



Village of Westchester

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From the Desk of The President



Brooklyn poses with her proud grandparents Maureen and President Sam Pulia for the 4th of July parade.

The DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

It's August and the Dog Days of Summer are definitely upon us. As I begin writing this article we are still reeling as a Village from the wind and rain storm of Monday, July 11th. As I arrived at the Westchester Fest grounds that day at about 8am, I felt the winds whipping up and the dark clouds rapidly approaching from the west. Before I knew it the winds were blowing the portable washrooms on the Fest grounds onto the access road and towards my van. The thought of "blue" waters from the portable washrooms splashing on the van did not seem very appealing, so I high tailed it to a safe spot to wait out the damaging storm. Thankfully, the rental company employees that were in the main tent of the Fest stacking tables and chairs were able to flee to safety before a 75-80 mile an hour wind gust of wind pulled the supports from the ground and leveled the huge tent. Miraculously no one was injured. The only damage reported was to two rented golf carts. The support beams of the golf cart roofs were bent. We were very lucky this storm did not come through just 12

hours earlier when hundreds of people were at Westchester Fest enjoying the great music and delectable food in that same tent. The effects would have been far more devastating. Mother Nature has been really flexing her muscles over the past several years as her fury seems to be progressively increasing in intensity over our area. Anybody out there with a connection to dear old Mother Nature, tell her it is time to take a well-deserved vacation.

STORM DAMAGE

ComEd reported that over 2000 customers were out of power in Westchester as a result of the July 11th storm. Over 850,000 customers were out of power across the North, South, West, and Chicago region. Westchester is considered part of the Chicago region. ComEd had 450 crews, supplemented by over 373 crews from states as far away as Florida and Georgia to help restore power to our region. For several

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Profile



Name: Mark Wandtke
Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic
Years as Firefighter: 2 years

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

After visiting a fire department for a school project I realized this is the job for me. I also have a few friends who are firefighters; they encouraged me to choose this career.

Describe a good day at work:

Every shift we complete safely with no injuries is a good day. Sitting down for a meal with coworkers is very nice. We work closely with each other and we are all friends.

What is the best part about your job?

It is very rewarding to help people when they are having a bad day. I am always learning new things. I enjoy learning about how to do my job better.

What is one downside to your Job?

Seeing sad situations is a downside to this job. I also have attended a few funerals of area firemen who died in the line of duty; I hope this amount is limited in my career.

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

Become a paramedic first. It is a lot of studying but it is worth it! Visit a fire department's open house for fire prevention week...especially ours!

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Spending the day with family and friends would be a perfect day off.

Grilling Safety

Be sure to use safe grilling practices as the peak months for grilling fires approach – July and August. Gas grills constitute a higher risk, having been involved in an annual average of 6,200 home fires in 2004-2008, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,300 home fires.

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Safety tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.



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.

Police Blotter: June 15th through July 15th 2011



Village of Westchester

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

1) On June 21st at 6:54am, a theft of motor vehicle was reported on the 11000 block of Burns. The vehicle was reportedly taken sometime in the night. At 10:54am the vehicle was located on the 2200 block of Kensington.

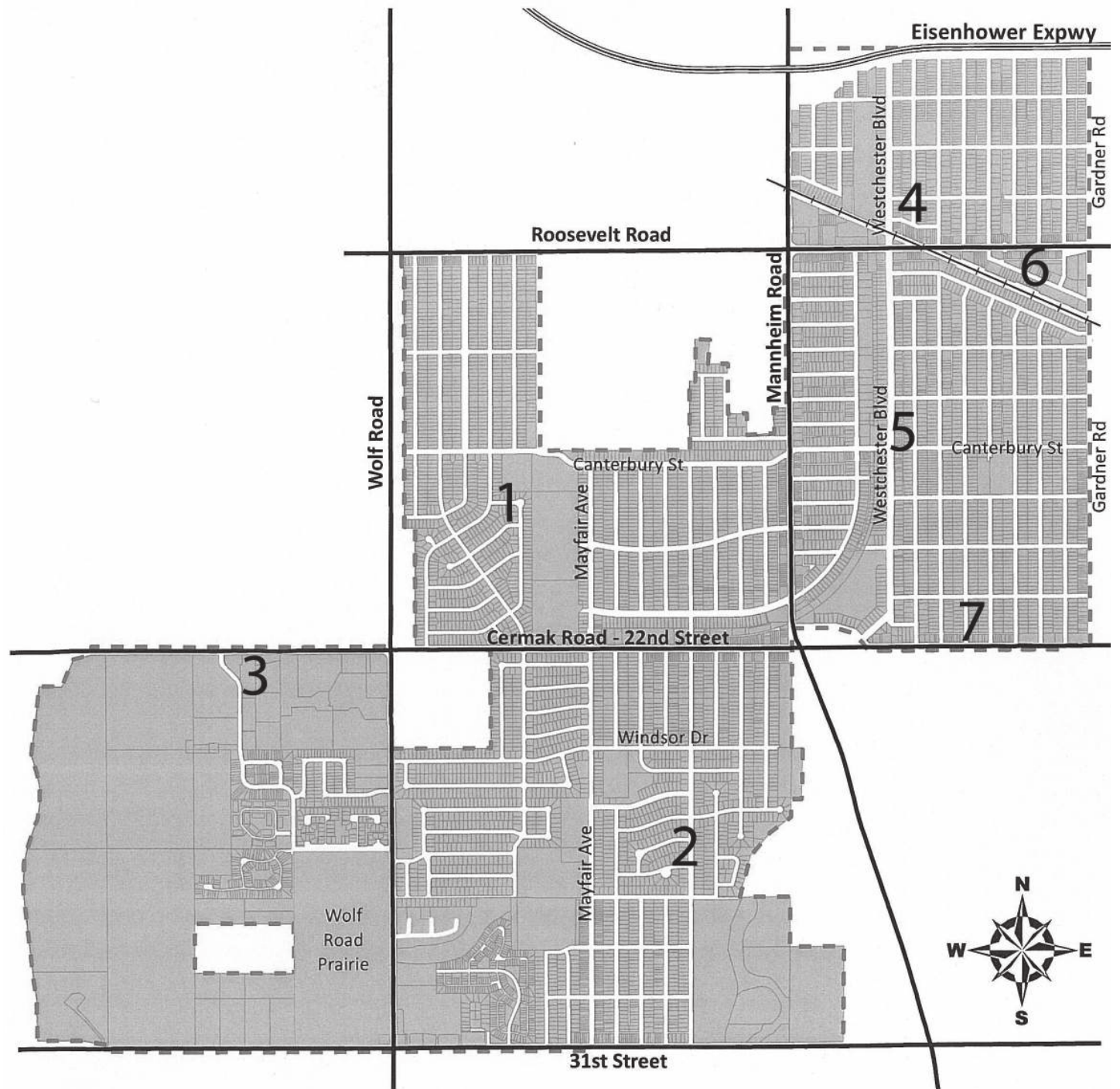
2) On June 21st at 5:08pm a burglary to garage was reported on the 2500 block of Sunnyside. Sometime during the night entry was made to an unlocked side garage door. Taken was a bicycle.

3) On June 21st at 8:08pm a burglary to motor vehicle was reported at the Hampton Inn located at 2222 Enterprise Drive. Entry was made by forcing open the locks on a rear window. Taken were various electronics valued at \$5,000.

4) On June 25th at 5:47am a burglary to garage was reported on the 1000 block of Hull Ave. The resident reported that entry was made by prying open the side service door. Taken were various motorized lawn care devices.

5) On June 29th at 2:56pm a theft of bicycle was reported at Joe's Place Hot Dogs located at 1551 Westchester Blvd. Unknown person(s) took a Schwinn 12 speed bicycle with an attached child trailer that was chained to a pole at the restaurant several days prior to the report.

6) On July 4th at 7:24pm a burglary to motor vehicle was reported in the parking lot at 9914 Derby Lane. Sometime during the day



the driver side window was broken out and three cell phones were taken.

7) On July 7th at 10:44pm a residential burglary was reported on the 2100 block

of Portsmouth. The resident reported that unknown subject(s) entered the house, possibly through an unlocked front door as there were no signs of forced entry. Taken was a video

game system, video games, a hat and loose change. Total value approximately \$595.

Back To School Safety Driving Tips



It's hard to believe but summer will soon be ending and school bells will once again be ringing.

To help keep our kids safe, the Westchester Police Department want remind everyone of some important safety issues and laws when driving in and around school zones...

SLOW DOWN! ...the posted speed limit in school zones is 20 MPH and on village side streets it is 25 mph

It is illegal to be talking on cell phones in school zones.

NEVER drive around a stopped school bus when the stop arm is extended out and their lights are flashing.

Pay attention at school to parking restrictions and drop-off areas. Curbs that are painted yellow mean **NO** Parking or stopping.

Don't park at school bus stops in the crosswalk or blocking the Stop Sign.

Again, curbs painted yellow mean **NO** parking in that area!

CALENDAR

4 AUGUST 2011

August 1, 2, 3, 5: Summer Jump Start Band Program (cont'd), Cadet & Symphonic Bands (9:00AM-9:50AM), Concert Band (10:00AM-10:50AM) at WMS.

Monday, August 1: Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 – 7:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Thursday, August 4: 8:30AM - 3:00PM: Each student must register at the school they will be attending in the fall.

Friday, August 5: Library closed until noon for staff training.

Friday, August 5: First Friday Adoration, 8:00 AM (Opening Prayers)-7:00PM (Benediction), Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

Saturday, August 6: Westchester Community Church Flea Market 8:30 am - 2:00 PM, 1840 Westchester Blvd. \$5 Early Bird Shopping admittance from 8:00-8:30 am otherwise free admittance. Food will be sold from 8:00 am - 1:30 PM. Proceeds go to the general fund of the church. For more information contact the church office at (708)865-1282.

Monday, August 8: Economic Development Committee Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 7:30 AM. Police and Fire Commission Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 9: 1:30PM - 7:30PM Each student must register at the school they will be attending in the fall.

Tuesday, August 9: Village Board Meeting followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting, Westchester Village Hall -Board Room, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10: Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 7:00 PM.

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

Saturday August 13: Electronics and Paint Recycling Event will be held at Village Hall behind the Post Office. We will accept electronic items; computers, T.V.s and cell phones in addition to oil and latex based paints, stain, and paint thinner. For more information please see the Village website.

Tuesday, August 16: Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 – 7:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Thursday, August 18: New Parent Orientation Meeting at 7:00 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. This meeting is for new families entering the school. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Friday, August 19: Taize Ecumenical Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

Monday, August 22: First Day of School for grades 1-8: 8:20-11:45 a.m at Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Monday, August 22: Early Childhood Meet and Greet 8:30-10 AM – Registered Families Only. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Monday, August 22: Economic Development Committee Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 7:30 AM.

Tuesday, August 23: First Full Day of School for Kindergarten-grade 8 at Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Tuesday, August 23: Village Board Meeting followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting, Westchester Village Hall -Board Room, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Aug 24: The first day of school at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Ave. School mass at 8:00 AM Early dismissal at 11:40 AM. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Friday, August 26: First Student Attendance Day for Grades 1-8, Early Dismissal Times Apply

Friday, Aug 26: The first day of bus service at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Saturday, August 27: Back to School Family Barbeque - Divine Providence School Families Only. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL (708) 562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Saturday, August 27: A Late Summer Walk at Wolf Road Prairie presented by the Salt Creek Greenway Association at 1:30PM. Meet at 31st Street Kiosk at Wolf Road Prairie west of Wolf Road.

For more information contact: Salt Creek Greenway Association (708) 865-8736.

Monday, August 29: First Student Attendance Day for Kindergarten

Monday, August 29, 2011 - First Day of School for 3 and 4 year olds at Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Tuesday, August 30: First Student Attendance Day for Early Childhood

Wednesday, August 31: School mass at 8:00 AM at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

GLOW Preschool continues registration for the 2011-2012 school year. There are still openings in the 3 year old class which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 AM GLOW is located in Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester, Westchester, Call Jan Jawor 708-681-4569 for more information.

Sunday, September 4 & Monday September 5: Library closed for Labor Day Holiday.

Wednesday, September 7: School mass at 8:00 AM at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Thursday, September 8: "Meet the Teachers" night for Primary grades at 7:00 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. This meeting is for families with children in K., 1st and 2nd grades. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Mobile Driver Services Facility at Proviso Township Wednesday August 10: from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

The Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility will be offering Driver's License Renewals, duplicate or corrected Driver's Licenses, and Vision Screen for Licenses, Illinois Photo Identification Cards, and License Plate Renewal Stickers. These will be available at the office of Proviso Township, 4565 Harrison Street in Hillside. Normal issuance and renewal fees will apply, but Illinois residents at least 65 years of age may obtain a photo identification card (not license) at no charge. Sorry but NO road tests will be given at this location.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15.

The Westchester Fire Department will be visiting the schools to talk about fire safety and practicing fire drills. The week will conclude with an Open House on Saturday, October 15 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Senior Spotlight

"August Spotlight" DP Over 50 Club

Divine Providence Over 50 Club was organized in 1974. The Club is open to registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant who are over 50. The purpose of the Club is to meet the needs of older adults for friendship growth and to keep members informed on matters of personal and community welfare. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30p.m. at Divine Providence School. (There are no meetings in July and August). Our meetings are brief. We invite speakers occasionally, have coffee and rolls, hold a raffle, and if time permits play bingo. We have five luncheons a year. Two are held at DP as well as our Picnic in June and two are at restaurants. Day trips are planned as well as week-long trips (you need not be a member to join in the trips). Membership dues are \$12.00 annually. You can join us at our monthly meeting as a guest for \$1.00 if you wish. For further information you may call Corrine @708-531-9496 or

DP Over 50 Club New Orleans Trip

It is a little early, but we are planning a trip to New Orleans, LA, March 25-31, 2012. The cost per person is \$599 and includes motor coach transportation, 6 nights lodging, (4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. You will tour New Orleans, a Louisiana Plantation, take a relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi, enjoy the French Quarter, visit the National World War II Museum, and much more. If you are interested give Marianne Krasucki, our Social Chairman a call @ (708) 562-3766.

Local Services for Seniors

Proviso Township Senior Referral Office

The Proviso Township Senior Referral Office provides information and services to seniors. For information visit <http://provisotownship.illinois.gov/> Or contact Proviso Township Office (708) 449-4307

West Suburban Senior Services

West Suburban Senior Services, a non-profit organization, assists senior citizens and their families to remain healthy, secure and independent for as long as feasible. For information visit <http://wsseniors.org/> Or contact WSSS (708) 547-5600

Aging Care Connections

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent. For information visit <http://www.swscoa.org/index.html> Or contact Aging Care Connections (708) 354-1323

Illinois Department on Aging Senior HelpLine 1-800-252-8966

Local Programs and Events for Seniors

- ⇒ Tuesday, August 30 & Wednesday, August 31, 2011 The 16th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo will be held at the Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center, Oak Brook Terrace, IL from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event will include Health and Wellness presentations, Entertainment including a Senior Idol as well as Education Seminars. Admission is \$3.00 at the door. For more information please contact the Agency on Aging at (630) 293-5990 or www.seniorlifestyleexpo.org.
- ⇒ Tuesday, August 9: Free Glucose Screenings will be available from 10:00-11:00 am at the Senior Citizen Center 439 Bohland Avenue in Bellwood. These screenings will be conducted by the Westlake Hospital. Fasting is recommended but not required. Contact WSSS at (708) 547-5600 for more information.
- ⇒ Thursday, August 18: Free Health Screenings will be available from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Senior Citizen Center 439 Bohland Avenue in Bellwood. These screenings will be conducted by the Students and instructors from Sanford Brown College in Hillside which will be providing blood pressure and weight screenings. Contact WSSS at (708) 547-5600 for more information.
- ⇒ Hinsdale AARP Chapter # 1835 hosts meetings at the Hinsdale Community House the second Friday of every month at 10:00 am. AARP offers health and wellness advice, discounts on travel, and financial advice. Contact the District Coordinator Bernard Hiles at (708) 409 0903 for more information on joining this group.



Sunday night before the fireworks show band American English plays for the crowd. Photo courtesy of Glenn Kaupert Photography.

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days following the outages, ComEd hosted two municipal conference calls per day. The first was at 10 am and the second was at 4pm. These conference calls were instituted to keep municipal officials abreast of what steps they were taking to restore power to the affected areas. Mike Guerra and Taylor Anthony, both ComEd Vice Presidents, spoke about the process and strategy followed in restoring power. Their primary goal is to restore power to Police and Fire Departments, Hospitals and sensitive facilities where life safety issues are a priority. They used the term “Lockouts” to refer to large transmission mains that supply power to largest amount of customers. These include “Life Safety Accounts”, “Pump and Lift Stations” and “Treatment Plants”. “Devices” are the next category they focus on. This category includes the main transmission lines and transformers. After “Lockouts” and “Devices” are addressed, the final category addressed is the smaller groups of outages caused by downed lines serving individual accounts. Although, most of the outages in Westchester were back online by Tuesday evening, our ComEd representative reported that by Friday afternoon power had been restored to all Westchester customers.

ComEd officials commented that this storm was the most severe since the ice storm of 1998 where over 865,000 customers were affected.

The cost of ComEd’s restoration topped 80 million dollars almost twice ComEd’s usual annual budget for storm related restoration. Hopefully the sweltering heat will not cause any more outages.

WESTCHESTER FUN FEST

The Westchester Fun Fest was held the weekend of July 9th-11th. It was a fun-filled weekend for all. The weather cooperated and I hope everyone in attendance had a great time. This was the 21st year of our fest, and it was dedicated to the memory of Angelo Luciano, the chief architect of this neighborhood get together. His spirit was with us all weekend as was evident not only by the posters and banners, but by the beautiful weather. I know Angelo, as well as Mr. John Sinde, did their best to keep Westchester Fest a very family friendly event each and every year. I am committed to continuing this tradition. I would like to personally thank Dr. Keith Suchy and Dr Tom Sullivan, who again organized and presented a wonderful Fest atmosphere and musical repertoire that took into consideration the tastes and likes of all age groups. Your labors, and those

of all the workers and volunteers did not go unnoticed. We know that the Fest festivities take all year to prepare and you and all of the volunteers have again outdone yourselves. Thank you! Thanks also to Laurie Murray for tending to the challenges, as well as tribulations, associated with the food vendors. Managing the 1st 2nd and 3rd choices for each vendor, without duplicating what another vendor has, is very challenging at best. We hope this venture was profitable for all culinary vendors. Thanks to our business community and sponsors for your support and generosity. For the past 21 years our Fest has been funded in large part by the Village Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. The uses of monies from this Fund are limited, and one of the uses is an event such as our Fest. To this end, I want to give special recognition to Jim Craven, manager of our Hampton Inn, whose hotel is the chief contributor of monies into this Fund. Without the Hotel/Motel taxes generated by the Hampton Inn, this Fest would not be possible. Jim, we appreciate your contributions and ongoing support. The Hampton is a first rate hotel located on Cermak Road just west of the Corporate Towers. Remember it when you have out of town guests that need a place to stay. I’m sure you will agree with me that this year’s fireworks display were breathtaking and certainly generated a lot of “ooohhs” and “aaaahhs”. I

have heard nothing but praise for our “Mad Bomber”, Anthony Ranerio and his Fireworks show that began just as the featured band American English completed their encore performance of “Hey Jude.” The display rivaled anything that a larger city with more resources could provide. A special treat for those at the Fest grounds was the patriotic music that was synchronized with the fireworks. I can’t wait to see what the “Mad Bomber” has in store for us next year. With any festival and large gathering of people, there is always the chance that some attendees are not there for the right reason. On Friday night we did in fact confront such a situation. While the band ARRA was playing their heart out and entertaining everyone in the music arena, a commotion involving the police was evolving inside the tent. Some teenage attendees began a ruckus inside the carnival area that caused a wave of youth streaming from the carnival and into the food tent area. Police were prepared for such an incident and quickly mobilized to defuse the situation. About a dozen arrests were made for disorderly conduct and other violations. Some offenders resisted arrest and police force was needed. Those who resisted arrest were “tased”. Eventually, all offenders were taken into custody. Although contrary to

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The Phenomena of the Monarch migration

Presented by the Salt Creek Greenway Association

The journey of the monarch is one of Nature's most profound mysteries. Each monarch carries within its DNA all the information it needs to travel from its wintering grounds in Mexico to its summer destinations in regions of North America and back again. But not all Monarchs make the round trip. It is a journey of cycles and it takes several generations to complete this annual migration of 4,000 miles.

The cycle begins as a female Monarch lays nearly microscopic eggs on the underside of the leaves of a host plant such as a milkweed. Having completed her life cycle, she dies shortly thereafter.

The young hatch as tiny caterpillars and feed voraciously on the succulent leaves. When they have grown enough, they spin cocoons of silk and prepare for the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly. The jade green of their chrysalis is so beautiful and rare a color that it appears almost jewel like.

When the butterfly is ready, it breaks free from its chrysalis. At this moment, it is most vulnerable.

It cannot fly. Its wet wings need to pump up to their full form before the Monarch can begin its search for food and shelter.

Monarchs are toxic to predators, giving them a significant survival edge in the food chain. Each Monarch, with its distinct black and orange wing markings, is unique in pattern and design.

No two Monarchs are alike, a testament to the marvels and diversity of nature.

Monarchs who emerge as butterflies at Wolf Road Prairie in mid to late-summer were laid as eggs by a mother who began her life somewhere in the Midwest weeks earlier. She never knew the wintering grounds of Mexico. Yet, the young Monarchs know instinctively how to find their way there.

They embark upon this perilous journey in late August through mid-September when the migration is at its peak. It is a one-way trip with no stops along the way except to feed and rest.

Many will not make it. Those who

do, arrive with tattered wings to join countless numbers of their kind to begin the overwintering cycle anew.

Each year the journey becomes more hazardous.

Habitat and food sources dwindle as land is lost to development and highways, trees are cut and concrete replaces grassy meadows or gardens which once were filled with abundant flowers and nectar.

Monarchs can fly up to 80 miles a day at 30 miles per hour and glide at 30 miles per hour covering 11 miles per hour.

They flap their wings five to twelve times per second. A female Monarch can lay 500 eggs at a time but only about five will survive to maturity.

To help Monarchs "make it", many nature lovers plant butterfly gardens to provide nurseries and nectar sources for these awe-inspiring creatures.

Some become butterfly monitors and inventory butterfly species they see in natural areas, parks or forest preserves to provide data on

the status of species of concern or in peril or those that are listed as threatened or endangered.

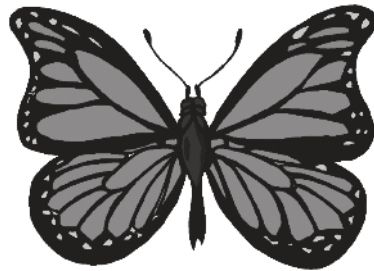
One of the best places to see Monarchs and other butterflies is at the Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve. Late August into mid-September will find them fattening up on the nectar of golden wildflowers before they embark upon their 2,000 mile journey to the old growth oyamel fir forests in the mountains of central Mexico.

We wish them well on their amazing journey and hope their descendants will find their way back to Wolf Road Prairie next year.

Join us on August 30th at 1:30 PM at the 31st Street kiosk west of Wolf Road as we take a Late Summer Walk at Wolf Road Prairie with Dr. Gerould Wilhelm, renowned botanist and prairie expert.

This is a delightful time of year to experience the glorious golds of the prairie landscape and to see the phenomenal Monarchs feasting on the sugary nectar of sunflowers as they prepare for the journey ahead.

For more information, go to www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

August 2011

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) of Westchester would like to extend our thanks to all Westchester residents who took part in completing surveys during the Westchester Fest celebration. The Committee is a citizen advisory body to the Westchester Board of Trustees, and is currently involved in an extensive outreach to residents, working to gather residents' opinions on what kinds of businesses, recreation, restaurants, image and development the community wants to possess. Also partaking in the 4th of July parade festivities, the Committee distributed over 500 magnet calling cards with our email address: edc@westchester-il.org as a permanent reminder to continue to email us with opinions and suggestions for improving downtown and retail areas of Westchester. It's your community and you can make a difference.

We will continue to place

survey forms in various locations throughout the community, for residents to complete and drop in the nearby box. Check for the survey on the Westchester Village website www.westchester-il.org to complete the survey and email to edc@westchester-il.org.

In other big EDC news, The Village of Westchester will be the focus of study in the curriculum of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Graduate School Studies in Planning for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters. Thanks to the persistent spirit of the EDC in seeking out opportunities to enhance Westchester economically, as well as the Board's approval. Because of this partnership, UIC has agreed to create for Westchester 1) a strategic plan 2) an economic development plan, utilizing graduate planning students and their professors for two semesters in a work program for their graduate degree, a win-win situation. This will integrate any earlier Westchester funded studies and planning documents for background, fully

utilizing information gained at Village cost in the past. This comes at the perfect time for Westchester, as we have a fairly new Board of Trustees who could benefit from the direction a Strategic Plan can provide. Additionally, an Economic Development Plan by mid-2012 can set a new path for business growth and new revenue streams for the Village. Participants in these endeavors include a partnership of the Village Board, Village Management, the EDC, the Chamber of Commerce and others as it progresses.

Look for more information on EDC plans, and also on these other topics in upcoming monthly updates: Farmer's Markets, commercial façade programs, retail grant programs, local retail collaborations, TIF districts, and more.

Please help us keep in touch with you by keeping in touch with us, send us an email with your thoughts to edc@westchester-il.org or call (708)-223-3070.



Important Watering Ban

A TEMPORARY WATERING
BAN WILL BE IN EFFECT
FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
THROUGH
OCTOBER 31, 2011.



This ban will protect the water supply during the repainting of the water tower.

According to Village Ordinance 15.34.030, this ban covers any outdoor water use including; lawn watering, pool filling, sidewalk washing, and house cleaning. The ban will not apply to newly placed sod or newly seeded lawns.

Please clip this brochure and place on refrigerator as a reminder of the Watering Ban

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the rumors, no one was stabbed or shot. However, the most disturbing event was the possession of a loaded revolver by one of the 16 year olds that was arrested. The weapon was discovered following his arrest and was inside a zippered vinyl case tucked in his waistband. The youth was charged with a felony charge of Unlawful Use of a Weapon on School Grounds. At his bond hearing he was released to his mother on a signature recognizance bond. To all the youths and their parents: Behavior such as this is unacceptable. Parents and youth alike, need to know that the Westchester Fest is a family event specifically geared toward having a fun-filled and relaxing time. It is not a gathering place for loitering, shenanigans or any illegal activities. I hope the judge throws the book at this offender as an example to others. This behavior will not be tolerated at our Westchester Fest.

Thanks to Chief April Padalik, the police department personnel, as well as our contracted security for the professional manner in which this situation was identified and diffused, and the offenders taken into custody. I am pleased to state that after the professional and expedient response to the events on Friday night, there were no additional problems or incidents on Saturday or Sunday. Thanks to all the security forces for making the Westchester Fest a safe one for all.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Fourth of July parade was especially good this year. A special thanks to Becky Laskay, a school board member from District 92.5, for organizing the trolley carrying former and retired teachers from the school district. It was very nice to see the faces of some of my former teachers. I'm sure they were surprised that one of their former students is Village President. I would also like to thank the Proviso West Marching Band, the Marching Band from Proviso East, the ROTC group from Proviso West, St. Joseph High School Band, the Westchester Middle School Band, and all of the parade participants who made the parade a success.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

On June 28th I informed everyone who was in attendance at St. Joseph H.S. of the State of the Village. This presentation recapped last year's events and provided a preview

of what is in store for us in this fiscal year, which begins May 1st. Although a bit lengthy, I felt it was important to provide you with a thorough understanding of where we are at from a fiscal perspective, what we have accomplished during the past year, and what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. The monies we use to operate this Village are yours and you should know how they are spent. Following the presentation, a resident asked me why the length of my State of the Village presentation was nearly twice as long as that of the President of the United States State of the Union. The answer is simple. We have elected officials, management and staff, advisory boards and residents that are dedicated to getting things done in Westchester for the betterment of all those who live, work and visit our community. The result of so many entities working together for one common goal has resulted in many accomplishments with more to come, and I wanted to make sure you were aware of them all. I am sure that will be a lot more to talk about next year. If you would like to watch a tape of my State of the Village presentation, you will find it online at our website www.westchester-il.org. Make sure you have your popcorn ready and are settled in a comfortable chair.

FROM THE BOARD

At our July 12th meeting we had a host of topics to discuss. The 50/50 sidewalk bids were opened. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Robert Andreas and Son. These bids are for replacement of sidewalk squares. Over 70 residents elected to participate. They will only be responsible for 1/2 of the total cost. The remaining 1/2 will be paid by the Village. In addition to the sidewalk squares, some trip hazards have been identified and they are also scheduled to be replaced. At present, over \$40,000 worth of sidewalk squares are scheduled to be replaced. The cost to the Village and homeowner will be \$64.37 dollars per square. We hope to have this project started and completed by September 1st. We also received bids for the maintenance of the Village owned street lamps that are presently located east of Mannheim Road. (The wooded pole street lamps are owned and maintained by ComEd.) Another bid was also received for Emergency repairs of our Village owned street lamps.

Additionally, bids were opened for the sewer lining project scheduled for the High Ridge section of the Village between Wolf Road on the west, Haase on the East, Canterbury on the south and Roosevelt on the



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north. Insituform will be sleeving the sanitary pipes in the affected area for a cost of \$1,069,000. We received an IEPA low interest loan in the amount of \$1,140,000 to pay for this project. This loan will be paid off over the next 20 years at an interest rate of 1.25%. The engineering costs are \$25,000 to Hancock for design and \$42,000 to Christopher Burke Engineering for construction of this project.

The board also approved the painting of the inside our 2 million gallon above-ground water storage tank located near Cermak and I-294. The inside of the tank, that was constructed in 1982 and has not been painted since it was installed. An examination of the structure revealed that the interior of the tank needs to be painted. Bids were received and the contract was awarded to for a cost of \$351,050 to Maxcor Inc. Christopher Burke Engineering was also awarded the engineering contract for this project at a total cost of \$25,000.00. During the last two weeks of July 2011. The Public Works Department has been removing storage items from inside the tank to accommodate the work being done. A 150 foot monopole will be constructed outside of the structure to allow continued cellular communications for the number of cell phone providers that have leased space atop the tank.

Until the completion of this painting

project a mandatory watering ban will be in effect during the entire months of September and October in order to protect the water supply while the tank is being painted. While the inside of the tank is being painted, the water lever in the elevated tank needs to be lowered to a level that allows for the project to proceed. The painting is scheduled to begin September 1, 2011. The ban will cover ALL outdoor water use, including lawn watering, pool filling, sidewalk washing and exterior house cleaning. The ban will not apply to newly placed sod or newly seeded lawns. Please make every attempt to seed or sod lawns prior to the ban. See ordinance 15.34.030.

The 2011 Street Improvement Project is nearing completion. J. Nardulli Concrete Inc. has done a great job reconstructing the streets selected for this year's reconstruction list. The final section of Windsor Drive was completed in mid-July and the parkways are awaiting sod. Upon completion of this project, Westchester will have reconstructed 8 sections of streets this year for a total cost of 1.6 million dollars. As you may remember this money was made available through 3.5 million dollars in bonds that were sold last summer. The 20 year bonds will be paid off in increments of \$240,000. each year from the motor fuel tax

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PRESIDENT

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revenue fund every municipality receives due from gasoline taxes across Illinois and distributed based on population. That is one reason why the proper census count is so important every census year.

CROSS CONTROVERSY

At our July 12 Committee of the Whole meeting a question was asked on the behalf of a Westchester resident as to why there is a large Christian Cross on the village parkway on Westchester Blvd., just north of Roosevelt Rd. in front of the Faith Lutheran Church. The question was asked by a Mr. Rob Sherman who resides in Buffalo Grove Illinois and has been involved in several issues involving issues surrounding the separation of church and state which is part of our constitutions under the 9th. Mr. Sherman requested that the cross be taken off public property as soon as possible. I provided some historical information that I had heard during my years as a police officer that the section of land that the cross is located on had been deeded to the church over 30-40 years ago by the village. I know that the cornerstone to the church was laid in 1954 however I do not know when the cross had been erected. I informed Mr. Sherman that the village would research the matter in a timely fashion and proceed accordingly.

On July 14th I along with other mayors and presidents met with our Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski (16th District) for the second quarterly meeting. The agenda for the meeting included presentations by Arnold Randall, the General Superintendent, and his 2nd in command Michael Munane. These gentlemen spoke about letters that were sent out to residents in the

district whose properties abut Forest Preserve land. Both made it clear that the Forest Preserve District will enforce the no encroachment policy. So any resident who has placed structures, sheds, or even has cut the grass of Forest Preserve lands are being asked to remove those items as soon as possible. The land should be left alone to reflect the natural preserve aspect of the forest preserve. The second speaker was Michael Masters, the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Mike spoke about his Administration's goals as they pertain to County Wide disaster preparedness and assisting communities in developing their own disaster preparedness plans. He was displeased that on a county wide level there was no Heat Emergency Plan. He stated only about 1/2 of the municipalities in Cook County have a municipal disaster related plan. I am pleased to mention that Westchester has such a disaster plan that we worked off of last summer. Mr. Masters also spoke about creating a Cook County Flood Plan. As I mentioned previously, Cook County is the only county in our immediate area without a federally approved state-sanctioned plan. This information was told to Village Manager Stan Urban and I in a meeting we had with officials at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency last year. Not having a County wide plan reduces substantially the amount of Federal monies that are funneled to Cook County for disaster related mitigation. Mr. Masters and the Preckwinkle administration are committed to making this plan happen as soon as possible. I have offered my assistance and experience to Mr. Masters, if needed. The last speaker, last but certainly not least, Ms. Aviva Gibbs, the spokeswoman for Congressman Michael Quigley. As a result of the congressional remap bar, unless there are changes in court, Westchester will have a portion of town in Congressman

Quigley's district. As this may be an eventuality Ms. Gibbs wanted to introduce herself to the attendees. Ms. Gibbs briefly addressed concerns regarding flooding that affected the Congressman's present district and wanted us to know the Congressman will use his voice in Congress to help our area. She did want to mention that Earmarks for allocating money for projects have all but been eliminated, but there certainly is an Authorization Process that can be utilized to appropriate dollars for projects. I have followed up with an email to Ms. Gibbs that I hope to meet with her in the near future to discuss our regional issue. Commissioner Tobolski ended the meeting with an open invitation to attend an event he is hosting on Friday August 12th to honor the Silver Star Veterans in the 16th District. The event will be held at the McCook Athletic Center located at 4750 S. Vernon in McCook, Illinois beginning at 11am with lunch being provided at 1pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Heather Shore at 708-352-2301. I would like to thank Commissioner Tobolski and his staff, including Heather Shore and Gail Lovero, for being most attentive to our calls and concerns.

FEEDING WILDLIFE

I have received several complaints about residents leaving food out or feeding wildlife on their property. Our present code allows some outside feeding, however at times the excessive amount of food being left out attracts pests as well.

I received specific complaints that deer from the forest preserve area are being attracted to food being left in backyards. The problem is that the animals are eating plants and vegetation along the way on properties that belong to those residents who did not leave any food out. Vermin, pesky raccoons and opossums are also showing up at the dinner table looking for a free

meal. Please be mindful of the village code and restrict your good natured instinct.

Excessive food left out is a nuisance and can be fined. Excerpts from the code are as follows: Chapter 10.12.010-Keeping or feeding certain animals prohibited: "No person shall feed or otherwise deposit upon his property any household food, garbage or other edible products, in the open, in such manner as to attract any stray dog or cat not owned by said person or any other domestic animal, rodent, bird or other wild animal at or upon the property of said person within the village."

For the entire chapter, please see our website: westchester-il.org, Village Code, Chapter 10.12 "Feeding of Wild Animals".

SORROW IN OUR MIDST

Once again we offer our sincere condolences to all Westchester families who lost a loved one this month. Specifically, I would like mention the passing of Mr. William Casey, father of Park Commissioner and former Village Trustee Pat Casey passed away. Then later in the month we experienced the very untimely and unexpected death of Mr. Donald Polak. For those who know the Polak family you know that Mr. Polak's wife Donna just passed away on Christmas Eve 2010 leaving behind 5 children. With their father's unexpected passing this family will need all the support we as a community can provide during these most trying of times. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Village are with these families and the other families in the community who lost a loved one. As a community we must be there for each other not only in the good times, but also when times are tough. If you know someone who has lost a family member, please take a moment to extend condolences and offer support. As we all know "it takes a Village".

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Library Board Update

In June, the elected members of the Library Board of Trustees appointed Steve Cerasuolo to serve the remaining two years of the trustee position vacated by Frank Perry. With a full complement in place, the board elected the following officers: Donna Malecki, president; Phyllis Kastle, vice president, Timothy Hinsdale, treasurer and Celestine T. Reda, secretary. During meetings in May and June, the board conducted interviews and hired a consultant to manage the search for a new director to replace Ruth McCrank who retired July 1.

Have Library Card Ready For New School Year

Even though September is the traditional month for promoting library cards, parents can get a jump start on the new academic year this August by making sure the students in their household have an up-to-date library card. As a reminder, students under the age of 16 must have their application or renewal form signed by a parent or legal guardian. All patrons can apply for a card or renew their current card at the Circulation Desk.

Whether a student is attending grammar school, high school or college, today's research and homework assignments require access to substantive Internet-based resources, and a valid library card ensures the student has ready access

to the Library's many subscription databases to augment the resources available on their school's website.

Donations for the Friends Book Sale

The Friends continue to welcome donations for their annual Book Sale scheduled for September 22-24, 2011. This is a major fundraiser sponsored by the Friends and your donations of gently-used books, videos, DVDs, CDs, cassettes and recent issues of popular magazines are always appreciated.

Experience from past book sales have shown only the most recently published textbooks will sell (i.e. texts published after 2007). Donations can be dropped off at the Circulation Desk, but please call ahead if you have a quantity of items to bring (708-562-3573).

Chess and Scrabble Club Is Back

The Friends are happy to be hosting the Chess and Scrabble Club meetings in the Community Room again. The Club is free to members of the Friends and a membership table is available for anyone wishing to join the Friends and play Chess or Scrabble. (Membership is \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family membership. See the calendar in this issue for meeting dates.)

The Club is a great opportunity for different generations to engage in board games that develop confidence, problem-solving and

decision-making skills, as well as strategy. The December 2008 issue of *Sports Illustrated for Kids* featured an article on Orrin Hudson, who as a young at-risk kid, developed an interest in chess that helped turn his life around. Now an adult, he has developed a foundation to reach other at-risk kids through chess (www.besomeone.org).

The game of Scrabble has its merits too. Education journals often cite Scrabble as a valuable game for developing spelling and word-

building skills.

A Google search of "scrabble and life lessons" will yield a number of postings by people in the blogosphere who have written about lessons they learned from playing Scrabble (e.g. patience, taking risks).

Yes, there are apps for Scrabble and apps for chess, but the Friends' Chess and Scrabble Club means you can be sitting across from a real opponent and watch their facial expression wilt when you make that winning move!



BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

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Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
3625	5-7	M-F	8/15-8/19	3:00-4:30pm	\$55/\$65
3625-1	8-12	M-F	8/15-8/19	5:00-6:30pm	\$55/\$65

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Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
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	6:30pm-9:00pm	Open Swim
Wed., Fri.	1:00pm-4:45pm	Open Swim
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	6:30pm-8:30pm	Open Swim
Saturday	11:00am-12:00pm	Adult Swim
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Shortened Hours

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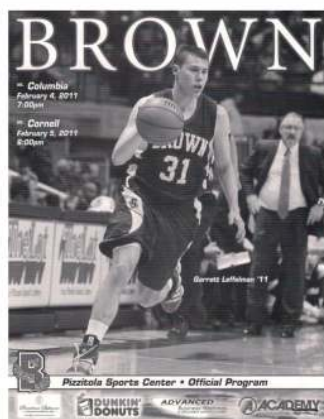
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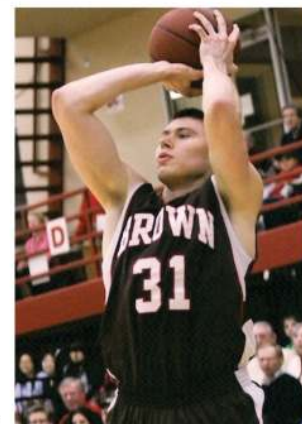
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St. Joseph High School Alumni Spotlight: Garrett Leffelman, Class of 2007

Written by: Tony Quattrochi

No one completed his math homework more thoroughly than Garrett Leffelman. He was a master at detail and thoroughness. His academic success after St. Joes continued for the next four years as this past spring he was named to Capital One Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Garrett was named to the Academic All-America second team.



Garrett graduated this past spring from Brown University with a 3.89 G.P.A. and a degree in Economics and Political Science. On the basketball team this season, Garrett started 22 of 23 games, scoring in double digits 12 times, including a career high 22 points against Providence College. He scored 11 points in an upset win over first place Princeton. Garrett pulled down a career high 7 rebounds in games against Fordham and Yale.

Garrett said of his recent honor: "Being named to the Academic All-American Men's Basketball Team is perhaps the achievement I am most proud of from my career. It represents the culmination of all of the time and effort I've put in on the basketball court and in the classroom which came from the work ethic I learned at St. Joseph. Coach Pingatore, all of my teachers, and the education I received at St. Joseph prepared me to succeed both in the Ivy League and at the national Division I level. I would like to thank the St. Joseph community for changing my life path and setting up a great future."



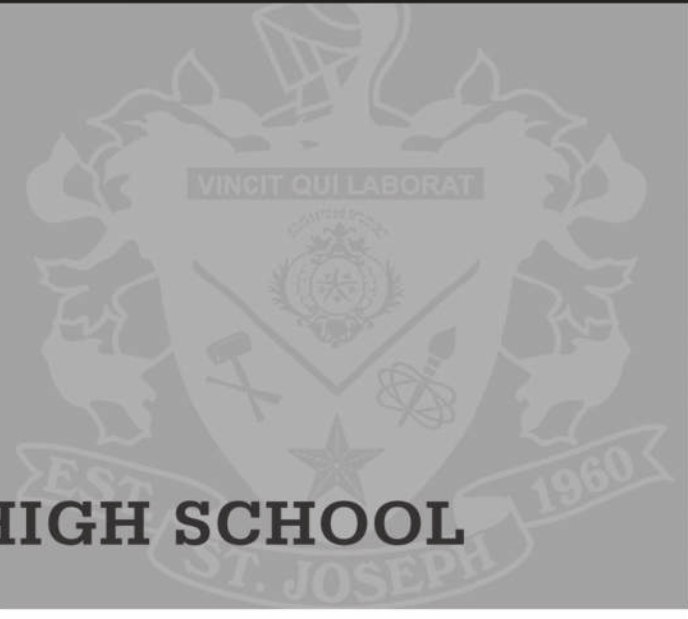
Garrett moved to New York City in June and now works for Morgan Stanley, where he completed an internship last summer. "Morgan Stanley is one of the leading investment banks which encompasses many financial services (investment banking, brokerage services, wealth management, advising, etc.) I'll be in the Investment Banking division working in the Financial Institutions Group. This means that my group and I will serve clients in the financial institutions sector (commercial banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, technology firms, and governments). It is actually my group that won the bid to help sell all of the federal government's stock in GM and AIG when the government had to take them over in the financial crisis." Garrett's plans beyond his stay at Morgan Stanley may include a venture into the world of politics. Garrett hopes to return to St. Joes in the near future to discuss his academic and athletic experiences on the university level. Good luck, Garrett!



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2011 Construction Projects

The 2011 Street Improvements Project and the Water Main project on Fleet and Preston are substantially complete. If your residence was in the construction area and you have any broken sprinklers, dead sod, or broken concrete, please email Project Manager, Hope Garrett at hgarrett@westchester-il.org. All miscellaneous work should be complete by September, 2011.

Sprinkling Ban Reminder

May 15-September 1, 2011 from 12pm-6pm the following are prohibited within Westchester

1. Outdoor Watering
2. Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
3. Cleaning Buildings
4. Pool Filling

Sprinkling during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6 pm) shall be allowed on even numbered days for those even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for those residents having odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

2011 Water Tower Painting

The Village of Westchester will be performing a much needed painting of the interior of the water tank starting in September. In order to paint the inside of the "bowl" it needs to be drained completely for a period of a few months. During this time, the Village would ask that residents refrain from using water to water lawns and other high-use water activities. Please do not water your lawn during the months of September and October, 2011. The water tower will be drained at these times and excessive use of water could cause water pressure dips throughout the system. A sprinkling ban will be in effect during these months and will be strictly enforced.

Currently there are antennas on the water tower which service cell phone companies. These antennas need to be moved during the painting, and one of the cell phone companies have elected to construct a temporary monopole at the water tower site. This pole will be 20 feet taller than the water tower and will be erected next to the water tower.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The sanitary sewer project consists of point repairs and overall lining for all the sanitary mains in the High Ridge area. These locations are bounded by Wolf Road, Roosevelt Road, Haase Avenue, and Canterbury Avenue. The point repairs will require digging in the backyards to access the broken pipes for replacement. Sewer lining will be accomplished manhole to manhole. The contractor will push the soft pipe through the existing main. Once it is in place, the contractor will force hot water through the pipe to expand it. The pipe will then be exposed to hot steam for a few hours in order to cure it into a hard long lasting surface. Finally, a small machine will travel through the pipe and cut out individual service connections. Once the main line sewers are lined, another contractor will line all the manholes. When this project is complete, it will be equivalent to a brand new sanitary sewer system in the area.



Public Works has many crews on the street who will be painting curbs, filling potholes, hotpatching streets and grading alleys. Please slow down and give them a brake.

Westchester Tree Update

During the recent summer storms in June and July, Public Works took care of cleaning up the town quickly and efficiently with the help of Sinnott Tree Service. Both Public Works crews and Sinnott worked continuously clearing sidewalks, streets, and alleys of storm damage. They also spent time trimming dangerous hangers in parkway trees, removing damaged trees, removing logs and chipping brush all in an effort to keep Westchester beautiful and safe.

Parkway Tree Program

The Village parkway tree program The Village parkway tree program gives you the opportunity to add to the curb appeal of your home. The program is 50/50 shared cost and includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of four types of trees indigenous to the area. Trees are planted in fall 2011. Call Public Works at 708- 345-

Public Works Branch Pick-Up Information

August 1-5, September 5-9, October 3-7 and last pickup for year November 7-11

Branch pick-up continues to be the **first full** week of every month.

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

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

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

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

For a map of branch pick up schedule log on: www.westchester-il.org.



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September 11, 2011 Silent Parade

The Village of Westchester is organizing a "Silent" Parade of Police and Fire Vehicles to honor the 10TH anniversary of the World Trade Center disaster. Over 200 public safety vehicles are scheduled to participate.

The parade will begin at approximately 7:45 pm from Des Plaines and Roosevelt Roads in the Village of Forest Park. It will continue west on Roosevelt through Maywood, Broadview, Westchester, and Hillside ending at St. Joseph High School-1840 S. Mayfair. A Memorial Service will be held in the old gym in honor of our fallen brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement and Fire Service. We are inviting everyone to join in our event.

Fire, Police and emergency vehicles from all over the area will participate in the parade and will display their lights only; no sirens will be sounded.

The community is encouraged to line the parade route and show their support by holding flashlights or American flags.



Please direct questions to: Westchester Fire Chief Jim Adams-708/ 345-0433 or Westchester Police Chief April Padalik-708/345-0060.



Town Hall Meeting



with Representatives from
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**Wednesday, August 24, 2011
7:00 PM-Village Hall Board Room**

Commonwealth Edison representatives will be available to answer questions and hear concerns regarding Westchester power outages.

