



Village of Westchester

Spring 2010 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



Since being elected last April, residents approach me on a regular basis wanting more information about what is going on in the Village. In speaking with my fellow elected officials they have also reported that they are approached on a regular basis with the same requests.

Many of you, like I, remember when the "Westchester News" was delivered on Thursdays, the "Suburban Life," on Wednesdays and Saturday, and the "Westchester Herald" on Wednesdays. And who can forget the Family Shopper with its host of ads highlighting the special sales of the week on Friday. Unfortunately, only one of these publications is in print and information about what is going on in Westchester seems harder and harder to come by.

In an effort to reverse this trend, we will be issuing a monthly newsletter solely dedicated to what is going on within the Village of Westchester. Included in this newsletter will not only be information regarding the state of our Village, but also information pertinent to our partners in the business community, park district, school districts and library.

Our goal is to have this monthly newsletter delivered to your doorstep the first week of each month. The newsletter will take the form of a regular newspaper, and several of the pages will be in full color. Additional copies will be strategically placed at other locations throughout

the village. This newsletter will also be available on line at our web site www.westchester-il.org

We have partnered with our public school District 92 ½, The Westchester Park District, Westchester Library, St. Joseph High School, Triton College, and the Westchester Chamber of Commerce to provide you with timely news about this village and the programs and events planned for by our partners.

The business community will be subsidizing our efforts and helping to defray the costs by placing advertising in the newsletter. Businesses will be able to place advertising in the newspaper at a reasonable cost. Take time to look through the ads. I am sure you will find new businesses that you knew never existed in Westchester. And the best way to keep these businesses in Westchester is to patronize them whenever possible. Keeping these businesses in Westchester will ensure that we as a community continue to meet the needs of our citizens.

This first issue will be a work in progress, but I'm confident you will be impressed with our sincere effort to keep you up to date and informed. Any suggestions you have for the newsletter are welcome. Please forward any suggestions to newsletter@westchester-il.org.

"Believe in and Buy Westchester"

**Thank You,
Sam**

POLICE

2 APRIL 2010



Blotter

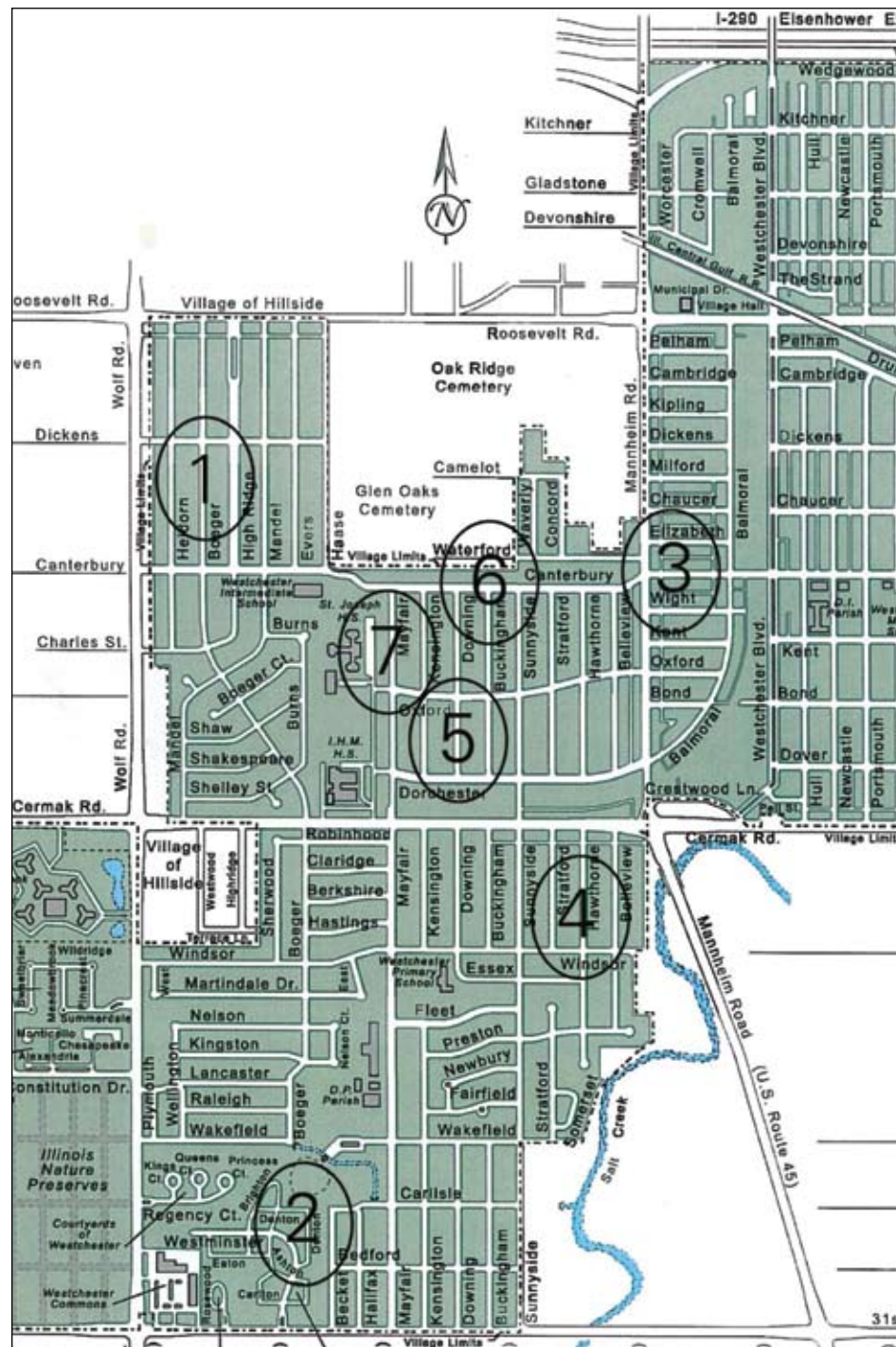
1 On March 2nd 2010 at approximately 3:57pm a child was approached by a male driving a navy blue pickup truck on the 1400 block of Boeger. The subject gestured for the juvenile to approach the vehicle. The juvenile ran from the scene. The subject is described as a male white with dark hair and a dark colored jacket.

2 On March 3rd 2010 a residential burglary was reported on the 2400 block of Denton Court. Subject(s) possibly made entrance through an unlocked door. Money and jewelry was taken.

3 On March 4th 2010 a woman had her purse taken from her while walking from her vehicle to her residence on the 10300 block of Canterbury. The offender was described as a black male, 5'7", 150lbs, 25-30 years old. He was wearing a green khaki jacket and a black knit hat.

4 At 3:48am on March 11th 2010, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 2300 block of Hawthorne. A laptop computer was taken from the vehicle.

5 At 7:37am on March 11th 2010, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported for both of the resident's vehicles on the 1900 block of Downing Ave. An iPod and GPS units were taken from one vehicle, and an iPod Nano was



reported to have been taken from the other.

6 At 9:59am on March 11th 2010, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 10700 block of Canterbury. Taken was exercise equipment valued at approximately \$20.00.

7 At 11:53 am on March 11th 2010, a theft from motor vehicle was reported on the 1600 block of Mayfair. Taken was a car radio.

Additionally, between March 1st and March 11th 2010 there were 5 reported retail thefts at businesses within Westchester. Four of them have resulted in arrests and the fifth is pending further investigation.

Profile



Matthew Evans

Occupation: Chief of Police
Years as a police officer: 31 years, the last 2.5 years as Chief of Police all years of service with the Village of Westchester.

Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me?

Yes, Actually I have a family history of law enforcement professionals so it always seemed like a natural career path for me. I was always interested in police stories and the excitement of the job.

Describe a good day at work.

A good day at work is a major apprehension and all of our officers going home safely.

What is the best part about your job?

The opportunity to work with a great group of people within the police department, the village, forming new relationships with the residents of Westchester and the surrounding public safety agencies all in an effort to make Westchester a safer place to live.

What is one downside to your job?

The worst is seeing the cold realities of life, for instance when children are affected by the neglect and abuse as a result of poor choices made by adults.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path?

Understand that law enforcement is a way of life, not simply a job. This career gives you the opportunity to touch a lot of people's lives and to make a difference.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

My perfect day off would be being with my son at Wrigley and a CUBS WIN!!!

Neighborhood Watch is Homeland Security in your Hometown! Meet the Challenge! Get Involved!

The Westchester Police Department is seeking residents to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. The Neighborhood Watch is a resident-involvement program designed to provide participants with instruction and participation in the detection and prevention of crime in your area. Those interested in participating or to request additional information regarding the Neighborhood Watch program go to rverber@westchesterpolice.com or call 708.345.0060 ext. 440.

Ongoing events

Now Enrolling for the 2010-2011 School Year: Immanuel Lutheran School, 2329 S. Wolf Road, Hillside. We offer Full day PK4 to 8th Grade. Please call: 708-562-5580 or visit www.immanuel-hillside.org.

Monday, April 5

Divine Providence Athletic Association NCAA Championship Game "Basketball Smoker". Doors Open 6:00 p.m. Friends, Food, Drinks & More!!! McInerney Center, 2500 Mayfair Ave. See the Game on the BIGGEST Screen in the Western Suburbs! Free Throw & 3-Point Contests, Bean Bags, Split-the-Pot. Adults \$10, High School Students and Younger \$5. Admission includes Dinner & 1 Soft Drink, Cash Bar: Beer and Soft Drinks. 708-562-2258.

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Tuesday, April 6

Family Film Night "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" 6:30 p.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Wednesday, April 7

Divine Providence Over 50 Club will be meeting at 2500 Mayfair in Westchester. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Gym of the School. Divine Infant parishioners are also invited to join us. Membership is open to all registered parishioners.

Saturday, April 10

Spanish Storytime 11:00 a.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

AYSO Registration, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. Registration will be held in the basement, use the north entrance please. New players must bring birth certificate, and players must be ages 4-18 by August 31. ALL players must pre-register at www.eAYSO.org

Monday, April 12 to Friday, April 16

National Library Week. Friends of the Library host hospitality table in the mornings 10-11:30 a.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Danny K. Davis will be holding a town hall meeting for Westchester residents on Monday, April 12 from 7-9 p.m. The meeting hall will be in the board room at the Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Road. All residents are encouraged to attend. The agenda will include health care, jobs and the economy, and other constituent concerns. For further information, please contact Congressman Davis' suburban office at 708: 345-6857.

Tuesday, April 13

Family Film Night "Wizards of Waverly Place" 6:30 p.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Wednesday, April 14

Choral Concert at 7:00 p.m will be held at the Westchester Intermediate School, 10900 Canterbury Street.

Saturday, April 17

Proviso West High School PTO's fund-raising event will be an indoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Proviso West High School Cafeteria, 4701 W. Harrison St., Hillside. There will also be a food bazaar with refreshments for sale. Vendor tables are available for \$20; table rental is \$5. Admission to the flea market is \$1; free to children under 12. For information, call the Proviso West PTO at (708) 202-6934.

Scrapbooking 9 a.m.-11 p.m. - the cost is \$30 - meals and beverages are provided - to register, please call the church office 708/865-1282. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd.

Divine Providence School Annual Dinner Dance and Auction, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight. Dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, raffles, door prizes. Ticket price \$40/Advance, \$50/Door, \$35/Senior advance purchase. For more information, please call the school office at 708-562-2258.

Sunday, April 18

Annual Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony 1:30p.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Wednesday, April 21:

Please join us for the Spring Band Concert at the Westchester Middle School 1620 Norfolk, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22 to Saturday, April 24

Friends of the Library Spring Book

Sale. Thursday evening is open for members only, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Open to general public on Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Book sale located in Community Room at the Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Thursday, April 22 & Friday April 23

Westchester Primary School, 2400 Downing, is hosting Incoming 2010-2011 Kindergarten Visitation Days from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

Family Film Night "G Force" 6:30 p.m. at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Wednesday, April 28

Family Reading Night will be held at the Westchester Primary School, 2400 Downing, 6:30PM-8:30PM.

"Canterbury Station Drawings" with JerryHund, 7:00PM at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Wednesday, April 28

Aging Well presents: "Affordable Community Caregiving, at the Mayfair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield from 1-2 p.m. To register for this free event or to obtain more information, please contact Aging Well at 708/354-1323 x19

Thursday, April 29

El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) celebration for all ages with stories and songs in both English and Spanish, 6:30 PM at the Westchester Library, 10700 Canterbury.

Upcoming Events-May 2010

Saturday, May 1
Spanish Storytime 11:00 a.m. at the Westchester Library

Divine Providence Church. 2500 Mayfair Avenue. Sacrament of First Communion, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 3

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 6:30 - 8:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Wednesday, May 5

Divine Providence over 50 Club: Tickets for the Mothers Day - Fathers Day Luncheon (at a restaurant) will be available, as well as for our picnic on June 9th. Guests are welcome. Checks should be made out to Divine Providence over 50 Club. For further information please contact Corrine @ 531-9496 or Dorothy @ 562-1173.

May Crowning, 1:30 pm. Divine Providence Church School. 2500 Mayfair Avenue

Saturday, May 8

Annual Pet Blessing at 11 am - games, contests and prizes - all are welcome. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. 708/865-1282

Village of Westchester

Meeting and Events-please visit www.westchester-il.org for current listing of meetings.

April 6, 2010 - Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, Westchester Village Hall - Community Room, 7:00 pm

April 12, 2010 - Economic Development Committee Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, 7:30 a.m.

April 12, 2010 - Congressman Danny Davis will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Westchester Village Hall in the Board Room 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2010 - Police and Fire Commission Meeting Westchester Village Hall Commission Office 7:00 p.m.

April 13, 2010 - Village Board Meeting, Westchester Village Hall Board Room 7:00 p.m.

April 20, 2010 - Police Pension Fund Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Board Room 6:00 pm

April 20, 2010 - Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, Westchester Village Hall - Community Room, 7:00 p.m.

April 22, 2010 - Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room, 6:00 p.m.

April 26, 2010 - Economic Development Committee Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, 7:30 a.m.

April 27, 2010 - Public Hearing re Proposal to Sell Bonds. Westchester Village Hall, Board Room 7:00 p.m. (Immediately preceding Village Board meeting).



Westchester Chamber of Commerce

"We Mean Business"

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce exists to promote our member businesses and partners with the Village of Westchester in promoting healthy economic development. We foster partnerships among village, governmental and civic groups and create and support community wide events and programs.

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WCC Promotes The Growth and Health of Businesses

- Networking Opportunities
- Government Representation
- Business Referrals

WCC Promotes Healthy Economic Development

- Networking; Business to Business, Business to Residents

WCC Promotes Community Wide Events and Programs

- Aspire, American Cancer Society, DARE, Miracles in Progress, Westchester Food Pantry, Wounded Hero's Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, and many more.

Upcoming Events

After Hours Networking Event

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Time: 4:45-6:00 pm
Location: Holiday Inn Hillside
 200 S. Mannheim Rd. Hillside
R.S.V.P. 708-240-8400

Bring your business cards for door prizes!

12th Annual Springfield Trip

Includes the Lincoln Museum & Private Tour of the Governor's Mansion
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Time: 6:30 am – 8:30 pm
Cost: \$80 Includes; Snacks, Lunch at Capitol, Dinner and Guided Tours
R.S.V.P. Bill Ernst (708) 243-9859 or BillErnst@comcast.net

Bring your cameras!!!

Westchester Chamber of Commerce Invites You To Get Involved

Executive Committee

Membership
 Finance
 By-Laws/Policy
 Strategic Planning
 Nomination & Legislative Action

Chamber Events Committee

Celebrate Westchester Dinner
 Springfield Trip
 Golf Outing
 4th of July Parade
 Westchester Fest
 VETERUN
 Christmas Installation Luncheon
 Monthly Networking Events

Communications Committee

Marketing/Publicity
 Community Guide
 Website

Officers

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 Tom Spahn, Tom Sullivan, Ted Vratny.

Parliamentarian

Rev. Joe Mills

Liaisons

Village of Westchester: Stan Urban
Westchester Park District: Gary Kasanders

Chamber Secretary

Mary Bakas

Profile



Richard E. Belmonte

Occupation: Fire Chief
Years as Firefighter: 32 years

Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me?

After I completed my training as an Emergency Medical Technician EMT, and was assigned to work on the ambulance. Being able to give assistance and medical aid to the residents of Westchester made me feel good, and I knew this was the job for me.

Describe a good day at work:

A good day at work is knowing that you did the best you could do, whether it was working as an administrator or working at a fire scene.

What is the best part about your job?

Being a public servant, and working in a profession where the public respects you and appreciates the work the Fire Service does.

What is one downside to your Job?

Seeing the faces of individuals who have lost loved ones, or faced the devastating damage of a house fire.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path?

Talk to someone in the fire service who can explain what the requirements for a new Firefighter are. Currently most departments are requiring that new Firefighters be a State of Illinois Certified Paramedic when they are hired. Always remember that you are a Public Servant and the career that you have chosen is to service the public to the best of your ability.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Just laying back and not have a care in the world. Being with family or friends for golf, fishing or hunting.



From humble beginnings comes

the Westchester Fire Department

In July of 1953, five Westchester residents were appointed by the Village Board to undertake the organization of a Westchester Fire Department.

After a thorough study of Cook County Fire Departments, the first meeting of those men who had indicated an interest in serving on a fire department was held on October 21, 1953. The following month a number of these men constructed a 36 x 24 building to house a fire truck loaned by a neighboring community, and training sessions were begun.

In February of 1954, members of the training group appealed to residents for small donations to assist in obtaining equipment for the village for training. You responded with nearly \$2500.00.

Also in February of 1954, a charter was obtained from the State of Illinois for the Westchester Firemen's Association, Inc.

This is a not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of promoting training, firefighting activities, and fire prevention in Westchester and raising funds to accomplish this purpose.

This association purchased a used



fire truck and other basic equipment in March and gave it to the village. Training of personnel continued and an ordinance making the department a municipal department of the village was passed in May 1954. The association continued as a fund raising auxiliary.

In July of 1954, a carnival and car raffle were held to raise funds for further equipment.

The proceeds from these activities were about \$7300.00. Donations, many from sources outside Westchester, resulted in several

hundred dollars more.

The training program was accelerated and equipment to place the department in a position to take over the fire protection of the village was purchased.

A new fire truck of latest design was ordered in December 1954 and delivery is expected in May, 1955.

On January 1, 1955, the department took over the fire protection of the village from Maywood Fire Department. It maintains two men on duty at its quarters throughout the night every night.

Safety Tip March 2010

The Westchester Fire Department reminds you when you change your clocks change your battery. Change all your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks, check operation monthly. Every year about 3000 people die in residential fires (ref USFA). A working smoke detector can help you and your family escape a deadly home fire. It can also help save the lives of Firefighters who would otherwise have to risk their lives searching a burning home for residents. A working smoke detector continuously scans the air for smoke 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Westchester's New Citizen Support Center

The Village of Westchester will soon unveil a new Citizen Support Center as a way to better serve our residents.

This system will increase access to information and improve the ability of residents to communicate directly with the appropriate Village staff.

This system will be user friendly and will decrease response time, as well as allowing direct communication through our website at www.westchester-il.org 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Citizen Support Center

Find Answers

Browse All Answers
Search for a Specific Answer



Make a Request

Report a Problem
Register a Complaint



Ask a Question

Send Us a Question



My Support Center

Check Status of Requests



Construction Notice

Westchester Blvd. between Roosevelt Rd. and Canterbury St. will be repaved starting April 5, 2010. Westchester Blvd. will be closed to all traffic during the construction.



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Westchester Community Image Council

2nd Annual WESTCHESTER CLEAN SWEEP

Saturday May 1st, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

The Westchester Community Image Council will be organizing crews of volunteers to pick up trash from designated locations throughout town, as well as crews to help add new mulch to the Boulevard Gardens and other public locations.

Organizations, families and individuals are all invited to join and help out. All those who are interested please visit the Westchester Community Image Council's website www.westchestercic.org or contact Carl Celestino at 708-344-3820.

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On average, one unit can save up to three patients.

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just a few minutes. The donation of blood is safe and swift, normally taking no more than 45 minutes.

If you are generally healthy, over age 17 (or 16 with parental permission), at least 110 pounds and are not taking blood thinners or antibiotics, you are eligible to donate a unit (pint) of blood.

Keep this in mind: Until scientists can develop a synthetic substitute for blood, only human beings can provide hospitals with that life-giving fluid.

Upcoming drive dates and sites

Saturday, April 17,
Community Center, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12,
Paul's Pizza, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 17
Divine Providence School, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 16
Community Center, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10
Westchester Community Church, 2 -7:30 p.m.



Prescription Discount Program

The Village of Westchester has a new free prescription discount card is designed to help residents save money on prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

The program is offered in collaboration with the National League of Cities through their member cities.

-The card is offered to all city residents, there are no age or income restrictions.

There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times individuals can use the card. One card can be used by all family members.

-While savings may vary by drug and by pharmacy, this prescription discount card program provides average savings of 20%

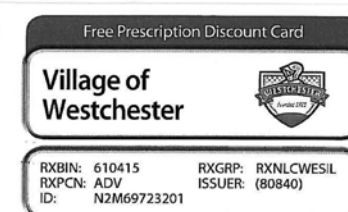
-There is no cost to the city or to the residents to use the card. There are no enrollment fees and no membership fees.

-There is no waiting period. City residents simply present their card at more than 59,000 participating pharmacies.

-The NLC prescription discount card is available to pick-up in the Village Hall, Police Department, and Fire Department.

-There will be new locations for distribution coming soon, at the Westchester Library, Park District, and more.

*This is not insurance. Savings are only available at participating pharmacies. Savings may vary by drug and by pharmacy. By using this card, residents agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount.



Brought to you in collaboration with the National League of Cities. **This is not insurance.**

Start saving on prescriptions today!

Easy Access This prescription discount card is brought to you by your city government in collaboration with the National League of Cities. Nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide participate in this program, including many in your city. Save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs.

No Restrictions You and your family may use your discount card anytime your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

Extra Savings As part of this program you will also be eligible for higher discounts on select medications. To get program information, locate a pharmacy, look up a drug price, or access health resources visit www.caremark.com/nlc, or call toll-free 1-888-620-1749.

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Community Action Team of Westchester Presents

Affordable Community Caregiving

Wednesday, April 28
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Mayfair Recreation Center,
10835 Wakefield,
Westchester

To register for this free event or to obtain more information, please contact Aging Well at (708)354-1323 x19.

Join us to learn about:

Caregiving services for hire and Veterans' Benefits, presented by Home Helpers

Caregiving Options and Benefits, presented by Aging Care Connections

Respite Care and Hospice Care, presented by Odyssey Hospice

Q&A time will follow. Refreshments will be served. Please join us for this very important event!

Aging Well is an integral part of Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPOA). CPOA is a national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help communities develop leadership, innovative solutions, and options to meet the needs of older adults over the long term. Aging Well is funded locally by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, The Chicago Community Trust, Community Memorial Foundation and the Township of Lyons.



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2010 Summer Sessions

First Session: June 1-July 2

Second Session: June 14-Aug. 6

Third Session: July 6-Aug. 6

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AT THE LIBRARY

10 APRIL 2010

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Book Sale this April 22 - 24 at the Westchester Public Library. Opening night is Thursday, April 22 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the evening is reserved for Friends of the Library members only, although you can purchase a membership at the door to enter the sale. Hours for Friday, April 23 are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday, April 24, sale hours are 10:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Saturday afternoon features the popular Buck-A-Bag special.

The annual book sale is the culmination of countless hours spent by chairperson Loraine Kubiak and volunteers sorting through the hundreds of used books, CDs and films that patrons have donated throughout the year. The book sale offerings are arranged on tables and sorted by popular categories to make browsing easier for shoppers of all ages. Book lovers come from near and far because the Friends have earned a reputation for hosting a well organized book sale with excellent bargains!

Through the years, the Friends have used the proceeds of the book sale, their major fundraiser, to support library programs and events for children and adults, along with purchasing equipment and furniture for the Library. It's a great win-win situation for the Library and the community.

Celebrate National Library Week, April 11-17

This April, the Westchester Public Library and the Friends of the Library will be marking National Library Week with a hospitality table weekday mornings, April 12-16. The Friends will be serving coffee, light refreshments and delightful conversation for all those who stop by. As an added incentive to those interested in joining the Friends or renewing their membership, members of the Friends who stop by the hospitality table can enter their name in a drawing for one of two gift baskets that will be given away at the end of the week. To close off the week of celebrations, on Sunday, April 18 at 1:30 PM, the Youth Department will host their annual Awards Ceremony for winners of the Poetry Contest.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. This year's theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library," reflecting the many ways people of all backgrounds use and depend on the resources of the Westchester Public Library.

These are difficult economic times and public libraries help bridge the divide between those who have access to information and those who do not. Families making less than \$15,000 annually are two to three times more likely to rely on library computers than families earning more than \$75,000. In fact, nearly 73% of libraries are their communities' only source of free computer and Internet access - a statistic which rises to 82% in rural areas.

The Westchester Public Library doesn't just offer the hardware, but also offers the expertise of librarians in helping teach patrons how to use the Internet and find the information they need quickly. Google may give you 50,000 responses to your search inquiry, but the librarian can help you find the one answer you need. Staff began holding basic Internet classes at the Library in 1998 and today the class offerings include a mouse class, a beginner's class, an email class and an intermediate class. The classes fill up quickly each month because there are patrons still needing to learn these basic skills. The Library's website also offers a selection of tutorials for independent learners.

Even though National Library Week is celebrated every April, the staff of the Westchester Public Library knows that residents celebrate the Westchester Public Library through their ongoing support of the Library every day of the year.

El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

On Thursday, April 29, the Youth Department of the Westchester Public Library will be hosting a special program in honor of El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) at 6:30 PM in the Library's community room. The program is open to patrons of all ages and participants will enjoy stories and songs in both English and Spanish, along with a craft.

Día, as it is commonly known, is an enhancement of Children's Day, which dates back to 1925 when a world conference designated a day to bring attention to the importance and well being of children and the day was later acknowledged by the United Nations. In 1996, children's author Pat Mora proposed linking the focus of Children's Day on children and childhood with reading and literacy. Today, the goals of Día are to honor children, their languages and culture, to encourage reading and literacy, and to promote library collections and programs that reflect each community's diversity. The Westchester Public Library is pleased to join other libraries in supporting reading and literacy among all children and their families.

Canterbury Station Exhibit & Talk

The Library is hosting a special exhibit of student drawings during the month of April.

In 1925, the Chicago Rapid Transit Company and the Chicago Aurora Elgin Transit Company contracted to develop a metropolitan line to serve the growing suburban communities west of Chicago. The railroad line ran from Bellwood to Westchester and the Canterbury Station was an intermediate stop. The station building was a wooden structure based on a Tudor-Revival design. The train line was terminated in 1951.

Jerry Hund, who teaches architecture and CAD drawing at Bartlett High School, contacted the Westchester Public Library to offer an exhibit of student drawings that were part of an assignment to study the urban plan of Westchester. The students developed their drawings using a CAD program on the computer. CAD refers to computer aided design and enables architects and engineers to create complex technical drawings for use in construction and manufacturing. Mr. Hund grew up in Bellwood and has had a lifelong interest in local history. The Canterbury Station drawing, as an assignment for his senior class, required the students to research the station and study old photographs to create historically accurate drawings. The Westchester Public Library is pleased to have this special exhibit of student drawings on view in the display case on the main floor during the month of April.

On Wednesday evening, April 28, Jerry Hund will give a talk at the Library about the Canterbury Station and the challenges his students faced in recreating architectural drawings from historical photographs. His talk will begin at 7:00 PM in the Library's community room.

Internet Policy Revision at Library

On January 25, 2010, the Westchester Public Library Board of Trustees approved a revision to the Library's Computer and Internet Access Policy affecting use of computers in the Adult and Youth Departments. The new policy states "use of all Internet workstations in the Youth Department is for children and students through age 13" and "Use of all Internet workstations in the Adult Department is for age fourteen years and older." The former policy required grade school students to use Internet stations in the Youth Department and high school students were required to use computers in the Adult Department. The change in the restriction from grade to age has proven to be less confusing for patrons and easier to enforce by staff.



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Explore your inner artist!

Register for Mural Painting for Kids ages 6 - 13 years of age.

This class is designed to create a collaborative work of art to be displayed at the Community Center. Each child will produce a panel of a mural, which all participants will work together to create. An instructor will work with participants to design the composition and color scheme, with each child contributing their own creative ideas to the work.

Saturdays, April 10th - May 22nd (no class May 8th) 11:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

\$50/\$60

Friday night youth floor hockey league

Come check out the Westchester Park District Youth Floor Hockey Leagues on Friday Nights at the Community Center, 10201 Bond Street. The 3rd & 4th graders play at 5:30 & 6:15, 5th & 6th graders play at 7:15 & 8:00 and our 7th & 8th graders play at 9:00pm.



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Family of 5	\$200.00	\$437.50	\$240.00	\$500.00
Family of 6	\$225.00	\$500.00	\$270.00	\$562.50
Family of 7	\$250.00	\$562.50	\$300.00	\$625.00
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SCOTY winners named

The Westchester Public Schools is pleased to announce its "School Citizen of the Year" (SCOTY) award winners for the 2009-2010 school year. In the words of their nominators:

Lilliana Alvarez, Grade 2

Lilliana has a special gift. She is aware of her peers' needs and feelings beyond her young age. She goes out of her way to include even students who don't think they want to be included. She always has a smile on her face and has taught her teachers about compassion and patience.



Lilliana Alvarez

Amber Warfield, Grade 5

Amber is an outstanding example for her classmates. She is always very helpful to the others around her and seems to notice when someone may need an extra hand in the classroom. She is also extremely polite, pleasant, and cooperative to all who know her.

and shared her struggles with other students, telling them they can overcome obstacles no matter what. Jenny has stated that helping others makes her feel good about herself and she really enjoys it.

Jennifer Kvasnicka, Grade 8

Jenny is a compassionate student who cares sincerely for others. Jenny has overcome physical obstacles

The West 40 School Citizen of the Year recognition program seeks to recognize students who are good



Amber Warfield



Jennifer Kvasnicka

school citizens. Lilliana, Amber, and Jenny were honored at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Mannheim Middle School, Melrose Park.

Spring Concert for seniors

A holiday concert for seniors was so successful that the Westchester Middle Schools' Band and Chorus are presenting a second concert this spring! All Westchester senior citizens are invited to welcome spring with a FREE concert: Thursday, April 22, 8:30 AM, at the Westchester Middle School. Enjoy a morning of uplifting music followed by refreshments. Tours of the school are available upon request. Be sure to bring a friend! The address of the school is 1620 Norfolk in Westchester.

Diabetes walk

Students will walk or run laps during their PE class on April 29 to raise money to fund diabetes advocacy, research, and education. Please call 708-562-1011, ext. 115, for further information.

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St. Joseph adds leadership to curriculum

Seniors across the nation are opening their mailboxes to see if they received the big envelope or the small envelope from the college of their choice. The big envelope usually contains registration materials for the school, while the small one contains a letter wishing them success in their future plans. Seniors at St. Joseph High School in Westchester, Illinois will have one credential that very few students in the nation can list and that is Leadership Competency.

St. Joseph High School launched a program which provides young men and women with training in leadership skills and concepts. St. Joseph is one of the first schools in the nation to provide a program of this type which, upon completion, will credential students in leadership competency.

St. Joseph President, David McCreery stated, "The world is dramatically changing and education must keep up if young women and men are to be effectively prepared for their futures. At St. Joseph High School, it is our belief that developing new endeavors for students is a necessity."

The St. Joseph Leadership Program is an exciting initiative which provides students with instruction in concepts and skills essential to effective leadership. Freshman Tyler

Swenson stated, "Everyone has it in them to be a leader. Our classes teach us how to improve those skills." The program is a daily class which occurs above and beyond each student's regular course load. Administrators, teachers and guidance counselors are leadership teachers. They utilize a specialized curriculum aimed at developing young people into leaders.

St. Joseph parents Rick and Jennifer Palermo recently wrote a letter to the school saying, "As parents, we are concerned about the many decisions our child will be making now and in the future. We want our son to continue to grow in his love for God, respect for himself and others, and have a strong sense of justice. Our son has shared that the purpose of the Leadership Program is to help him grow up to be a responsible adult...this makes us happy and proud."

Mark Zavagnin, Vice President of Leadership and Development at St. Joseph is the coordinator of the program. "It's safe to say that effective leadership is a quality lacking in today's society", says Zavagnin. "Young people today face incredible social and economic pressure. Our hope is that St. Joseph students will utilize the principles they are taught



in the leadership classrooms, and strive to improve their lives and the lives of those around them."

Donna Kiel, Principal at St. Joseph, sees far reaching benefits for her students. "The leadership program we have developed at St. Joseph is groundbreaking in the area of character development. It not only prepares our students for success, but it provides them with a foundation that is essential if they are to change this world. Today, more than ever, our young people must be able to succeed in our ever-changing world. St. Joseph has seen this need and

answered it. The Leadership Program will credential each St. Joseph graduate in skills essential for life."

A few years ago, St. Joseph provided specialized training for its teachers, converted its entire curriculum and became one of a select few high schools in the country where all students learn with laptop computers. This was all done in response to the challenges facing educator today of how to best prepare students for the global technological society. Today, St. Joseph's technology learning program is a national example of excellence in education.

Westchester Superintendent Receives Award from St Joseph High School



The young women from St. Joseph High School in Westchester were attentive and respectful as they listened to a woman who embodies the spirit of Jane Addams, Dr. Jean Hayes Sophie, Superintendent at District 92 1/2. Dr. Sophie was honored at St. Joseph High School with the Jane Addams Award.

"It was fitting and appropriate that Dr. Sophie received this award. As an educational leader, she is committed to a child-centered, traditional and caring school district,"

stated Ms. Donna Kiel, principal of St. Joseph High School. "Dr. Sophie has a passion for learning and is vigilant about the impact education

has on children.

Like Dr. Sophie, Ms. Jane Addams was a great advocate for education. Addams believed that education has a significant impact on the future of our country.

She is quoted as saying, "America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live."

Dr. Sophie accepted the award and gave a brief account of her accomplishments and shared her philosophy that everyone should strive to be a person of character and integrity.

Committee planning 50th Anniversary

St. Joseph administrators, alumni and faculty have been meeting and planning for the St. Joseph High School's 50th Anniversary year.

The kickoff event for the Anniversary year will be ChargerFest held on April 17, 2010. Information for ChargerFest and all upcoming anniversary events can be found on the St. Joseph-IHM Network's Alumni website at www.stjoeshsalumni.org or www.ihmalumnae.org.

"During this year we will honor our past and celebrate our future," noted Mr. David McCreery, President of St. Joseph High School, "We will enjoy this unique opportunity to celebrate a monumental milestone in the history of excellent Catholic education in Westchester.

The Golden Jubilee Committee will incorporate alumni from St Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary High Schools into their plans for the year. "As students we attended classes separately but we participated



in most co-curricular activities together. I remember the days of the sock hops and the basketball games with the boys from St. Joes," stated Teena Gribauskas (IHM '64) Napoli of Naperville and co-chair of the committee. Her husband and fellow co-chair, Marty Napoli '64 is an alum of St. Joseph. Marty shared with the committee, "This anniversary will bring renewed friendships with both alumni and faculty and the opportunity to relive the endless memories of our high school years."

During the meetings, sub-committees were formed.



Committees still seeking volunteers include: Mission Committee, ChargerFest 2010, Athletic Events, Student and Faculty Events, Outreach to Alumni and Community, Marketing and Public Relations.

The St. Joseph -IHM Network's Alumni website is a secure online network for St. Joseph alumni and the alumni of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Westchester and community members.

This new network represents an alliance of thousands of SJ / IHM

graduates across the United States and worldwide. It offers alumni a vehicle of their own to contact each other, plan reunions, network for employment, share stories and photos. The Alumni Office will be using this online solution as one of the ways to create a buzz about the 50th Anniversary and develop closer relationships with its alumni

Anyone interested in being part of the committee is welcome to attend. For additional information contact Marianne Bero at 708-562-4433.

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St. Joe's Demonstrates Excellence

Joe Battaglia, St. Joseph High School senior student, Westchester resident and grandson of Angelo Luciano, lifetime member of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, created an innovative and engaging two minute video of student life at St. Joseph.

The video was one of the many highlights of an outstanding and successful evaluation of the school by the NCA CASI/ AdvancED accreditation system.

David McCreery, President of St. Joseph High School announced that the school had successfully completed the rigorous evaluation process of the NCA CASI/ AdvancED (Advancing Excellence in Education Worldwide) Accreditation protocol and was fully endorsed as a high quality school.

On March 11, 2010, Mr. Mark Klimesh, the chairperson of the six member external Quality Assurance Review spent the entire day at St. Joseph carefully assessing every aspect of the school.

The team certified that St. Joseph not only met all the standards for accreditation but far exceeded those standards.

Mr. Klimesh remarked, "I have evaluated many schools and I can say unequivocally that St. Joseph

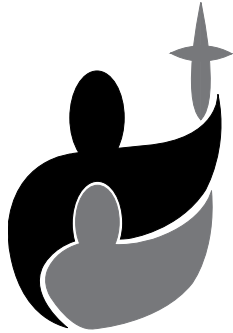
is a high quality school and has successfully met all seven standards of NCA CASI/ AdvancED."

These standards require that schools have a clear vision and purpose; have effective and responsive leadership; have a rigorous curriculum taught through sound, research-based methods; collect, report, and use performance results; provide adequate resources and support for its educational programs; value and communicate with its stakeholders; and have a commitment to continuously improve.

The standards are derived from educational research and best practice.

Ms. Christine Baldwin, evaluation team member and Principal of Lyle Elementary School said, "St. Joseph is not only a high quality school but one that clearly demonstrates excellence. I commend the school not only on their rigorous curriculum but on their supportive relationships with stakeholders throughout the community. The community should be proud of St. Joseph."

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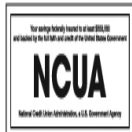
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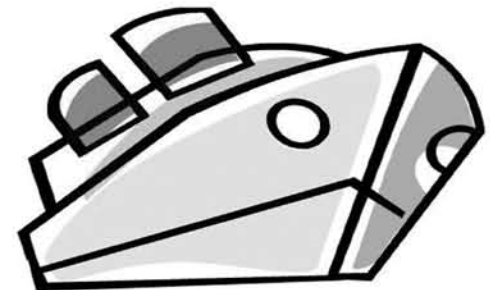
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Village of Westchester

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PUBLIC WORKS

22 APRIL 2010

Branch Pick-up

Village branch pickup starts Monday, April 5, 2010. Branch pickup will be the first full week of every month.

All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7:00 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.

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

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

New Parkway Tree Program

This 50/50 shared cost program includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of four types of trees indigenous to the area. Beautify your yard and add curb appeal to your home! The trees will be planted in the fall of 2010. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 for more information.

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

Pothole repair

The Public Works Department will be filling potholes. Please call 708-345-0041 if there are potholes to be fixed on your street.

As soon as the alleys are dried out

from the winter weather, the Public Works Department will begin the grading process.

Waste Management News:

Yard waste pickup will start Thursday, April 1, 2010. 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.

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.

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Capital improvements projects

Gardner Road 2010 Resurfacing

Gardner Road will be resurfaced this year in two phases as a joint project with the Village of Broadview. The first phase, which will start in early April, extends from Cermak Road to Canterbury Street and Roosevelt Road to Wedgewood Drive. The first phase is being paid for with an Emergency Repair Program grant, which is cost free to the Village of Westchester.

The second phase of construction on Gardner Road will start in late summer or early fall and will extend from Canterbury Street to Roosevelt Road. The second phase is being paid for as a joint project with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT will pay 80% of the construction costs, Broadview will pay 10%, and Westchester will pay the remaining 10%.

31st Street Reconstruction

The Illinois Department of Transportation received stimulus money from the federal government for resurfacing and striping on 31st Street from Wolf Road to IL Route 171 (First Avenue) in Westchester, Brookfield and LaGrange Park. A minor part of this project was started last fall. The resurfacing will start up again this April. Expect delays and lane closures during working hours. The 31st Street contract was awarded to Plote Construction Inc. for the contract price of \$1,798,646.51. This project is cost free to the Village of Westchester.

Westchester Blvd.

Westchester Boulevard will also be resurfaced this spring from Canterbury Street to Roosevelt Road. Nicor did work on the natural gas mains along Westchester Blvd. last fall in anticipation of the resurfacing project. The resurfacing contract was awarded to Central Blacktop Co., Inc for the contract price of \$345,503.73. There is no cost to the Village of Westchester for construction of this project. Hancock Engineering will be performing the construction engineering for the Village.

Tower and Tank Maintenance and Evaluation

The Village of Westchester has two water storage facilities to regulate the pressure in the system and ensure there is always enough water to meet the demands of residents. The overhead water tower holds 2 million gallons of water and the reservoir holds 2.250 million gallons of water. Both of these storage facilities need to be evaluated on a regular basis to check for structural integrity and the safety of the water system. The water tower also needs to be repainted on a regular basis for aesthetics and to prevent infiltration into the water supply. The Village is in negotiations with a firm to perform evaluation of both storage facilities and to remove built up sediment from the bottom of the reservoir. It is anticipated that this evaluation will result in a recommendation to re-paint and re-seal the overhead water tank this year. The approximate cost of the painting and sealing project will be in excess of \$350,000.

Water main

Water main breaks and leaks cost the Village in lost water, plus the cost of repairing the main. When the number of water main breaks or leaks on a water main becomes excessive, it is more cost effective to replace the line than to continue to do emergency repairs. The Water Department in Public Works keeps track of water main breaks by location and by year. The mains along Sherwood Avenue, Fleet Street, and Preston Street have experienced enough breaks in recent years that it would be fiscally responsible to replace them at this time.

The Village of Westchester has contracted with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to provide design and construction engineering services for these three water main projects. The Village Board is in the process of issuing bonds to cover the costs of the water main replacement. The bond payments will come from the water fund.



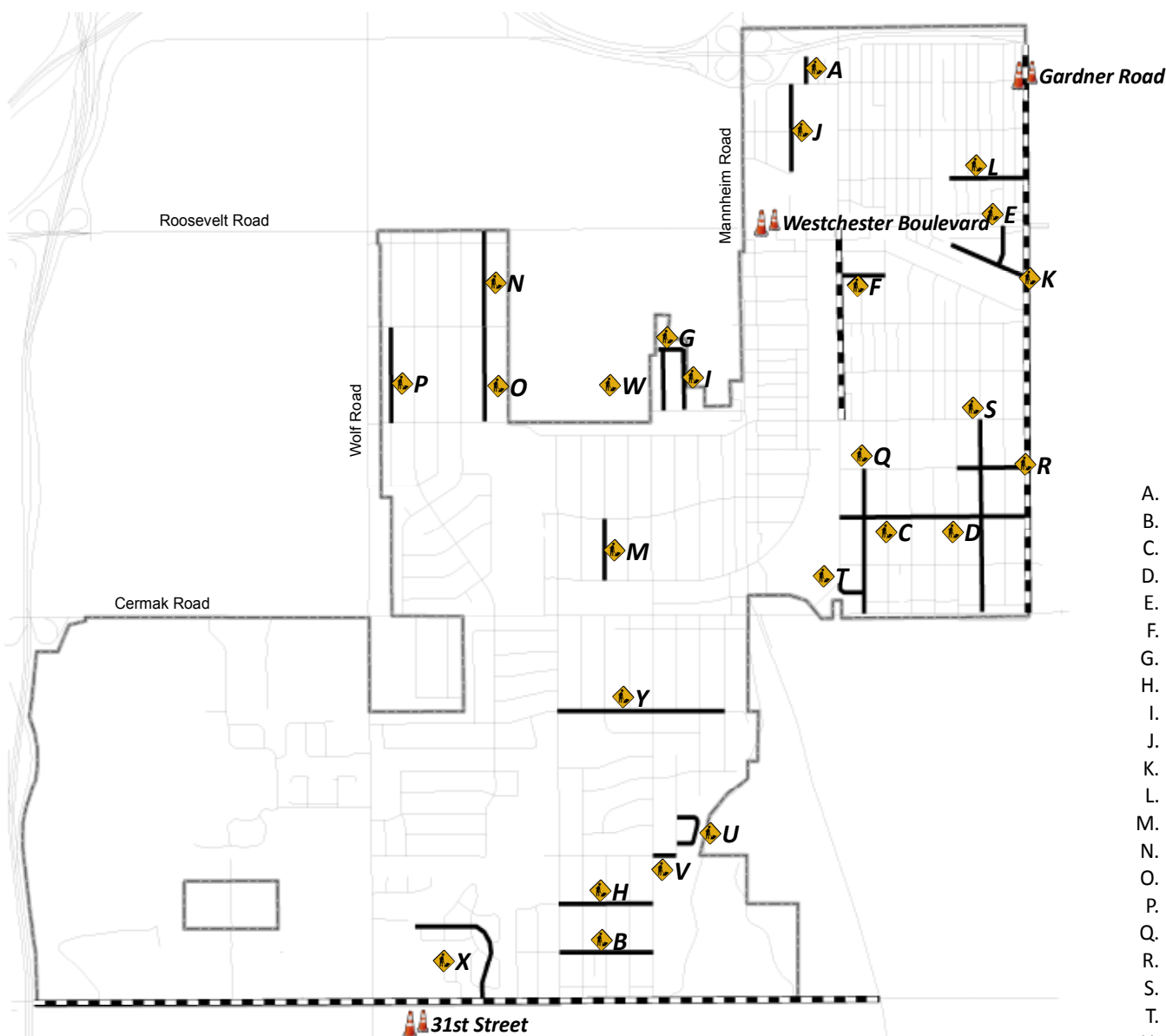
Street Improvements

Street Projects to be completed this year

- Gardner Road [in two phases]
- Westchester Boulevard[Roosevelt to Canterbury]
- 31st Street

Proposed Projects [in alphabetical order]

- A. Balmoral Avenue [Kitchener to North Terminus]
- B. Bedford Street [Mayfair to Sunnyside]
- C. Bond Street [Westchester Blvd to Portsmouth]
- D. Bond Street [Portsmouth to Gardner]
- E. Bristol Avenue [Derby Lane to Roosevelt]
- F. Cambridge Street[Westchester Blvd to Newcastle]
- G. Camelot Street [West Terminus to Conord]
- H. Carlisle Street [Mayfair to Sunnyside]
- I. Concord Avenue [Waterford to Camelot]
- J. Cromwell Avenue [Devonshire to Kitchener]
- K. Derby Lane [West Terminus to Gardner]
- L. Devonshire Street [Norfolk to Gardner]
- M. Downing Avenue [Dorchester to Oxford]
- N. Evers Avenue [Dickens to Roosevelt]
- O. Evers Avenue [Canterbury to Dickens]
- P. Heidorn Avenue [Canterbury to Dickens]
- Q. Hull Avenue [Cermak to Kent]
- R. Kent Street [Norfolk to Gardner]
- S. Manchester Avenue [Cermak to Canterbury]
- T. Pell Street [Westchester Blvd to Hull]
- U. Somerset Square [all]
- V. Wakefield Street [Sunnyside to Stratford]
- W. Waverly Street [Waterford to Camelot]
- X. Westminster Drive [31st Street to West Terminus]
- Y. Windsor Drive [Mayfair to East Terminus]



Legend

- Projects to be Completed
- Proposed Projects
- Village Boundary
- Streets

2010 Street Improvements

The Village Board has taken an aggressive approach to road resurfacing this year. The Board, with the expert advice of Hancock Engineering, has identified a list of 25 streets for design engineering. This will enable the Village to have “shelf ready” projects available to apply for any grant money that may be available. The Board is committed to construction of as many streets as fiscally possible this year.

The Village Board is in the process of issuing bonds to cover the costs of this year's

resurfacing projects. These bonds are a low interest way for municipalities to pay for long term capital improvement projects. The yearly payments to pay off the bonds issued to pay for street improvements will come from Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds received by the Village from the State of Illinois. MFT funds are distributed by the State on a per capita basis and are derived from a tax on motor fuel. There will be no additional tax burden on the residents to pay for these street improvements.



FROM THE BOARD

24 APRIL, 2010

Spring is in the air flowers are beginning to bloom ... and it is time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors! Here are a few of the things your Village Board has been working on during the long, cold winter months:

STREET REPAVING:

As the snow melts and the streets are cleared it is no surprise to anyone that there are some streets in town that are in desperate need of a facelift. Over the past few months, the Village Board has been diligently working on plan to begin this project.

In 2006 the village engineers compiled a street survey rating all of our streets from the best to the worst. Using this information as its guide, the Village Board has been identified the 25 worst streets in Westchester. The cost of repairing and repaving all 25 streets would be in excess of \$8,000,000.00. This year we will have approximately \$3.5-\$4.0 million available to us in Motor Fuel Tax money to begin this project. The Board is currently in the process of determining which of these streets will be repaired and repaved this year. Once this decision has been made, the details and timeline for this project will be announced.

In addition to the streets that will be repaired with Motor Fuel Tax Funds, some of our main thoroughfares will be repaired and repaved with State money received as part of the Federal Government Stimulus Plan. These streets include Gardner Road, Westchester Boulevard (from Roosevelt to Canterbury), and 31st Street (from Wolf Road in Westchester to Des Plaines Avenue in Riverside).

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS VISIT WESTCHESTER

On March 25th the Village of Westchester hosted a delegation of governmental officials from the Anshan Municipal Government from the Liaoning Province in China. These officials were in the United States attending the Illinois Institute of Technology, Public Administration. Their curriculum included Fiscal Management of American Local Government. We were honored to have been selected to showcase our Village Hall and all its employees to this international group of administrators. We also thank the Illinois Institute of Applied Technology for selecting us.

WESTCHESTER LAUNCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Earlier this year, the Village appointed members to its newly created Economic Development Committee. This committee is comprised of business executives from various



backgrounds. Their mission is to evaluate the current economic state of our community and create a plan for the future economic growth of Westchester.

On March 30, 2010, the Economic Development Committee held their first Town Hall Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce their mission to the community and explain the advisory role they provide the Village Board in identifying viable strategies that will foster a profitable economic future for Westchester

CONGRESSMAN DAVIS COMING TO WESTCHESTER

Congressman Danny Davis will be hosting a "Town Hall" meeting at the Westchester Village Hall on Monday April 12, 2010 at 7pm. We encourage all residents to come and meet Congressman Davis. Congressman Davis welcomes the opportunity to address any questions or concerns you may have. It is not often we have the opportunity to talk one on one with our Congressional representatives. Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard. We thank Congressman Davis for taking time out of his busy schedule in Washington, D.C. to meet with the residents of Westchester. Refreshments will be served.

NEW BUSINESSES IN WESTCHESTER

We are pleased to announce the

opening of several new businesses in Westchester over the past few months. During these difficult economic times, we are fortunate to have new businesses wanting to provide their services within our community. It is a benefit to each and everyone of us to have such wonderful services in our backyard. As a community we can help these, as well as all our existing businesses flourish by patronizing them whenever possible. The newest members of our business community are:

Carriage Florist (previously Connie's Florist), 10436 W. Cermak Rd. (north side of Cermak at Belleview)

Pappinos Pizza (Roosevelt and Norfolk in the Norfolk Plaza)

Sensible Dollar (in the 31st Street Plaza).

Please welcome these new businesses to town by supporting them whenever possible.

WESTCHESTER MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

As part of our ongoing efforts to continue the beautification of Westchester and give Westchester its own identify, the Village, along with the Westchester Image Council and the Westchester Garden Club have been meeting to enhance one of the gateway properties to our village.

This idea resulted from discussions between President Pulia and resident, Mrs. Barbara Lucchese, beginning last summer. Since then representatives from the Westchester Garden Club

and Westchester Image Council joined in.

Over the past few months we have meeting and making plans for the construction of a "Memorial Fountain" to be located at the Northeast corner of Cermak and Mannheim Roads.

The "Memorial Fountain" will be dedicated to the members of Westchester's Police and Fire Departments, as well as those who have served in our Armed Forces. This project will be funded through private donations. Some monetary commitments have already been made to get the project moving forward.

Progress of this project and information on how you can donate to this fund will be forthcoming in future newspapers.

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Last, but certainly not least, I would be remiss if I did not publically thank our Public Works Department for the excellent job they did in removing the snow this winter. I have heard received nothing but positive feedback about how quickly and thoroughly our streets were cleared of snow.

Thanks also to you the residents, who assisted the Public Works Department in their effort to keep the streets clear and clean, by complying with the Village's Winter Parking Rules. Keep up the great work!....