



# Village of Westchester

February 2011 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of The President



February is here and it seems that we were just celebrating the New Year. As we have learned throughout our lives, time marches on and waits for no one. January was a very somber time for me personally. The loss of my father is still indelibly imprinted on my mind as well as those of my family and friends. I wish to thank the entire Village Board, Staff, Police and Fire Departments, other elected officials, both local, county and state wide, the Police Departments who sent representatives, in particular the Westchester Police Honor Guards, Illinois Police Association Honor Guard and those who attended dad's wake at Hursen's Funeral Home and funeral mass at Divine Providence. I also want to thank all of the Village residents who honored dad with their appearance, heartfelt cards, flowers and letters of sympathy. They mean very much to me at a time when now that both my parents are gone, I have become for whatever reason the patriarch of the

family. A job I know I am ill prepared for. To Village Manager Stan Urban a special thanks for being there and doing whatever you felt necessary to help me personally through this difficult time. At the same time Westchester lost a former Public Works employee Michael Lisuzzo and his Uncle Jack Jamison in a tragic car accident in Florida. Mike's father Donald Lisuzzo retired as a Sergeant of Police after a distinguished career in our police department. Both Donald and his wife Pricilla proceeded Mike's and Jack's untimely deaths. Our condolences to the Lisuzzo and Jamison families.

### STATE OF ILLINOIS UPDATE

I along with other elected officials were invited to attend the Inauguration of two of our State Representatives in Springfield. Mrs. Karen Yarbrough who represents the 7th District and Mr.

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# Fire Department

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## Profile



**Name:** Rick Malik  
**Rank:** Firefighter

**Years as Firefighter:** 37 years working for the Village of Westchester. 16 years on Public Works and 21 years on the Fire Department.

**Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me?** My family has a history of being involved in the fire service. My grandfather was a firefighter at Fort Sheridan and both my uncle and cousin were on the Chicago fire department. My Uncle George Malik was killed in a building collapse in 1954. I wasn't sure if this was the job for me until I was hired on the Westchester fire department and they sent me to the fire academy in Arlington Heights. We were really put through the ropes there. When I graduated from the academy I knew I could do it and this was the job for me.

**Describe a good day at work:** Is of course no calls (lol). A Sunday after all the equipment is checked and tested to be working properly. A Bears or White Sox game on the television and a nice cook out on the grill behind the station with the guys on my shift. People are always dropping us off goodies as a way of thanking us for the help we have done for them, we tell them it's not necessary we are just doing our job, but it still tastes so good.

**What is the best part about your job?** Not only the honor and respect that comes with the badge but the feeling at the end of my shift that I accomplished what I was trained to do.

**What is one downside to your Job?** There is more than just one. It is very hard witnessing the tragedies of life, the loss of lives and the possessions of others. Missing my wife and kids while I am at work and not being there for them.

**What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path?** You've got to have the heart, desire and compassion to help all people. These days you have to be a firefighter/paramedic so if you can get those courses accomplished it would be a great help. Take fire department tests in all the areas were you are interested in working, because you learn so much from them.

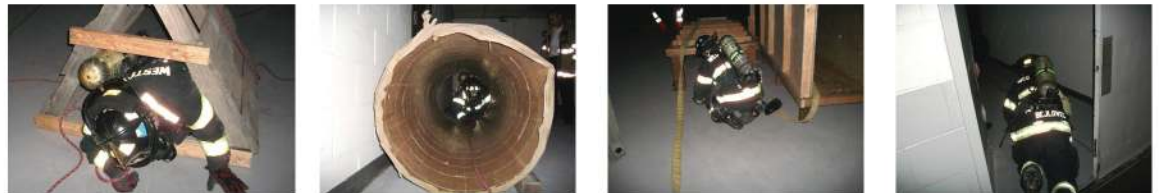
**What would occur on your perfect day off?** A perfect day would be spending a warm summer day at Navy Pier with my wife Michelle, and my daughters Kayla and Lindsey and my grand daughter Lexi. Taking a walk along the lakefront and having a nice picnic lunch.

## Fire Department Training

The Westchester Fire Department to provide the highest level of service is continually training to assure preparedness in the event of an emergency. In the last newsletter issue it was noted that the Westchester Fire Department trained over 6000 hours in many safety subject areas. Due to the dangerous tasks assigned to the rescue services; state, federal and local government agencies mandate that the fire department train in multiple safety subject areas.

The Westchester Fire Department trains with local fire departments that provide mutual aid to our community. The Hillside Fire Department recently trained jointly in the subject area of self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The SCBA is a tool that firefighters wear in hostile respiratory environments to aid rescue and firefighting tasks. All firefighters train continually with the SCBA to assure full competency in the event of a rescue. The Hillside and Westchester Fire Departments trained firefighters jointly in SCBA to better prepare in the event of an emergency. Firefighters must also train in the event that they themselves become trapped. That was the area covered in the drill with Hillside. The firefighters ran a maze of obstacles that simulated entrapment and tested firefighters on how they responded to the emergency.

The Westchester Fire Department is committed to providing the highest level of rescue service to the community. The Fire Department will continue to train in all areas mandated by various government agencies. By training continually in the many areas of safety related to firefighting the Westchester Fire Department will be ready to provide the highest level of safety in the event of an emergency.



## Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas, so its level of existence in your home is not detectable. It is a by-product of the fuel burning process. Many appliances such as furnaces, kitchen stoves, hot water heaters, automobiles, etc. can produce carbon monoxide. When a faulty or unusual condition exists, carbon monoxide may be vented into areas where people are present. Carbon monoxide affects individuals differently depending on the size, age and medical history of the occupants. Therefore, young children, people with medical conditions, or aged individuals should take extra precautions in the event carbon monoxide is detected. Fire Departments across the nation are responding to a huge increase in carbon monoxide alarms. In most cases, a response is not necessary. Here's how you can help cut down calls.

- On a monthly basis, check fresh air intakes to furnaces, chimneys and dryer vents to make sure they are not plugged by bird nests, leaves and snow.
- If using a wood burning fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation and open a window slightly.
- If you are warming up your vehicle, remove it from the garage.
- Have fuel-burning household heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, and space or portable heaters) checked every year before cold weather sets in.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST YOU IN PURCHASING A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

- Purchase a detector that plugs into the wall (not battery operated).
- Purchase a detector that has a digital display for carbon monoxide readings. The digital display detectors are a little more expensive, but they indicate exactly how many parts per million of carbon monoxide are in your home at the time of activation.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOUR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATES

- If your carbon monoxide detector does not have a digital display, check individuals in the home for flu-like symptoms (nausea, headache, dizziness, etc.) If there are no symptoms, call a repair service. If there are symptoms call 911.

## Profile



**Name:** Richard Stieber  
**Occupation:** Police officer

**Years as an officer:** 16 years as a Police Officer with the Village of Westchester.

**Was there a moment when you realized this is the job for me:** My father was a police Officer and I always thought that it was a great when he would come home and tell me stories about work.

**Describe a good day at work:**

A good day at work would be when you are able to help someone who is in need and see the smile on their face when you are done.

**What is the best part about your job?** Being able to help people.

**What is one downside to your job?** Having to work Holidays and Family events.

**What advice would you to give to someone who wants to follow your career path?** Regardless of your career choice, to use one of the most important things that my father taught me. "TREAT PEOPLE HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED".

**What would occur on your perfect day off?** Spending the day with my family regardless of what we do.

## Graffiti is everybody's problem... It's also a crime!!!

A person commits criminal defacement of property of another by defacing, deforming, or otherwise damaging the property by the use of paint or any other similar substance, or by the use of a writing instrument, etching tool, or any other similar device.

If it is your first offense and the damage to the Property does not exceed \$300, you will face a Class A misdemeanor. If this is your second or subsequent offense or the damage to the property exceeds \$300, you will face a Class 4 felony.

If the damage is under \$300 and the property damaged is a school building or place of worship, you will face a Class 4 felony. If the damage exceeds \$300 and the property damaged is a school building or place of worship, you will face a Class 3 felony. A felony conviction will result in a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 plus the actual costs incurred to abate, remediate, repair, or remove the damage.

A court will order any person convicted of criminal defacement of property to perform community service for not less than 30 and not more than 120 hours.

For more information on how to help prevent crime in your neighborhood, please contact:

**Ofc. Rob Verber Neighborhood Watch Liaison**  
[rverber@westchesterpolice.com](mailto:rverber@westchesterpolice.com)



## Blotter

December 15th 2010 through January 17th 2011



### Village of Westchester

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



- On December 18th at 5:17pm a criminal defacement was reported at Hull and Bond Street. An officer on patrol noticed graffiti on the stop sign. The graffiti was removed by public works.
- On December 23rd at 4:31pm a retail theft was reported at the Walgreens located at 10345 Roosevelt Road. \$100.00 in merchandise was reportedly taken from the store by a female suspect, who was recorded on surveillance video.
- On January 10th at 12:39pm a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 900 block of Gardner Road. The complainant advised that between 5pm January 9th and 10am January 10th and unknown person gained entry to their unlocked vehicle. Taken was a GPS unit from the vehicle.
- On January 11th at 3:43pm a theft was reported at Cardinal Fitness located at 3036 Wolf Road. Taken from an unlocked locker was a purse which contained a cell phone and identification.
- On January 12th at 11:11pm at criminal trespass to vehicle was reported on the 700 block of Norfolk. An alert citizen advised that he noticed a young male entering his neighbor's vehicle. Officers located a juvenile who was identified by the witness as the person who was inside of the vehicle. It was later determined that the juvenile had entered three vehicles but did not appear to have taken any contents. The juvenile was charged with Criminal Trespass to Vehicle as a juvenile and released to his parents.
- On January 14th at 1:06pm a resident on the 11100 block of Shakespeare advised that a male came to the door and advised them that they needed to shut off the water due to work they were doing at a neighbor's house. While the resident followed the man into the basement, another person was heard entering the house from the front door. When the resident tried to check on the person upstairs both parties ran from the house and left in a full sized white sport utility vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.
- On January 17th at 4:01am a burglary was reported at the Kentucky Fried Chicken at 9950 Roosevelt Road. The Westchester Police Department, responding to a burglar alarm, noticed entry was made through the main entrance of the restaurant. Cash registers and items in an office were damaged, but no money appeared to have been taken. Security video was being analyzed by Westchester detectives.
- On January 17th at 5:10pm a theft was reported at the International House of Pancakes located at 1137 Mannheim Road. The restaurant reported that unknown people removed an industrial grill that was being cleaned outside of the building doors.

# CALENDAR

4 FEBRUARY 2011

The Westchester Fire Department is offering CPR classes for Westchester residents. Three types of CPR classes will be available: Basic, Heart Saver AED, and CPR for health care providers. New and renewal certification offered. Class size is limited, call Elizabeth at 708-345-0433.

**Tuesday, February 1.** American Eagle Productions presents a live performance of "In the Beginning" at 1:15 PM in Langan Hall for the students at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

**Tuesday, February 1.** First Eucharist Meeting for Parents of 2nd graders at 7 PM. at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086.

**Wednesday, February 2.** Teacher Appreciation Day and Wii Dance Party for students Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

**Thursday, February 3.** Pep Rally in the Gym at 12:30 PM with a "Knockout Contest" to follow at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

**Friday, February 4.** First Friday Adoration, 8 AM Opening Prayers to 7:00 PM Benediction, Divine Providence Ministry Center Chapel, 2540 Mayfair.

**Friday, February 4.** Scholastic Book Fair at Divine Providence

**Saturday, February 5.** GLOW Preschool's Open Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will take place from 9-10 AM at the school's location, Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester, Westchester, IL. Children must be 3 years old by September 1st to register for the 3 year old program and 4 years old by Sept. 1st to register for the 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten program. For registration details log on to the website [gracwestchester.org](http://gracwestchester.org) or phone Jan Jawor (708)681-4569.

**Friday, February 4.** Student Appreciation Day consisting of a "Minute to Win It" competition at 12:30 PM. for students at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

**Monday, February 7.** Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 6:30 PM at Village Hall. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights

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

**Friday, February 11.** Valentine's Day

Dance at WMS, 2:50-5:15PM

**Saturday, February 12.** Market Day pick up at WMS, 10-10:30AM

**Saturday, February 12.** 1 PM - 2 PM Edward Jones Presents Tax-free Investing: It's not what you make, it's what you keep is an educational program designed to help inform individuals of the benefits and considerations of choosing investments that offer tax advantages. Participants will learn: Tax-advantaged investments and their features, Tax-free investment returns vs. taxable investment returns, three ways to purchase municipal bonds. Event held at 10526 W. Cermak Rd Ste 100 in Westchester. Please call (708) 562-0004 to RSVP for yourself and a guest.

**Saturday and Sunday, February 12 & 13.** Valentine Drop-In Craft in Youth Department at Library

**Saturday & Sunday, February 12 & 13.** Wedding Anniversary Renewal of Vows and Hospitality at 5:00 PM Sat. and 7:30 AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Sunday Masses, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Wednesday, February 16.** Bilingual Parents Advisory Committee Meeting (BPAC) at WPS, 7 PM

**Friday, February 18.** Taize Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Saturday, February 19.** Band Students' Solo & Ensemble Contest at WIS, 8AM

**Saturday, February 19.** Market Day Pick-up 8:30-9:30AM at Divine

Providence

**Monday, February 21.** President's Day, No Classes, Divine Providence

**Monday, February 21.** No School - Presidents' Day. Westchester Public Schools

**Monday, February 21.** Village Hall closed for President's Day

**Wednesday, February 23.** Winter Choral Concert at WMS, 7 PM

**Thursday, February 24.** Teetering Tots Playgroup 9:30-10:30AM at Divine Providence

**Sunday, February 27.** 9:30 AM, Family Mass, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Monday, February 28-March 11.** ISAT Testing Grades 3-8. Westchester Public Schools

**Monday, March 7.** Casimir Pulaski Day - No School @ Westchester Public Schools

**Wednesday, March 9.** Family Science Night @ Westchester Middle School at 6-8 PM

**Saturday, March 12.** Market Day pick up at WMS, 10-10:30AM

**Tuesday, March 15.** Early Childhood Screening at Westchester Public Schools (appointment only); contact Elena #708-450-2700 x649

**Friday, March 18.** Teacher Institute Day - No school for students @ Westchester Public Schools

## Westchester Community Image Council

Cosmic Bowl - A Winter Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 26, 2011  
Suburbanite Bowl 201 W. Ogden, Westmont, IL • 630.968.2200  
7 PM Cash Bar -8 PM Dinner (Cash Bar)  
9:30PM Bowling and Raffle  
\$35.00 per adult (shoes included). There will be 3 couples or 6 people per lane. We will start the evening with 2 scotch doubles. The 3rd game will be a crazy game.  
Proceeds will go to professionally landscape the Mannheim Road median!  
Please send your payment by February 10, 2011 to:  
WCIC, P.O. Box 7081, Westchester, IL 60154  
Sorry, no refunds after February 13, 2011.  
For more information, Contact Carl Celestino @708.302.1525.  
SPACE IS LIMITED. Payment must accompany reservation.

## Divine Providence over 50 club

Our next meeting will be held on February 2, 2011 at 1:30 PM at Divine Providence Gym. Membership is open to all registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant. Membership is \$12. Come and check us out, guests are welcome for a donation of \$1.  
Tickets will be available for our St. Pat's-St. Joe's Luncheon on March 2, 2011 at Noon. Members \$8/ Guests \$10. We will be having chicken, and corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings.  
On February 8, 2011 we will be traveling to Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We will leave DP at 10AM and be back in Westchester at approximately 5:30PM Cost \$22 which includes bus trip, \$10 in slots only money and a buffet lunch. Money is due on Feb. 2, 2011.  
There are still openings for our trip to Savannah, Georgia in March and Cape Cod in September. Call Marianne @ 708-562-3766 if you are interested in either of these trips. You need not be a member to join us on any of our outings.

## Aspire on Broadway

ASPIRE ON BROADWAY (a resale store, where the proceeds support Aspire's programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities) is hosting a Thursday Night Work Group, spearheaded by volunteer leaders. Volunteers will gather from 5:00-8:00pm at the shop located 119 Broadway, Melrose Park, to sort donations and prepare them for the sales floor on the following dates: 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9 and 6/23.  
Please consider helping out on any of the dates, grab a friend or family member and pitch in! Please RSVP at [jgies@aspireofillinois.org](mailto:jgies@aspireofillinois.org) or 708.547.3550 X3554. We need to have three people for each date!  
Thank you for your support of Aspire.  
Julie A. Gies -Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

# DESK

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Chris Nybo our newly elected representative of the 41st District. It was an honor for me to attend the swearing in ceremony at the University of Springfield Campus, and be present for not only the representatives of the 97th General Assembly taking their oath of office but the nomination speeches from the representatives nominating Senator Michael Madigan and Senator Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. After the comments were made, Senator Cross requested that Mr. Madigan be returned to the position of Speaker of the House for another term, his 14th. Mr. Cross will remain the Minority Leader of the House and it is my fervent hope and belief based on their statements that they will be working in a bipartisan way to improve the State of Illinois.

Speaker Madigan selected his leadership staff and elevated Representative Yarbrough to the coveted Assistant Majority Leader position. We congratulate her and thank Speaker Madigan for making such a great selection.

From personal experiences and conversations, Mrs. Yarbrough has always been a friend of the Village of Westchester and has been available to me and past administrations.

Also sworn in at the State Capital that day were our two State Senators, Mrs. Kimberly Lightford, and our newly appointed Senator, Mr. Ronald Sandeck. Mrs. Lightford has always kept her doors open at her Westchester office and has helped us move our projects forward. I received a personal note from Senator Sandeck, requesting a one on one meeting with me in the near future to hear our concerns. I am looking forward to talking to all of our elected officials



Allison Muzal of Westchester, proudly announces the opening of the first BookKeeping Express office in Illinois, serving the western suburbs of Chicago. She and the Village President Sam Pulia share in the honor of cutting the ribbon for the new business.

BookKeeping Express ribbon cutting - 1 Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 300. Pictured left to right: Mark Boggs, Alicia Aldrich, Trustee Nick Steker, Bob Ware, Jeff Pieta, President Sam Pulia, Mary Bakas, Bob Bakas, Allison Muzal (owner), Brian Doruff, Andrew Teutsch, Richard Rush, and Rosanne Arnold. Photo by Glenn Kaupert., Westchester

and will be working diligently on the behalf of our residents to improve the quality of life here in Westchester.

## INCOME TAX INCREASE

All of our residents should be aware that as a result of the last minute late night discussions the 96th General Assembly, along with the approval of Governor Quinn, the State Income Tax for both individuals and corporations will be increased.

The individual state income tax will increase from 3% to 5%. The corporate business tax will increase from 4.8% to 7%. The increases will be in effect from 2011- 2014. Beginning 2015- 2024 the individual rate will decrease to 3.75% and the corporate rate will also decrease to 5.25%. The new law also provides a reduction from 2025 and thereafter of 3.25 for individuals and 4.8% for corporations.

The roll call vote on this bill SB2505 was very close in both the House and Senate with a 60-57 majority in the House and 30-29 majority in the Senate. The vote in both House and Senate appear to be along party lines with few crossovers. Unfortunately,

municipal governments will not share in the additional monies received by the increase. The legislation does however seek to maintain the shared revenues at their current level. The distribution of what is called the Local Government Distributive Share (LGDF) from February 2011 to January 2015 will be 6% of the net revenue from the 5% rate and 6.86% of the net revenue received from the 7% corporate rate. The Village of Westchester receives about \$1.3 million each year from the State Income Tax.

Over the past year your village board has been able to accomplish many things that have crossed our path even with the devastating crisis that we were faced with this past summer.

Here are just some of the projects we completed in the past year:

- 8 streets totaling over 10,000 linear feet of Village road construction
- Sandblasting and painting of all fire hydrants
- Replacement of 2000 inaccurate water meters
- Acquired bond rating of AA2
- Clean up of the shoreline of Addison Creek
- New and improved website, Twitter and Nixle accounts to

- disseminate information
- Creation of the monthly Newsletter
- Implementation of Westchester World Cable TV show
- Acquisition of property on Cermak Road to be used as municipal parking lot
- Intergovernmental agreement with Dist. 92 ½ to collectively purchase paper and salt
- Sanitary sewer flow study
- Smoke testing study
- Creation of a new sign ordinance
- Restructuring of utility billing
- Hosting Town Hall meetings throughout the community
- Received the certificate of excellence for financial reporting for the April 30, 2010 audit

## 2011 PROJECTS

Financially 2011 will be a challenging year. However, we are moving forward with our 2011 Street improvement projects with our bid openings occurring just this past week.

Our construction schedule is scheduled to begin no earlier than the first week of May. The Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project of sewer relining in the High Ridge Area is in the process of being submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for approval. The painting of the water tower is scheduled for fall 2011. Reconstruction is scheduled for Somerset, Windsor, Concord, Camelot, and Waverly reconstruction; (Cambridge, Balmoral, and Pell are dependent on funding). Our punch list of 2010 projects to be completed this spring: Gardner Road Concrete Driveways, Cermak Road Parkway restoration.

## ROADWAY DAMAGE

In December I appeared before the Du Page Water Commission advising them that the roadway on

# New overweight truck ordinance passed, enforced

The Village of Westchester recently passed an Overweight Truck Ordinance to regulate truck traffic on residential streets. The Westchester Police Department will begin enforcement of this ordinance in the immediate future. The ordinance reads as follows:

## 11.40.090. Limited Truck Weight on Residential Streets:

A. General Restriction: Except as set forth in subsections (B) and (C) of this section 11.40.090, it shall be unlawful to operate any truck having a gross weight, including load, exceeding seven thousand (7,000) pounds upon any residential street, excluding Gardner Avenue, within the Village.

B. Pickups, Deliveries and Services: Trucks exceeding seven thousand (7,000) pounds may be operated on residential streets within the Village for the purpose of making pickups, deliveries and/or providing services, provided such trucks may only exit a truck route or major arterial street to enter a residential street to make pickups, deliveries or to provide services by use of a direct route from the point on the truck route or major arterial street, which is closest to the pickup, delivery or service location. When the pickup, delivery or service is complete, the truck must exit the residential street by use of the closest point from the location of a pickup, delivery or service to a truck route or major arterial street.

### C. Exemptions:

1. The following vehicles are exempt from provisions of this section:

a. Trucks owned and operated by governmental agencies, including but not limited to fire apparatus and equipment for snow and ice removal operations;

b. Trucks engaged in snow and ice removal functions under contract with or at the direction of the Village.

c. Trucks engaged in the collection and removal of garbage and refuse; and

d. Trucks so directed by a police officer.

2. The following trucks are also exempt from the restrictions of this Section but only to the extent that such truck is operated along the shortest route between the point of origin or destination and the nearest truck route or major arterial street:

a. Trucks actively performing construction activities;

b. Trucks actually engaged in snow and ice removal functions on private property;

c. Trucks owned and operated by private utilities or moving companies while actually in the performance of services;

d. School and public transportation buses; and

e. Tow trucks

D. If any truck is operated in violation of this section 11.40.090, the driver or owner of the truck shall be liable and fined as provided by the following schedule:

Weight	Fine
Up to and including 2000lbs. overweight	\$100.00
From 2001 through 2500lbs. overweight	\$150.00
From 3001 through 3500lbs. overweight	\$300.00
From 3501 through 4000lbs. overweight	\$400.00
From 4001 through 4500lbs. overweight	\$500.00
From 4501 through 5000lbs. overweight	\$600.00
From 5001 or more pounds overweight	\$750.00

E. Bonds and Bond Forfeiture: All drivers or owners of a truck charged with a violation of Section 11.40.090 of this Chapter shall post the cash bond in an amount equal to the amount of the fine established by subsection 11.40.090 (D). The person or owner charged with the violation may, in lieu of cash bail, deposit a money order issued by a money transfer service company, which has been approved by the Finance Department of the Village of Westchester. The money order shall be made payable to the Village of Westchester.

F. Authority of Administrative Adjudication Hearing Officer: All violations of Section 11.40.090 of this Chapter 11 relating to overweight trucks on residential streets within the Village may be heard and decided by the Administrative Adjudication Hearing Officer of the Village of Westchester as set forth in Chapter 2.92 of Title 2 of the Westchester Municipal Code.

G. Appropriate signage giving reasonable notice of the maximum allowable gross truck weight on residential streets in the Village shall be installed.

## Garage sale season is on the way - know the regulations

With spring and summer, right around the corner, garage sales will be popping up all over the Village. Please remember the Village of Westchester's rules and regulations regarding garage, rummage, or estates sales.

The Village does require a permit for all garage/ house or yard/ rummage/ and estate sales.

The permit applicant must acknowledge and comply with all municipal ordinances, and sign application to this effect.

The Village issued permit must be posted in visible location at the stated sale.

The permit grants the Village the right of entry for inspection, if deemed necessary.

The permit number must be displayed, on any signs advertising the sale, in a conspicuous place to be viewable by anyone upon a public street or sidewalk adjacent to the premises.

Residents are allowed to have two garage sales per calendar year.

A garage sale is limited to three consecutive days.

The sale hours shall be no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 4:00 p.m.

Only one sign is allowed on the

lot owned/leased by an individual wishing to hold a sale.

Two off-site signs, per garage sale, shall be allowed on private property with written permission of the property owner, with a maximum of three publicly displayed signs per event.

Signs may be posted only on the day(s) of the actual sale, 2 hours before until 2 hours after the sale. Posted signs must be removed immediately afterwards.

Signs may not exceed six square feet, or shall not be illuminated or have any attention-getting devices attached to them.

Signs may not be placed in public right-of-way or on trees, utility poles or fences.

The placement of the signs must not interfere with traffic or pedestrian safety or infringe on the property rights of any third party

Signs that are in violation of Village ordinance or code may be removed by the Village's code enforcement staff.

For more information please call the Village Building Department - (708) 345-0199 or go to website [www.westchester-il.org/village\\_dept/building.html](http://www.westchester-il.org/village_dept/building.html)

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Kitchner from Worcester to Westchester Blvd. has settled possibly as a result of the construction some 15 years ago of the water pipe supplying Du Page County with Lake Michigan Water. Core samples were taken last month between Worcester and Hull to determine what may have caused this settling. I look forward to further engineering review of the construction of the roadway and conversation between the Du Page Water Commission and the Village to determine what steps will be necessary to rectify this situation.

## PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

Property Tax bills were received last December 2010 and will soon be arriving for the first Installment payment



President Sam Pulia presents the Westchester Blood Program and Carl Panek with proclamations honoring their service to the community. The Westchester Blood Program was recently honored by LifeSource, as one of the Top 20 LifeSource Donor Groups. Carl Panek is stepping down as chairman of the program after 22 years. Pictured from left to right: Joan Steinhauer-Program Chair, President Pulia, Bill Mize- Program Treasurer, Nadine Trumbull-Committee Member, and Carl Panek-Director of Donor Relations and Publicity.

of 2010.

On January 13th The Proviso Township Assessor Mr. Steven Jawaski , and newly elected Commissioner Dan Patlak from the Cook County Board of Review came to the village and hosted a seminar

regarding appealing your property tax. There was great attendance at the seminar and I would like to thank both gentlemen and their staffs for educating our residents on the steps necessary to appeal their property tax. For further

information please contact the Proviso Township Office at 708-449-4304

## RIDES FOR SENIORS, HANDICAPPED

Proviso Township offers complimentary rides for recreation and shopping for Township residents who are 60 years of age and older, handicapped or mentally challenged and cannot operate a motorized vehicle. Free rides are offered to Target, Wal-Mart, beauty/barber shops, senior clubs, Post Office, banks, grocery stores and North Riverside Park Mall. Trips to Oak Brook and Yorktown malls are made on Mondays only. Ride reservations can be made Monday through Friday 9am to 2:30 pm (except holidays and when the Township Offices are closed) Call 708-344-8801 for reservations by noon the previous day to reserve your appointment. Multiple stops are not allowed. Shoppers

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# Westchester Property Tax Summary

The charts below show what entities contribute to your total property tax bill. The Village of Westchester's share of your property tax bill is 13.6% or 14.7%, depending on which school district your reside in. The Village continues to provide outstanding value for your money by keeping the streets and public areas neat and well maintained, providing police and fire protection, reliable water and sewer service, and doing these as efficiently as possible.

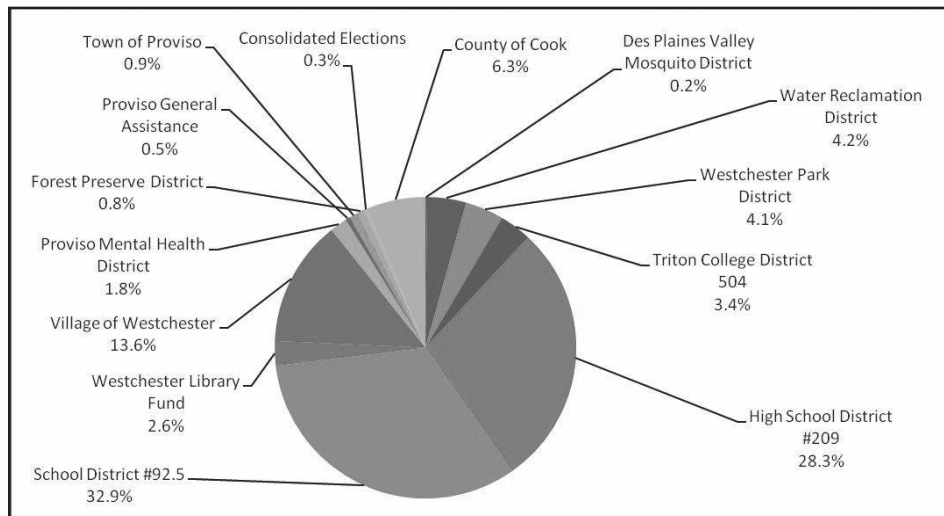
## Total Tax Levy

Property taxation in Cook County can be confusing. The property taxes that you paid in calendar year 2010 were for what is called the "2009 Tax Year". The 2009 total tax rate per \$100 of Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$6.220 for homes and businesses in School District 92.5 (the majority of the town), and 5.743 for homes and businesses in School District 93. You will find below a chart showing the tax rates over time.

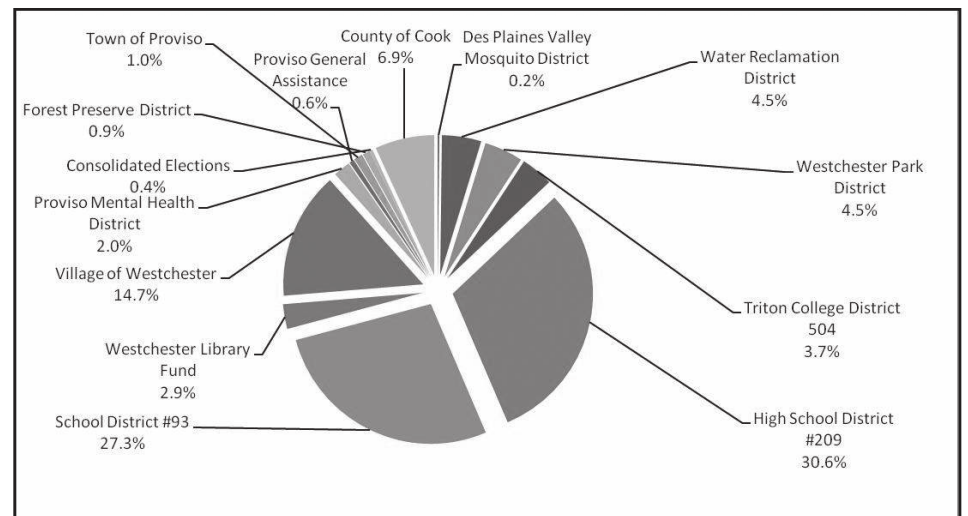
The property tax rate that you will pay in 2011 will not be known until early or late Fall 2011. The Village of Westchester did pass a 2010 tax levy in December. Tax caps will scale back the amount of the tax levy, and assessment changes will alter the final tax rate. The total levy amount for the Village was \$5,806,234, which was a 4.9% increase over the 2009 tax levy extension.

As the charts below illustrate, the majority of your property tax bill, approximately 61-65%, supports public education. Another 15% supports county and township wide governmental functions.

Tax Year	Total Property Tax Rate in School District 92.5	Total Property Tax Rate in School District 93
2000	8.468	7.727
2001	8.183	7.552
2002	7.554	6.513
2003	7.782	6.738
2004	7.608	6.596
2005	6.795	5.982
2006	6.887	6.095
2007	6.679	5.935
2008	6.244	5.561
2009	6.220	5.743



**District 92.5**



**District 93**

## How your Property Tax Bill is calculated

In Cook County we receive a property tax bill twice each year. One bill is mailed to us in the Spring, and one in the Fall. For 2011 the first property tax bill will be due April 1<sup>st</sup>. In previous years this due date was March 1<sup>st</sup>. The first property tax bill that we receive is based on 55% of the total amount of property taxes you paid the previous year. If you want to know how much you will have to pay April 1<sup>st</sup>, simply look at your December tax bill and multiply the total tax paid in calendar year 2010 (what is called the 2009 tax year levy) by 55%. The second bill, which is supposed to be mailed in early Fall, and which was delayed until December of this past year, takes into account changes in assessed value as well as the amount of money each taxing district has asked for.

If you want to try to calculate your tax bill, look at your final tax bill for 2010. In the right hand (upper) column of the tax bill you will find the information you need to see how your tax bill was calculated. Basically, the County takes your estimated market value and multiplies that times 10% (residential property equalization factor) to come up with the assessed value. This in turn is multiplied by the State Multiplier (a factor the State of Illinois applies), which for 2010 (or the 2009 tax year levy) was 3.3701, and results in your 2009 Equalized Assessed Value or EAV. The EAV is then multiplied by the tax rate to determine your tax bill before exemptions. If you are a home owner you are entitled to a homeowner's exemption, and if you are a senior citizen you are entitled to an additional senior citizen exemption.

- Market Value - \$270,000
- Times 10% = \$27,000 (assessed value)
- Times State Multiplier of 3.3701 = \$90,992, which is your EAV
- Times tax rate of 6.220% (for those living in District 92.5) = \$5,659 or your taxes due prior to exemptions.

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are allowed no more than two packages. Each rider can have one round trip per day, two times per week.

Clients are required to be ready 15 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up time and to watch for the Township car. Driver will wait 5 minutes but, if there is no response, the driver will leave. Drivers are not allowed to go inside a client's home.

### WEST SUBURBAN SENIOR SERVICES

The West Suburban Senior Services center located at 439 Bohland Ave. Bellwood, Illinois (cross from St Simeon Church) offers numerous programs for seniors including classes, bingo, brain games, caregiver support groups, exercise, haircuts, legal assistance, tax filing assistance, Medicare Workshops, clinics, outings and a gift shop. Seniors are also invited to enjoy a hot, nutritional lunch with friends Monday through Friday for just \$2.00. For more information, call WSSS at 708-547-5600

### SAFE SNOW BLOWER USE

Winter is here and the snow keeps coming. Each year more and more residents are using snow blowers to remove snow from their driveways and walkways. Each year unfortunately injuries occur with those devices.

Most injuries occur to people age 25-60. The most important tip is to keep your hands and fingers away from the chute and moving parts. Many a person has lost fingers when attempting to clear a clogged discharge chute.

Other tips include:

Read the instruction manual.  
Do Not wear clothing that is too loose that may become tangled.

Do Not remove or modify any



## Lifetime membership granted

Jerry Spahn receives the Lifetime Membership Award at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Bistro in the Westbrook Towers. Mr. Spahn has been Westchester resident for 57 years and was received the Person of the Year Award in 1993.

manufacturer installed safety device.

Do Not leave the snow blower running unattended in an unventilated area as carbon monoxide is produced.

Do Not touch the engine of the snow blower after it's been running, the engine is extremely HOT.

Wear ear plugs or hearing protection as snow blowers are noisy.

Store gasoline in approved containers...THINK SAFETY and BE SAFE

### ACCIDENTAL POISONING

The Illinois Poison Control center operates a free 24 hour a day Hotline to answer questions usually from frantic parents after their child has drank or ingested medications or household products.

The Illinois Poison Center is offering the following advice.

Keep products in their original containers with their original labels

Store cleaning products, medicine and health and beauty products in a place where children can NOT

reach them, ideally in a locked cabinet

Discard unwanted, unused or old medications.

Read the label and follow directions every time you use a product.

NEVER refer to medicine as candy or make a game out of taking it.

Teach children to ask first before they eat or drink anything.

Do Not take medicine in the dark, and always use a measuring device that came with it.

Keep tobacco products, lighters and matches, and alcoholic drinks out of the reach of children.

Identify poisonous plants in the home and remove them.

Clean up peeling paint on walls and windows.

Accidental poisoning is preventable. Again, Do NOT leave medicine and household cleaners where children can reach them. The Poison Control Center can be reached at 1-800-222-1222

### TOP 10 SCAMS OF 2010

This past year the BBB has compiled a list of dishonest

business dealings for the past year. The list is based on the number of times people requested information either by personal phone calls, or the BBB website, as well as specific business complaints. The Top 10 most common scams include:

Work at Home and Fraudulent employment opportunities.

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For more information on these top 10 scams, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

### CHAMBER of COMMERCE SETS SAIL

On January 29th the Westchester Chamber of Commerce set sail with their annual recognition event at "The Bistro" food court located in Tower Two at the Westbrook Corporate Center. The event designed to welcome the new Chamber Directors and Officers in addition to presentations of awards to Persons of the Year as selected by the Village, Park District, Chamber of Commerce, Library and the School District.

The "Cruise" theme of the event is a celebration of Westchester and the residents who make it happen through their deeds and actions, in the spirit of volunteering. I would like to thank all of the attendees and those who work so hard, especially Captain Bill Ernst, and his committee for making this year's event a success. Remember Shop Westchester and all of its business establishments.

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## Library Trustee

Phyllis Kastle is the new member of the Library's Board of Trustees. She is the mother of a young child and also working on her master's degree in library science at Dominican University.

In December, the Library Board interviewed applicants and she was chosen to fill the seat vacated by Bill Ernst, since it would be several months until the consolidated election on April 5, 2011.

On Monday, January 10, she took the oath of office, administered by Village President Sam Pulia, during a special meeting of the Board.

## Tax Forms

As a cost-cutting measure and to encourage individuals to file their taxes online, the Internal Revenue Service is not mailing out tax forms to individuals as they have done in years past.

Anticipating an increase in demand for income tax forms, library staff will try to maintain an adequate supply of the most popular forms in the Adult Department through the month of April. The Internal Revenue Service announced in January that taxpayers have until Monday, April 18 to file their tax returns.

The IRS website has helpful information on options available for people who are unemployed or having financial difficulties. In addition, due to tax law changes enacted in December 2010, some taxpayers are required to wait until mid- to late February to file their taxes in order to give the IRS time to reprogram its processing systems.

See the IRS website for further information on these and other topics at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Residents are reminded that all federal and state tax forms and instruction booklets can be viewed, printed or downloaded from the Internet: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) has federal tax forms and state tax forms can be found at [www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us).

## African American History Month

This February, "The History of Black Economic Empowerment" is the theme for this year's celebration of African American History Month. The annual celebration dates back to 1925 when historian Carter G. Woodson first proposed the idea and the following year, 1926, the first Negro History Week was held.

It remained a week-long event until the nation's bicentennial celebration in 1976 when President Ford encouraged the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

The African American History Month website [www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov](http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov), hosted by the Library of Congress, is an excellent starting point for exploring this history on the web. There are links to special exhibits, profiles on significant historical figures, along with resources that address African American contributions in areas like art and design, culture, civil rights, music, the performing arts and the military.

Residents can stop by the Westchester Public Library for a bibliography that offers a sampling of the many books, films and music available in the Library's collection.

## Vehicle License Renewal Due Date Change

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

**RENEWAL FORMS WILL BE IN THE MAIL EARLY MARCH 2011. THE NEW DUE DATE IS APRIL 30, 2011**



## New officer in training Mode

Jim McNally, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission and Police Chief April Padalik congratulate newly hired police officer David Mode after his January 2, 2011 swearing in. Officer Mode is currently attending the Chicago Police Academy.

Keep an eye out for your  
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6 sessions	\$190.00
9 sessions	\$275.00



**February Class Spotlight**

**Co-Ed Pilo Polo & Floor Hockey**

Begins February 5<sup>th</sup> for ages 3-7 &  
 February 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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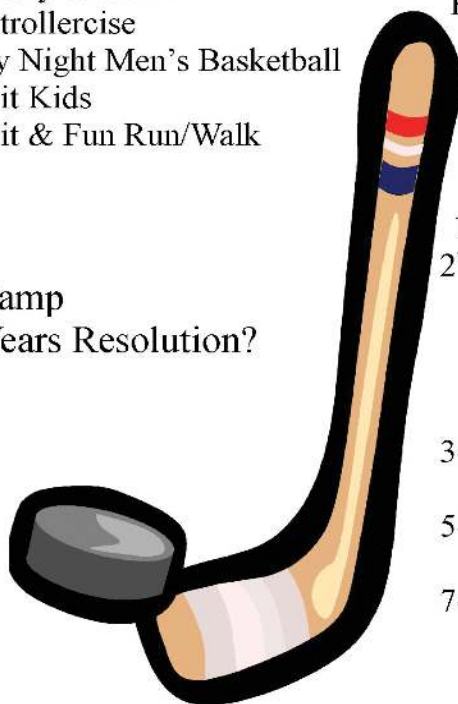
Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
3-4	Saturday	2/5 - 4/2	10:20 - 10:50am	\$30/\$40
Kdg	Saturday	2/5 - 4/2	11:00 - 11:50am	\$40/\$50

**INSTRUCTIONAL FLOOR HOCKEY**

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Fee
1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	2/5 - 4/2	12:00-12:50pm	\$40/\$50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	2/5 - 4/2	1:00-1:50pm	\$40/\$50

**FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Fee
3-4	Friday	2/18-4/22	5:00-7:00pm	\$55/\$65
5-6	Friday	2/18-4/22	7:00-9:00pm	\$55/\$65
7-8	Friday	2/18-4/22	9:00-10:00pm	\$35/\$45



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Please call the Triton College RSVP office 708/456-0300, Extension 3895 for your appointment time.

## LIHEAP Program Funds still available

Representatives from the PLCCA will be at the Proviso offices in Hillside on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM until funds are no longer available. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (L.I.H.E.A.P) offers financial assistance for qualified low-income individuals to pay monthly gas and electric bills to avoid disconnection of service. Contact the PLCCA at 708-450-3500 to make your Wednesday appointment.



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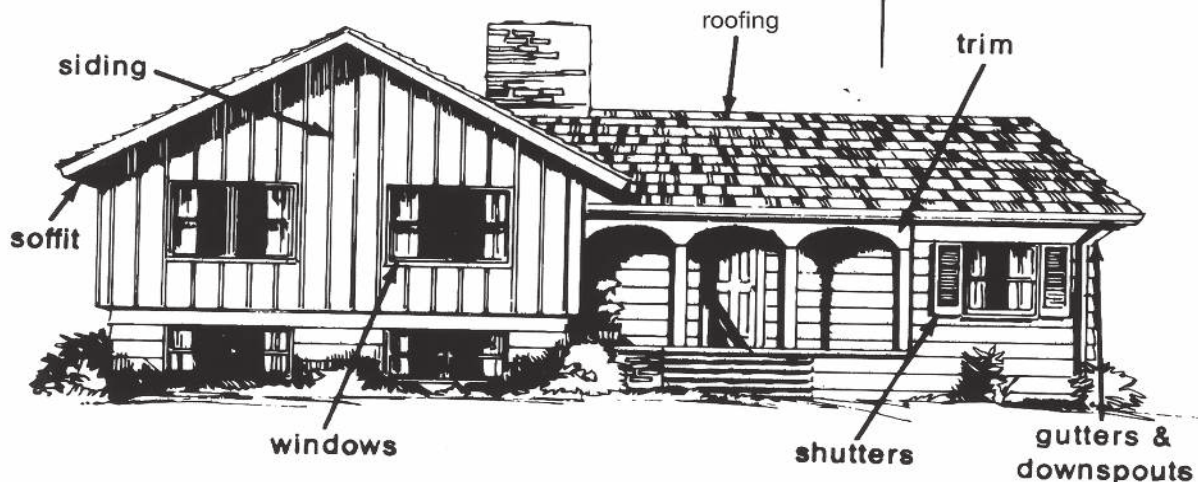


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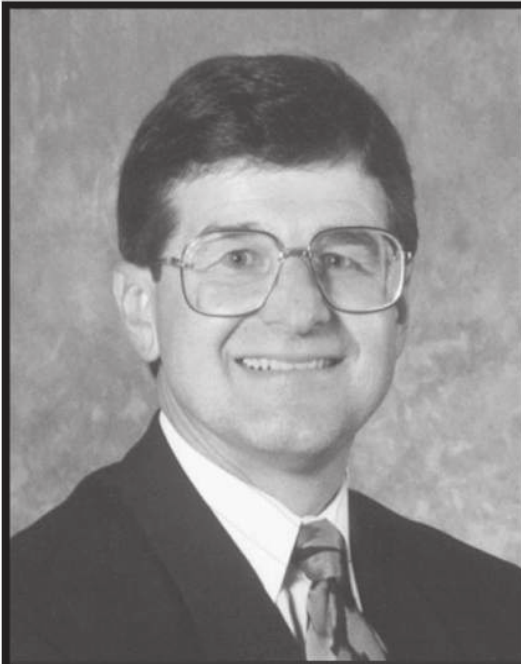


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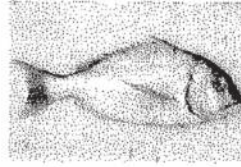
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## Winter Reminders from Public Works

The cold weather has arrived so please make sure the outside water spigots are turned off in the basement during the winter months. This will prevent pipes from freezing or cracking. If you are leaving town for warmer weather please inform the Public Works Department so crews can shut off the water at the buffalo box while you are away.

Residents are encouraged to adopt a fire hydrant this winter season! Help keep the hydrant clear of snow so that snow plow drivers and the Fire Department can easily identify the hydrant.

This winter, many of the faded stop signs and snow route signs will also be replaced with high grade intensity prismatic signs for better visibility.

Westchester's PW Dept has been busy filling potholes with cold patch throughout the winter months, weather permitting. To report a pothole, please call the Public Works office at 708-345-0041.

The Public Works Department snow plan is in effect and plows and spreaders are ready to go on a moment's notice.

Please assist us by observing these suggestions:

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

Observe "NO PARKING" and "SNOW ROUTE" signs

Do not push snow back into the cleared streets

The following parking restrictions WILL be enforced:

After a two-inch snowfall and except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, between the hours of eight-thirty a.m. and four-thirty p.m., on odd-numbered sides (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of streets) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Public Works Department works long and hard to keep the Village streets clear and safe. We need and appreciate your cooperation. Please drive carefully!

If residents see an unusual or extreme amount of water in the streets or parkways, please call the Public Works department at 708-345-0041 or 708-345-0060 (after hours non-emergency police number) immediately, as this could be a possible main break.



### Upcoming Spring Projects

Weather permitting, the restoration of parkways that have been damaged by sewer and water excavations and/or snow plow damage will resume next spring as well as paving, and concrete work for all driveways and sidewalks damaged during water main break repairs.

### Tree Trimming

Tree trimming will begin February 1st. The trees will be trimmed by Sinnott Tree Service. The first area that will be completed will be the west side of Portsmouth to Mannheim between 22nd and Roosevelt. Westchester Public Work's crews will also be trimming and removing trees along Waverly, Camelot, Concord and Waterford throughout the winter.

### Sidewalk Program

Register now for the 50/50 shared cost sidewalk replacement program. If you need a sidewalk square replaced, the Village will share the cost with you. Call 708-345-0041 for more information or to register for the program.

### 2011 Street Improvements Project

The 2011 Street improvements project is currently out to bid. The bid opening is scheduled for January 31, 2011. The base bid consists of Concord Avenue, Camelot Street,

Waverly Avenue, Somerset Square, and Windsor Drive from Mayfair to the terminus East of Belleview Avenue. Additional streets may be added depending on the amount of the lowest bid.

These projects will consist of replacement or repair of defective drainage structures and storm sewers, as well as replacement of deteriorated sections of sewer. There will be complete replacement of curb and gutter. There will be replacement of any asphalt driveway aprons with concrete and depressed curb. The entire roadway will be removed and replaced with asphalt binder and surface. Restoration will consist of topsoil and sod in the parkways. Construction will begin in early May, 2011.

### Water mains on Fleet and Preston

The 2011 Water Main Improvement Project will consist of the installation of new ductile iron water mains in the Parkway on the North side of Fleet Street and Preston Street.

The existing water mains along these streets have suffered multiple water main breaks in the past few years. The new water main on Fleet Street from Mayfair Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue and Preston Street from Sunnyside Avenue to the terminus East of Belleview Avenue will be under the sidewalk on the North side of the right-of-way.

There will be new fire hydrants placed as part of the project and new valves. At the completion of the project, all removed sidewalks and driveways will be replaced. The project will also include new sod in

the construction area for restoration purposes.

Any questions, please contact Hope Garrett, Project Manager, Village of Westchester, at 708-345-0020.

### Sanitary Sewer evaluation project

V3, a civil engineering consulting firm, has been conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the Village sanitary sewer system. V3 has been working with the Village to analyze the information previously gathered by the Village.

Some of the information already gathered includes televising of the entire sanitary sewer system as well as smoke testing of the lines.

In 2009, a flow monitoring study was done at ten strategic locations throughout town. V3 has been overseeing the evaluation of sanitary sewer manholes.

As part of the final report, V3 will present a list of prioritized sanitary sewer projects. V3 will be presenting their findings at the February 22, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### High Ridge Subdivision Sanitary Sewers

The High Ridge Subdivision has experienced numerous sewer collapses due to the deteriorating condition of the concrete sanitary sewers in the backyards.

The Village of Westchester has requested funding the past few years to line the sanitary sewers in the High Ridge Subdivision from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

The funding was rejected and the Village was told to reapply each time. This year, the Village's project was approved and a low interest loan to finance the project will be forthcoming from the IEPA. The Village is currently finalizing the plans and the paperwork, in the hopes of completing the project in 2011.

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. This sewer lining is anticipated to last as long as or longer than a replacement sewer.



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