



Village of Westchester

MAY 2010 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



Last month, the Village of Westchester launched its very own Monthly Newsletter. I hope everyone enjoyed the first edition. We have received a lot of positive feedback as well as some suggestions for future content. We are working towards incorporating some of these suggestions into some of our upcoming editions.

OOPS . . .

As with all new endeavors, there are often a few things that don't always go as planned. On the back page of the April 2010 edition, there was a picture of your Village Board members. Although all members were present for the photo, a cropping error while sizing the photo for publication resulted in the inadvertent omission of Trustee Walter Novak from the photo. This mistake was not realized until after the publication had been completed and distribution had begun. Trustee Walter Novak is a very respected and integral part of the Village

Board, with one of his most recent projects being Westchester's representative for Census 2010. On behalf of those of us who worked on the April 2010 publication, we apologize for this editing error. Beginning with this edition, we will be highlighting a different member of the Village Board and Village Administration each month. Given the inadvertent omission of Trustee Walter Novak from the Village Board photo in the April 2010 publication, I thought it only right that Trustee Walter Novak be the first to be highlighted as part of this series. You can read more about Trustee Walter Novak in the pages of this publication. Our goal is for you to come to know those of us who have dedicated a significant portion of our personal and professional lives to serving the needs of our community.

"Believe in and Buy Westchester"

**Thank You,
Sam**

POLICE

2 MAY, 2010



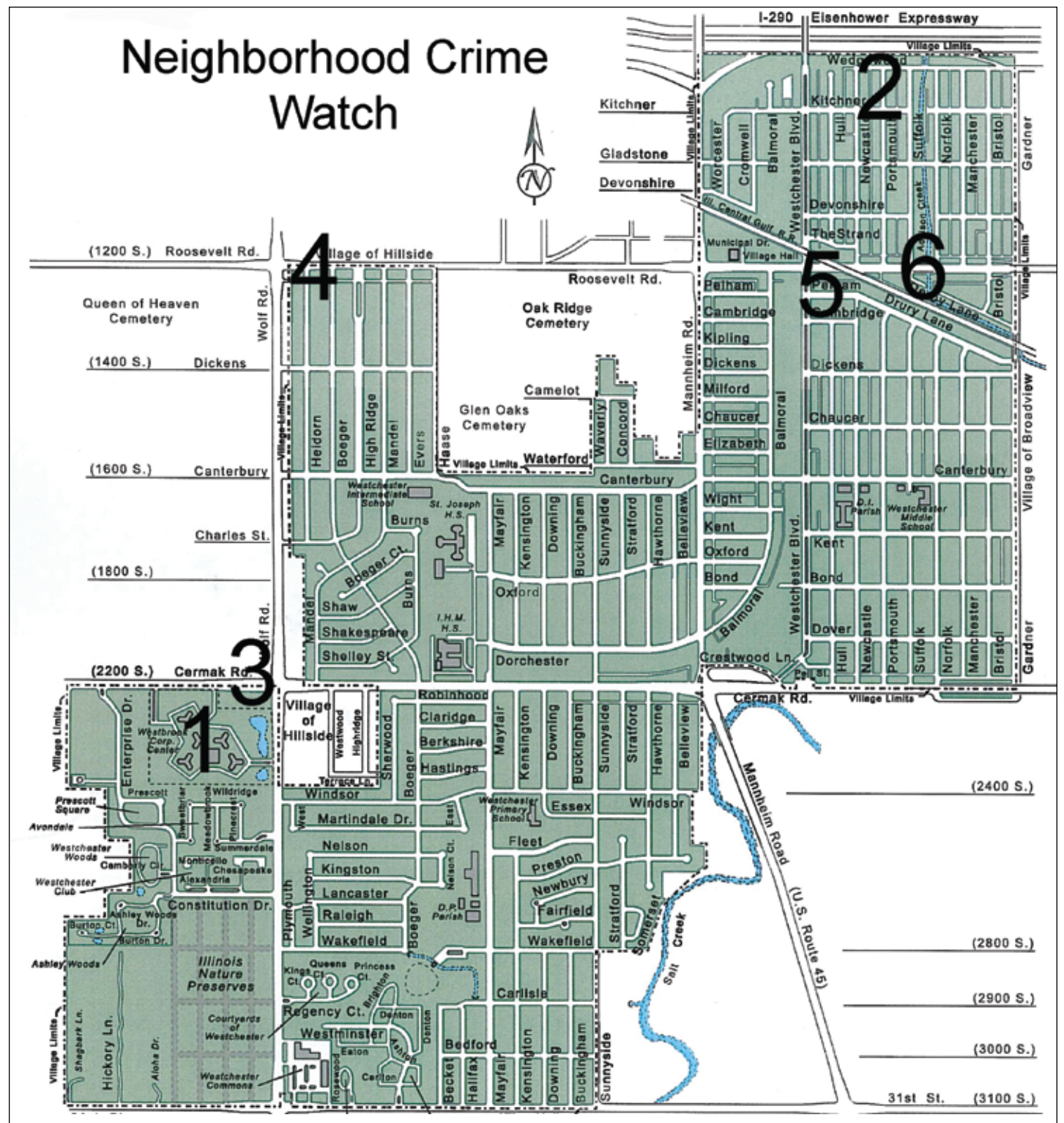
Blotter

1 On March 19th 2010 at approximately 5:45pm the Westchester Police Department was advised of a burglary to motor vehicle at 3 Westbrook Corporate Center. The vehicle owner reported that her passenger window was broken and a GPS unit was taken.

2 On March 24th 2010 at approximately 1:50pm the Westchester Police Department was advised of a burglary to motor vehicle on the 600 block of Portsmouth. No signs of forced entry to vehicle were observed. Taken was the radio, numerous CD's, digital camera, cash, and various other articles.

3 On March 27th 2010 at approximately 3:30pm the Westchester Police Department was advised of a theft that occurred at Panera Bread at 11215 Cermak Road. A woman advised that after eating in the restaurant she discovered that someone had removed money and credit cards from her purse. She further advised that someone attempted to use one of her credit cards at a department store in Oak Brook.

4 On March 30th 2010 at approximately 3:30pm the Westchester Police Department was advised of a theft at Alpine Banquet Haus located at 11141 Roosevelt Road.



A Vulcan stainless steel oven valued between \$8,000 and \$10,000 was taken from the side of the building.

5 On April 3rd 2010 at approximately 11:00am the Westchester Police Department was

advised of a vehicle theft on the 10100 block of Pelham. A 1996 Toyota Camry was taken sometime between 10:00pm and 9:00am that morning.

6 On April 6th 2010 at approximately 7:00pm the

Westchester Police Department was advised of a burglary to motor vehicle on the 10000 block of Roosevelt Road. The vehicle owner reported that her passenger window was broken on her vehicle, and that her purse was taken.

Community Notification Program

The Village of Westchester has recently started using a telephone based community notification program to disseminate information to our residents. This service calls residents and provides general village information as well as emergency notifications to those whose telephone numbers are in our database. Currently the database has Westchester residents home telephone numbers, with the exception of those using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOiP). If you have recently moved into Westchester, would like to add another telephone number, or remove a number that is being called please email Supervisor Greg Hribal at ghribal@westchesterpolice.com, and provide your name, address and telephone number that you would like added or removed. He will call you back on the number provided to verify the request. If you have any further questions regarding this service, please contact Greg Hribal at 708-345-0060.

May

Saturday, May 1

Sacrament of First Communion at 1:30 pm at Divine Infant Jesus Church 708-865-0122.

1st Holy Communion at 11:30 a.m. Divine Providence Church, 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258.

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee, 6:45PM-8:00PM. Westchester Primary School Cafeteria. A performance by ESL & Bilingual students in the program / celebration.

Wednesday, May 5

May Crowning at 1:30 p.m. Divine Providence Church, 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258.

2010 Divine Providence "Over 50 Club" meeting and Mother's Day/Father's Day Luncheon at Stimac's Restaurant, Hillside. Tickets available \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., meeting at noon and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Call Dorothy at 708-562-1173.

Thursday, May 6

Spring Show in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm. 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact person: Ms. Cynthia Rutledge 708-865-0122

Friday, May 7

Library closed until Noon for staff training.

Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8

Westchester Middle School musical, "Once Upon A Mattress," 7:00PM.

Saturday, May 8

Edward Jones Outlook & Opportunities Seminar will be held at the local branch office at 10526 W Cermak Rd. Suite 100, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Informational seminar, raffle and refreshments. To register for this free

event or to obtain more information, please contact (708) 562-0004.

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church 5K Family Run and Walk. All proceeds will benefit the Philoxenia House which offers free housing/accommodations to families undergoing treatment at the Mayo Clinic. To register, pick up forms at Church office 2501 Wolf Road or visit www.holyapostleschurch.com

Friday, May 14

Walk-a-Thon at Divine Infant Jesus School - Starting time: 12:30 pm. Contact person: Mr. Leonard Gramarossa, 708-865-0122

Saturday, May 15

5K Run/1 Mile Health Walk - at Divine Infant Jesus School. Race Day Registration begins @ 7:00 am at the School. Race begins @ 9:00. Information on the DI website and www.signmeup.com

Tuesday, May 18

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

Westchester Intermediate School, Spring Band Concert, 7:00PM.

Friday, May 21

Save The Prairie Society is hosting an evening spring walk on Wolf Road Prairie at 6 pm. Meet at the middle parking bay off of 31st Street just west of Wolf Rd. View the spring flowers and hear the migrating birds. Call 708-354-5512 for more information or visit www.savetheprairiesociety.org.

May Crowning and 8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony at Divine Infant Jesus Church at 9:30 am. 708-865-0122. Information can be found on our school website divineinfant.org/events.htm

Saturday, May 22

Market Day Pick-up, Divine Providence School 8:30-9:30 a.m. 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

4th Annual Canterbury Street Garage Sale Dozens of households! 9 am to 3 pm, Mayfair to Mannheim

Tuesday, May 25

Mr. Patrick McCaskey will speak at 7 p.m. at Divine Providence Catholic School's McInerney Center, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, on the importance of faith-based education. Mr. McCaskey is the grandson of the legendary George "Papa Bear" Halas, and currently serves the Chicago Bears football team as a board member and Senior Director of Special Projects. Admission is free. Reception follows. Everyone welcome. For more information, call 708-562-2258.

Casino Night, Crystal Palace in Mt. Prospect, 2PM-midnight. Proceeds benefit Divine Providence School, For more information: 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Wednesday, May 26

8th Grade Awards 1:00 p.m. Ceremony, Divine Providence Church, 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Thursday, May 27

9:30 a.m. Kindergarten Promotion, Mayfair Room. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Sunday and Monday, May 30-31

Library closed for Memorial Day weekend.

June

June 9

Picnic at Divine Providence. DP Over 50 Club. We will be catering box lunches from Cuomo's. Tickets available until June 1st. \$7 for members and \$8 for guests. Again call Dorothy. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at Noon. Both Divine Providence and Divine Infant registered parishioners may join the club until June 30th. Membership is \$12.00 annually. Call Lorraine Apostol, Membership Chairman (708) 531-1927. Have a great summer - our meetings will resume on the first Wednesday in September at Divine Providence School. Any questions, call Corrine (708)531-9496.

Tuesday, June 1

Library begins summer hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30AM - 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, closed Sundays.

Dates to remember

Saturday, May 29

Coffee with the President. Join President Pulia and other Board members for coffee and conversation at Wally's Donuts, 1901 S. Mannheim. 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 3

Property Tax Appeal Seminar presented by Proviso Township Assessor Steven J. Zawaski & Westchester Village President Sam Pulia at 7:00 p.m. Westchester Village Hall Board Room Bring your Tax Bill or PIN (property identification number) to the seminar in order to complete and submit forms. For more information, please call the Proviso Township Assessor's office: 708-449-4304

Summer hours in effect until Labor Day weekend in September.

Registration begins for Summer Reading Programs for kids at Library. Contact Library at (708) 562-3573.

Registration begins for Page Turners Reading Club for adults and high school students at Library. Contact Library at (708) 562-3573.

Wednesday, June 2

8th Grade Graduation, Divine Providence Church at 7PM, 2500 Mayfair Avenue. 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Friday, June 4

Westchester Middle School, Graduation Dance, 7:00PM-9:15PM (Grades 6-8), 7:00PM-9:45PM (Grade 8 only).

Saturday, June 5

Divine Infant All School Reunion, Langan Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 6

8th Grade Graduation, Divine Infant Church, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 7

Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m. for Immanuel Lutheran School, 2329 S. Wolf Road. Call 708-562-5580 for information. Accepting new enrollment for 2010-2011 school year.

Census update:

As of April 27, 2010 the Village of Westchester has a participation rate of 83%. We are one of the highest participating communities nationwide! Let's all be counted, please send in your census form.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

4 MAY, 2010

Profile



Sean G. Casey

Occupation: Captain

Years as Firefighter: 25

Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me? After being hired, I spent 3 months working days. After completing training at the Arlington Heights Fire Department, I was assigned to shift, a 24-hour tour of duty. I still remember the excitement and adrenaline rush of responding to emergency calls, and I knew at that time I had found my career.

Describe a good day at work: It's a good day anytime we are able to help people in need, but it's always nice when a resident comes to the firehouse to thank us for what we did for them. I have good guys on my shift, and I enjoy working with them. A nice meal, a few laughs and everyone going home is a great day.

What is the best part about your job? The best aspect of the job for me is the fact that (literally) every day is different. When I start my shift, I don't know if we will go on zero calls (the rare shutout!) or 15 calls. Fire calls, ambulance calls, false alarms... I need this variety or my attention span would start to drift!

What is one downside to your job? I was 22 and single when I started on the Fire Department, and the work day shift (24 hours on and 48 hours off) was great. Now that I'm married (Julie) with 4 kids (Einn, Jack, Nick and Sarah) I find it hard to leave them for 24 hours at a time, 2 or 3 times a week. Plus, I'm nervous that I'll be on-duty the night the Cubs win the World Series!!

What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path? I would make sure that they are aware of both the good points of the job and the bad points. Being a fireman is not just looking good in a uniform and impressing the girls (though that's nice too!). It's sometimes having to see people suffering, with many sleepless nights at the firehouse. It's being apart from your family on holidays and missing parties with your friends. But overall, I would tell them that being a fireman is the greatest job in the world.

What would occur on your perfect day off? A round of golf in the morning, coaching my kids in baseball in the afternoon and a couple of margaritas with my wife in the evening.

The Explorer Program

The Westchester Fire Department would like to introduce a new program that is being developed in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. This program is a Firefighter Explorer Post that partners the Fire Department with the Boy Scouts to further educate young adults in the area, from the ages of fourteen to twenty-one. The program, once developed, will inform all participants what is required to become a firefighter, give guidance to the young adults who may pursue a career in firefighting and most importantly help develop strong leadership qualities.

The Explorer Program is a mentoring program to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible, caring adults. The goal of the program is to stimulate interest in continual education and to provide career insight into future vocations. The participants will be provided with a positive alternative to negative youth activities. Opportunities of the program will be to provide a practical, real and meaningful hands on experience into the vocation of firefighting.

As the program progresses, the participants will have the opportunity to develop practical skills and leadership skills used by all firefighters. This will help individuals determine if firefighting is a career path they may want to pursue. We will also be looking into the possibility of ride along programs, assistance with the fun fest and smoke trailer.

Safety Tips April 2010

Call JULIE before digging

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because today, more electric, gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid personal injury and damage to those lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

When do I call Julie?

Anyone planning an outdoor project that requires any type of digging in Illinois, regardless of depth or project size, should call JULIE before they start digging. Projects such as these are examples of when to call JULIE.

Decks, Patios, Landscaping, Fences, Swingsets, Mailboxes and any project that may require digging.

The call is free and so are the services. Simply call 811 or 1-800-892-0123. Call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Helmet Safety

As a reminder with warm weather upon us more children will be bicycling, in-line skating, and participating in many activities where head injuries would be eliminated or lessened if an approved safety helmet was worn. Helmet use has been estimated to reduce head injury risk by 85%, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Require children (and adults) to wear a helmet every time they ride a bike, scooter, skateboard or in-line skate.



Help Westchester avoid disaster ... *report overcrowding*

The overcrowding of homes is an unfortunate way of life in Chicago and the Western Suburbs, and the Village of Westchester is not exempt from this problem.

Overcrowding can take many forms: more than one family living in a single family home; businesses renting unused storage space as boarding rooms; families living in attics and garages.

Overcrowding is defined as the situation of a space having more occupants than that space can accommodate.

The purpose of building and zoning codes is to make sure everyone who lives in Westchester has an excellent quality of life, and this is achieved by ensuring all residents have adequate space to live, work, and play.

Overcrowding is a very dangerous condition which places a burden upon taxpayers and poses a threat to our quality of life.

When too many people share too small a space infectious disease and fire can spread not only among those in the overcrowded environment, but to entire neighborhoods.

Meningitis and H1N1 are more prevalent in overcrowded living environments.

Fire is a significant danger brought on by overcrowding. Still fresh in the minds of Westchester's elected officials and staff is the horrific residential fire in Cicero that killed seven people sleeping in an overcrowded attic on February 14th of this year.

The Village of Westchester needs

your help to identify situations of overcrowding. While every year we discover new homes, offices, and apartments where this occurs, we cannot be in all places at all times.

We need you, our residents, to be our eyes and ears to help keep you safe and healthy. Some common examples of overcrowding include:

- **People, related or unrelated, living and sleeping in attics, garages, tents, basements**
- **When three dwelling units occupy a building designed for two dwelling units**
- **Excessive amounts of cars which park in one driveway or in front of one house or apartment building**
- **Fewer utility meters than dwelling units**

- **An apartment or condo described as "garden apartment"**
- **When utilities, especially electric, are shared among multiple tenants**
- **Inadequate fire egress components**
- **People sleeping in offices or basements of commercial buildings**

Most important, know that those living in these illegal situations are not the culprits of overcrowding, but the victims of exploitation.

If you believe you are living in an improperly partitioned dwelling unit or if you wish to report suspicious overcrowding, do not hesitate to call the Code Enforcement Department at (708) 345 0199.

Fire Safety

New Building Codes Help Warn All Family Members

For all residences throughout the State of Illinois, smoke detectors are required to be located within 15 feet of all sleeping rooms.

For all new residential developments in the Village of Westchester, a 110-volt hardwired interconnected fire alarm system is the new standard for warning all family members of a house fire.

The new system works much like a traditional fire alarm found in offices and schools, once any one detector senses a fire, all the alarms located throughout the house will sound, thus warning family members who may be in the basement of a fire that could be located in the attic. Although these systems are not required

by law for existing homes, many Westchester residents approve of the added protection of the system.

For more information about the positives of this fire alarm system, contact the Building Department at (708) 345-0199.

Rain Barrel revolution Tired of High Water Bills?

High cost of water got you down? Or maybe you are sick of the annual watering bans and watching your neighbors violate them? For some peace of mind this summer consider investing in a rain barrel.

Rain barrels capture natural rain water from house or garage downspouts and allow the homeowner to water plants and grass, wash cars, or fill bird baths. Rain barrels are not only a great

way to use water at your discretion, but they help conserve water, prevent flooding in our streets and basements, and reduce the burden on the Village's storm water sewer system.

Barrels can be purchased at many home improvement stores, and are also offered at a subsidized rate by both the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. For more information on this program, you can contact the Reclamation District at www.mwrd.org or at (312) 751-6633.

Spring Cleaning

A Happy Village is a Well Maintained Village

Now that spring is upon us, it is a good time to remind homeowners

and businesses to appropriately maintain your property.

Cleaning windows, sweeping curbs and sidewalks, removing yard obstructions and cutting lawns not only promotes your home or business, it beautifies the neighborhood and creates civic pride.

Failure to maintain your home or business to minimum standards will also result in a code enforcement citation.

Keep in mind that when you or your hired landscaper cuts the lawn, that the blowing, sweeping, or dumping of grass clippings or leaves from the lawn or sidewalk in the streets and sewers is illegal.

The Village is in the midst of a two year sewer cleaning and improvement project and this kind of activity is detrimental to the Village's goal of improving your streets, sewers, and overall quality of life.



Water Ban Reminder

Westchester has water restrictions in effect every year

May 15th to September 15th, from 12pm-6pm daily

Restrictions prohibit during these hours:

Outdoor Watering, Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces, Cleaning Buildings, Pool Fillings.

Sprinkling during unrestricted hours shall be allowed on even numbered days for those residents having an even numbered address, and on odd numbered days for those residents having an odd numbered address.

*Installation of sod and landscaping material or newly seeding a lawn shall be allowed unrestricted sprinkling privileges for a period of two weeks from initial installation.

If we have a dry summer the Board may further restrict water usage, pursuant to Village Code Chapter 15.34. Look on our website for more information www.westchester-il.org

Relay For Life of Westchester Our Fight Against Cancer

Saturday, June 26, 2010 at Mayfair Park

Starting at 3:00 pm

Join us in our Birthday Bash against Cancer

For more information log on to:

www.RelayForLifeWestchester.com

or call: Lisa Martin @ 708-542-3049

MAYOR'S NOTES

6 MAY, 2010

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Twice last month, the Village of Westchester played host to representatives from China. There were twenty-two (22) representatives from the Anshan Municipal Government of the Liaoning Province, and twenty (20) members of the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau that toured our Village Hall and Village Departments.

Both groups were in the United States attending training at the Illinois Institute of Technology. They were studying our American Government System, as well as learning about the public safety services we provide to our residents. Special thanks go out to Ms. Janet Reif, the program coordinator and Westchester resident, for giving us the opportunity to spotlight our Village to the international community.

2010-2011 BUDGET

The Village of Westchester Fiscal Year does not follow a regular calendar year. It begins each May 1st and ends on April 30th of the following year. Since the new Fiscal Budget begins May 1, 2010, your Village Board and Village Administrators have been very busy putting together the finishing touches for our 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget. We have had several Committee of the Whole Meetings on this topic, as well as a Special Budget Meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2010, and a Public Hearing on April 27, 2010.

Each Village Department (Police, Fire, Public Works, and Administration) has submitted, resubmitted, changed, streamlined, and reviewed their department budgets for fiscal year 2010-2011.

On March 8, 2010, Jim Egeberg joined the Village of Westchester Administrative Team as the Village Finance Director. Since that time Jim has been working very diligently to refine the budget document for its presentation to the Board.

Trustees Walter Novak and Brian Sloan (the trustees assigned by me as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee) have also been working diligently with Jim to make sure we maintain the board approved reserve. These reserves are designed to be a contingency should our economy not recover as the "forecasters" predict.

When approved, our budget will be available on our website, www.westchester.il.org, as well as at the Westchester Public Library.

PLAY BALL!

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, Westchester Baseball opened their



President Pulia and his wife Maureen joined the participants in the annual Westchester Baseball Opening Parade.

2010 season with a parade of baseball coaches, players, and their families from Westchester Elementary School to the Westchester Park District. Westchester Baseball has been a "cornerstone" of our community foundation and a great organization for our youth over the years.

Thanks to all the volunteers that take time from their busy lives to teach our kids the game of baseball, the meaning of sportsmanship, and how to have fun. Thanks also to the parents who make sure the kids get to the many practices and games on time, and those who come out and cheer them on. Thank you also to the Westchester Baseball Board and Rich Vitek for inviting me to be part of this event. A great time was had by all.

The Grand Marshall of this year's Baseball Parade was Joseph Schoenhardt. Thanks to Joe for all the years of service he has provided Westchester Baseball and the youth of our community. Joe's dedication and service over the years has made a lasting impact on this organization.

PROPOSED CUTS IN STATE INCOME TAX

Recently, Governor Pat Quinn proposed reducing local government's share of the Illinois State Income Tax. Presently, local governments such as ours, receive 10 cents of every dollar it receives from the state income tax. Governor Quinn's proposal is to reduce this amount to 7 cents for every dollar the Village receives from the state income tax.

Based on Westchester's current population, we stand to lose approximately \$400,000.00 (\$23.10 per person) each year this reduction is in place. Our share of the Illinois State Income Tax is an integral part of

our annual budget, and any reduction in this amount will negatively impact our budget on an annual basis.

In an effort to have Governor Pat Quinn abandon his proposal to reduce the local government's share of the Illinois State Income Tax, I have sent a letter to the Governor asking him to rethink and rescind his proposal.

If you would like to contact Governor Quinn regarding this proposal, you can write or call him at Office of the Governor, 207 State House, Springfield, IL, 62706 (Phone: 217-782-0244), or at Office of the Governor, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, 16-100, Chicago, IL 60601 (Phone: 312-814-2121) Presently the Illinois State income tax collected in Westchester is 9%.

AUTISM WALKATHON

On April 17, 2010, I was invited to attend The Walkathon for Autism, which was held at Proviso East High School. This event was sponsored by The Answer Inc., and at least 15 families from Westchester were represented. The Answer Inc. provides support, resources, education, recreation and advocacy for the challenges that autism presents to a great number of families and caregivers in the community. The Answer Inc. also provides services to families who face challenges of other disabilities as well. More information about this organization can be found at www.theanswerinc.org.

WESTCHESTER MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

I, as the representative of the Village of Westchester, have been meeting regularly with members of the Westchester Community Image Council (WCIC) and the Westchester

Garden Club to explore the possibility of erecting a Westchester Memorial Fountain in the Village of Westchester. The Westchester Memorial Fountain is to be dedicated to the past, present, and future members of the Westchester Police Department and Westchester Fire Department, as well as the men and women who have proudly served, are serving, or will serve our United States Armed Services.

We have selected the current Westchester Garden and WCIC site at the northeast corner of Cermak and Mannheim Roads as the site for our Westchester Memorial Fountain. We view this corner as one of the primary "Gateways to Westchester."

The planned memorial includes three self supporting water fountains (approximately 8 feet tall) placed on the site amongst a circle of existing trees. Additional improvements to the site are also being discussed. These include memorial paving bricks and benches.

This project will be funded entirely through private donations. If you would like to make a donation to the erection of the Westchester Memorial Fountain, please make your check payable to the Westchester Memorial Fountain Fund, and send it to the Village of Westchester. Please feel free to email us at westchestermemorialfountain@yahoo.com should you have any questions or need additional information.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

On April 22, 2010, the Westchester School District 92 1/2 held a Spring Concert at the Westchester Middle School. Our senior citizens were the special guests. A great time was had by all.

EARTH DAY 2010

For the past few years, as part of the Earth Day activities and in conjunction with our Arbor Day Celebration the Village has planted a tree. This year was no exception. On April 30, 2010 a tree was planted at the Westchester Middle School.

REMEMBER MOM

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, 2010. I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on all those things our moms do for us. If you are one of the lucky ones whose mom is still with you, make sure you let her know how much she is loved and appreciated. For those of us whose mom's are no longer with us, let us celebrate their lives and the unconditional love they shared. Let the love and appreciation we feel for our mothers on Mother's Day stay with us throughout the year.

CONGRESSMAN DAVIS' VISIT TO WESTCHESTER

On April 12, 2010, the Village of Westchester hosted a Town Hall Meeting for Congressman Danny Davis. The meeting was attended by over 80 citizens who heard Congressman Davis speak on many issues including the new Health Care Law that was recently passed by Congress. Congressman Davis also took questions from the audience dealing with student loans, employment, and getting people back to work. I would like to publicly thank Congressman Davis for having a Town Hall meeting in our town, being accessible to our citizens, and taking time to answer each and every question that was asked.

For any of you who were unable to attend the meeting and may have a question or concern to discuss with Congressman Davis, feel free to stop by and visit the Congressman at his office at 2301 Roosevelt Road, Broadview, IL 60155, or call his office at 708-345-6857.

CRUISE NIGHTS RETURN ...

Westchester's Cruise Night is back! Beginning Monday, May 10, 2010 and continuing every Monday night throughout the summer and fall at the 31st Street Plaza (Wolf Road and 31st St) the classic cars return. Come out and enjoy the CLASSIC CARS, FOOD, ICE CREAM, and FESTIVITIES. It is also a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones. This event is sponsored by Paul's Pizza, Sylvia E's and Astro Tours. If you are an automobile enthusiast like I am, you will not be disappointed.

LEND A HELPING HAND

Westchester organizations are always in need of volunteers. Whether it be



Congressman Davis poses with Village Board members after addressing resident's concerns at a Town Hall meeting held April 12, 2010.

helping out or donating at the Blood Drives; helping with the Westchester Community Image Council Clean Up days; assisting the Garden Club with their clean-up, planting and annual plant sale; volunteering at local hospitals, churches, schools, senior citizen centers, and other community organizations.

However you choose to help, I can guarantee you it will be a personally rewarding experience.

HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Cook County Sheriff's Department has a special offer for you high school students out there interested in performing community service. Once you have completed 100 service hours in the community, I would be honored to nominate each and every one of you the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor.

Last year Westchester had only one recipient of the prestigious award at a ceremony held at McCormick Place in Chicago. I know we can do a lot better. Let's show Cook County that we are the community with the

most service oriented high school students. For more information on this program please email spulia@westchester-il.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

DO NOT FORGET OUR VETERANS

Memorial Day is Monday May 31st. Formerly called Decoration Day, it is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. I am respectfully requesting that all of our residents display the American Flag as a symbol of our respect for those who have given their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

HELP FIGHT CANCER RIGHT HERE IN WESTCHESTER

Westchester residents will have two upcoming opportunities right here in our community to help fight cancer. These events are for those directly impacted by cancer, those who know someone with cancer, those who lost someone due to cancer, and those who just want to help the cause. For

those of you directly impacted by this disease I salute your courage and conviction in your journey towards conquering this disease.

On June 6, 2010, State Representative Karen Yarbrough, along with the American Cancer Society will be hosting the 2nd Annual Pink Tea with Friends at the Westchester Park District, Mayfair Banquet Facility, 10835 Wakefield, Westchester, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

In addition to providing a delightful social gathering for all, this event will include a presentation by a tea specialist who will clarify the soothing effects of tea, and a panel of health care experts who will discuss the signs, symptoms and treatment options of cancer, as well as the importance of nutrition and exercise have in the treatment of cancer.

In addition to the educational aspect of this gathering, we will also be hosting a Celebrity Hat Fashion Show which will feature some of our elected officials, as well as some survivors of cancer who are celebrities in their own right.

My wife, Maureen Masterson Pulia, will be the Village's liaison for this event. The event is free to the public; however, seating is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Seating is limited to 150. Please email us at pinkteawithfriends@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending, would like additional information, or would like to donate to this cause. The second event is the 2010 Relay For Life of Westchester, IL, also sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This event will be held on June 26-27, 2010 at Mayfair Park, 10835 Wakefield Westchester, Check in is 3pm. Anyone interested in forming a Team or participating in this event can get more information at www.relayforlifewestchester.com.

SUPPORT GROUP LISTING

Support groups offer a variety of benefits to members including information on disease processes and resources, everyday tips, coping skills, and, most importantly, support from others who truly understand your situation.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Meets the first Friday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact: Intake Office, (708) 354-1323, ext. 15

Memories--Gone But Not Forgotten

Meets the first Friday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This group is designed for older adults experiencing early stages of memory loss who enjoy the company of others and reminiscing



about "old times." Contact: Intake Office, (708) 354-1323, ext. 15

Caregivers Support Group

"The Lunch Bunch" is a group of caregivers who chat over lunch. The group meets at Bakers Square Restaurant, 942 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Each participant pays for own lunch. Contact: Ruth Folkening, (708) 354-1323, ext. 28

Friday Morning Regulars

Support group for men only relating to aging

issues. Meets every Friday at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Intake Office, (708) 354-1323, ext. 15

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Group meets at the Summit Public Library, 6233 S. Archer Road, Summit, the last Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact: Ruth Folkening, (708) 354-1323, ext. 28

Caregivers for Mentally Ill Adults

Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Group leaders: Cheryl Hendrickson and Christine Bumgardner. Contact Christine Bumgardner, (708) 354-1323, ext. 34

Please note that groups meet at Aging Care Connections unless otherwise noted in the description.

Our organization also offers a variety of educational programs related to aging issues.



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Garden Club Brings Library Gardens to Life

On your next visit to the Westchester Public Library, 10700 Canterbury St. you will find flowers and shrubs in bloom in the courtyard garden next to the Library's entrance. If you venture inside to the Youth Department, you will discover a sequence of gardens illustrating scenes from Beatrix Potter's legendary *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* outside each window facing Canterbury Street. The Library is pleased to give full credit to Westchester Gardens, the local gardening club, for the beauty of these garden areas. Each spring, members work in the gardens to clear debris and dead branches that accumulate during the winter, retool the soil and plant a selection of flowers that will ensure fresh blooms throughout the summer months. Members monitor the gardens weekly, stopping by (often early in the morning or at dusk) to remove weeds, water the flowers, and groom the plants. If you happen to spot a member working in the gardens, be sure to thank them for their dedicated work! If you are interested in learning more about Westchester Gardens, you can contact the group by email: www.westchestergardens@comcast.net

Gardens to See with a Museum Adventure Pass

Flowers are in bloom everywhere and the Museum Adventure Pass offers free admission to several renowned gardens in the Chicago metropolitan area: Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Cuneo Museum and Garden in Vernon Hills, and the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Residents who have a valid Westchester Public Library card are eligible to request a pass to visit one of these gardens or any of the museums participating in the program. Major funding for the Museum Adventure Pass is provided by Macy's and the participating cultural organizations. The Library has a limited number of passes for each organization and passes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Since the admission offer varies by each organization, be sure to see the website for more information about this popular program: www.museumadventure.org

Gardening Resources at the Library and on the Web

Anyone driving through neighborhoods of Westchester will see block after block of well-trimmed lawns and colorful gardens. Since the first day the Library opened its doors in 1958, patrons have come to the Library for its wide assortment of books on gardening and lawn care with helpful advice for both the experienced gardener and the novice. Some of our recent acquisitions have included *The Complete Book of Vegetables* by Matthew Briggs (Firefly Books, 2010), *What's Wrong With My Plant (And How Do I Fix It?)* by David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth (Timber Press, 2009), *Homegrown Vegetables, Fruits and Herbs* by Jim Wilson (Creative Homeowner, 2010) and *The Gossler Guide to the Best Hardy Shrubs* by Roger, Eric and Marjory Gossler (Timber Press, 2009). Since the Internet has a wealth of websites on gardening that can eat up hours of your browsing time, why not zero in on practical information tailored to the midwest? The Chicago Botanic Garden website has a wonderful feature entitled "Illinois' Best Plants" for finding recommended plants that thrive in our region. The website for the Urban Programs Resource Network of the University of Illinois Extension has excellent information on a range of topics when you click on their "Hort Corner" and "Environmental Stewardship" features. For these and other dependable gardening links, see the Library's website: www.westchesterpl.org/databases/db_gardening.htm

Library Summer Hours Begin Memorial Day Weekend

The Library will shift to summer hours on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 - 31, at which time the Library will be open Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 8:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, and closed on Sundays until Labor Day weekend in September. Since several schools will be in session after Memorial Day weekend, parents should note the change in evening hours beginning in June in order to pick up their students before the Library closes in the evening. For more information call (708) 562-3573.



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Memorial Day Ceremony

Mayfair Park Veterans Memorial
Service begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

All are invited.



Westchester 16" Tournament of Champions

May 20th—23rd

Mayfair Park

Come and watch as Windy City defends their championship in one of the most prestigious 16" tournaments. The tournament features 28 of the best 16" softball teams in the nation including defending National Champions Flashback. Refreshments available all days and hours of the tournament.

Mayfair Recreation Center Open House

Saturday, May 15th 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

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Congratulations to

Commissioner Dominic Luciano who was presented with the I.A.P.D. 25 year service award.



Westchester Blood Program

On April 17, Westchester area blood donors hit another home run. More than 130 of them signed in for the community's latest drive, in the gym of the Community Center, chalking up 125 units (pints) for Chicago area hospitals and trauma centers. That's more than enough to save the lives of 375 patients. On the busy schedule of the Westchester Blood Program, the turnout was one of the largest for any April drive in the past 10 years. The organization has now collected 281 units for the year, en route to its goal of at least 500 units. Since its founding in 1974, it has sent more than 22,000 units to area hospitals.

The group sends enthusiastic thanks to the many loyal donors: volunteers who gave a few hours at the drive or in planning it and especially Cub Scout Pack 73, parents and leaders who set up the two dozen tables and more than 120 chairs for the drive, and Divine Providence Youth Mission leaders to helped in the take-down, clearing the entire gym afterward.

On Wednesday, May 12, the Program will host a special makeup drive (for those who could not take part April 17) when a LifeSource Blood Services coach is parked in front of Paul's Pizza and Hot Dogs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Except for deferred donors, those who gave blood on April 17 will not be eligible to donate on May 12.

On Saturday, July 17, a drive will be held in the Mayfair Room of Divine Providence School. from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The final two drives of the year will be Oct. 16 at the Community Center and Nov. 10 from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in a coach parked outside Westchester Community Church, at Bond and Westchester.

Anyone with questions about the need for blood donations or who would like to volunteer a few hours to the WBP mission - to save lives - should contact Program Chairman Carl Panek at 708-865-1782.



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St Joes introduces new, innovative and exciting Summer Camps in 2010

Dedicated and enthusiastic teachers will inspire and train children this summer at St Joseph Summer Camps. New, innovative and exciting curriculums are being introduced encouraging students to uncover hidden interests and talents and achieve personal goals. Our teachers will make sure each camper is challenged, learns new skills and has fun in a safe and lively environment.

St Joseph High School faculty members serve as our Summer Camp teachers. They are always mindful that life lessons happen in both big and small moments as they provide support, insight, and encouragement to all campers.

New to the Summer Camps program

this year is a focus on the arts. In Cultural Art Experience, campers will explore the Art of Africa, Egypt, South America, Mexico and Native Americas. Each camper will create a piece of art from a culture of their choice. The Art of Lettering will introduce the creative art of Calligraphy where the finished product will be a storybook creation of watercolor illustrations and creatively written poetry. Basic Crafts will introduce macramé, needlepoint/embroidery, wood carving and sand crafting.

Additionally, a Local History camp will come alive as campers explore the history of their hometown. The rich heritage of the towns of Maywood, Bellwood, Westchester,

Broadview, Hillside, Cicero, Berkeley and Berwyn will be explored. Virtual Tours will be taking in the classroom. Music will also fill the summer air as campers participate Band camps. Campers in Concert and Marching Band camp will learn marching basics and Jazz Lab Band will explore basic Jazz skills, including improvisation.

A must for the St Joseph High School Summer Camps Program are the Sports Camps. Baseball, Basketball (girls and boys), Cross Country (co-ed), Football, Soccer (co-ed), Softball, Tennis and Volleyball are all offered at the high school's campus in Westchester.

To register for a Summer Camp contact the school at 708-562-4433



or the Athletic Office at 708-562-0767. Visit the SJ website at www.stjoeshs.org for additional information on the camps.

Congratulations Ping! *Coach Pingatore: 50 years at St Joseph High School*

In a day and age when most employees in the workforce job-hop every few years, Coach Gene Pingatore is a true anomaly. The coach has been committed to St Joseph High School and the students for 50 years. His modest response to this achievement, "It's not about me...it's about our kids."

Last year, Coach Gene Pingatore was honored after winning his 800th game on the basketball court. The bleachers were filled with current and alumni basketball players, coaches, faculty and fans who came to show their respect for a man who helped shape the lives of young people for 5 decades.

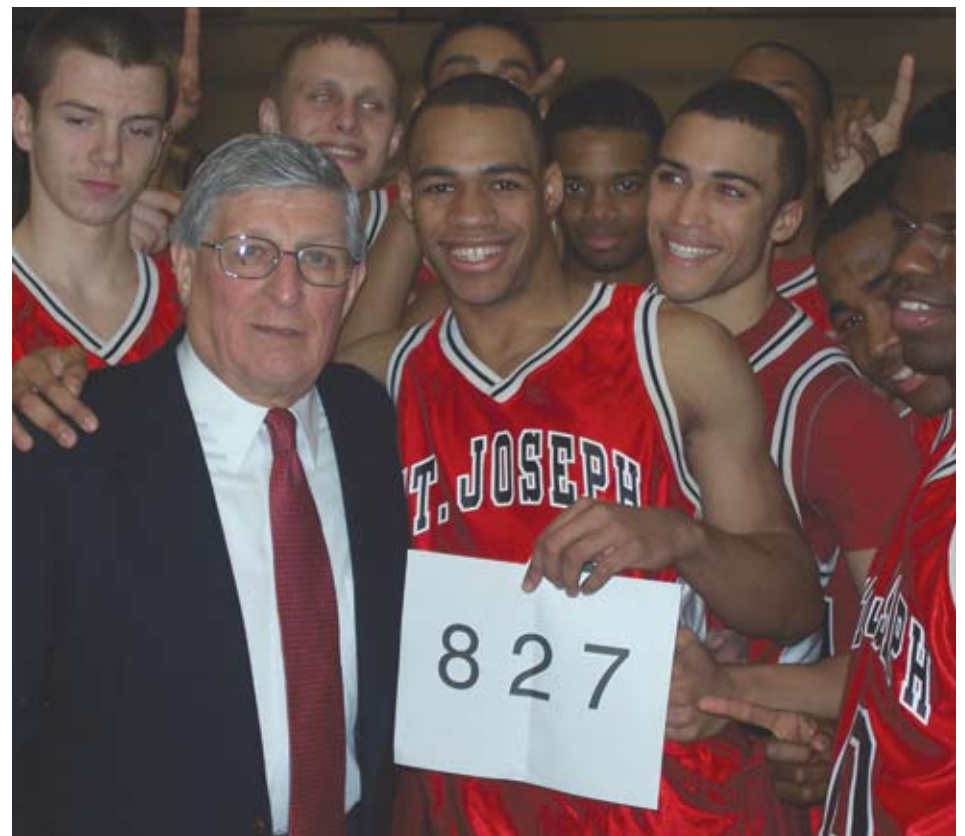
Kurt J. Gibson, Assistant Executive Director of the IHSA stated, "While your victories on the court put you in an elite class of coaches in Illinois preps history, it is your even larger number of victories off the court that cement your legacy as a legendary leader. For over 40 years, you've built a reputation among coaches everywhere as a man of integrity, loyalty and commitment, helping thousands of young people become

successful individuals in their own right!"

Former players and fiends shared their praise for the Coach. St Joseph High School Athletic Director, Brandon Aldridge '86 stated, "Gene is more than a coach; he is a father figure to many, mentor to some, but a man to all."

Also in attendance for the celebration was alumni Isiah Thomas '79, named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History. He spoke to his Coach from the heart saying, "Thank you for letting me come to St. Joseph High School and for being everything I needed when I was growing up. You have dedicated you whole life to making men and we hope we made you proud. We love you!"

Alumni Evan Turner '07, 2010 NCAA Men's Basketball All-American and 2010 National Player of the Year, shared his gratitude for the time he spent on the St Joes team, "I am very proud to be able to walk with my head high and know that I am a product of a great tradition, a person of character, and to be know as one



of "Ping's boys."

Pingatore's extraordinary commitment shows in the graduates of the school and the success they have achieved in their lives. President of St Joseph High School, Mr. David McCreery stated that the sentiments shared by the alumni at the "800th Win" celebration symbolized the sentiments of so many of our alumni who are grateful for what a St. Joseph or an IHM teacher has done in shaping the lives of our students. And, they represent a standard St Joseph High School continues to achieve for the

current students.

President McCreery shared, "The secret to longevity at a job and keeping an employee loyal is revealed in two words, Thank You." For 50 years of dedicated service to one employer, Coach Pingatore has heard those two words tens of thousands of times.

For Pingatore, going to work was never about ego, money, status or accolades. It was, and always will be, about the young people. Coach Pingatore looks forward to coaching future generations of Chargers!

State salutes nine St. Joseph students as ‘the best and the brightest’

St. Joseph High School, Principal Donna Kiel is pleased to announce that nine St. Joseph students have been recognized as “2010 Illinois State Scholars”.

Principal Kiel states that “St. Joseph High School provides students an exceptional curriculum which not only prepares them for college but for success.

Evidence is the recent naming of nine members of the class of 2010 as Illinois State Scholars. The entire St. Joseph community is very proud of our state scholars and is grateful to the parents and teachers who supported these students in this prestigious achievement.”

The St Joseph High School Illinois State Scholars are Christopher L. Benson- Romeoville, Christina E. Broscheit - Hillside, Jonathan L. Harper - Berwyn, Lauren A. Kopczynski - Berwyn, Patrick W. Murray - Westchester, Kenneth E. Novotny - Forest Park, Daniel L. Quintana - Berwyn, Wayne P. Simon II - Bellwood and Steven B. Wooten - Broadview.

“Excellent high school grades are tremendously important for laying the groundwork for future college success,” said ISAC Executive Director Andrew Davis, whose agency has overseen the Illinois State Scholar program since 1958. “Illinois State Scholars are the best and the brightest in our state’s high schools, and we salute them, their families, and the teachers and staff at St. Joseph High School on this achievement.”

“These nine St. Joseph students are shining examples that hard work pays



off. They should be sure to include this prestigious honor on college applications and submit all test scores, letters of recommendation and other application materials on-time,” Davis concluded. “And because a major component of college success is finding the right fit, students are encouraged to visit KnowHow2GoIllinois.org, where they’ll find resources to help plan for the future and find money to pay for college.”

The portal offers career counseling services, a planning timeline,

virtual campus tours and online applications.

The prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) which is recognizing 19,345 high school students from across the state as this year’s State Scholars. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of the state’s high school seniors from 752 high schools in all 102 counties. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of the

junior year. High school guidance counselors work in conjunction with ISAC to determine the winners.

While the prestigious recognition does not include a monetary award, recipients are encouraged to cite the award on applications for college admission and scholarships in addition to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 to determine eligibility for federal and state aid, including Illinois’ \$400 million need-based Monetary Award Program (MAP).



Production Plus partners with New Student Media Team!

Production Plus generously donated equipment and training to enable the Student Media Team to digitalize 50 years worth of history. The digital images will be used to, in part, to create a 50th Anniversary Memory Book. Many thanks to Bruce Sirus and Production Plus! Bruce Sirus '69, and his Production Plus Staff team Alex Jacobs and Valerie Kieta pictured with Student Media Team and Archive volunteers Charlie Stasica and Terry Andrews '70.

CPR: Now it's easier than ever

By Michael S. Pulia, MD
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Walking out of the local grocery store on a warm summer day you casually notice a middle age man loading up the trunk of his car. Arriving at your car parked nearby, you hear a loud groan and suddenly see the man collapsed on the ground. Rushing over to see if he needs help, you realize something is terribly wrong as he is unresponsive to your voice and not breathing. Aside from wishing you had taken a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class, your first thought is: "What should I do now?" Thanks to recent changes in guidelines from the American Heart Association, the answer to this question is now easier than ever.

One of the most frightening experiences anyone can have is witnessing someone collapse from sudden cardiac arrest. Even for an emergency physician with extensive training, this situation is emotional and stress provoking.

In stark contrast to the miracle recoveries often depicted on the medical TV dramas, when these patients present to the Emergency Department, they actually have a very low chance of survival. Researchers in major metropolitan areas found that less than 2% of these patients survive. This is because the treatment for cardiac

arrest is extremely time sensitive and the critical moments usually occur even before the paramedics arrive. However, these dismal stats are being challenged by communities who have improved survival rates up to 21% by implementing programs based on interventions in the first moments after cardiac arrest. As an emergency physician, I hope to educate the public about the huge impact a few simple actions can have in these situations. By following the steps below, you can be an everyday hero and make the difference between life and death.

Although sudden cardiac arrest has a variety of causes, it is most commonly seen in adults with heart disease and often occurs without warning. No matter the cause, in the majority of cases, the heart switches from a normal pumping activity or rhythm to a state where it just quivers and is unable to deliver blood to the brain and other vital organs. This quivering state is called ventricular fibrillation, which is universally fatal if left untreated. The treatment for this abnormal state is prompt delivery of a controlled electric shock called defibrillation. Communities around the country have made great efforts to make Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) readily available for citizens and first responders to use in this scenario. Although immediate use of an AED would provide the greatest benefit to someone after cardiac arrest, one is not always on hand. Luckily, there is another important way for bystanders to get involved, CPR.

Despite efforts to educate the public about the benefits of early AED use and CPR, bystander intervention rates remain at an unimpressive 30%. It is with this exact dilemma in mind that the non-profit Ad Council, New York ad agency Gotham Inc., and the American Heart Association have launched the massive new campaign entitled Hands-Only™ CPR. This program aims to dramatically change how bystander CPR is administered. The target audience is the majority of citizens who are either untrained or unwilling to participate in traditional CPR, which involves mouth-to-mouth breathing.

As demonstrated by two large illustrations on the website, <http://handsonlycpr.org/>, the message is crystal clear: 1. Dial 911 (get help) and 2. Press hard and fast in the center of the chest. That's it! So simple it's genius. No ratios to remember, no mouth to mouth, no lengthy training courses and no fear of making a mistake by pressing 'too hard'. To make the appropriate speed of compressions easier to remember, researchers suggest doing them to the disco hit "Stayin' Alive" which has a near perfect 103 beats per minute. By eliminating the hurdles that bystanders often cite when asked why they did not perform CPR, the campaign hopes to make CPR more accessible than ever. For those who are trained and comfortable in providing the traditional 30:2 ratio CPR with mouth-to-mouth, the recommendation is to continue doing just that.

According to media releases, The Hands-Only™ CPR campaign will

employ a variety of ads and the website features a bilingual video demonstration, real success stories, links to free iPhone and Blackberry applications, and a comprehensive Q+A page. To complement the new simplified version of CPR, the American Heart Association has also established short educational programs for those looking to be comfortable with CPR basics, such as the 22-minute CPR Anytime™ program. Data suggest these short, self taught video courses can be as effective as the traditional multi-hour instructor taught courses. While continued efforts to educate the public on early AED usage are important, the fact remains that most cardiac arrests occur in the home. Hands-Only CPR can get family members involved early and buy patients enough time for paramedics to arrive and defibrillate. This is especially important for families of individuals with heart disease or other risk factors for cardiac arrest. I strongly encourage everyone to visit the Hands-Only™ CPR website so, when faced with the question "What should I do now?", you will take action and make a huge difference in someone's life.

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Economic Development Committee Update

Welcome to the first monthly update from the Westchester Economic Development Committee ("EDC"), where each month we'll bring you highlights of our activities and progress towards improving the business and residential economic conditions in Westchester.

Our thanks go out to all who attended our first Town Hall meeting on March 30th. We were pleased to hear the many ideas from the residents who attended the meeting and we look forward to holding more Town Hall meetings in the future.

Please note that our regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 7:30 to 9:00 am at the Village Hall. The agenda for each meeting is posted in advance on the Westchester website. We open the meetings to public comments at both the beginning and end of each meeting, so if you can't arrive at 7:30 you'll still have an opportunity to address the committee if you arrive by 8:45.

The EDC is presently preparing to send the first of many initiatives to the Village Board for consideration. These include naming the business districts in order to create an identity for each and erecting signs along the main roads through the Village in order to create awareness of the business districts among the motorists passing through. We're developing many more initiatives that we'll report on in future EDC Updates.

The EDC is comprised of Westchester residents, volunteers who are here to serve the citizens of Westchester. We also need to hear from our fellow residents and Westchester businesses in order to develop the best possible ideas for the economic future of the Village. Please come to some of our meetings, and if you can't attend you can leave us a message at 708-223-3070; or email us: edc@westchester-il.org. One of our EDC co-chairs will get back to you.

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Position Requirements: Bachelors degree in accounting, finance, business or closely related field is required, with a minimum of three years progressively responsible accounting or finance work, or any equivalent combination of education,

experience and training. Position is open until filled. Salary range: \$18-22/hour. Send cover letter and resume to: Jim Egeberg, jegeberg@westchester-il.org

Maintenance Worker

The Village of Westchester currently has an opening for Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. Position includes a variety of labor, semiskilled and skilled maintenance duties related to the care and upkeep of streets, parkways, water distribution, sanitary collection and storm water.

Duties include but are not limited to mowing, trimming, digging, shoveling, lifting, driving, plowing, etc. Position may involve the operation of equipment and hand tools such as trucks, chipper, lawn mowers, sewer jet, trimmers, portable generators, chain saws, shovels, rakes,

etc. Position includes responding to emergencies after normal working hours, such as snow plowing, water main breaks, etc.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must have an excellent work record. A valid Illinois driver's license is required. Applicants must acquire a CDL license "class B" within 60 days of hire. Position is subject to the Village's policy for drug and alcohol testing. Position is part of a collective bargaining unit and will be subject to a negotiated labor contract.

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Applications may be picked up at the Public Works Department or available online at our website at www.westchester-il.org Employment Opportunities page. Send completed application to: Village Manager, Village

of Westchester, 10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154 or email to: surban@westchester-il.org

Seasonal Laborer

The Village is accepting applications for the position of seasonal laborer. Duties include: supervised performance of manual labor and maintenance activities in the Public Works Department. Candidates must be 18 years of age by the date of hire and possess a valid State of Illinois driver's license. It is a temporary, seasonal position, beginning in May and lasting approximately 3 months; \$8.50 per hour.

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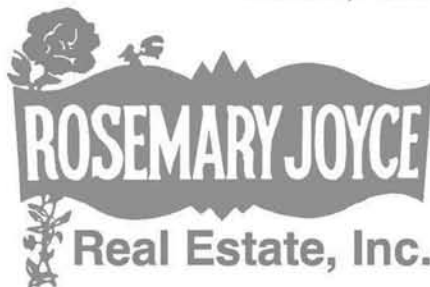
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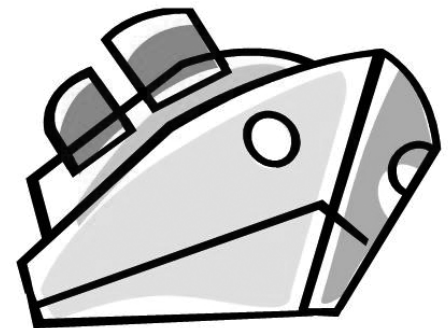
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Upcoming projects and events

Westchester Boulevard Construction

The Westchester Boulevard project started April 5, 2010 and work is progressing on schedule. The project started with curb and gutter patching as well as concrete base patching.

After all concrete patching is completed the roadway will be resurfaced from Canterbury Street to Roosevelt Road. There is no cost to the Village of Westchester for construction of this project.

Hancock Engineering will be performing the construction engineering for the Village. Westchester Blvd. will be closed to all traffic during the construction which will last until the end of May.

This project is being paid for with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and there will be no cost to the Village. For more information, please contact Hope Garrett at 708-345-0020.

Town Hall Meeting

The Village had a very successful town meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Information disseminated at

the meeting consisted of a census update, an overview of the Economic Development Committee's (EDC) work, and a presentation on the 2010 Capital Improvement projects.

Trustee Walter Novak discussed the progress of the census and encouraged everyone to fill out their forms and send them in. He said that he would like our participation rate to be higher than the surrounding communities.

The census is necessary to accurately count individuals and each person that is counted equates to about \$1500 per year in funding.

The EDC co-chairs Michael Hetzel and Ron Brown shared the EDC's mission statement and described some of the work they have done. Mr. Brown stated that the committee views themselves as a think tank for economic development ideas which they first work out the details for and then forward them to the Village Board.

Hope Garrett, Project Manager for the Village of Westchester gave a presentation on the upcoming capital improvement projects. She discussed Gardner Road resurfacing,

31st Street reconstruction, Westchester Blvd. construction, 2010 street improvements, water meter replacements, water main replacements, and the water tower maintenance and evaluation. The town meeting was well attended and very informative.

There were a variety of comments from attendees. Village President Sam Pulia, Village Trustees and Village staff answered many of the questions and concerns brought up by the town hall attendees.

High Ridge Subdivision Sanitary Sewers

The Village of Westchester has requested funding to line the sanitary sewers in the High Ridge Subdivision. The scope of work will include performing point repairs to the existing sanitary sewer where necessary, installing a resin liner in the main sewer lines, and rehabilitating manholes.

Acting on behalf of the Village, Hancock Engineering applied for a low interest loan from the State Revolving Fund administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection

Agency (IEPA).

Last year, this fund received a significant amount of money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

With the money came a record number of applications from local governments.

Unfortunately, Westchester was not chosen as a receiver of a loan under the 2009 program. The Village has reapplied and is currently waiting to find out if the project will receive a loan to be constructed in 2010.

Arbor Day

In honor of Arbor Day 2010, the Village of Westchester and the Morton Arboretum will hold an Arbor Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will take place on Friday April 30, 2010 at 1:00pm at the Westchester Middle School. Events will include comments by Village President Sam Pulia, School District Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie, and member of the Morton Arboretum education program.

A ceremonial tree planting will take place during the ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

BOARD PROFILE

24 MAY, 2010

Walter Novak

Position: Elected Village Trustee in April 2009.

Professional Experience: 26+ years work experience in Finance; a Bachelors in Accounting and an MBA in Finance

Personal Background:

I have been married for the past 25 years to my wife Carrie, who is very supportive of my new role as Trustee and understanding about all the Village meetings I need to attend. I am most proud of my two children, Megan, a junior at The University of Notre Dame and Bryan, a junior at Nazareth Academy. I have coached Westchester kids in softball, baseball, soccer and basketball. My family and I have resided in Westchester for the past 17 years.

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

In 2009, I decided to run for Trustee with a great team under the Westchester Comes First Party. We won, and the board was made up of newly elected members and current board members. At first there was some distance between the two groups on many issues. But, as we've moved on this year, one board member left and a new one was appointed. We've started to grow as a board with one concept in mind, "What is best for our residents is best for Westchester".

What are your reflections on your First year in office?

As we come to the close of the new board's first year one thing is apparent, change is on its way. The bustle of activity with streets and alleys being repaired, office hours being extended, personnel change, and so on, has begun. We will keep going to help Westchester grow and prosper. I along with the rest of the board will continue to provide the best service as possible to our residents. It is my job, along with the board, to constantly challenge our staff and ourselves to be held accountable for decisions, and to be fiscally responsible. Times are tough now and will probably get worse before they get better. The decisions being made now will greatly impact the future.

What is your philosophy as an elected official?

One thing you learn in politics is to ask for all and hope to get some. You can rest assured that I along with the Village President and the rest of the Board are constantly hounding our state and federal elected officials via



visits, phone conversations and letter writing to obtain as much money as we can for our infrastructure. Persistence and luck will pay off.

There is a quote from Abraham Lincoln:

"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts".

It is my job as a Trustee to deliver you the facts, good or bad, and give you answers to your questions, some answers you may not like. However, be assured that any answer from me will be given with thought and honesty. So I ask you put me and the rest of your government to the challenge, speak what is on your mind and share your concerns, thoughts and ideas.

What advice would you to give to someone who wants to get involved in politics? (or local government, etc?)

Learn to listen, follow up and be thick skinned. People generally are interested in what is best for the community they live in. I have talked to many people and have heard frustration, compliments, anger, and contentment. You have to keep in mind that people are speaking their feelings and whether you think they are right or wrong it does not matter, it is what they feel. If you listen and take their words to heart, do not become offensive of what they say rather understand what they say, you will learn ways to make things work. If you say, "I will get back to you", make sure you or someone does. Get involved with campaigning, committees and volunteering. These are great ways to learn. For example, Westchester currently has summer help jobs in Public Works. This will last for 12 weeks during the summer and you must be 18 years or older to apply.

Village Meetings and Events

for a full meeting schedule see the calendar page at www.westchester-il.org

May 4: Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Village Hall-Community Room

May 11: Village Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Village Hall-Board Room

May 18: Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Village Hall-Community Room

May 25: Village Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Village Hall-Board Room

May 29: Coffee with the President, 9:30 a.m. Meet members of the Village Board at Wally's Donuts at 1901 S. Mannheim for informal discussion on event and issues that affect you.

June 16: Secretary of State Mobile Services Unit, Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Watch for further details in our June Newsletter.

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