



Village of Westchester

November 2010 Newsletter

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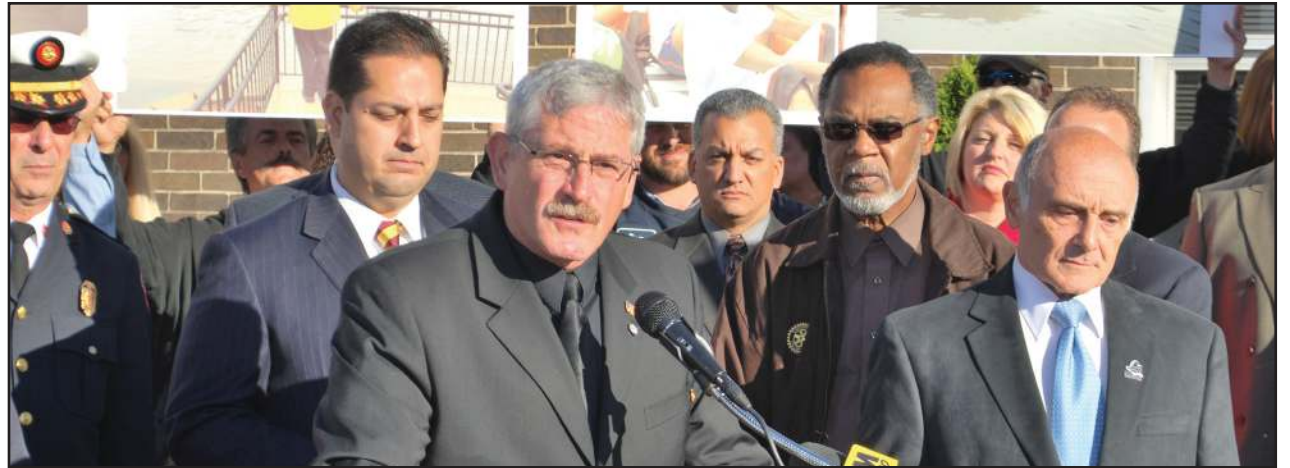
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From the Desk of The President



The month of November is always a busy time of the year as the holidays begin and New Year approaches. As we venture into this season, several important dates come to mind this year. Before we immerse in holiday preparations, don't forget to exercise your right to vote on Nov. 2. Regardless of party affiliation or candidate preference, it is imperative that each one of us has our voices heard by casting our vote.

For the last few months, the candidates for various offices have been distributing literature, calling our homes, knocking on our doors, and inundating the television asking for your support of their candidacy, platforms, or positions. Election Day is very important to all of us. We as citizens get to have a voice in shaping our government. Being an informed citizen is what our country is all about. Letting our elected officials know what is on our minds whether positive or negative is our right as citizens of the best country on Earth. Our Nation is a Republic based on laws and democratic principles. I know at times the thoughts of "it doesn't matter who I vote for" or "why bother they are all the same," enter into our vocabulary, but it is important to remember that the people we elect will be making decisions for all of us and our input should matter. Topics like the economy, health care, Social Security, immigration reform, taxation, and having our men and women fighting wars will be decided by the individuals we pick. So be an informed voter and choose carefully. Don't let others make the decision for you. Research the candidates yourself and do not rely on the political pundits to make the decision for you. Only by performing your own research of the candidates will you know which one most closely reflects your beliefs. Then, and only then, should you cast your vote. Our country will only become stronger when we take advantage of

our civic duty and VOTE. Your precinct voting locations will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM Nov. 2.

Nov. 11 is another special day of the month. The temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month during World War I, also known as "The Great War" on November 11 1918. Several Acts of Congress and Presidential Executive Orders have resulted in the establishment of Veterans Day on the 11th day of November each and every year. It is observed as a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This Veterans Day join me in thanking all those who have worn the uniforms of our armed forces and especially those who are currently overseas fighting for our freedom. Hines Veterans Hospital is just a few miles from Westchester and I think by volunteering, dropping a card to say thanks, placing a flower at the Mayfair Park District Veteran's Memorial will go a long way in showing our respect and support for our veterans.

Thanksgiving Day is also this month and falls on Nov. 25 this year. Thanksgiving is a national holiday where we can all come together with friends and family, or by helping those less fortunate and giving thanks for what we have. The original colonists who settled in America came together with the Native Americans who inhabited our country. They gathered together and shared food, breaking bread as you would have it, and started a tradition that we still hold dear today. Despite being one of the busiest travel days of the year Thanksgiving is a time for us to be thankful to our creator for allowing

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Village President Sam Pulia works, planting flowers by Village entrances to help make Westchester an even more beautiful place to live.



DI Flag Raising Ceremony takes place.



Back Row: President Sam Pulia, Julian Morales, Michael Sandoval, Sergio Posada, Giovanni, Jose Laboy, Trustee Nick Steker. Front row: Samara Patterson, Totiana Sudduth, Amber Kiefer, Ranessa Sutton

*Village of Westchester
Tree Lighting Ceremony*

**Date: Friday,
December 3, 2010**



**Come out and watch the Village light up the Holiday tree!
Special guest appearance by Santa!
Please stay for refreshments. Also please help us bring the
joy of the holiday season to others by bringing:**

- a donation for the Westchester Food Pantry, all canned goods and non-perishable items accepted
- a cash donation or care package for our men and women serving in our Armed Services overseas
- an unwrapped toy for the Loyola Hospital toy drive.

Time: 7 pm

**Where: Westchester Fire Station,
10240 Roosevelt Road.**



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www.westchester-il.org



NOVEMBER 1

Monday, November 1 through Friday, November 12 WPTC Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale

The children of Westchester Primary and Intermediate Schools will be selling Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough to raise money for a variety of WPTC sponsored events. If you know a student at either school, please support their efforts by making a purchase.

Monday, November 1: School Mass celebrating All Saints Day, 9 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair. Tuesday, November 2: Teacher Institute Day - No school for students, Westchester Public Schools

NOVEMBER 3

Wednesday, November 3: WPTC Member Meeting Westchester Intermediate School Cafeteria, 7:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER 4

Thursday, November 4: Scholastic Book Fair noon - 8 PM. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Thursday, November 4: Making Sense of Retirement. Learn about the 5-step planning process, and the importance of consulting a professional to help prepare for retirement. This event will be held at 10526 W Cermak Rd Ste 100 in Westchester, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Please call (708) 562-0004 to reserve space.

NOVEMBER 5

Friday, November 5: Fish and Chicken Fry, Westchester Community Church. 4:30 - 7:30 PM Please join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Please call the church office for more information 708/865-1282.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday, November 6: Divine Infant Jesus School proudly presents "The Langan Luau 2010". The 20th Annual Cash Raffle Drawing will take place at 10:00 PM. For tickets or further information, contact the school at 708-865-0122 or the rectory at 708-865-8071.

Saturday, November 6: The Langan Luau 2010, along with our 20th Annual Cash Raffle, will be held on from 7:00 PM to midnight. The raffle drawing will take place at 10:00 PM. Ticket price is \$100.00. For

tickets or further information, call the school office at 708-865-0122 or the rectory at 708-865-8071

Saturday, November 6: Scrapbooking Days Fundraiser. 9AM - 11 PM. Westchester Community Church. Come and scrapbook with us \$30 per person, tables, food and fellowship provided. For more information and registration forms, please call the church office 708/865-1282.

NOVEMBER 9

Tuesday, November 9: Coffee and Rolls at the Prairie House, 10 AM to 12 PM. 11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester. Enjoy the view, the wildlife, and good conversation. Admission is free. For more information, call Rita at 708-354-5512. Sponsored by Save The Prairie Society.

NOVEMBER 10

Wednesday, November 10: District Parent Education Night, Westchester Public Schools

NOVEMBER 11

Thursday, November 11: Veteran's Day Assembly will take place on at 1:45 PM in Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. The program will include all of the service flags and a salute to the Armed Forces. Contact: Mrs. Donna Day at 708-865-0122 for more information.

Thursday, November 11, 2010: Divine Providence School Offers "Teetering Tots" Playgroup 9:30-10:30 AM. Teetering Tots is a program for parents and their children between the ages of 0-4. Its purpose is to give parents a local activity to promote friendships while providing entertainment for the tots. We welcome Westchester families to join us for some entertainment and socialization. Teetering Tots playgroup meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month (when school is in session). Registration is required for this FREE program. For more information, call Divine Providence School at 708-562-2258.

Thursday, November 11: Veteran's Day - No School, Westchester Public Schools

NOVEMBER 13

Saturday, November 13: 2010 Market Day Pick-up 8:30-9:30 AM. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

NOVEMBER 14

Sunday, November 14: Awards

Ceremony for Library's Write-A-Book Contest for grade school students. 1:30 PM at Library. Contact Youth Department at 708-562-3573.

NOVEMBER 15

Monday, November 15: Casino Night 2 PM-midnight, Crystal Palace Banquets, Mt. Prospect, IL. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

NOVEMBER 16

Tuesday, November 16: All Schools Visitation Day (9:30-11:00 AM & 1:30-2:30 PM), Westchester Public Schools Wednesday, November 17: 1-2 PM, Senior Program: Small Steps for Better Health and Senior Services available through Proviso Township, Mayfair Recreation, 10835 Wakefield. For questions call (708)354-1323 ext.42.

NOVEMBER 17

Wednesday, November 17: WMS Fall Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Westchester Public Schools

NOVEMBER 18

Thursday, November 18: 4th Grade Performance at WIS; 7:00 PM, Westchester Public Schools

Friday, November 19: Early Childhood Parent Participation Day, Westchester Public Schools Saturday, November 20: Book Fair will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Students will be able to purchase books in school on November 23rd. For more information, contact Susie Lah at sueboo262@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 24-26

Wednesday, November 24-Friday, November 26: Thanksgiving Holiday Break, Westchester Public Schools

Thursday, November 25: Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday

NOVEMBER 25-26

Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26: Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving holiday. We will be open Saturday, November 27, from 8:30 AM to 12 noon.

Blood donors raise year's net to 552 units

Living up to its reputation, the Westchester Blood Program took in 126 units (pints) at its Oct. 16 drive at the Community Center. This gives the group -No. 1 among Chicago area community blood programs - 552 units through its first five drives of 2010. It will hold its final drive on Wednesday, Nov. 10,

from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at a LifeSource coach parked in the south lot of Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. For details, contact Chairman Carl Panek at 865-1782.

Upcoming

Thursday, December 2: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Herman Brunson, Edward Jones financial advisor in Westchester, is hosting a free 60-minute educational seminar titled "Finding Balance in Your Budget" at 10526 W Cermak Rd Ste 100 in Westchester. Participants will learn more about: Setting personal financial goals; Managing expenses and debt; Practical savings options for now through retirement; and Creating a financial blueprint for the rest of your life. Call (708) 562-0004 to reserve space for yourself and a guest.

Tuesday, December 7: Early Childhood Screening at WPS (appointment only) Westchester Public Schools. Tuesday, December 7: Bilingual Parents Mtg. at WPS (7:00PM) Westchester Public Schools.

Wednesday, December 8: Winter Band Concert at WMS (7:00PM) Westchester Public Schools.

Thursday, December 9: Senior Citizen Concert at WMS (10:00AM) Westchester Public Schools.

Friday, December 10 Holiday Dance at WMS (2:50-5:15 PM) Westchester Public Schools. Tuesday,

December 14: WMS Band & Chorus Performance at Yorktown Mall (12:00 noon) Westchester Public Schools.

Park District November 20, 7:00 PM Movie Night at the Park District-Community Center. FREE!!!

December 1st - 10th: Santa's Mailbox available at the Community Center Lobby, Westchester Park District. December 1st & 2nd, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Park District Holiday Party, Community Center, FREE!!!

Divine Providence Over 50 Club will meet on November 3. We will have our Thanksgiving Luncheon. The December meeting will be held on December 15th at Maggiano's in Oakbrook. It is our Christmas meeting and Luncheon. Tickets are available. \$15 for members and \$25 for guests. Call Ruth @ 708-947-9020 or Corrine @ 708-531-9496 for tickets.

POLICE BLOTTER

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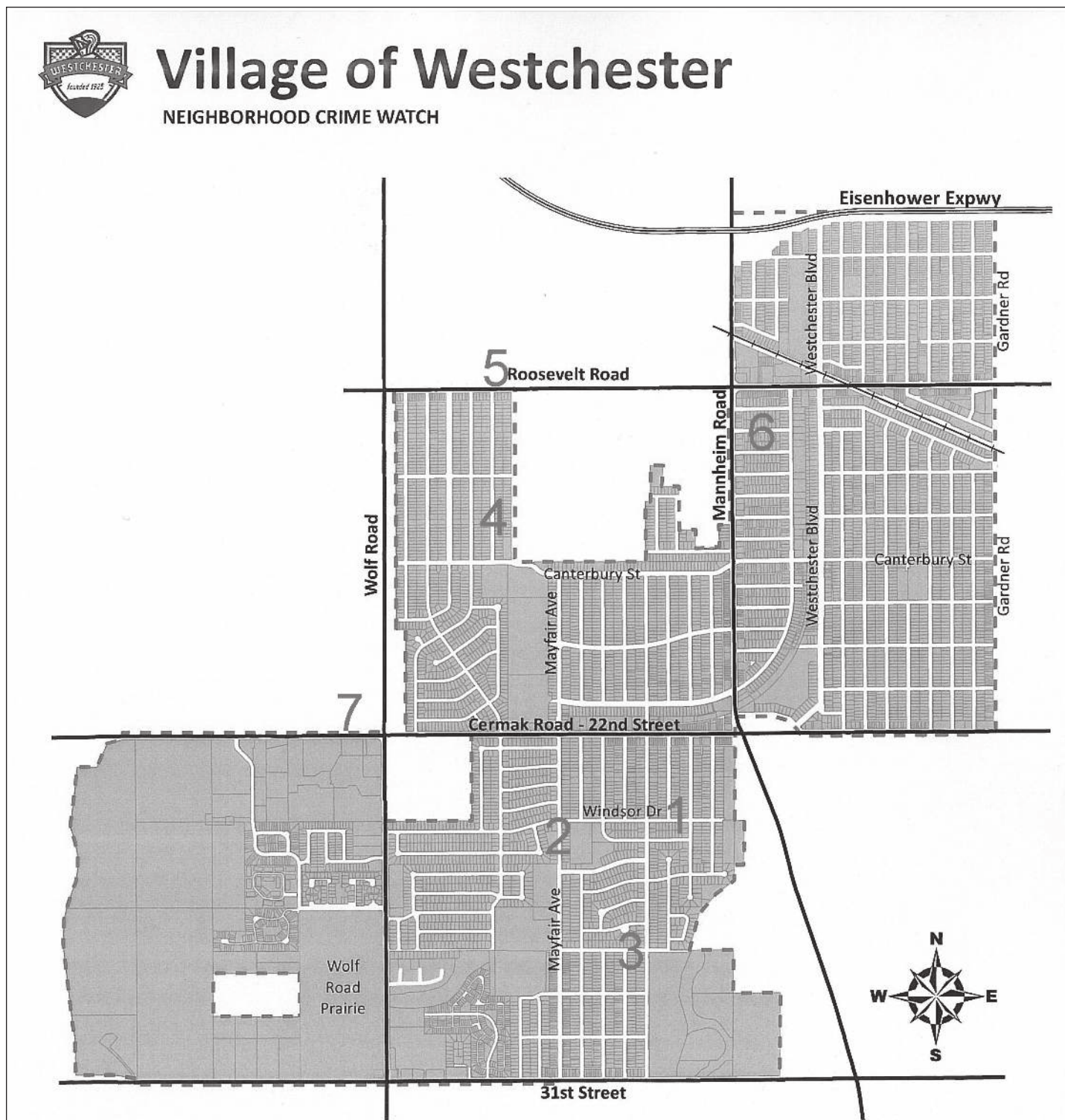
September 15th through
October 15th 2010

1 On September 21st at 5:40pm, a burglary was reported on the 10500 block of Windsor Drive. The resident advised that he noticed various items missing from his garage. The date of incident was unknown at this time.

2 On September 25th at 10:45pm, a criminal damage to property was reported on the 2400 block of Mayfair. The resident advised that they had found four paintball markings on the outside of the house. On September 27th at 11:59am, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 10600 block of Wakefield Street. The theft occurred between 11:00pm on September 23rd and 8:00am on September 24th. Entry was gained through the unlocked door. Taken was a laptop and jacket.

3 On October 3rd at 7:06pm, a criminal damage to property report was taken on the 1500 block of Evers. The resident advised that their decorative lighting was cut sometime during the past day.

4 On October 10th at 10:25am, a vehicle theft was reported on the 10900 block of Roosevelt Road. A white 1998 Acura was



taken sometime between 11:00pm the previous night and 9:45am.

5 On October 11th at 12:44pm, a residential burglary was reported on the 10300 block of Cambridge Street. It was found that entry was forcefully gained

through a side door between 10:30am and 12:40pm. Televisions, computers and jewelry were among the items taken.

6 On October 14th at 3:07pm, a theft of purse was reported at the Panera Bread located

at 11215 Cermak Road. The victim reported that her purse was taken while eating at the restaurant. It was reported that the victims credit cards were used at the Oak Brook Shopping Center resulting in over \$8,000 in unauthorized charges.

Preventing Fraud Tips

Home Repair Fraud or "Gypsy Scam" - Be suspicious of anyone requesting to enter your home or do work on your property that you did not request. Village employees will be in uniform, in an identifiable village vehicle and can produce proper identification.

Home Security

While working outside or in the garage keep doors to the home locked. In a matter of minutes an intruder can enter your home while you are focused on outside activities. If in doubt about any of the aforementioned report it to the Police Department. These are but a few suggestions to help keep you from becoming a victim of fraud. Becoming a participant in the village Neighborhood Watch program is one more way to ensure a safer community. Additional information on these and other safety topics can be found at the village website. For Neighborhood Watch program requests/ information go to www.westchester-il.org or phone 345.0060 ext. 440.

Profile



Travis Spiropoulos

Rank: Lieutenant
Years as Firefighter: 18 years

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

I remember my first day on a 24-hour shift. I was extremely nervous and not sure what I should be doing. My shift members all took the time (with much patience), to guide me along and teach me everything I needed to know. They treated me right off the bat, as if I was part of the shift, part of their little family. I knew then, this is where I wanted to be.

Describe a good day at work:
Being able to help those who need it, joking with the guys, and not getting yelled at by the chief. That's a good day.

What is the best part about your job?

I love helping kids. It breaks my heart to see a child frightened. Helping a child is by far the most fulfilling part of my job.

What is one downside to your Job?
The time away from home. I worry about my wife and kids when I'm not there.

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

I always talk highly about being a firefighter. I'm very proud of this profession and I would encourage anybody who is interested to get involved.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Spend a nice quiet afternoon at home with my wife and kids. Since that never seems to happen, then any time with my family would be a perfect day.

Fire Prevention Open House

The Westchester Fire Department wishes to thank all the residents that attended the open house held on October 3, 2010 making it a big success. The event drew children and adult residents giving them a better understanding of the Fire services provided to the community and the job with which the Fire Department is tasked.

The Fire Department provided blood pressure screenings, education on safety issues in the home, did a live burn to demonstrate the importance of sprinklers in the home, and gave fire engine rides. The theme this year for Fire Prevention Week was "Beep, Beep, Beep, the sound that could save your life", stressing the importance of having and maintaining workable smoke detectors in the home.

Fire Prevention week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 fire killed more than 250 souls, left 100,00 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres with the most damage occurring on October 9. Although the Chicago Fire is remembered, it was not the largest fire loss suffered that week. A fire that started in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, was larger and more tragic.

The fire tragically killed 1152 souls, burned down 16 towns and scorched 1.2 million acres before burning itself out. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of America decided the anniversary should not be observed with festivities, but be used as a time to educate the public and provide information in Fire Safety and prevention.

The Westchester Fire Department was able to provide a fun day for residents while using the opportunity to educate young and old on how to keep their homes safe and what to do if an emergency occurs. The Westchester Fire Department is proud of the services provided to the community and is always available to answer any questions regarding Fire Safety, do not ever hesitate to call 708-345-0433.



Fire Safety Tips

The Holidays are a time for celebration and that means cooking. Unattended cooking fires account for 33% of all residential fires. Other leading causes are placing combustible items too close to the heat source and various electrical defects. The most common reason for unattended cooking fires is when the cook becomes distracted and leaves the kitchen.

To increase your safety when cooking, follow these safety tips.

- Stay in the kitchen: don't leave cooking unattended (stand by your pan!).
- Wear short or tight fitting sleeves, loose clothing is more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.
- Enforce a kid free zone of three feet around stove.
- Keep area around stove clear of all combustible items papers, pot holders, dish towels, etc.
- Cook at indicated temperature settings rather than higher settings.
- Keep pot lid handy to smother pan fires, do not attempt to pick up a pot or pan that is on fire, turn off heat and cover with lid

DO NOT USE WATER!!

It will cause splashing and spread fire.

Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical care if needed.

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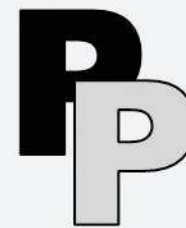
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DONUTS

DESK

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us to enjoy all that we have. It is also a time for reaching out to those less fortunate and reassuring them that they are not alone. The coming together of families and friends, the young and the old, and with those who need our help, is the order of the day. Take time to enjoy each other's company, relax, watch the Parade here in Chicago, or my favorite, the New York Macy's Parade, and just Eat. Eat..Eat... Sound good doesn't it...

On behalf of all of us at the Village of Westchester please enjoy yourself and be safe.

LEAVES ARE FALLING

Leaf pickup throughout the Village is underway and it appears to be going very well. Our Public Works Staff has been working diligently to scoop up the enormous amount of leaves as fast as they can.

I am hoping the Village Leaf Bag Program, where private residences were given a packet of 5 leaf bags, is also being used. This Leaf Bag Program was initiated by the Village Board two years ago and is now in its second season. Waste Management our contracted carrier, will pick up as many bags as you can fill with leaves on your regular garbage day pickup.

As always thank you for not raking the leaves into the street. Leaves in the streets will only clog the sewers and lead to further problems.

SMOKE TESTING

The Village has been divided into 12 sections for the smoke testing of the Sanitary Systems. A number of violation letters were sent to residents who had a downspout connected to the sanitary sewer instead of the storm sewer. Residents are required to remove these illegal connections from their underground system and have them "splash" onto their grass property. Remember not to have your gutters "splash" onto your neighbor's property.

For additional information and a tutorial please visit the Village web site at www.westchester-il.org to view a tutorial video that Public Works Superintendent John Fecarotta and I made. This video explains how homeowners can very easily become compliant with our ordinance. As always, please contact the Village with any questions regarding the program.

Again, the purpose of this program is to reduce the inflow of storm water into the sanitary system that

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Why Leaf Bags?

Bagging your leaves reduces the debris flowing into our storm sewers, and it promotes good curb appeal and beautification of the Village.

Remember, the Village spent \$750,000 to clean, jet and televise the sanitary sewer system. We are taking steps to maintain the storm sewers and avoid the need to spend the another \$750,000 on the storm sewer system.

Can Leaves be Raked into the Street?

NO! Raking leaves into the street is prohibited.
Violators will be fined.

What Else Can Residents Do?

- ◆ Help your neighbors who are unable to rake their leaves.
- ◆ If you notice a storm sewer that is not draining, call Public Works. The Village now has a Vactor Machine to clean catch basins nearly year round.
- ◆ If you would like to sponsor the program, please contact Trustees Brian Sloan at bsloan@westchester-il.org or Wally Novak at wnovak@westchester-il.org or call Village Hall at 708.345.0020.

◆ Shop at or use the program sponsors for services.



TOWNSHIP OF PROVISO
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REAL ESTATE TAX APPEALS FOR FLOOD DAMAGED HOMES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

As of October 19, 2010, we are accepting appeals of Cook County Real Estate tax bills for flood damaged homes.

Please call our office BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 2010, at **708/449-4304**, to make an appointment or with any questions.

The following information is required to file your appeal:

1. A detailed written description of the damages
2. All pertinent records such as photographs, insurance estimates, repair estimates, and/or bills
3. Amount of any disaster relief rehabilitation loan approved by an agency of the federal government in the current year or any previous year
4. Any information relating to a prior year assessed valuation appeal based on flood damage.

We anticipate Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed in late November.

Westchester Puzzle Page

Tips on solving crossword puzzles

Fright Night Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Float
5. Bills
9. Turkish title
14. New money
15. Cross letters
16. ___ Martin
17. Did a Halloween thing
20. Holy man
21. Repeat
22. Tom, Dick, or Harry, abbr.
26. Two or more periods
27. Cummerbund
31. What some turtles might do
33. Jazz great, Herbie
37. Aggressive foreign policy
41. Future fish
42. Did a Halloween thing
44. Put-on
45. Jack-o'-lanterns, for example
46. Wastage
48. Smart
49. Quarry
50. Shelley's shtick
53. Type of egg
55. Terra-cotta instrument
59. Japan's oldest city
64. Did a Halloween thing
68. Tiny bit of land
69. Lamented
70. Smack
71. Instructions to eraser-happy proof-readers
72. "Beetle Bailey" dog
73. Desires

Down

1. Gets hitched
2. Halo
3. Barney's buddy
4. Reggae star Peter

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5. Bow, e.g.
6. So-so connector
7. It may have been burnt in the 60s
8. Spanish ayes
9. Phone alternative
10. Buddhist retreat
11. Greek walkway
12. Parasite supporter
13. Stake
18. Adder's target
19. Got down
23. Playwright's device
24. Take rudely
25. Actor Rory, star of many westerns
27. Grass used for fiber
28. Exxon alternative
29. Dandy apparel?
30. With-it
32. South Dakota's capital
34. Passion
35. Peter of Herman's Hermits

36. Informative
38. Mississippi tributary
39. Gets a bug
40. Where Will Hunting washed floors
43. Tuck's partner
47. Frozen dessert
51. Gives up something
52. Last word in films
54. A spinner's delight
55. Geisha's girdles
56. Amount
57. ___-bodied
58. Jimi's hairstyle
60. Agile
61. Not windward
62. Eager
63. Demands
65. Not safe
66. Inactive, abbr.
67. Stir

A good crossword solver doesn't necessarily know all the answers but what she/he does know are the following tips and tricks. These ten tips will improve your crossword puzzle solving skills. Whether you're a novice or a solver wishing to improve, these tips and techniques will have you solving crosswords faster and more efficiently.

1. FITB

FITB (fill-in-the-blank) clues are generally the simplest clues to solve. They are easily spotted in the clue list so go through these first. Getting one or two of these clues can help to get the ball rolling and will give you a good starting point on which to solve the puzzle

2. Check the 3-, 4- and 5-letter Words

Looking at the grid, go over the clues for any 3-, 4- & 5-letter words. There are relatively few acceptable words of this length in the English language and so the same words tend to occur in many puzzles. This is also where a lot of crosswordese crops up. It's helpful to commit to memory many of the repetitive words, especially the crosswordese, that appear in crossword puzzles.

3. Clues Obey Rules

A clue will always be written in the same part of speech as the answer. Check clues that call for answers ending in S, ED, EST or ING. Often these endings can be penciled in (but not always!). Checking the crossers of these answers can assist in verifying if the ending applies. For instance, if both the across and down clue is plural for two answers which cross on the last letter, chances are that letter is 'S'. Foreign words will be flagged directly, "Friend: Fr." = AMI or indirectly, "Friend, in France". Abbreviated answers are indicated directly, "Whistlestop (Abbr.)".

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4. Guess!

Pencil in lightly any guessed answers. (If solving puzzles online, don't be afraid to enter any guessed answers. They're easily erased with the click of a mouse button.) Then check the crossing entries. If a guessed word contains an uncommon letter such as J or K, check the crossing entries for those letters first.

5. Don't Jump To Conclusions

Approach the clues with an open mind. For example, the word 'ENTRANCE' may bring to mind: DOOR, GATEWAY, OPENING. However, it could also mean "to fill with delight or wonder" ergo: ENRAPTURE, SPELLBIND, FASCINATE, etc. Don't forget that many words in English share the same spelling but have completely unrelated meanings. TIRE, BEAR,

SPRING, etc.

6. Constructors Love Confusion

Crossword puzzle creators love to use misdirection as a way to confuse and challenge the solver. Watch out for FLOWER or SHOWER used to clue something that FLOWS or SHOWS. How about "Doctor's number?" = ANESTHETIC ('number' in this case is something that numbs). Think outside the box (and inside the grid).

7. Wordplay is Wonderful!

A question mark at the end of a clue usually indicates wordplay. I.e.: Bread box? = ATM or Eavesdropper? = ICICLE

8. Multi-word Answers

Remember that an answer could be made up of more than one word. Multiple word answers are now common in crossword puzzles and gone are the days when they were noted in the clue. Many puzzles con-

tain common phrases or well-known titles of books, songs or movies. Even short answers can contain more than one word, such as "Mount" = GO UP. The first time I saw this entry I was asking myself, "What is goup? Never heard of it." Rubik's SlideThe twisted electronic puzzle you can't put down!

9. I Give Up!

Stumped? Put the puzzle away and come back to it later. I can't count the number of times I've been stuck on a puzzle and no matter how long I wrestle with it, I make no headway. Putting it aside and returning hours or days later something invariably jumps off the page and I have an 'Aha!' moment. Often, getting that one answer can lead to a complete solution.

10. Looking Up Answers Is Cheating, Right?

Wrong! Have references, will solve. If you are well and truly at an impasse and the solution is beyond grasp then, by all means, consult a dictionary, atlas, encyclopedia or the Internet. The best part of solving a good crossword puzzle is coming away with more than you started with. Don't be afraid to look it up. That's the way solvers become great solvers. They learn it and commit it to memory. Do trivia quiz puzzles and remember the facts. Memorize the crosswordese. Learn international, national and state capitals, major rivers, mountains, continents, seas, oceans and world currencies. And remember! All that memorizing and recalling is good for the brain. So do yourself a favor. Start solving some crossword puzzles now

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Resources for Veterans and Their Families

Many Americans will gather on Thursday, November 11th, to remember the men and women in the armed forces: those who lost their lives in service to the United States, those currently serving, and those who have returned home. For the soldiers coming home, the return to civilian life can be challenging even under the best of circumstances. Post traumatic stress, frequent deployments, exposure to extreme stress, and service related injuries are just some of the factors that impact veterans.

The Library has several books to help veterans and their families. For example, *THE WOUNDED WARRIOR HANDBOOK: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR RETURNING VETERANS*, by Don Philpott and Janelle Hill, provides a valuable framework for understanding medical treatment, rehabilitation, counseling, bereavement, support services, and other issues. The final chapter lists over 60 pages of organizations, agencies and websites that address the varied needs of veterans and their families. Another valuable resource is the second edition of *MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN CAREER TRANSITION GUIDE: THE ESSENTIAL JOB SEARCH HANDBOOK FOR SERVICE MEMBERS*, by Janet Farley, which suggests ways in which veterans can transition into civilian jobs and includes advice and tips on developing resumes, interviewing skills, and job search strategies.

Comprehensive information on benefits and support services for all veterans can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs main website www.va.gov, the Wounded Warrior Resource Center www.woundedwarriorresourcecenter.com, and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs at www.veterans.illinois.gov.

Sadly, in recent years, suicide prevention has also become an increasingly relevant topic to veterans and their families. Asking for help can be as simple as calling the Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-TALK (8255). Veterans, relatives and friends will find information about the warning signs for suicide and resources available at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention.

Stop by the Library for assistance in navigating these web sites or help in locating relevant publications and literature in the Library's online catalog and periodical databases.

Genealogy and Local History News

Cook County Genealogy Online at www.cookcountygenealogy.com is a new and exciting website designed especially for genealogists by the Genealogy Unit of the Cook County Clerk's Bureau of Vital Records. Patrons can search for birth certificates (75 years or older), marriage licenses (50 years or older) and death certificates (20 years or older) for records filed in Cook County, Illinois dating back to 1872. The records are "genealogical records" and considered "non-certified." Certified copies are available for purchase from the Clerk's Bureau of Vital Records. When searching, be sure to click on "FAQS" and "About Us" for detailed information on the scope of this handy database. It was named one of the best websites of 2010 by Family Tree Magazine and patrons will find a link to this site on the Library's website.

Heritage Quest Online is one of the Library's unique subscription databases patrons can use in the Library or on their home computer. The product has several components, with the Census being the most popular one since the user can search and find actual images of census records as recent as 1930 and as far back as 1790. The Books section has a wealth of family and local histories in full text, including personal memoirs of historic events like the Chicago fire of 1871. The Freedman's Bank section provides information on depositors of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, a bank which was established for freed slaves following the Civil War and which operated from 1865 to 1874.

America's Obituaries and Death Notices is a popular source for locating obituaries and death notices in newspapers around the country. While the range of years covered by each newspaper varies, with most going back 4-10 years, the Chicago Tribune's Historical Archive is included in the database and covers 1860-1984. Patrons will find links to each of these resources on the "genealogy" page of the Library's website www.westchesterpl.org/databases/db_genealogy.htm.

Emergency Management Agency Openings

The Westchester Police are actively recruiting volunteers to join the Westchester Emergency Management Agency. This program is strictly volunteer to assist the Village of Westchester in emergency situations that often occur without warning such as the recent Westchester flood, July 2010. EMA volunteers are occasionally called upon to assist Westchester's Emergency Services, Police and Fire Departments, with such duties as traffic and crowd control.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or older, have a valid Illinois Driver's License and are subject to criminal background checks. Applications are currently available at the Westchester Police Department, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, until 11/19/10. Additional information on EMA and the responsibilities can be accessed on the Village website at www.westchester-il.org. Click on "Village Code" see Chapter 2.34 -Emergency Management Agency.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE POSITION

The Westchester Public Library seeks a qualified candidate to serve as Library Trustee and fill a vacated position until April 2011 when the next library election occurs. If elected in April, the candidate will complete an unexpired term until April 2013.

If you are a Westchester resident, community-supportive, library-committed, and a registered voter, consider learning about the responsibilities and benefits of service to your library. For information about the trustee position and filing requirements for the April election contact the Library or the Village Hall.

If interested, submit a letter of intent requesting consideration to Library Board President Patrick Kane at:



Westchester Public Library
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Deadline: November 15, 2010

Three Helpful Tips for Renting Out Your Home

Home ownership has always been a part of the American dream, but that may be changing. Uncertainty in the housing market has led many would-be buyers to believe that renting's the better option.

According to a May 2010 online survey commissioned by the National Apartment Association, 76 percent of consumers think that renting is preferable to owning a home in today's market.

Likewise, some homeowners believe it's better to rent out their home than to sell it for less than its worth, if they can sell it all.

Those considering renting out their property shouldn't make a hasty decision. Neglecting to weigh the costs and potential risks could put first-time landlords in a poor situation. Moco, Inc., a company that provides screening services to property owners, managers and employers throughout the United States, offers the following tips:

* Look at the numbers. Renting might not be the best option. If you're going to lose money each month, it might make more sense to sell, even



if you won't get your asking price. Consider all potential costs, including property taxes, income taxes on your tenants' rent, maintenance, and the normal wear and tear your property will experience. Remember that you

won't be able to pocket all of the rent money; you will have to put a portion of it back into the property.

* Find quality tenants. Nightmare tenants can be, well, a nightmare.

Prepare for a careful screening process.

Many private landlords can't access the quality screening products available to larger businesses without going through a lengthy certification process. However, you can avoid time and expense by asking your applicants to visit MyScreeningReport.com. The report includes a consumer credit report, SSN verification, comprehensive criminal search, eviction search, national sex offender registry search and an OFAC (federal terrorism database) search -- everything you need to determine whether a potential tenant meets your standards.

* Use an all-encompassing lease. Whether you use a template or hire an attorney to write your lease, make sure that the lease clearly states your expectations. The lease should state who is responsible for what, when you expect rent to be paid and what penalties you will impose if it is late.

For more information, visit www.myscreeningreport.com

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ultimately flows into the Metropolitan Sanitary Reclamation District (MWRD) for treatment. The inflow of storm water into the sanitary system in Westchester, and throughout the entire Cook County region has become very problematic for all municipalities such as ours that utilize the MWRD for wastewater treatment.

STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Several streets in the Village have been reconstructed this year. The streets that were reconstructed were determined by a Street Repair Report that was authorized by the Village Board and completed in 2006.

Your Village Board is aware that there are many other streets in the Village that are in dire need of reconstruction, and they will be addressed as soon as fiscally possible. As you know, we sold \$3.5 million dollars in bonds to jump start the program. We are also in the process of receiving up to \$360,000 in funding to complete the street repair program from our recently retired

State Representative Bob Biggins.

The Village Board, in a cost saving initiative, has also authorized the purchase of a paving machine and our Public Works employees (yes that is correct, our own Public Works employees) have taken the initiative and are performing the work of a paving contractor. Several sections have been completed in all areas of the Village and at great cost savings of your tax dollars in that the Village did not have to go out and hire a paving contractor to perform this work. The Public Works guys have definitely stepped up to the plate in improving our streets and ridding them of those nasty pot holes and worn pavement. We would have been able to do more street projects ourselves but the flood of 2010 really hampered our plans this summer.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Village of Westchester Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Friday December 3rd at 7pm. The Village was fortunate enough to receive a donated tree from Al and Meg Staven residents who reside in the 10500 block of Canterbury. We have asked the donating family to "flip the switch" that lights up our tree as we welcome

in the Holiday Season. The event will be held at our main Firehouse at 102540 Roosevelt Road. Bring the entire family. Coffee, hot chocolate, and treats will be served. Also, Santa will be stopping in to wish all a Happy Holiday Season. Photographs with Santa will also be available free of charge.

FLOOD INFORMATION

FEMA has extended the time for filing claims. The new deadline for filing claims is November 17. Presently, the village is continuing its efforts to receive Public Assistance money to defray some of the costs associated with our clean up efforts following the Flood of 2010.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE HONORED

Village Trustee Nicholas Steker was promoted to Fire Lieutenant of the Franklin Park Fire Department on October 4. Mayor Barrett Pederson recommended Trustee Steker based on his high test score, work ethic, and his dedication to the Village of Franklin Park. I was honored to be able to perform Lieutenant Steker's swearing in. Please join me in congratulating Trustee Steker on this very important accomplishment in his career.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The recently formed Citizen Advisory Committee has been working hard on getting the word out regarding their food drive for the village food pantry. Numerous residents, based on various factors, are going to be in need of some assistance this season and I encourage all residents who can to donate to our neighbors who may be going through some difficult times this Holiday Season. We are nothing if we cannot assist the least among us. That is what being a community is about. Please take the time to drop off any canned non-perishable goods at the Village Hall. The Committee will ensure that all those who need assistance receive it. No donation is too small. Each and every item donated will go a long way in helping those among us who need our help.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Each year students from the Westchester Middle School get involved with the community. Counselor Mike Clark has sponsored this initiative each year and has watched the students give back to the

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Student Achievement

The State of Illinois determines targets each year for AYP or Adequate Yearly Progress. The AYP target represents the percentage of students who must meet or exceed state standards in reading and math on the state assessments. All students and subgroups of 45 or more students are calculated for AYP. The AYP target for the 2009-2010 school year was 77.5%. That means that to make AYP, the District and schools needed 77.5% of all students and all subgroups meeting or exceeding standards on the state reading and math state assessments.

AYP for the Westchester Primary School is based on third grade assessment scores since state assessments begin at grade 3. The WPS AYP report indicates that 80% of the students met or exceeded standards in reading and 92% in math. WPS met AYP targets. At the Westchester Intermediate School 77% of all students met or exceeded standards in reading and 89% in math. Because all subgroups did not meet targets in reading, WIS did not make AYP in reading but did meet the targets for math. At the Westchester Middle School 84% of students met or exceeded state targets in both reading and math and did meet state targets. At the District level, the assessment results of all students in grades three through eight and all students in each of the subgroups are counted in determining AYP. Even though 81% of all students met or exceeded target in reading and 86% met or exceeded in math, students in the subgroups did not meet the targets in reading.

The District Improvement Leadership Team, the Curriculum Advisory Committee and each of the schools School Improvement Leadership Teams reviews the data and develops Improvement Plans to address concerns indicated by the gaps in the achievement scores. The activities in the plan describe what teachers and administrators will do to meet the targets determined by the Illinois State Board of Education. The target for the 2010-2011 school year is that 85% of all students and all subgroups meet or exceed on the state reading and math assessments.

Primary School

Westchester Primary School's School Improvement Plan is designed to empower and enrich all students. Strategies for closing achievement gaps while keeping all children motivated and challenged is a constant focus of the staff. Core academic vocabulary words have been identified for student mastery. Terms such as "analyze", "summarize", "predict" and "compare" will be utilized

throughout students' daily work and communication. Research-based instructional practices that maximize student engagement and higher-level thinking skills will be pervasive throughout all classes. Strategies such as identifying similarities and differences, summarizing and note taking, creating non-linguistic representations and cooperative learning have been proven to affect student achievement.

Teachers will routinely meet with teams to review assessment data and target specific practices to meet the needs of all learners. The technology specialist and library teachers will collaborate with general education teachers and work with students to provide differentiated and enrichment support.

Monthly Dolphin Pride Assemblies will be held to promote a safe, positive school culture and celebrate student achievement. Parent involvement is encouraged through monthly coffees, timely tips in monthly school newsletters, and parent education events that will be developed based on a survey of parent needs.

Intermediate School

The Westchester Intermediate School Improvement Plan focuses on reading, math, and social/emotional learning to assist with improving the achievement of all of our students.

Our Reading goal focuses on using research-based instructional strategies to build on students' thinking. Students will participate in a differentiation block this year, which will develop reading skills at all levels. Common assessments from our core reading curriculum will be used to identify the varying needs of our students. Teachers will use the assessment results to provide additional support or enrichment activities and to assist students in developing their reading skills.

Our Math goal also focuses on using research-based instructional strategies to help students develop their thinking in math. Students are assessed on their math fact knowledge two times a week and will set goals to help increase their motivation and mastery of their math facts. Teachers are also focusing on higher level problem solving activities that help develop students' knowledge of effective strategies, math vocabulary, and communicating the process of how they solved the problem.

Our Social/Emotional learning goal expands on our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support philosophy of teaching student expectations, rewarding students for appropriate behavior, and providing additional support for students who struggle with following the WIS expectations. Students receive weekly lessons using the Second Step program, participate in assemblies twice

a month, and receive "paws" for following our school expectations. In addition, students who receive a behavior referral reflect on their behavior and determine alternate behaviors to effectively handle a similar situation. Students who consistently have difficulty following the WIS expectations participate in social skills groups to assist them with learning more effective, positive behaviors.

Middle School

All teachers will continue to receive professional development in the areas of Math, Reading, Teaming, and ELL strategies.

Using assessment results, students will set goals to improve reading fluency.

Students will participate in small reading groups that target their instructional level.

Students will use Blogs, Wikis and other technology to build literacy skills.

Student progress is monitored frequently to address enrichment and academic needs.

Math instruction will be differentiated to meet academic and instructional needs. Teachers will use pretests to assist in differentiation and establish flexible instructional groups.

Students will make connections with Math vocabulary in other content area classes.

Students will set Math goals using assessment results.

Students new to the school will participate in social groups to smoothly transition them into our school community.

Students and staff will work together to learn appropriate behaviors for our school community.

Students will participate in the SECOND STEP program to help them learn protective skills to make good choices and stay engaged in school despite the pitfalls of substance abuse, bullying, cyber bullying, and peer pressure.

Teachers on the School Improvement Leadership Team will monitor the progress of meeting the goals in the school improvement plan.

School/Community Leaders Honored by the ISBE

The Those Who Excel Awards Program annually awards and recognizes people who have made outstanding contributions to public and nonpublic elementary and secondary education. A selection committee comprised of statewide education is convened in early summer to evaluate and score the nominations.

The State Board annually bestows three levels of honor at its awards banquet; the

Award of Excellence, the Awards of Merit and the Award of Recognition. Awards were presented at the Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel awards banquet on Saturday, October 16, in Peoria.

The award winners are
Juanita Glassi—Westchester Intermediate School Nurse/Student Support Personnel Category

Barbara Stanger—Board Member/Community Volunteer Category

Sheri Wagner—Secretary to the Superintendent/Educational Service Personnel Category

The school district recognizes our Those Who Excel winners!

School District Strives to Recycle

The Westchester Public Schools has always valued recycling and continues to increase awareness during the 2010-2011 school year. Last year the school district formed a recycling committee comprised of parents and staff to work collaboratively to increase the community's awareness of the recycling movement. The first step was taken in April of 2009 when the District formed a partnership with the Abitibi-Consolidated Corporation. Abitibi provided the District with green paper recycling containers at each of the three schools. The plan was simple: get the containers, raise awareness, and collect unused or unneeded paper for recycling.

The results for the first year far exceeded our expectations. With the help of dedicated staff members, parents, students, and the community, the District recycled over 15 tons of paper during the 2009-2010 school year, which saved over 52 cubic yards of landfill space. The District is committed to exceeding the outstanding results from last year and recycling 20 tons of paper during the 2010-2011 school year. To date, the District has recycled 7.3 tons of paper in July and August. Thanks to the community's help we are well on our way to 20 tons.

The District Recycling Team is committed to our goals for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition to our year-long paper recycling drive, we will also sponsor other events to raise recycling awareness. Those events will be a magazine/catalog collection drive, Reuse-A-Shoe campaign, Waste Free Lunch demonstrations and product promotions, and events that highlight the Earth Day theme of reduce, reuse, and recycle.

The District Recycling Team will work tirelessly this year to help clean our environment, raise awareness of the importance of recycling, and provide real life learning experiences for our students.

Westchester Park District's



Annual Holiday Party & Tree Lighting

Wednesday & Thursday, December 1st & 2nd
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Free

The Park District's Annual Holiday Party and Tree Lighting is an annual tradition held at the Park District's Community Center. We invite all residents to come out and share in the holiday spirit! Wednesday, December 1st, enjoy music sung by the Intermediate School chorus while Old Saint Nick arrives just-in-time to light the tree. Don't miss this magical holiday event complete with an outdoor train ride, entertainment, crafts, storytelling, beautiful decorations, Santa, Mrs. Claus and refreshments. This event is perfect for anyone of any age who loves the holidays!



Santa's Mailbox

Have you been naughty or nice?
We will send your letter to the North Pole for Santa to decide.
Drop your letter in Santa's Mailbox with a self addressed stamped envelope and Santa will write back.



Tip-off Classic

8th Grade Boys & Girls

Sunday, November 14th Admission: \$3.00 adults / \$2.00 student/children

The Annual Grade School Tip-Off Classic matches schools in Westchester against each other in one day of basketball. The winning teams receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year. Come on out and support your team.



Winners of the 2009 Tip-off Classic

8th Grade Girls

- 1984 Divine Infant
- 1985 Divine Providence
- 1986 Divine Infant
- 1987 Middle School
- 1988 - 1990 Divine Infant
- 1991 Divine Providence
- 1992 Divine Infant
- 1993 - 1994 Middle School
- 1995 Divine Infant
- 1996 - 1997 Divine Providence
- 1998 - 2000 Middle School
- 2001 - 2003 Divine Providence
- 2004 Middle School
- 2005 - 2006 Divine Providence
- 2007 Middle School
- 2008 Divine Providence
- 2009 Middle School



8th Grade Boys

- 1984 - Divine Providence
- 1985 - 1988 Middle School
- 1989 - Immanuel Lutheran
- 1990 - Divine Providence
- 1991 - 1994 Divine Infant
- 1995 - 2009 Middle School

For more information please visit our website at www.wpdparks.org or call us at 708.865.8200.



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Save the Date

Upcoming Chamber Events

Thursday, November 4th

After Hours Event
Location: Inland Bank
2225 S. Wolf Road, Hillside
Time: 5-7:00 p.m. Cost: FREE
Hosted by: Inland Bank and the Hillside/Berkeley Chamber

Tuesday, November 16th

Luncheon with Speaker
Location: Alpine Banquet Haus
11141 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$17.00
Speakers: Westchester School Dist. 92.5 and Proviso Dist. 209

Tuesday, December 7th

Annual Christmas Luncheon - Installation of Officers
Location: Maggianos
240 Oakbrook Center, Oakbrook
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Cost: \$35.00
Please contact Bill Ernst (708) 243-9859 to donate gifts for raffle prizes.

Saturday, January 29th

“Celebrate Westchester”
Location: The Bistro at Westbrook Corporate Center
More details to follow

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President: Marianne Bero, St. Joseph High School
Vice President: Cindy Erwin, Gluten Free Grocery
Treasurer: Dr. Keith Suchy, DDS.
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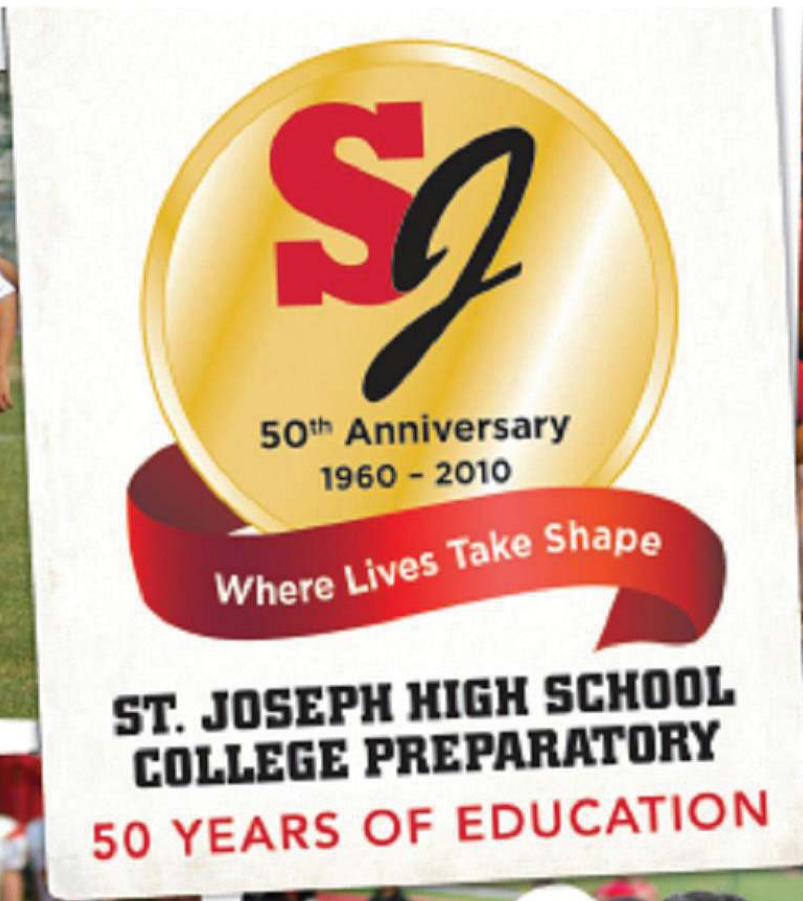
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Mary Bakas



OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010
1:00pm to 3:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Schedule a Shadow Day for any Friday during the school year.

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8:00am

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The St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary Reunion Banquet/Dinner Dance will celebrate St. Joseph and IHM graduating classes of 1970 (40th), 1980 (30th), 1985 (25th) and 2000 (10th). The reunion will take place on Saturday, November 13 at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Please contact Mr. Gene Pingatore with any questions.



St. Joseph High School, Westchester, 1960



Immaculate Heart of Mary High School

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUM CONGRATULATIONS

MS. DIANE GUIDO BERNER
MARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT
 IHM High School, Class of 1970

The Marian Award honors an IHM alumna who has committed herself to living out Christian values in service to others and inspires leadership in today's women.




Above: Ms. Diane Guido Berner (far right) during her senior year at Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1970.

MR. WILLIAM WEIGEL
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER AWARD
 St. Joseph High School, Class of 1970

The St. Joseph the Worker Award honors a St. Joseph alum who has been judged to have distinguished themselves in business, the arts, science, community service or any other area that reflects the talent and diversity of both the former and present student bodies of St. Joseph High School.



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Important information regarding vehicle license renewals

Village Board Changes the Vehicle License Renewal Due Date

The Village Board in their efforts to made procedures at Village Hall more customers friendly decided to change the due date for vehicle licenses from February 15th of each year, to April 30th. In the past residents were mailed vehicle license renewal forms in early December, with payment due no later than February 15th of the following year. Because of the mailing went out over the holiday period when winter condition may have been a hindrance for residents to place their new stickers on their windshields, the Village Board decided that it would be more convenient to residents to

pay their vehicle license fees at a later time when weather conditions were more favorable to taking stickers off the windshield and affixing the new license sticker.

At their July 20th board meeting the Village Board changed the due date from February 15th to April 30th of each year, extending the current vehicle license period from February 15, 2011, to April 30, 2011. Renewal forms will be mailed to residents during early March, 2010. Vehicle license rates have not changed, and the penalty for purchasing a vehicle license after the due date will stay the same. The late payment penalty is double the original vehicle license fee, e.g. passenger cars vehicle license

fee is \$35, and the late renewal fee is \$70.

Residents are reminded that they must purchase a vehicle license for all vehicles housed in Westchester, as well as for all vehicles that are registered through the State of Illinois with a Westchester address, e.g. vehicles that may be used at a second resident, but registered to their Westchester address, are required to have a Westchester vehicle license.

Village Board Implements New Vehicle License Rate for Antique Vehicles

Residents who own an antique vehicle and have a State of Illinois antique license plate will now be able to purchase a \$10 annual village

license fee, rather than paying the \$35 passenger vehicle fee. The Village Board decided that vehicles with State of Illinois antique plates are meant to travel infrequently on the streets, and should not be required to pay the same fee that a regular passenger vehicles that frequently use the Village's streets.

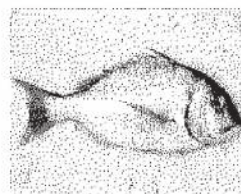
Residents are reminded that they must purchase a vehicle license for all vehicles housed in Westchester, as well as for all vehicles that are registered through the State of Illinois with a Westchester address, e.g. antique vehicles not housed in Westchester, but registered to a Westchester address, are required to have a Westchester vehicle license.

Neighbors helping Neighbors

The Westchester Food Pantry is in great need of donations.

Either food, cash, checks, or gift certificates are accepted and can be dropped off at the Village Hall.

Food Pantry volunteers prepare holiday baskets for families in need. If you would like to help or know residents who are experiencing hardships, please contact Judy Saraceno Swenson at 708/531-0535 or by email at swenson01@comcast.net



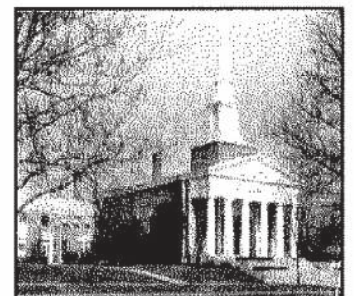
Fried fish, chicken (fried or rotisserie), and shrimp. Dinners include potato, coleslaw, beverage (coffee, tea or milk) and a desert for the price of \$10

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Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand we cannot touch, we still have many memories of the one we loved so much.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part.

God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts. Sadly missed, but never forgotten! Your loving family.



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Cab Coupon Program Discount:

This program provides discount taxicab coupons for Senior and Handicapped residents. Coupon books are available for a cost of \$10 and have a value of \$20. Books must be purchased in person at the Village Hall. There is a limit of one book per person per month.

E-brief system being replaced

Westchester has recently joined Nixle. This will soon be replacing this current e-brief system, to protect your information and to better serve you.

Please consider taking a few moments to go online and sign up today at <https://local.nixle.com/register/> Nixle is the best way to stay up to date on what is happening throughout the community.

Nixle will be used in addition to our twitter, newsletter, and

our current "robo-call" system. The Nixle system will soon be replacing this e-brief system, so please log on and create your preferred form of communication. You can also go to our webpage to sign up.

This new system has many new advantages, such allowing for only receiving select updates that you can choose to subscribe to. Nixle also allows for these updates to be sent in the form of text messages to your phone.

No Feeding of Wild Animals

A friendly reminder from the Village that it is unlawful to feed wild animals such as deer, wolves, or stray dogs or cats. Wild animals, rodents, and birds may constitute a menace to public health and comfort and can also be offensive. Simple, casual feeding of birds with bird seed or similar types of natural products is permitted if not excessive and does not cause a public nuisance.

For more information go to www.westchester-il.org Municipal Code Chapter 10.12



Prescription Discount Program

The Village of Westchester has a free prescription discount card 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%

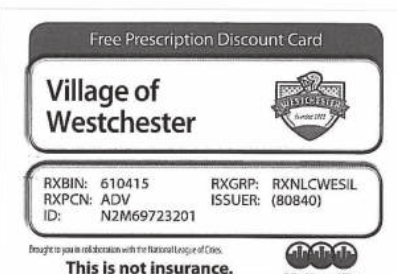
-There is no cost to the city or to the residents to use the card. There are no enrollment fees and no membership fees.

-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.



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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Bed Bugs: Unwelcome Hitchhikers

NewsUSA: Our bed might seem like a respite after time spent away from home – until you wake up covered in red, itchy bites.

Unfortunately, this scenario is becoming more common; bed bugs are on the rise, and many travelers bring them home as unwanted souvenirs.

Bed bugs are insects that feed on human blood. Dark brown creatures the size of apple seeds, bed bugs bite sleeping humans – they even inject anesthetics to keep people from

waking.

Although their bites itch and can produce allergic reactions in some people, bed bugs are not known to transmit disease.

In the 1990s, few Americans had ever seen bed bugs, but the ectoparasites have come back in a big way. In a survey of pest management professionals conducted by the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) and the University of Kentucky, 95 percent of U.S. respondents said that their company encountered a bed

bug infestation in the past year. Only 25 percent of them could say the same thing in 1999.

Bed bugs are accomplished hitchhikers. They travel in suitcases and furniture, or by attaching themselves to clothes. Bed bugs can be found in any place where humans gather in groups, including movie theaters, churches and libraries, as well as places that see many travelers, like hotels.

A visual inspection is the best way to detect bug bugs. Check beds and

furniture when checking into hotels, and inspect your suitcase before bringing it into your house.

If you suspect that you have bed bugs at home, call a professional, as bed bugs are the most difficult pest to treat.

Want to learn more about bed bugs? Visit the NPMA's Bed Bug Hub at PestWorld.org/bedbugs for fact sheets, FAQs, news and more resources. For more information or to find a local pest professional, visit www.PestWorld.org.

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community by raking up leaves and picking up trash during this fall season. The date of the event was October 26th and approximately 400 students participated. Thanks Mike, to you and your staff for wanting to "Make a Difference" in Westchester.

WATER METER QUESTIONS

In May, the Village Board authorized the replacement of the old style water meters that have outlived their life cycle. The meters were those with an outside dial reader which an employee had to physically write down the numbers for billing purposes.

The updated meters are ones that can be read by a touch pad reader which represents a more accurate system. Approximately 2000 old style meters needed to be replaced. Letters were sent to the homeowners with the old style meter informing them of this required change. To date, the company performing this job, United Meters Inc., has changed all but appx 200 meters. If you have not complied with this mandate and have not yet had your old style meter replaced, please contact United Meters at 1-877-533-8964 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for this replacement. It only took the man 20 minutes to change my old meter last month.

WATER CONSERVATION

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. Please make sure all of your faucets and toilets are not leaking as you are ultimately paying for this usage.

Placing a few drops of colored food coloring in your toilet tank before you go to bed can show a possible leak

in the bowl by morning. Dripping faucets can also be a cause of water loss. All those drips add up to wasted water and money..

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on the weekend of November 6-7 as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end at 2 AM on Sunday. Spring ahead Fall back!

FRAUD and CON ARTISTS

As a result of our Flood Disaster, many unscrupulous Con Artists are hard at work attempting to defraud people who have had flood damage. If you receive any text message directing you to call a "star" number for FEMA information this is a scam. By calling the number you will be charged \$9.95. FEMA does not charge for information or send out text messages.

The official help line for FEMA is 1-800-621-3362.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Approximately 300 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that is the byproduct when fuels burn improperly. The burning of wood, oil, natural gas, gasoline, propane, coal, diesel fuel, and kerosene create carbon monoxide gas. As colder weather approaches, make sure you have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector. To insure your furnace is working properly, please have it checked and serviced by a professional. Your safety is our concern.

PROVISO COUNCIL ON AGING

The West Suburban Senior Service Center is located at 439 Bohland Avenue in Bellwood Illinois. (Near St. Simeon Church) The center has

a vast array of programs for our senior citizens. Monthly, The Senior Chronicle Newsletter is produced and has a number of interesting events and activities for our seniors. As residents of Proviso Township, you may be able to avail yourself of these services. For more information, please contact the center at 708-547-5600

DIVINE INFANT FLAG RAISING

On Friday, September. 17, Divine Infant Jesus held their beginning of the year "Flag Raising Ceremony". Mr. Gramarossa led the ceremony with a prayer which was followed by a description of the flag and the significance of the stars and stripes. After the flag was raised by Chris Kulnig and Kelvin Soyemi, DI Alumni, Franklin Park Firefighter and Westchester Trustee, Nick Steker led the student body with the Pledge of Allegiance. Students then sang a couple of choruses of "God Bless the U.S.A." and finished off the ceremony by singing the DI School Song.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Each year businesses selling and or serving alcoholic beverages have to be licensed and registered not only

with the Village of Westchester but also the State of Illinois. As Liquor Commissioner, I have the authority to grant liquor licenses, hold hearings for violations, and assess penalties as state law provides. A new application form and additional requirements will be necessary for establishments beginning January 1, 2011. Presently Westchester has 17 licenses issued to restaurants, liquor stores, and stores that sell alcohol such as Walgreens, Dominicks, Jewel, and other convenient type stores. Managers will have to submit to background checks by fingerprints, and Bassett training will be required for all persons handling alcoholic beverages. These additional requirements will make accountable those selling and or serving alcoholic beverages.

WESTCHESTER WORLD

In an attempt to keep our residents more informed, I have created a cable TV program named "Westchester's World." Presently we are using the facility at the Village of Addison to do our taping. The show is 1 hour

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Reminders from the public works department

As a reminder, this is the final week for branch pickup for this year, November 1-5, 2010. Absolutely no brush will be picked up after this date, you will be required to dispose of it on your own.

We need to dismantle the truck and prepare for snow plowing. Branch pickup will resume April 2011. Please note that the last pick-up day for yard waste by Waste Management will be November 30, 2010.

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.

As always, if residents see an unusual amount of water in the streets or parkways it 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.

Adopt a fire hydrant-keep a hydrant clean....As the snow season approaches, please remember to keep the fire hydrants clean and free

of snow so that the Fire Department can obtain easy access to them in case of emergency.

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 brooms to clean the curbs we ask you to NOT rake leaves into the streets as this clogs the storm sewers.

Not far behind leaves comes SNOW! When it does begin to snow, Village crews work long and hard to keep our streets clear and safe.

Please assist us by observing the following:

Place garbage cans and bins behind the curb line-not in the street

Observe "NO PARKING" and "SNOW ROUTE" signs

Do not throw or blow snow back

into the cleared streets

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 of the street (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of the 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 the 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.

Current projects

The 2010 Street Improvement Project is nearing completion.

By November 1st, all curb, aprons, and sidewalks should be complete.

Paving will be complete on Manchester, Bond, Kent, Heidorn, and Evers. Cromwell and Devonshire will be paved sometime in early 2011.

Water Meter Project

The water meter replacement project is nearing its completion. Over 2000 out-of-date water meters have been replaced. There are less than 200 meters left to be replaced. All new meters include an outside touch-pad which ensures accurate measurements. If you still have a Badger water meter with an outside dial, please contact United Meters at 1-877-533-8964 as soon as possible to get it replaced.

Sewer System Evaluation

V3 will be conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the Village sanitary sewer system. V3 will be working with the Village to analyze the information already gathered by the Village. The sanitary sewers have been recently televised throughout the Village and a flow monitoring study was performed that collected sanitary sewer flow data at ten key locations during dry and wet weather.

The Village is currently conducting

a smoke test to determine any rain water flow hook-ups into the sanitary system. The sanitary sewer evaluation will analyze all the data, identify solutions to wet weather back-ups, and formulate and implement a phased corrective plan. It is anticipated that this study will be completed by the end of January.

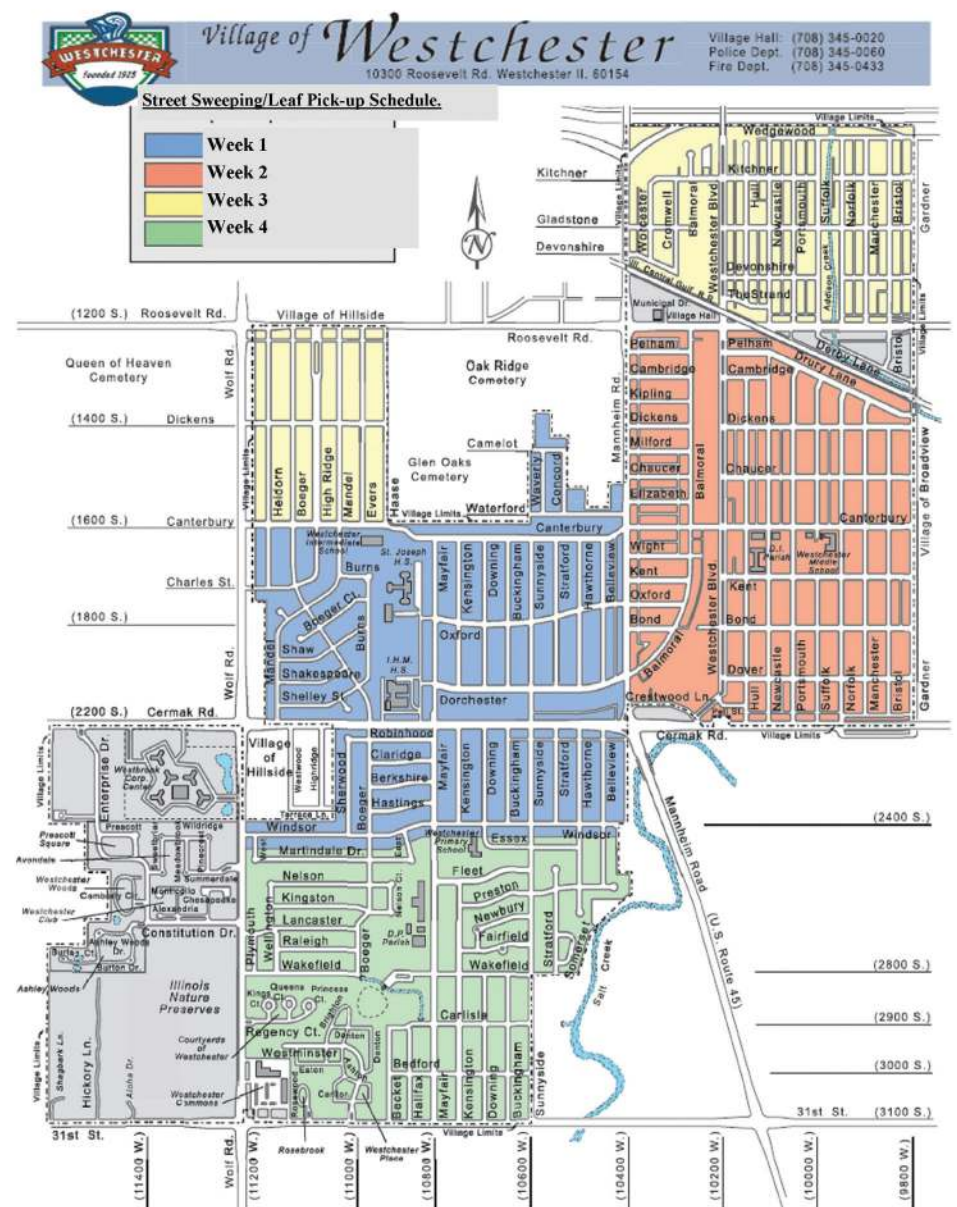
Fire Hydrant Painting

By the beginning of November, all the fire hydrants in town will have been painted red. This was done with an outside contractor in order to sandblast off the 90 years of paint layers on many of our hydrants. They have all been sandblasted, primed, and painted with two coats of red paint.

Gardner Road

Gardner Road construction between Roosevelt and Canterbury began in mid-October after a long delay due to new regulations. This final phase of Gardner Road will include intermittent curb and sidewalk replacement, and concrete driveway aprons. The roadway will then be ground down and repaved with asphalt surface. This will result in a pot-hole free zone along the whole length of Gardner Road.

Both projects were completed with 50/50 cost sharing between Westchester and Broadview.



The above schedule should be used as a guideline. The Public Works department started the week of October 18th with the blue area. They will continue to pick up leaves as the weather permits.

Spotlight on Cathy Booth, village clerk



Cathy Booth

Village Clerk
Elected 2009

Personal and Professional Background: I grew up in the western suburbs and I have been a Westchester resident for over 25 years. My husband and I bought our first home in Westchester with plans on staying about 5 years. We quickly grew to love the Village and have made many great friends over the years. I have 3 children who all went through the public grade schools and then attended Nazareth Academy. My oldest son is now living downtown, my middle son is still at home with me and my daughter is away finishing college.

I work at Saint Isaac Jogues Church

in Hinsdale. I also substitute teach in District 92 ½. I am a member of Divine Infant Parish. I volunteer at the Dominican Literacy Center where I tutor adult students in English.

Was there a moment when you realized you wanted to run for office?

I actually never thought about running for public office. Although I've always been very interested in politics, I never thought about participating at the local level. I was approached by a friend who asked if I would be interested in running for Village Clerk with the Westchester Comes First party.

I met with Sam Pulia and other proposed candidates and decided I would give it a try. From that point on I was busy with campaigning, fundraisers, and many meetings and was surprised to win the election in April with all the other candidates from the Westchester Comes First party.

Reflections on my time in office:

I've been in office for a year and a half now and the time has gone by very quickly. I went into office not knowing a thing about municipal government but with each meeting I always learn something new. What

has been really great to see is how the board members really try to work together for the good of the community. Not everyone agrees all of the time but I know that each one of them has the best interests of Westchester in mind. I can sit back and listen to both sides of a debate and appreciate what a difficult position it is to have to take sides.

Sometimes I'm not sure what side I would take if I had to vote. But residents can rest assured that all topics are discussed thoroughly and completely before a vote is called.

The best part about being an elected official:

The best part about being an elected official is by far all the wonderful people I have met and gotten to know. Everyone on the board and at the Village has been so great to work with. This past summer presented many challenges to the Village and the board members and it was great to see how elected officials, Village employees, and residents all pulled together to help everyone who needed it. I've seen first-hand what pride our residents have in their town and it makes me glad to be a part of it.

Goals:

I definitely have gotten more out

of this office than I could ever have imagined.

I know I will continue to learn more about my elected position and hope to continue to serve this Village working hand in hand with the board and Village staff.

Down side about being an elected official:

The office of Village Clerk is time consuming with not only the meetings but the time it takes to transcribe the minutes from the meetings. So it is a big time commitment. It is also discouraging to hear a resident complain that the Village isn't doing enough to tackle the many issues facing our community.

The Village Board and Village staff are so open to listening to residents' concerns and genuinely want to help. I always tell people to go to a meeting to voice their problems or to call and speak to someone on staff that can help.

Advice to someone considering running for office:

Don't be afraid to try. It is a wonderful way to get involved in your community and you would be surprised at how much you will take away from the experience. It opens your mind to ideas and viewpoints you might not ever have thought of.

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in length and is usually broken down into 15 minute segments. Some segments have gone ½ hour in length.

The first guests of the program were Mr. Dave McCreery from St. Joseph High School, Mr. Derek Gordon, Westchester Park District Commissioner, Dr. Jean Sophie and David Hill from Westchester School District 92.5, and Village Manager Stan Urban.

Our second guests were Mr. David Ramos from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, and Mr. Gregory Eaton from FEMA who is handling the flood assessments in this area, as well as Police Chief April Padalik and Fire Chief Richard Belmonte.

Our third show guests were Alderman Chris Nybo from Elmhurst, and Liz Doody Gorman, Cook County Representative from the 17th District which covers the western

portion of Westchester. Westchester Community Development Director Dennis DiPasquale and Public Works Superintendent John Fecarotta completed the segment with Dennis informing us about building permits, and John demonstrating how to remove your illegally hooked up downspouts from the sanitary sewer system.

Our recently taped show had Cook County Commissioner Tony Peracia from the 16th District covering the majority of Westchester, Michael Hetzel Co-Chair of the Westchester Economic Development Committee, and State Senator Kimberly Lightford, representing the Western portion of Chicago and the western suburbs including Westchester.

The segments can be seen of Comcast Channel 6 on Fridays at Noon as well as reruns on Thursdays. Check Comcast channel guide or channel 6 for programming information. We are presently working to get these programs on AT&T U-verse. I hope you will find these programs worthwhile and very informative.

