



Village of Westchester

September 2010 Newsletter

From the Desk of The President

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President Pulia invites and Westchester hosts Governor Quinn, Congressmen Davis and Lipinski, along with many other FEMA and IEMA officials.

PROPOSED EFFORTS FOR FUTURE FLOOD CONTROL

At the recent Town Hall Meeting on July 27th I requested that the Village Board give serious consideration to expending Village funds to support what other flood ravaged communities have offered to their residents for flood control.

Boards of many neighboring communities have initiated an "Overhead Sanitary Sewer Assistance Programs" where a set amount of tax dollars are put aside each year for grants to residents for specific changes to their home that could possibly prevent sanitary sewer back-up into their basements.

This topic was originally discussed by the Board on July 6th, and twice after the July 23rd-24th storm, with the most recent discussions taking place on August 17th.

In addition to discussions with the whole Board, the Finance Committee has met on several occasions to review the Village's current financial status, as well as the projected financial status of the Village over the next few years. The matter was discussed at length with differing opinions.

In addition to these discussions, Village Staff members presented a mitigation plan involving a comprehensive review of the sanitary sewer tapes in conjunction with the flow study analysis and smoke test to the village sanitary sewer system.

The smoke test is designed to identify residences whose gutter downspouts are

improperly connected to the sanitary sewer system.

An improper connection can result in thousands of gallons of rain(storm) water infiltrating the sanitary sewers system instead of being allowed to run off into the yards of the homes.

Included in my request were four types of monetary grants. These included grants for 1) overhead sewers, 2) lift stations, 3) back flow valves, and 4) the rodding and televising of homeowner owned lateral pipe attachments to the village main sewer line.

At this time, the Village Board has only provided authorization for the smoke test to be performed.

We will be receiving additional specifications regarding a mitigation plan when the review of the three aforementioned televising, flow study and smoke test are completed.

Therefore, until a complete mitigation plan including all facets of the plan are thoroughly placed on the table, there will be no village monetary grants available to residents for overhead sewers, lift stations, back flow valves, or lateral pipe maintenance.

Although a consensus has not yet been reached to proceed with this grant program at this time, I will continue researching this issue and working cooperatively with the Finance Committee to hopefully provide some type of monetary assistance in the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2 September 2010

Profile



Name: Jim Adams

Rank: Lieutenant

Years as Firefighter: 22 years, 20 years with WFD

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

It wasn't a moment. I have come to the realization over the course of my career that this is the **ONLY** regular occupation that I **WANT** and feel a **NEED** to do.

Describe a good day at work:

A good day at work is a nice sunny, seventy-some degree day. Just doing our normal day to day activities, taking breaks outside periodically, and do a little outside training with my firefighters. .

What is the best part about your job?

I **REALLY** enjoy working and living in Westchester. Knowing that I'm helping my fellow residents that I see on a day-to-day basis, gives me the utmost satisfaction. Also, going home and appreciating my family more, because of some of the experiences that I've had. **NEVER** take anything or anyone for granted !!

What is one downside to your Job?

I say, "this is the **BEST** job in the world, and it's the **WORST** job in the world!" It's the best job because it motivates me to be the best that I could possibly be. It's the worst job because sometimes no matter how hard you work and perform, sometimes there's a bigger plan, and things don't always turn out the way you would like them to.

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

Make sure this is what you truly want to do, don't do it **JUST** for an occupation. Most firefighters have a calling to do this. You can tell who is truly passionate about this because it shows in their attitude and work ethic.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

My perfect day off is spending it on my boat, with my wife, 3 kids, and dog, tubing, fishing, and swimming. After that, having a nice dinner at Snug Harbor on the Fox River and finishing the day off, by playing card games with the family, while overlooking the river.

Fire Safety Services and Education

The Village of Westchester Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, is a crucial component to the safety of our community. The bureau is responsible primarily for the fire and life safety inspections of all commercial properties within the Village, and works in partnership with the Building Department to provide a safe and viable community.

The Fire Prevention Bureau reviews all plans submitted to the Village to ensure the highest level of fire protection is provided for our residents and business community. Our inspectors are certified through the Illinois State Fire Marshalls Office. They review and recommend improvements to proposed and existing fire protection systems. We also utilize the services of outside consultants to verify quality and continuity with the most current fire codes and ordinances.

Education is the key to any successful fire prevention and life safety program. The Westchester Fire Department provides speakers to any organization requesting presentations on fire and life safety topics. We realize that the largest contributing factor of fires today, is the accidental actions of people. The Fire Department uses education as a tool to provide fire safety information to all residents within the village from school children to adults. Programs offered to the community include; the Kids Fire Safety House, Workplace Fire Safety and Evacuation Consulting, Senior Fire Safety and Residential Home Fire Safety Surveys. We also provide the Residential Knox Box program for our aged and disabled residents. These and other programs are tailored to meet the needs of the department, as well as those who request our services.

The primary goal of the Fire Department is to educate business owners on the reasons that codes are enforced and how effective codes are in keeping properties safe. Our inspection process allows reasonable time for compliance on nuisance issues, but requires immediate action on any issue that is considered a life safety hazard. Additionally, The Village of Westchester has adopted the 2000 International Fire Code. The International Fire Code and the NFPA Life Safety Code provide the highest level of safety requirements for our Village. One element of the fire inspection process is ensuring that landlords, owners, and occupants of the commercial properties in the village are maintaining a safe environment. The bureau, along with the Code Enforcement officer, will cite and potentially fine those businesses and building owners who choose not to comply with the adopted codes and ordinances of the Village. It is a last resort, but our goal is the safety of all who live and work within the Village.

The Fire Prevention Bureau encourages residents and businesses in the village to take advantage of our services, and our doors are always open to answer your questions about fire safety. Please feel free to contact Captain Jeff LeBeda, or any Fire Inspector at 708-345-0433 for more information.



Westchester Remembers 9/11



President Sam Pulia extends an invitation to residents, business and property owners, to attend a service in memory of the events of September 11, 2001.

The service will be held Saturday, September 11, 2010 in front of the Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Please join our elected officials, members of the Fire and Police department and other community leaders as we honor those who lost their lives, as well as those who continue to provide for the freedom we enjoy.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.



Fire Department Open House

Saturday October 3, 2010

12:00 pm. – 4:00 pm

The Westchester Fire Department invites you to our Open House. Please join us, to celebrate our community's efforts to "Stay Fire Smart and Don't Get Burned". Come meet the Firefighters and see the tools and equipment we use to keep Westchester safe!

There will be plenty of activities for adults and children to participate in. Please join us and play a part in making Westchester a safe place to live!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Reminder for parents and students to register/update library cards for new school year.

Wednesday, September 1

Summer is over and it is time to meet again. Divine Providence Over 50 Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the School Gym. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Wednesday, September 1

Registration begins for Youth Storytimes at the Library.

Friday, September 3

First Friday Adoration, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue, Call 708-562-3364 for more info.

Monday, September 6

Library closed for Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 7

Regular hours return at Library: Mon-Thurs 9:30-9 pm, Sat 9:30-5 pm, and Sun 1-5 pm

Wednesday, September 8

Divine Infant Jesus School Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. Contact person: Mr. Leonard Gramarossa 708-865-0122

Wednesday, September 8

International Literacy Day celebration at Library.

Thursday, September 9

DI Guild Bridge & Bunco/Potluck Appetizers Kickoff. Langan Hall 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

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Lifesource Blood Drive, 8am - 1pm Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint (the "Mormon Church") In conjunction with Lifesource at 1550 Haase Ave. Westchester (South of Roosevelt and West of Mannheim)

Flu-Pneumonia-Tetanus Shots

Friday, September 17th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Westchester Village Hall Community Room

Call for mandatory appointment time: 708/345-0020. Dominick's will bill Medicare Part B participants for Flu and pneumonia; tetanus NOT covered. For medical related questions, please contact your physician or Dominick's pharmacy at 708-562-8101

Better Business Bureau and community partners host free "shred it and forget it" day from 9 AM to 2 PM the West Suburban Bank, 2800 Finley Road in Downers Grove. This is free/open to Westchester residents with 10 boxes per person accepted.

Saturday/Sunday September 11-12

Manna Certificate Sale after all Masses, 5:00 on Saturday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 on Sunday, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair. Call 708-562-3364 for more info.

Friday, September 17

Taize Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair. Call 708-562-3364 for more info.

Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24

Kiwanis club of Westchester annual Peanut Day Fund raiser from noon to 6:30 pm on the following corners: Mannheim Rd & Roosevelt Rd, 22nd St & Mannheim Rd and 31st St & Wolf Rd. The Kiwanis club of Westchester was established in 1956 and is still very active in the community. The money raised from peanut sales goes to help the youth of Westchester and Proviso township fund many worthwhile projects in our community. Please, when you see the men & women on these corners contribute to help the children.

Saturday, September 25

DI Guild First Outdoor Flea Market, Food, Crafts, Vendors. 9AM-3PM. 1640 Newcastle. For Space Information please email Gdpanek@Comcast.Net

Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, October 26

St. Vincent DePaul Appreciation for Volunteers, 5 PM Mass on Saturday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, Coffee following each Mass, Divine Providence 2600 Mayfair, Call 708-562-3364 for more info.

Saturday/Sunday, September 25-26

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October 2010 Events

October 1

Fish/Chicken Fry - 4:30 - 7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall at Westchester Comm. Church October 2nd - Scrapbooking Fundraiser - 8am - 11 pm - Fellowship Hall at Westchester Comm. Church for more information contact Sue Becerra at 708/865-1282

Saturday, October 2

Divine Providence Annual Four Seasons Bazaar and Craft Show from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. in the parish's McNerney Center and Mayfair Room. Over 50 crafters and vendors are participating. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch in the cafe. Treat your family to homemade bakery in our bakery booth and take a chance on over 30 themed gift baskets. For further information, please contact Maria Lovera, Chairperson, at 708-449-2740.

Saturday, October 2

Proviso West High School of 1970 is having its 40th year reunion

at the Hyatt Place Hotel, 1400 Corporetum Drive, Lisle, IL on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010. The cost is \$65.00 per person; paid in advance. For more information, go to: <http://sites.google.com/site/provisowest1970reunion/>

Sunday, October 3

11:30AM Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Divine Providence Parish 2550 Mayfair, call 708-562-3364 for more info.

Sunday, October 3

Blessing of Pets, 2:00 PM, Divine Providence Parish, 2550 Mayfair Ave, Courtyard.

Monday, October 4

Divine Providence Over 50 Club The trip to Mackinac Island is leaving on October 4 and returning October 8. There are still openings. Give Marianne a call at 708-562-3766 or 708-352-6363.

Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7

WPTC Scholastic Book Fair at Westchester Primary and Intermediate Schools. Westchester Parents and Teachers for Children (WPTC) is sponsoring a book fair. The annual fair will run for 2 days at both schools. More information available soon.

Saturday, October 9

October Harvest Fest from 10 am to 4 pm on the grounds of the Prairie House -11225 Constitution Drive - crafters, vendors, food, games, and music.

October 8 and 9

Lions Candy Days - Please donate generously to your local Lions Club members at street corners in town to benefit those with vision and hearing impairment. Please contact Matt Duff at (708) 345-9829 if you have questions or are interested in joining the Westchester Lions Club.

*Please see
the Village
website for
posted agendas
and complete
Village meeting
schedule. [www.
westchester-il.
org](http://www.westchester-il.org)*



Community Commitment

Blotter

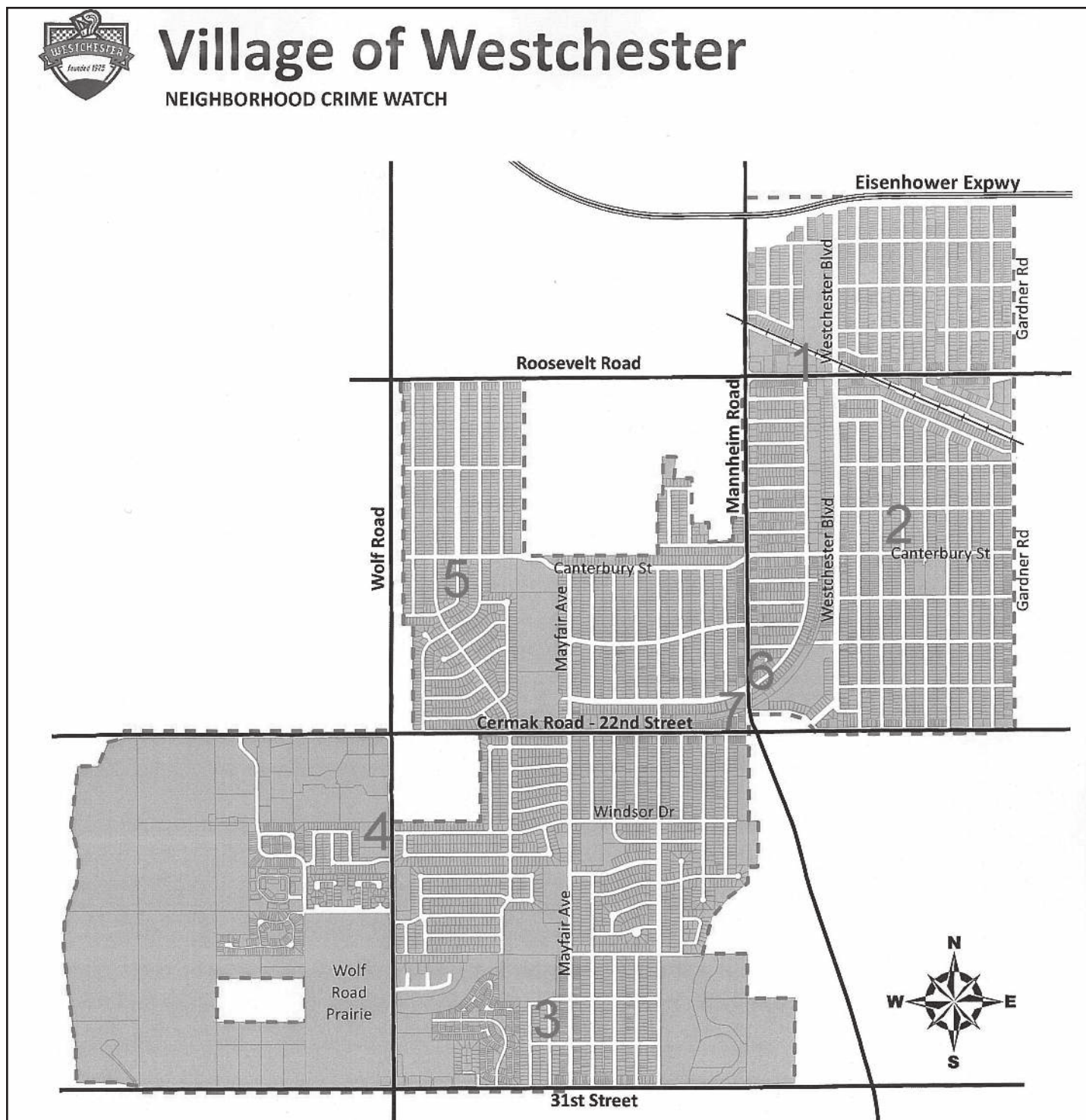
1 At 2:44pm on July 27th 2010, a theft from vehicle was reported from the Westchester Post office parking lot at 10240 Roosevelt Road. An unknown person took a purse from the front seat of an unlocked vehicle parked in the parking lot.

2 At 7:39am on July 28th 2010, a damage to vehicle was reported on the 1500 block of Portsmouth. The complainant advised that their rear driver side window was broken. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

3 At 11:38am on July 28th 2010, a theft was reported on the 2900 block of Becket. The resident advised that sometime the previous night a wheel barrel was taken from the side of the house.

4 At 2:06pm on July 31st 2010, a theft was reported on the 2400 block of Wolf Road. A nylon bag containing personal identification was taken from a vehicle while parked in a parking lot.

5 At 5:51pm on July 31st 2010, a theft was reported on the 1600 block of High Ridge. The resident advised that someone had just left the area after attempting



to take an awning from his house. Officers located and arrested the suspect for attempted theft.

6 At 3:01am on August 12th 2010, a burglary was discovered

at the Tobacco Depot at 1943 Mannheim Road. Subject(s) made entry to the store by breaking the front window. Cigarettes, cigars and money was taken from the store. The investigation is still ongoing.

7 At 6:53pm on August 13th 2010, a theft was reported in the Jewel Foods parking lot at 2128 Mannheim. A store patron advised that his hub caps were removed from his vehicle.

Lock your doors...

Car owners are reminded to lock their doors when parking their vehicles. Also make sure that valuables such as GPS units are not left in sight. The majority of car burglaries occur when the vehicle is unlocked.

Back-to-School... Be Alert!

Westchester Police remind drivers that school is back in session. Please use extreme caution when driving around neighborhood school zones. It is also unlawful to talk on your cell phone while driving in a school zone. Parents are advised to pay attention to parking restrictions around schools. Please avoid double parking and dropping off your child in a "No Parking" zone. Westchester police will be enforcing parking violations.

BACK TO SCHOOL

School is back in session and our children and young adults will be out and about as they commute to and from school. To ensure the utmost safety for our youth during these periods of the day our police department will be stepping up their patrols around school facilities. Each and every one of us can also help by being mindful of our surroundings and driving with extreme caution, especially in the school zones. To this end, please obey the School Zone Speed Limit of 10 MPH, all Stop Signs, pedestrians in the crosswalks, as well as the Prohibited Use of Cell Phones in the School Zones. Violations may result in traffic citations as well as fines. Also, please be mindful of the Crossing Guards, whose primary concern is making sure our children get to and from school safely.

PROVISO TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE

I have received word from the Cook County Assessor's Office that a RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUATION APPEAL FORM for Catastrophic Events (of which our flood event qualifies) is available. Residential Property owners who experienced severe damage to their home are eligible to receive a home improvement exemption up to \$75,000 dollars. Please contact the Proviso Township Assessor located at 4565 W. Harrison Street Hillside, Illinois at 708-449-4300 or on line at www.cookcountyassessor.com

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The IRS has made available form 2194 for possible flood related relief on your Tax Return. More information can be obtained by calling 1-866-562-5227. Or on line at www.irs.gov (use the key word "Disaster"). Business can also avail themselves of this relief by obtaining form 2194B.

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY NEEDS ASSISTANCE

I have received a communication from the Westchester Library that the flood damaged many items located in their lower level Community Room. The Friends of the Library would like to replace those items and are asking for assistance through a Membership Drive. Please contact the Friends of the Library at wfolpresident@gmail.com for further information.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH – 9 YEARS LATER

On September 11th Fire Chief Richard Belmonte will be hosting a memorial service honoring all those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center Buildings, the Pentagon, and for those aboard United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania that fateful day. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM in front of the Village Hall on Roosevelt Rd. All are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please pause for a moment of silence on September 11th in remembrance of all those who perished on that day, nine years ago.

WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Just a note to remind all of our residents that Westchester does have a Food Pantry. We are continuing to accept canned and non perishable donations. If you know of anyone who could be assisted with these items do not hesitate to contact the Village at 708-345-0020 or my office as well.

ADDISON CREEK CLEAN UP

We have been in contact with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) several time this year to continue the cleaning effort they started in 2009. We have been told by district officials that the cleaning effort will begin again toward the latter days of September. District officials are working with ComEd officials to minimize any electrical problems as a number of ComEd electric lines cross over the Addison Creek.

STREET PAVING PROJECTS

The rebuilding/repaving of village streets as recommended by our engineers in a 2006 comprehensive report have begun. In some places the street including curbs and aprons are scheduled for replacement. In others resurfacing with only replacement of curbs and aprons based on condition is being completed.

PUBLIC WORKS

As you can imagine the public works department is playing catch up to a number of repair projects they were going to do before our flood events. We are trying to get back on track but it is going to take some time, please be patient. The scheduled Fire Hydrant sandblasting and repainting project is underway in the far north east section of the village. You can actually see the date the hydrants were put into place. Some of these tested and working hydrants date back to 1927. The restoration of the fire hydrants to their bright red color certainly is in stark contrast to the rusty yellow curb appeal. Our refurbished vacuum and sucker truck purchased at a municipal auction is up and running. Public Works employees will certainly be able to maintain our sewer systems better with this equipment.

Village accepting sealed bids on several vehicles

The Village of Westchester will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

1982 Chevy Caprice
VIN: 2G1AN47J6C125592
Mileage: 160907

1999 Chevy Monte Carlo
VIN: 2G1WW12M4X9164259
Mileage: 65801

1998 Ford Crown Victoria
VIN: 2FAFP73W5Wx167713
Mileage: 114697

The Village of Westchester is not responsible for the mechanical condition of any auctioned vehicle.

All vehicles sold "as is."
Sealed bids accepted until 3:00 pm on Friday, September 17, 2010 at the Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the name and VIN of the vehicle.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:15 pm, Friday, September 17, 2010 in the Westchester Village Hall Board Room.

The Village of Westchester reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities.

Vehicles are available for viewing only, at 10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, Illinois, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

Sewer System Smoke Testing

The Village of Westchester has contracted with Sewer Systems Evaluations, Inc., and they will be performing smoke tests throughout the Village over the next three months. Please look for flyers on your front door. Performing these tests will assist the Village in determining if illegal

cross connections exist between storm/sanitary sewers and storm downspouts. The testing should last between 3 and 5 hours.

If an illegal connection is found in your home or business, you will receive a letter informing you that you will have 30 days to disconnect from the system.

The disconnection should be made in such a way to avoid runoffs to adjoining properties and avoid obstruction of walks and driveways. Such connections are prohibited by the Village of Westchester Code, 15.36.040 and 15.36.050 "Illegal Connections to Sewer System". After the

necessary corrections have been made, contact the Village Code Enforcement department at 708-345-0199 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please note that if a plumber is hired, he must first be licensed by the Village of Westchester and a certificate of insurance and bonding must be presented.

After Nearly 18 Hours of Severe Thunderstorms

submitted by Barb Lucchese

It all began around 5 PM Friday, July 23rd.

For several hours the National Weather Service had been warning of wide spread severe thunderstorms that were expected to pass through the western suburbs.

At first, there was loud, rolling thunder, followed by lightning strikes that did not stop. Suddenly the rain came – it was not an ordinary rain, it was very heavy, to the point that it was difficult to see a foot or two ahead.

Suddenly it slowed down, but just as suddenly it began again – the thunder, the lightning and the steady heavy rain. Everyone has seen rain before, but soon it was obvious this storm was not about to stop, as the rain and strong winds continued.

After several hours, the storm was still strong and the rain continued into the night. By the next morning, people in a dozen western suburbs woke to water flooding the streets, and water creeping up the back ends

of their property.

Streets had been closed to, and emergency crews had worked through the night, but Mother Nature was not about to give up. As the heavy rains continued into the morning, both Salt Creek and Addison Creek were beginning to overflow.

Village after village began declaring State of Emergencies. The rain began to subside and finally stopped sometime before noon on Saturday.

In Westchester, residents were still recovering from the storm just a few days earlier when the July 23rd storm struck. Weary, sleepless residents were frustrated due to the damage the past two storms had caused. For many, furniture, carpeting, appliances, photos, and other mementos were lost because of these storms and resulting floods.

All anyone could do in this situation was to be grateful there were no reported injuries or lives lost because of the storms. Things can always be replaced in time, but memories of the flooding will last a



Westchester gives out storm clean-up kits from Public Works garage

long time.

Now I understand how people who suffered through hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis typhoons and earthquakes must have felt at the time.

In our suburban villages, we usually see these disasters only on television newscasts...disasters that happen to "someone else", but rarely "to us".

On July 23rd, the residents of many western suburbs saw first hand what a true weather disaster can be, even though emergency crews in every village did everything possible to try to help.

Perhaps one day in the future those affected most by the storm will be able to tell the story of "the storm of 2010", and know the meaning of the words, "And this, too, shall pass".

Recovery Centers Open to Serve Area Residents

LISLE, Ill. — Federal/state Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) will open Saturday, Aug. 28, in Westchester and Cicero for residents to meet face-to-face with disaster recovery specialists, officials said today.

The DRCs, operated jointly by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, at the following locations:

St. Joseph High School
1840 Mayfair Ave.
(West entrance via
Oxford Street)
Westchester, IL 60154

Cicero Public Safety Building
5410 W. 34th St.
Cicero, IL 60804

Denial Is Not the Last Word

Applicants who apply for assistance, but have homeowner's insurance may be sent a letter of denial. However, a denial letter from FEMA may not be the last word in disaster assistance.

If an applicant is denied, or their insurance does not cover their needs, they can appeal by providing a copy of the denial letter. By law, FEMA assistance cannot duplicate assistance from other federal sources or insurance, or the receiver will have to repay the assistance.

If an applicant has insurance, they must file a claim for their disaster damages. If the insurance settlement is delayed, the applicant may request assistance from FEMA. If the insurance settlement is less than reasonable costs to make the home habitable, they may qualify for funds to supplement their insurance settlement, but only for repairs relating to the home's habitability. FEMA does not provide replacement value amounts or assistance with non-essential items.



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Flood Impact on Library Programs

Like so many residents, the Westchester Public Library had its share of flooding in late July, with several feet of water in the basement where the Library's Community Room is located. The Library was able to reopen for business and welcome patrons back on August 3, but programs scheduled for August and early fall in the Community Room, including the Friends' Chess and Scrabble Game Nights, were cancelled until further notice. Once the Community Room repairs are completed and the room is available for use, residents will find announcements of rescheduled programs posted in the Library's lobby, on the website www.westchesterpl.org and in the village newspaper.

Getting Back to Normal

Cleaning up after a flood is exhausting physical labor and mentally stressful work. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Red Cross prepared a 56-page booklet REPAIRING YOUR

FLOODED HOME which is available on the Internet. (You can find links to this PDF publication on the Village's website as well as the Library's website.) It has a variety of helpful checklists and sound advice for anyone experiencing the aftermath of a flood, whether they had several feet of water in their basement or only a couple inches. The first chapter, "Taking Care of Yourself First," is noteworthy for the healthy steps everyone needs in dealing with stress in the wake of a disaster.

The Library offers a number of resources that you can draw upon in the months ahead to help you cope with the emotional toll of a flood, all of which are easy, inexpensive and recreational: checking out a variety of music CDs to play in the background while cleaning, repairing or repainting; finding some easy and inspiring recipes in our collection of cookbooks to spice up a family meal or to bring to a neighborhood potluck; visiting a suburban museum with a Museum Adventure Pass; or planning a movie night for the family with some of our feature films on DVD.

On the Road to Repair

People who are handy with tools will find the Library has a variety of books and videos on doing home repairs, including books on basements, construction, plumbing, dry wall, electrical work, painting, storage ideas and shelving options. In some cases, residents are facing serious damage that will require a contractor to repair.

Home repair and renovation books can provide you with an overview of these types of projects so you have a better understanding of your options when negotiating with a contractor.

Time to Consider Digital Storage

Carpeting and appliances damaged in a flood or fire can be replaced, but treasured old photographs floating in flood water are often damaged beyond repair. Now is a good time to start thinking about converting your old photographs or other important documents into a digital, computer-readable format.

You can go the commercial route

with a commercial photographic service that will convert old photographs into a digital format for you or you can use your home computer and scanner.

Once converted to digital format, each photograph becomes a file that can be stored on a computer and copies can be written to a CD or DVD and stored on a flash drive.

If you have a computer with a scanner or one of the newer home photocopiers with a scanner capacity, you can scan a photograph or document and store it as a digital file on your computer. Be sure to check your user manual to see how your equipment functions. With today's digital camera, you can eliminate the scanning step and simply transfer the photos to your home computer.

Making digital copies of important photographs is a practical way to preserve old photographs, especially ones you want to hand down to the next generation. An important reminder: be sure to backup your hard drive on a regular basis so that if anything happens to your computer, you have a backup copy of your files.

Village Board Changes Vehicle License Renewal

The Village Board in their efforts to make procedures at Village Hall more customer 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, 2010, to April 30, 2010. 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.

Westchester Blood Donor Program Most Successful in Northern Illinois

Mid-summer is just about the worst time of the year to appeal for blood donors.

But not this year, July 17, with the temperature reaching 95 degrees outside, 118 area donors stepped up to help insure a safe level of the crucial fluid at hospitals throughout Chicagoland.

On that day, at Divine Providence School, the Westchester Blood Program - the most successful community blood-collection group in northern Illinois - collected 119 units for delivery to our hospitals and trauma centers.

Donors came from all over the western suburbs, including Brookfield, Berwyn, La Grange Park, Western Springs and even North Aurora. Another heartening fact was that 19 were first-timers, adding their names of the bank of hundreds of donors who regularly contribute to the WBP drives.

The organization has collected 426

units (pints) this year and 22,538 since its founding in 1974.

No other community group working with LifeSource Blood Services has come close to those numbers. The WBP is confident of surpassing its annual goal of 500 units, something it has achieved every year, except once, since 1990.

Its final full drive will be Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, with a makeup drive (for those who missed the Oct. 16 drive) on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in a LifeSource coach parked outside Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd.

Donating blood is simple and quick, generally requiring less than 40 minutes; most of that time is consumed by filling out the federally mandated questionnaire.

For details on the need for donors, call WBP chairman Carl Panek at 708-865-1782.

RESTAURANT SPOT

8 September 2010

Christopher's Speakeasy & Grill

1929 S. Mannheim Rd.
Westchester, IL 60154
(708) 345-2920

Christophersspeakeasy.com

Christopher's Speakeasy has been open since August 2009; it is owned and operated by Christopher Waters. Christopher's is a family restaurant and also has a full service bar. Christopher's dream was to own a restaurant with the intent of fulfilling family recipes which he mastered from his grandmother as a young boy. My fondest memories were that of my grandparents Lloyd and Mary Pieroni and living below them in Berwyn. On holiday's I remember opening the bottom door and the smell of Grandma's cooking would permeate the air with such goodness, you could practically float up the stairs like a cartoon! I always helped Grandma prep in the kitchen, I was the noodle and spaghetti gravy taster (yes, I said gravy, sauce comes in a jar or can) not at Christopher's! This is when my love for cooking began.

Our menu consists of many items to suit everyone's taste. We have appetizers, soup, salad, wings,

sandwiches and a variety of pasta entrees. A few of our top sellers consist of the Philly Cheese Steak, Pretzel Bacon Cheeseburger, Wings, and Meatballs. We also offer a catering menu for all your party needs. Please check out our full menu at Christophersspeakeasy.com

I have worked in the hospitality industry for the past twenty years and wanted to bring my years of experience to Westchester. I invite you to try our food and enjoy some of my family recipes along with some of my new recipes. You will be pleasantly surprised how delicious the food is, ask your friends you will not be disappointed. Come join us for some food or a drink. Bring the kids for a fun filled dinner or leave them home for an evening of relaxation minutes from home.

I would also like to thank my family, friends and regulars for your continuous support, you have all become part of the family and I would not be here without all of you!!

Antonio's Ice Cream & Coffee

3019 S. Wolf Road
(31st & Wolf Shopping Center)
Westchester, IL, 60154
708-531-8100

www.antonios.com

Unimaginable ice cream flavors and varieties

Teas, coffees, and sodas like it is still the 1950s

Antonio's is one of the newest additions to the 31st and Wolf shopping center, opening in August of last year. This store serves to accent the community serving as the only ice cream shop in Westchester. Antonio's was named after Paul's father, Antonio Gattuso, who grew up working in his father's ice cream shop. In a sense, Antonio's is an extension of Paul's Pizza, again with the focus on family, employees, and the customers. (See last month's spotlight on Paul's.) This commitment is also reflected in the products sold at Antonio's, as they serve premium Chocolate Shoppe ice cream which is so rich yet not expensive.

Antonio's has turtle sundaes with nuts, fudge, whip cream, and even cherries if you like. Any possible topping you could ever desire, chances are they have it. They also have chocolate sodas, just like the old times. If you would like a cup o' joe after lunch or dinner, they also serve intelligentsia coffee, perhaps the best around here. Antonio's has a whole list of other teas and dessertss for whatever you are in the mood for. Shop local and come check out these two highly recommended Westchester restaurants.

**OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY
8:00AM TO 9:00PM
SUNDAY 10:00AM TO 9:00PM**



Westchester Puzzle Page

Across

1. Plum variety
5. Gets hitched
9. Bay window
14. Take too much of
15. Garfield's foil
16. Mom's mom
17. Tokyo-based electronics company
18. Man ___ (famous race horse)
19. Market offerings
20. Tiger Woods seen here
23. Self-evident truth
24. Common online initialism
25. Not pure
28. Part of a Web address
29. Color TV pioneer
32. Cello or oboe, abbrev.
33. Charlie to Martin
34. Mai ___ (rum cocktails)
35. Tiger Shrimp is seen here
39. Part of E.M.T. (Abbrev.)
40. Today, in Toledo
41. Wolf in "The Jungle Book"
42. Haul
43. LXIII ÷ IX
44. Cornwall, Lancaster or Clarence
46. Invoice amount
47. Sound units
48. Tiger Lillies seen here
55. "___ against?"
56. Italian volcano
57. "I smell ___"
58. "___ of Two Cities"
59. Classic Pontiac muscle cars
60. Wax: Lat.
61. Not live
62. Tokyo-based electronics company
63. Warm-hearted

Down

1. ___ JAIL (Monopoly square)
2. Yemeni port
3. Billy or Nanny
4. Wizard
5. Boogie-___ (piano blues style)
6. 1994 Depp film
7. "___ For Murder" (Hitchcock classic)
8. Feudal worker
9. Like a pedestrian
10. Holocaust hero Wallenberg
11. ___ out? (dealer's query)

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12. Terminates
13. Use a light beam
21. More than necessary
22. Exact copy
25. Lhasa's land
26. Prefix meaning "wind"
27. "So what else ___?"
28. Homer's interjection
29. Went to an all-nighter
30. Heaven in Hidalgo
31. Indian tea state
33. Pig enclosure
34. Regains
36. Burglar, e.g.
37. ___ polloi
38. Alarm clock or bugle, perhaps
43. Changed direction suddenly
44. Not fond of
45. Nervous
46. Opening in a violin
47. ___ voce (musical direction)
48. "___ all" (perhaps not any)
49. Part of N.B.
50. Fur-trader's device

51. They're sometimes called drumsticks
52. "... ___ saw Elba" (part

- of a famous palindrome)
53. Mend, in a way
54. 'Town', in Holland

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Members of the Board of the Education

Front row from left: Secretary Melora Christopher, Vice President Claire Thompson, President Barbara Stanger, and Kathryn Sloan Smith. Back row from left: Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie, Rebecca Lasky, James Scheuing, and Marina Pedersen.

Summer roofing projects completed at all schools

This summer all three schools experienced either complete or partial roof replacement. The roofing work, approved by the Board of Education, provided the District with an opportunity to install a Carlisle Syntec EPDM Sure White membrane which is the industries only white EPDM membrane to carry the Energy Star label. This membrane is also certified by the Cool Roof Rating Council.

The white membrane roof system will provide the buildings with increased UV light reflection, which will decrease the heat absorption on the roof while also increasing the roof's life cycle by reducing the "thermal shock" stress associated with large temperature changes on the roof. Additionally, the roofing project included the removal and replacement of all existing roof insulation. The new roof insulation will provide additional energy savings as a result of its high insulation value.

At the Westchester Primary School the entire roof was replaced. An additional aspect of the project was

the installation of fifty-four skylights throughout the school.

Skylights were included when the building was first constructed, however, as a part of the last roof replacement, the skylights were removed. The skylights will provide additional lighting in each of the classrooms as well as the gymnasium. The skylights are translucent which only allows natural light to pass through and will not permit direct exposure to the sun. The skylights will also provide additional utility savings through the reduction of florescent lighting throughout the year.

The Westchester Intermediate School's roof project encompassed approximately half of the roof. The scope of work at the Intermediate School included roof sections above the 4th grade wing, cafeteria, gymnasium, and band room.

The Westchester Middle School's project included roof replacement on the east side of the building. The scope of work included the roof replacement over the 2nd floor and gymnasium.

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Art & Computer classes; Standards
based curriculum; Above average
National test scores



... Extra-Curricular

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Robotics Club; Athletics; Mural Club;
In-house Broadcasting Network, Chimes
Ensemble; Before & after school care;
Fitness Camp



Come join our Family!

From devastation to recovery

In just over 5 weeks this summer all of us in the Village of Westchester have seen devastation never seen in the history of our Village.

It began on June 18th with a microburst of high winds that ripped a destructive path from between Drury Lane and Chaucer, and Westchester Blvd and Gardner Road. This resulted in uprooted trees, damage to homes, and power outages. Next, on June 23rd a 4 inch rain caused a flash flood and additional power outages. The final, and most devastating blow came on July 23rd and 24th. The nearly 8 inches of torrential rain that fell in such a short time exceeded the capacity of both our sanitary and storm sewers, the Salt and Addison Creeks, and the 65 million gallon reservoir in town. Additionally, the 2.3 BILLION gallon Deep Tunnel was filled within hours. The devastation associated with this storm was of unimaginable proportions and was a life changing event for many. Despite all this devastation it is comforting to know that there was no loss of life or serious injury related to these events, and throughout, the Village Board, Administration and Staff reacted quickly and decisively.

As President of the Village I immediately declared a State of Emergency during the early morning hours of July 24th. Shortly thereafter, I reached out to the Cook County Board President Todd Stroger, who through his Homeland Security Director David Ramos immediately responded with assistance. During the first press conference we hosted, on Monday July 26th we asked the Cook County Board President and the Governor of Illinois to use all their executive powers and resources to expedite our request for assistance and declare Westchester a Disaster Area. (These declarations were required before any request could be made to President Obama to declare Westchester a disaster area.)

On July 27th Todd Stroger, Cook County Board President responded to our plea and declared Westchester a Disaster Area. On August 2nd, I personally travelled to Washington D.C. and met with officials from the White House, and had another meeting with FEMA officials in an effort to further expedite this process. I shared with them the vast devastation to our community and our urgent need for Federal financial assistance. All of the officials I met



President Pulia, his wife Maureen, and Village Trustees make Governor Pat Quinn feel welcome and appreciated for the storm related press conference on August 11th, below.



and spoke with were very concerned and listened attentively to my pleas.

On August 6th, I met with the Chief of Staff to Governor Quinn and spoke with him at length regarding what had occurred. I supplied him with a copy of our inundation maps depicting the widespread destruction, as well the numerous photographs that were taken. In response to my request, Governor Quinn immediately sent IEMA representatives, who along with FEMA representatives performed over 60 in-home inspections on August 9th and 10th of homes that had reported water on the first floor living area.

At my request, Governor Quinn

agreed to have a press conference in Westchester on August 11th. U.S. Congressman Danny Davis, as well as Congressman Dan Lipinski and a host of Mayors, Presidents and their immediate senior staff from Cook and DuPage County assembled here in Westchester and a summit was held to not only discuss our immediate needs, but to urge Governor Quinn to contact President Obama and discuss what can be done in the future to prevent this from ever happening again. Make no mistake that this was a heartfelt request for millions and millions of dollars of Federal funding for improving infrastructure in Westchester and the surrounding communities, as well

as monies for stormwater holding facilities that include more reservoirs, the completion of the Deep Tunnel Project and other potential water holding facilities.

I am pleased to announce that our persistence paid off rather quickly with Governor Quinn's quick review and request for Federal Assistance to President Obama on August 16th. On August 19th, President Obama issued an Emergency Disaster Declaration for Cook County and other surrounding counties that effectively opened up the possibility of our homeowners/businesses receiving FEMA assistance.

After receiving confirmation that President Obama signed the Disaster Declaration I immediately sent a ROBO call to residential homes requesting that they call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or apply on line at www.disasterassistance.gov

On July 27th I made a promise to all of you at our Town Hall Meeting that I would do everything in my power, with the assistance of the Village Board, Village Administration, as well as Local, State and Federal officials to bring relief to our residents. I am pleased to announce that with the assistance of these dedicated elected officials our voice was heard in Washington, D.C. and we received the Emergency Disaster Declaration from President Obama that will now allow each and every one of us who sustained damage to contact FEMA officials directly and work with them in securing any and all possible assistance.

I would like to thank all those who assisted us with this wide spread devastation, the list of names and companies which are too many to list. In particular, I want to thank all of the residents who praised our efforts, as well as those who shared with us their concerns. It is only by listening that we are able to understand what we need to accomplish together in order to move forward for the good of all.

I would like to note that FEMA representatives have been personally visiting homes in Westchester and surrounding communities since the weekend of August 21st. I can not think of a more prompt response.

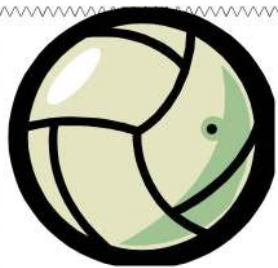
I have written a letter to President Barack Obama thanking him and all the Federal Officials I met to make this happen. It is my goal to continue this dialog until real solutions occur.



Park District News!



**Back to School Picnic
 Sunday, September 12th
 Mayfair Park 12:00 - 5:00 pm**



New Instructor Spotlight

Joanna Terracciano, a member of 3 collegiate National Championship teams, is a coach that believes in emphasizing fundamentals. She uses a variety of drills, lead up games, and game situations to get players ready for competitive matches. Any level of player, from someone who has never touched a volleyball before to someone who has been playing for a few years can all work together through her lessons gaining knowledge that they have not known before. Every lesson will touch on skills needed to compete- forearm passing, setting, hitting, serving and blocking. Coach Terracciano is very passionate about volleyball and enjoys sharing that passion with everyone in fun, creative, high energy drills.

Bump, Set, Spike *New!*

Are you looking to tryout for your school team? Do you just enjoy having a good time playing volleyball? Improve your volleyball skills with 60 minutes of drills in setting, passing, serving and hitting. Each player will also have an understanding of basic rules needed to play a competitive game. Drills, lead-up games, and full games will be used to teach and reinforce the fundamentals of each skill. In addition to skills being taught, players will learn the importance of warm-up, stretching and cool down to prevent injury. Additional sessions to be announced.

Age: 7th & 8th Grade

Site: Community Center Gym

Instructor: Coach Terracciano

Code	Day	Date	Time	Fee
2010	T/TH	9/14-10/7	6:00-7:00 pm	\$40/\$50

Volleyball Skills & Drills *New!*

Are you looking for a camp that will provide you with sound fundament teaching? Begin your volleyball play off right with 60 minutes of drills in setting, passing, serving and hitting. Each player will also have an understanding of basic rules and positions. Lesson includes drills, lead-up games, and full games will be used to teach and reinforce the fundamentals of each skill. In addition to skills being taught, players will learn the importance of warm-up, stretching and cool down to prevent injury. Additional sessions to be announced.

Age: 4th-6th Grade

Site: Community Center Gym

Instructor: Coach Terracciano

Code	Day	Date	Time	Fee
2008	TH/F	9/16-10/8	7:00-8:00 pm	\$40/\$50



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.

(708) 240-8400 www.WestchesterChamber.org
P.O. Box 7309 · Westchester, IL 60154

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Spotlight on Alumni: Joe Tortorich Class of '99

"We have the greatest students and amazing and dedicated families."

Job: Director of Development for St. Joseph High School

Credentials: Alum of St. Joseph High School, 1999. Bachelor of Arts in Economics from University of Chicago, 2003. Worked seven years as Director of Admissions for St. Joseph High School.

Background: Tortorich worked at the Chicago Board of Trade through college and planned to pursue a career in that direction. Three weeks prior to graduation, Tortorich was approached by the former Vice President of St. Joseph High School to ask for help with grammar and middle school recruitment. Although hesitant at first, Tortorich followed some advice and did "what he felt was right."

Why St. Joseph's?

"I thought about what St. Joe's did for me through college preparation, friendships and helping to develop my appreciation for diversity. This is a way for me to truly help out in a hands-on way and keep St.



Joseph High School on the map for people."

"It's marketing and public relations. I'm spreading the word about something I really believe in and that is the St. Joseph High School experience."

Future Goals:

"To continue to deliver the fantastic news about St. Joseph's, highlighting students and programs but with a new audience of alumni, parents, and friends of the school."

Be A Charger For A Day

Shadow a Student at St. Joseph High School

All 7 and 8th graders are invited to shadow any Friday of the school year at St. Joseph High School in Westchester. During your visit, ask our students about their after school activities. For the majority of our students, they stay on campus long after the last bell. Their day continues with athletics, including fall sports such as football, volleyball, golf and cross-country. They are meeting with their clubs and organizations such as photojournalism, math club, chess team and yearbook. They are fine-tuning their musical talents in Concert Band and Choir, Marching Band and Percussion Ensemble. SJHS students are busy and they are enjoying their high school days.

Shadow:

Any Friday of the School Year
Open Houses
October 3, 2010
November 21, 2010
December 9, 2010
Placement Test
January 8, 2011
Registration for Class of 2015
March 7, 2011

COME ON OUT AND SHOW YOUR CHARGER PRIDE!

Fall Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Mark Zavagnin

September

- 4 Saturday Wheaton Academy (F-S)-V H 11:00/1:30
- 11 Saturday Bishop McNamara H 11:00/1:30
- 17 Friday St. Laurence A 5:00/7:30
- 25 Saturday Hales Franciscan H 11:00/1:30 (Homecoming)

BOYS SOCCER

Head Coach: Stan Niemiec Assistant Coach: Dave Purton

September

- 2, Thursday, St. Francis-Wheaton (V & S), H, TBA
- 7, Tuesday, St. Laurence (Soph), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 10, Friday, Fenton (V & S), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 14, Tuesday, Mt. Carmel (V), A, 4:30 p.m.
- 14, Tuesday, Mt. Carmel (Soph), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 16, Thursday, Proviso West (V & S), A, 4:30 p.m.
- 18, Saturday, Gordon Tech (V), H, 2:00 p.m.
- 21, Tuesday, Providence (V & S), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 23, Thursday, St. Ignatius (V), A, 4:30 p.m.
- 23, Thursday, St. Ignatius (Soph), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 25, Saturday, Illinois Math & Science (V & S), A, 10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m.
- 27, Monday, Lisle (V), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 28, Tuesday, DeLaSalle (Soph), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 30, Thursday, Fenwick (V), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 30, Thursday, Fenwick (Soph), A, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Charly Carr Ieremia

Assistant Coaches: Gina Dobbs and Maricarmen Hernandez

September

- 7, Tuesday, Montini (V-JV), H, 5:00/6:00 p.m.
- 9, Thursday, Proviso East (V-S, Fr.A), A, 5:00/6:00 p.m.
- 10, Friday, Proviso West Varsity Tourney, A, 6:00 p.m.
- 11, Saturday, Proviso West Varsity Tourney, A, 9:00 a.m.
- 11, Saturday, Reavis Sophomore Tourney, A, 9:00 a.m.
- 13, Monday, Maria (V & JV), H, 5:00/6:00 p.m.
- 18, Saturday, Ridgewood Varsity Tourney, A, TBA
- 21, Tuesday, DeLaSalle (V-JV-Fr.A), A, 5:00 p.m.
- 23, Thursday, Regina Dominican (V-S-Fr.A), A, 4:30/5:30/6:30 p.m.
- 28, Tuesday, Gordon Tech (V-JV-F), H, 5:00/6:00/7:00 p.m.
- 30, Thursday, Trinity (V-S-F), H, 4:30, 5:30/6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

HEAD COACH: Deb Kocoras

September

(home matches held at Mayfair Park)

- 7, Tuesday, Walther Lutheran (V-JV), H, 4:30 p.m.
- 14, Tuesday, Queen of Peace (V-JV), A, 4:30 p.m.
- 20, Monday, Montini (V & S), A, 4:15 p.m.
- 23, Thursday, Mt. Assisi Academy (V & JV), A, 4:30 p.m.
- 25, Saturday, Willowbrook Soph Quad, A, 9:00 a.m.
- 27, Monday, Riverside-Brookfield (JV-F), A, 4:00 p.m.
- 29, Wednesday, Seton (V & JV), H, 5:00 p.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Tom Tarrant

September

- 1 Wednesday, St. Patrick H.S. Invite (B & G) A 4:30 p.m.
- 4 Saturday, ICOPS @ Marmion Academy (B & G) A 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Tuesday, Westmont (B & G) A 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Saturday, Reavis Invite (B & G-V & S) A 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Saturday, Leyden Invite (B & G-V & JV) A 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 9 Saturday, Benet Invitational A Girls: 9 a.m. @ Lisle Community Park Boys: 9:30
- 16 Saturday, Catholic League A TBA
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Westchester baseball minor Cubs win

By Joe Cosentino

The minor Cubs defeated the Rangers, 20-4 and 13-2, in double elimination, to capture the Westchester Baseball Minor (9-10 year-olds) League Championship on July 12. The Cubs finished in first place with a 13-2 record during the season.

"It was a complete team effort," said Cubs manager Rich Vitek. "The entire lineup hit the ball well and we had excellent pitching. The scores reflect how the team played. I'm very proud of these kids."

The Cubs began the playoffs with a loss which dropped the team into the loser's bracket. However, the team rallied and won five straight defeating four teams on its way to the championship. The team scored 88 runs in its last four games.

The Westchester baseball traveling teams' season is now underway. Four travelling teams, 8 and under, 10 and under, 11 and under, and 12 and under, will play games in Westchester, Libertyville and New Berlin, Wisconsin.



The Westchester Baseball Minor League Champion Cubs team are (front row from left) Liam Boyle, Ricardo Cruz, Tom Geier, Chris Vitek, Ben Lah, (middle) Justin Baez, Fred Stokes Jr, Haseeb Musa, Miranda Gutierrez, Jake Mitrius, and (back) manager Rich Vitek, coach Kevin Lah, coach Neil Boyle. (Photo by Jennifer Boyle)



AYSO begins 8th season

The American Youth Soccer Organization (Region 1438) begins its 8th season this fall. The organization provides soccer programs for 450 Westchester boys and girls, ages 4-18. The programs are completely run by volunteers. Coaches and referees are offered free training and certification.

The season kicked off on Aug. 15 with the Annual Player and Family Pool party. Practices begin the week of Aug. 23 with opening day on Sept. 11.

Games are played at the Community Center Fields (behind the pool). The U-14 and U-19 divisions will travel to nearby communities as well as play games in Westchester.

The AYSO has plenty of events planned for the season including: Kick the Can, the annual food drive to benefit the Westchester Food Pantry, Coach and Referee Game, Player and Fan Appreciation Hot Dog Day, and - new to this year - a U-10 and U-12 Sportsmanship Tournament. For more information, visit the organization web site at www.westchesterayso.org.

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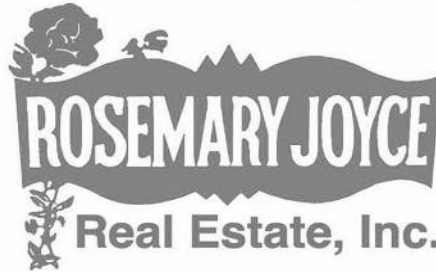
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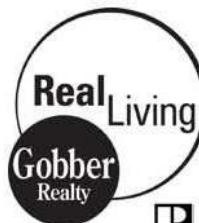
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Housing Assistance

Temporary Housing: Money to rent a different place to live or a temporary housing unit (when rental properties are not available).

Repair: Money for homeowners to repair damage from the disaster that is not covered by insurance. The goal is to repair the home to a safe and sanitary living or functioning condition. FEMA may provide up to \$29,900 for home repair; then the homeowner may apply for a Small Business Administration disaster loan for additional repair assistance. FEMA will not pay to return a home to its condition before the disaster. Flood insurance may be required if the home is in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Repair and replacement items include:

- ✦ Structural parts of a home (foundation, outside walls, roof)
- ✦ Windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinetry
- ✦ Septic or sewage system
- ✦ Well or other water system
- ✦ Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system
- ✦ Utilities (electrical, plumbing, and gas systems)
- ✦ Entrance and exit ways from the home, including privately owned access roads

Replacement: Money to replace a disaster-damaged home, under rare conditions, if this can be done with limited funds. (see www.westchester-il.org for complete information on this topic)

Semi-Permanent or Permanent Housing Construction: Direct assistance or money for the construction of a home. (see www.westchester-il.org for complete information on this topic)

Other Needs Assistance

Other Needs Assistance provision of the Individuals and Households Program provides grants for uninsured, disaster-related necessary expenses and serious needs. Flood insurance may be required on insurable items (personal property) if they are to be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Assistance includes:

- Medical and dental expenses
- Funeral and burial costs
- Repair, cleaning, or replacement of:
 - Clothing
 - Household items (room furnishings, appliances)
 - Specialized tools or protective clothing and equipment required for your job
 - Necessary educational materials (computers, school books, supplies)
- Clean-up items (wet/dry vacuum, air purifier, dehumidifier)
- Fuel (fuel, chain saw, firewood)
- Repairing or replacing vehicles damaged by the disaster, or providing for public transportation or other transportation costs
- Moving and storage expenses related to the disaster (including evacuation, storage, or the return of property to a home)
- Other necessary expenses or serious needs (for example, towing, setu/

connecting essential utilities for a housing unit not provided by FEMA)

- The cost of a National Flood Insurance Program group flood insurance policy to meet the flood insurance requirements

Conditions and Limitations of IHP Assistance

Non-discrimination: All forms of FEMA disaster housing assistance are available to any affected household that meets the conditions of eligibility. No Federal entity or official (or their agent) may discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or economic status.

Residency status in the United States and its territories: To be considered for disaster housing assistance, you or a household member must provide proof of identity and sign a declaration stating that you/they are a United States citizen, a non-citizen national, or a qualified alien.

Supplemental Assistance: Disaster housing assistance is not intended to substitute for private recovery efforts, but to complement those efforts when needed. FEMA expects minor housing damage or the need for short-term shelter to be addressed by homeowners or tenants. Furthermore, the Disaster Housing Program is not a loss indemnification program and does not ensure that applicants are returned to their pre-disaster living conditions.

Household Composition: People living together in one residence before the disaster are expected to continue to live together after the disaster. (see www.westchester-il.org for complete information on this topic)

Type of Assistance: Generally, more than one type of IHP assistance may be provided to the household. Only FEMA has the authority to determine which type of assistance is most appropriate for the household and the period of assistance to be covered.

Proper Use of Assistance: All financial assistance provided by FEMA should be used as specified in writing: to rent another place to live, to make the home repairs identified by FEMA, or to prevent eviction or foreclosure, or to replace or repair personal property. Failure to use the money as specified may make you ineligible for additional assistance. All money provided by FEMA is tax-free.

Documentation: It is your responsibility to provide all documentation necessary for FEMA to evaluate your eligibility. You may need to provide proof of occupancy, ownership, income loss, and/or information concerning your housing situation prior to the disaster. You should keep all receipts and records for any housing expenses incurred as a result of the disaster. This includes receipts for repair supplies, labor, and rent payments.

Insurance: If you have insurance, any assistance provided by FEMA should be considered an advance and must be repaid to FEMA when you receive your insurance settlement payment. If your settlement is less than FEMA's estimated cost to make your home habitable, you may qualify for funds to supplement your insurance settlement, but only for repairs relating to the home's habitability. FEMA does not provide replacement value amounts or assistance with non-essential items.

Duration of Assistance: Repair and Replacement Assistance is provided as a one-time payment. Temporary Housing Assistance (or a mobile home/travel trailer) is provided for an initial period of 1, 2, or 3 months. To be considered for additional assistance, you must demonstrate that you have spent any previous assistance from FEMA as instructed, and you must demonstrate your efforts to re-establish permanent housing. Additional assistance is generally provided for 1, 2, or 3 months at a time. The maximum period for IHP assistance is 18 months, unless extended by the President.

Appeal Rights: If you disagree with FEMA's determination of eligibility or the form of assistance provided, you have the right to appeal within 60 days of the date of your notification letter. Send appeal letters to: Appeals Officer, FEMA- Individuals & Households Program, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055. Telephone: 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 1-800-462-7585.

2010 Street Improvements Project

The Village of Westchester has embarked upon a roadway project that will include improvements to the following sections of street:

- Evers Avenue (Canterbury to Dickens, photo at right)
- Heidorn Avenue (Canterbury to Dickens)
- Manchester Avenue (Cermak to Canterbury)
- Kent Street (Norfolk to Gardner)
- Bond Street (Portsmouth to Gardner)
- Cromwell Avenue (Devonshire to Kitchener)
- Devonshire Street (Norfolk to Gardner)
- Wakefield Street (Sunnyside to Stratford)

Construction has begun on the week of August 9th. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by mid-November.

The improvements typically include:

- Replacement of certain deteriorated sections of storm and sanitary sewer
- Replacement or repair of defective drainage structures
- Replacement of certain sections of defective curb and gutter, driveways, and sidewalks
- Removal of the existing asphalt pavement
- Installation of a new asphalt pavement
- Installation of thermoplastic pavement markings
- Restoration of disturbed parkways with topsoil and sod



We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during the construction of these improvements. Please contact the Village Public Works Department at (708) 345-0041 if you have any questions or concerns.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS DURING THE CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT

Once the repairs to the sewers have been completed, the contractor will begin the replacement of the curb and gutter. Residents will not have access to their driveway for approximately two (2) weeks during the installation of the curb, gutter, and driveway aprons. The contractor will provide written notice at least one day prior to removing curb and gutters in front of your driveway so that you may make arrangements to have your vehicles out of the garage. The curb and gutter will only be replaced on one side of the street at a time. Residents will be allowed to park on the opposite side of the street on which the curb and gutter is being replaced.



Sidewalk repair

pavement rehabilitation.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS DURING THE PAVING OPERATIONS

During the paving operations residents will be asked to have their cars out of their driveways and off of the street between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The street will be opened to traffic each night, however, once the asphalt has been removed, residents will not have access to their driveways until the first layer of the new asphalt has been installed. The contractor will pass out a notice to the residents at least one day prior to beginning the

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS DURING THE SEWER REPAIRS

The first phase of the work will include the repair or replacement of the sewers. The contractor will pass out a notice to the residents affected by the sewer repairs. During the installation of the sewer, the street may be closed to through traffic at certain periods of time during the day but the street will remain open overnight.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Residents will have access to their



Curb and apron removal

property each night.

Residents will receive 24 hours written notice from the contractor prior to any work that will interrupt access to their property.

The contractor may post "No Parking" signs on certain sections of street where they will be working during the day. Residents will be allowed to park their vehicles on the street overnight.

We ask that while the contractor is working adjacent to your house, you have your vehicle moved prior to 7:00 AM to reduce the possibility of accidental damage from the construction machinery.

The Police and Fire Departments are aware of the project and will have access to the properties along

the streets to be improved.

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Prior to the contractor beginning any work on private property the resident must obtain a permit through the Village of Westchester Building Department, to be reviewed for compliance with Village code. Any residents desiring to receive a proposal for private work should contact the contractor as soon as possible to allow time to obtain a village permit and for the contractor to schedule the work efficiently. For more information regarding permits please contact the Village Building Department at (708) 345-0199.

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Paul Gattuso

Professional Experience

As a current trustee for the Village of Westchester, I do my best to help the community realize a better future. Though this may not be the easiest task at times, I've used my experience as a professional that I picked up along the way. I began serving the community back in 1982 when I opened "Paul's Pizza and Hot Dog," a fast food restaurant located on 31st Street in Westchester. Building my business from the ground up, the vision of a family friendly experience, along with good food and fair prices, has now expanded to a larger space in a new location on the corner of 31st Street and Wolf Road and became a local favorite along the way.

I also recently ventured into the ice cream and coffee business, when I opened "Antonio's Ice Cream and Café" with Joe Christopher in the summer of 2009. I hope to continue the success I've had with my restaurant by providing the same friendly and efficient service that gives families and friends a place to come together.

Personal Background

My personal success endeared me to city government, and urged me to further serve and improve the community. I began the elected official phase of my life when the late Mayor John Sinda suggested I become involved in 1998, and have pursued it ever since.

Reflections

Working my way up to Village President, I've gained much experience through my many encounters with Village politics. One of the first projects I remember working on is the alley program with State Legislators Tom Walsh and Jim Durkin. Together, we were able to employ government grants by paving Village alleys with concrete.

Other projects that stick out in my mind are the strip mall on the corner of Wolf and Cermak Roads that brought restaurants like Panera and Pancho's to town, and the gas station we were able to get built on Mannheim Road. Over the years, I have come to learn that projects like these, which bring businesses to



town, take a lot of time, patience, and networking.

Philosophy

As an elected official, my philosophy has always been that the number one priority is the residents of the Village. In my opinion, the community members deserve to get the most and best that they can from their tax dollars. I've tried to accomplish that by working my hardest to bring the needed changes and improvements to the town I call home.

Goals

In continued service as a Trustee to the Village, I plan to help make Westchester a better place to live, work, and visit for years to come. I hope to achieve this by setting my personal and professional goals on improved standards for the town. By raising the bar, I hope to attract more businesses like my own to a town that will support them and help their businesses flourish.

Upcoming Events

Such economic developments are already in the works for the vacant spot on the northeast corner of 31st Street and Wolf Road, along with projects involving the sewer, street, and water departments. We have allocated bonds for upcoming street and sewer programs, and are moving forth on putting together a flood mitigation program.



Panera moves in to Westchester.



The corner of 31st Street and Wolf Road.

Best and Worst Parts

The best part of serving as an elected official has been the joy I get from making a difference in the community of Westchester. From my restaurant to the policies and projects I have worked on, I always keep my eye out for improvement. Though it has been tough at times to be the person that answers the Village's calls, I've always seen the responsibility as an opportunity to move Westchester

in the right direction.

Advice

When it comes time to pass on the knowledge I've acquired through my experience over the years, I admit that while it is not the most glorious or glamorous job to be had, making a difference in one's own community is its own reward and in turn makes it all worthwhile.

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