: Prairie House 2 pm. "A Photographic Essay on Spring Wildflowers" Identification and allusion on the biblical, folk lore and literary stories of Spring. Dr. Edwin Liebner of UIC, will discuss the medicinal uses of wildflowers. \$5.00 - \$3.00 Senior

VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Westchester 2nd Annual Relay for Life



We are proud to announce that we are having our 2nd Annual "American Cancer Society Relay for Life" event on Saturday June 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Mayfair Park. Relay for Life is teams of friends, and families spending the night enjoying activities, honoring cancer survivors, and remembering those who lost their battle with cancer. For further information contact Jose at 708-484-8541. See the Community Calendar for upcoming meetings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Monday, May 19: Aspire Golf Outing: Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook, \$500 per golfer, BBQ lunch, shot gun start, dinner & prizes. Sponsorships available call Susan or Erik at 708.547-3550.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - Farewell Reception for Superintendent, Dr. Myra Sanders at the Westchester Public Schools District Office, 3:30pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, May 20: Special Village Blood Drive. 1 pm to 6 pm in Life Source Coach parked in front of Paul's Pizza at 31st & Wolf. Open to all Lifesavers

Thursday May 22: St. Joseph High School Graduation will take place on at 7pm at Divine Infant Church in Westchester

Sunday, May 25-Monday, May 26: Library closed for Memorial Weekend. Beginning of Library's summer hours.

Wednesday, May 28: Summer Health & Safety for Seniors Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Menick MD – cosponsored by Aging Well Community Action Team 10 am at the Library.

June 2008

Monday, June 2: Opening Day John J. Sinda Community Swimming Pool

Monday, June 2: Registration for Summer Reading Programs begins. Sign up for reading clubs for youth and Page Turners Club for adults at Library.

Tuesday, June 3: Relay for Life Meeting. Village Hall Court Room, 6:30 pm. All welcome. For more information: www.relayforlifewestchester.com

Friday, June 6: Library closed until noon for staff training

Friday, June 6 & Saturday, June 7: Electronics Recycling. Triton College. For more details call 708-453-910 or log onto: www.westcook.org

Saturday, June 14: WCC Cub Scouts flag retirement ceremony. Westchester Community Church - 11 am

Saturday, June 21: Youth Car Wash. Westchester Community Church 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 25: Aging Well Picnic Lunch. Location TBA. Look for details on our website www.agingwellpartnership.org.

Saturday, June 28: American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Westchester Mayfair Park. For more info: www.relayforlife.org

Saturday, June 28: Divine Providence Rummage and Garage Sale. 9 am to 3 pm. Tables for rent. Call Carol 708/562-3364 to reserve space or further information. Drop off donations at the Mayfair Room.

Sunday, June 29: Divine Providence Rummage and Garage Sale. Noon to 3 pm. Tables for rent. Call Carol 708/562-3364 to reserve space or further information. Drop off donations at the Mayfair Room.

Sunday, June 29: Prairie House 2:00 pm. "Vintage Herbal Cooking" Discussion on the history of herbs as used in cooking and medicine will follow a brief slide presentation. Pat Walton, Kline Creek Farm, Forest Preserve District of DuPage. \$5.00 - \$3.00 Senior

Sunday, June 29: Westchester Baseball 16th Annual Baseball Picnic. 3:00pm until 6:00pm - Mayfair Park

FEST DATES: July 11, 12 and 13

Westchester Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Springfield Bus Tour

\$80 includes transportation, snacks, lunch, dinner, tour of the Governor's mansion, and visit to Lincoln Museum.

log on to www.westchesterchamber.org for details or contact Bill Ernst 708/243-9859 or billernst@comcast.net

Electronics Recycling Event

June 6 & 7, 2008 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Triton College, NW Parking Lot, River Grove

Items Accepted

Computer Equipment	Printers	Telephones
Answering Machines	VCRs	Cellular Phones
Fax Machines	Software	Stereo Eqpt/Disk,
CDs Tapes	Monitors & TVs (\$5 charge)	

Items NOT Accepted

Refrigerators	Washing Machines	Stoves
Disks	Dishwashers	Air Conditioners
Dryers	Oversized copiers	

For more information, call the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at 453-9100.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Fire Department reminds us...

Spring cleaning is a right of seasonal passage. Homeowners in Westchester take great pride in the interior and exterior appearance of their homes, and we all benefit from your efforts. While conducting spring clean up, we ask that you follow some simple safety rules to make the upcoming season more enjoyable.

- * You should have already changed the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, if not, please do so. The detectors will not work properly if the battery is weak or dead.
- * Use extreme care when starting and running power equipment such as mowers and trimmers. Do not pour old gasoline into unapproved containers, or down the sewer. Never fill hot equipment with gasoline. Never try to force mower blades, if they are stuck, make sure the engine is off, and the spark plug is removed. Use an object such as a pole or pry bar, but never use your hand. Always wear eye and ear protection when using power cutters, mowers or leaf blowers.
- * Dispose of routine household chemicals properly. The Village of Westchester does not accept household hazardous waste. Please view the Illinois EPA website for collection locations. www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/
- * Make sure your house address is clearly visible from the street. The numbers should be a minimum of 4" tall and be a color that is in contrast with the surface they are attached to. Make sure your address is visible at night, using porch lights or spot lighting makes it easier for us to find you in an emergency.
- * Use care and caution when using gas, charcoal or propane grills. Take the time to clean them before the first use, and ensure that all the fittings are tight.

The Village of Westchester prohibits open burning. Do not attempt to burn yard or other waste in your yard.

The Westchester Fire Department will conduct a home safety survey free of charge;
contact the Fire Prevention Bureau 708-345-0433.

Branch pick up

Village branch pickup starts Monday, April 7, 2008. Branch pickup will be the first full week of every month.

All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7:30 a.m. on the designated pickup day. Branches can be up to 7' in length and stacked with the butt ends facing in the same direction.

If not stacked properly, a "restack" notice will be left.

Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time schedule.

Thursday and Friday are Open Load days for pickup of 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.

Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

Monday: From Mannheim Road west to Wolf Road and from Canterbury south to Windsor- including both sides of Windsor Drive. Also, Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

Tuesday: Roosevelt Road south to Cermak Road- from Gardner west to Mannheim Road.

Wednesday: From Roosevelt Road north to the expressway and from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road. Also, Roosevelt Road south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

Thursday: From Belleview west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street.



Remember...

Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or the Police Non Emergency number after hours at 708-345-0060 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.



Residents are advised to contact the Water department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod the

sanitary line. We will check to make sure that the problem is not in our sanitary lines.

All plumbers working in the Village of Westchester need a contractor's license from the Building department plus a certificate of insurance. A permit is required to assure codes are met and a plumbing inspection is necessary.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Westchester Police Department announces new program

"Alive at 25" This highly interactive four-hour program encourages young drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 to take responsibility for their driving behavior. Vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of death for young adults in this age group. The National Safety Council, a leader in driver improvement training for more than 40 years, developed DDC-Alive at 25 to specifically target drivers in this age group.

Alive at 25 teaches young adults that:

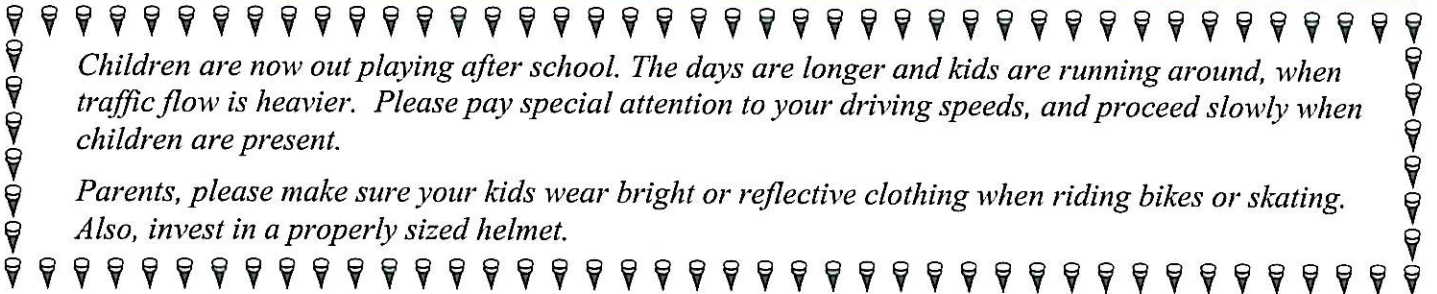
- ◆ People in their age group are more likely to be hurt or killed in a vehicle crash.
- ◆ Inexperience, distractions, and peer pressure cause unique driving hazards.
- ◆ Speeding, alcohol, and "party drugs" greatly increase their risk of injury or death.
- ◆ As a driver or passenger, they can greatly reduce their risk by taking control.
- ◆ Committing to changing their driving behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.

"Alive at 25" Parent Program

Developed specifically for parents of new drivers, this innovative 3-hour course helps parents partner with their teens to help them become safe, responsible, and defensive drivers.

Programs will begin Spring 2008, look for future announcements

Questions about the program, the Illinois Graduated Drivers License, or general questions concerning teen driving can be directed to a community relations officer at AliveAt25@westchesterpolice.com. For additional drivers license inquiries visit, www.CyberDriveIllinois.com



Children are now out playing after school. The days are longer and kids are running around, when traffic flow is heavier. Please pay special attention to your driving speeds, and proceed slowly when children are present.

Parents, please make sure your kids wear bright or reflective clothing when riding bikes or skating. Also, invest in a properly sized helmet.

Public Works Notes....

Waste Management News:

Parkway Restoration: The Village will begin repairing parkways damaged by excavations and snow plow damage.

The Village also offers a **shared cost sidewalk program**. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register.

Tree Replacement Program

This is a 50/50 shared cost program and includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of three types of trees indigenous to the area. Beautify your yard and add curb appeal to your home!

The tree replacement program is currently filled up for this year. Please call 708-345-0041 to register for our 2009 program.

Yard waste pickup will start Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

As a reminder, Waste Management will also pick up your branches, bushes, etc., as long as they are tied up in bundles no more than 4' in length. These will be picked up on your regular garbage day every week.

VILLAGE NEWS

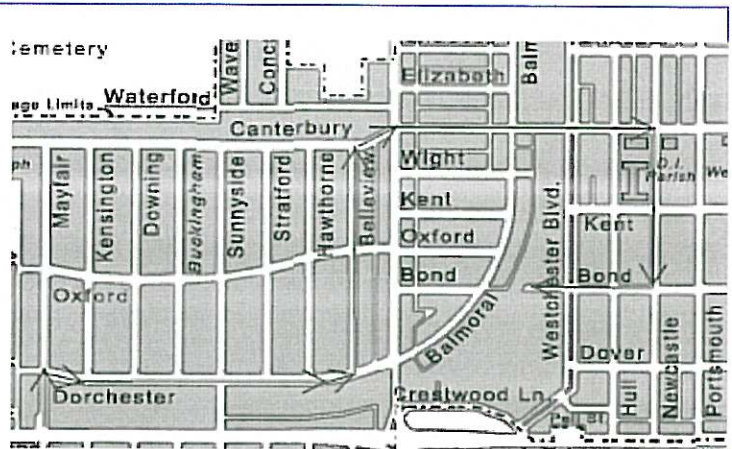
WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE TO TAKE EFFECT APRIL 15

Effective April 15, 2008, the Village of Westchester will increase its water rate by 8%, the sewer rate will increase from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per 1000 gallons. This rate increase is intended to help account for an increase in the water rate charged to the Village to purchase water. The Village of Westchester purchases its water from the Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency (BWJWA). The BWJWA advised the Village in January 2008 that they had received a 15% rate increase from their supplier, the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago has informed its customers that over the next three years they will pass rate increases to equal: 15% on January 1, 2008; 15% on January 1, 2009, and 14% on January 1, 2010. The Village has been absorbing the cost of this increase since that time. In order to avoid using tax dollars to subsidize water usage among Westchester residents and businesses, the Village will raise its water rates 8% effective April 15, 2008. Additionally, the sewer and water rates will fund a ten year capital program that has identified \$4.53 million in projects to improve the water and sewer infrastructure.

July 4th Parade Route:

Due to the construction on Balmoral Avenue, the parade route is as follows: :

- Start at Dorchester, east to Belleview;
- North on Belleview to Canterbury;
- Canterbury east to Newcastle;
- Newcastle south to Bond;
- Bond west to Park District (end).



9-1-1 New Technology



The Village of Westchester will be implementing Phase II wireless 9-1-1 service in its emergency center.

What does that mean for you?

When calling 9-1-1 from your wireless telephone, your location will display on a map in the 9-1-1 center to aid those who cannot or do not know their location when calling for police or fire assistance. While this will more quickly and efficiently provide the help that one may need, dispatchers will still be asking wireless callers of their location for verification purposes.

This service will become operational this summer. If you have any questions regarding this or other 9-1-1 related services please contact Greg Hribal at the Westchester Police Department at 708-345-0060

Westchester Community Image Council News...

The WCIC schedules monthly work dates to remove litter and invasive plant species from the forest preserves at Mannheim & Cermak. Dates are typically the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. To verify schedules and for more information, see the website at www.westchestercic.org.

The WCIC will be participating in the second annual Canterbury Street Garage Sale May 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The WCIC will accept donations of gently used household items and other goods for resale to benefit the organization through May 16. To arrange a drop-off or pick-up of donated items, contact Cheryl Rodriguez at 773.704-1484 or e-mail info@westchestercic.org. No large appliances will be accepted.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Building Department

Selling your building?

The **COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM** requires all buildings sold within Westchester to obtain a Certificate of Compliance prior to closing. An initial inspection shall be made to determine compliance. If violations are discovered, the owner or any agent of the owner will be notified of such violations. Upon repair or correction of the violations, a re-inspection shall be made to confirm compliance. A Certificate of Compliance will be available within forty-eight (48) hours following the inspection or re-inspection. Upon presentation of the Certificate of Compliance, the Village will affix a stamp upon the original deed or document of transfer.

To schedule a Compliance Inspection, an APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE INSPECTION must be presented along with the appropriate fee to the Building Department. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE INSPECTION forms are available at the Building Department or online at www.westchester-il.org. Telephone appointments will no longer be accepted.

The fees associated with the Compliance Inspection Program are as follows:

- ◆ Condominium units and single-family units: \$125.00
- ◆ Two-family or three-family dwelling unit buildings: \$175.00
- ◆ Buildings with four or more dwelling units: \$225.00
- ◆ Commercial and Industrial buildings: \$300.00 minimum \$0.10 per square foot.

AS IS or TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE of COMPLIANCE:

In the event that all Code violations are not abated and a Certificate of Compliance is not issued prior to closing, an owner may transfer property upon issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Compliance upon completion of the following:

1. Written conformation on the part of the buyer certifying to the Village that said buyer has assumed the obligation to abate all violations within the time frame specified by the Building Commissioner. AFFIDAVIT FOR TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE form is available at the Building Department or online at www.westchester-il.org.
2. Based upon the violations listed, the Village shall assign a dollar amount to be deposited with the Village into an escrow account for the purpose of ensuring the building is brought into compliance. The value of the escrow shall be determined by the Building Commissioner who will base the escrow amount on current pricing publications. If the property owner fails to abate all violations within the time frame specified, the property owner shall forfeit the entire escrow amount.
3. Upon re-inspection, if all violations have been abated, the Village shall issue a Certificate of Compliance.
4. The Village shall upon issuance of the Certificate of Compliance, retain an Administrative Fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The Administrative Fee shall be deducted from the amount placed in escrow with the Village.

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Village of Westchester Property Tax Breakdown based upon a \$300,000 Single Family Home

