



# Village of Westchester

January 2011 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of The President



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

2010 is just a memory, and as you are well aware, we had a very interesting year to put it mildly. However, if there was one positive outcome that resulted from the crisis we all endured, it had to be the coming together of us all as "one village". It was heartwarming to see how we all came together and worked hard and long to restore Westchester as a "Good Place to Live and Shop".

### PERSON OF THE YEAR

Each year the Village, Park District, School District, Library and the Chamber of Commerce select a "Person of the Year." This year my colleagues on the Village Board selected a group of people as this year's "Person of Year". This group includes Village Manager Stan Urban, all the department heads, and myself for this honor. After hearing that I was selected as a co-nominee for this honor, I was very humbled by the mere thought of it and advised the board that there are certainly many, many additional individuals and groups

that could be named as the Village's "Person of the Year" based on the selfless giving that we all experienced during the summer Flood of 2010. Some of these include The Faith Lutheran Church, who cooked food, cleaned out basements, and provided spiritual guidance to those in need; the "Mens Book Club" who were there emptying many basements over many hours; and the individual heroes who made themselves available to help neighbors with cleaning-up, meals, clothing, a shoulder to cry on, and many other countless deeds.

My list can go on and on... and for this reason I, as the President of this fine Village, will be accepting this award on behalf of all the residents, groups, and individuals who went the extra mile to assist us and provide a helping hand during this past summer's three weather related crises. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your hard work, compassion to others and patience during these trying times, but most of all for living and raising your family here, and like me, calling Westchester Home. **THIS AWARD IS FOR YOU!!!**

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# Fire Department

January, 2011

## Profile



**Name:** Thomas Botka

**Rank:** Firefighter

**Years as Firefighter:** 27 years

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

I cannot think of a specific day that I decided I wanted to be a fireman. I have always wanted to be a fireman. I started when I was 17.

### **Describe a good day at work:**

A day when we are not needed. When someone calls for our help it means more than likely they are in trouble. I do not like to see people in trouble.

### **What is the best part about your job?**

Going with the question above helping people. I have always wanted to help people in need and always will even after I retire.

### **What is one downside to your Job?**

#### **Being away from my family for 24 hours.**

You miss a lot in that time and you can only help so much over the phone when there is a problem at home. Missing the holidays is hard still to this day.

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

Start early and work hard. It is a lot harder now to become a fireman. Back when I started they gave you fire gear and a hose and said go put out the fire. Now the job is very complex. You have to learn a lot more so you do not get hurt. Our role as a firefighter has expanded so much in the past 20 years; we do a lot more than just put out fires.

### **What would occur on your perfect day off?**

**That depends upon the season.** Warm I like to sit by my pool with my family and enjoy the day. Cold, I like to sit by the fireplace and watch a good movie with the family.

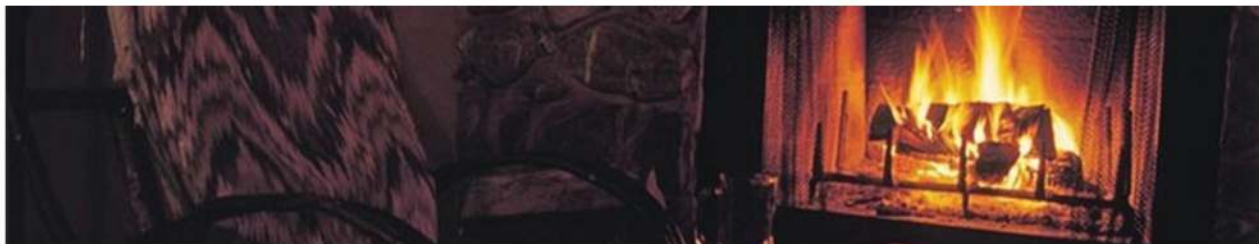
## Westchester FD Wishes You a Happy New Year

The Westchester Fire Department wishes you a Happy New Year and hopes all had a happy and safe Christmas. The Westchester Fire Department responded to close to three thousand fire and ambulance calls during the 2010 year. "The mission of the Village of Westchester is to provide quality public services in an efficient and cost effective manner in partnership with its residents, businesses, schools and other governmental agencies."

The Fire Department continually strives to provide the best and most cost effective fire protection services for the residents. During the 2010 year Westchester firefighters trained over 6000 hours in many subject areas such as emergency medical care, vehicle extrication, fire behavior, forcible entry and thirty other subject areas. The fire department responds to many different types of emergencies. The firefighters train daily to prepare for these emergencies. The Westchester Fire Department also added a new Fire Engine to the fleet of Emergency Vehicles.

The Fire Department is committed to protecting the Village of Westchester ensuring a fire safe environment for all residents. The Fire Department is always willing to assist residents feel free to call anytime if you have any questions regarding fire safety 708-345-0433

## Home Heating and Winter Fire Safety



The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards and following these safety tips.

### **Wood Stoves**

Wood stoves cause over 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Look for solid construction, such as plate steel or cast iron metal. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

### **Electric Space Heaters**

Buy only heaters with the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) safety listing. Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

### **Fireplaces**

Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

## Officer Spotlight: Jeff Mersch



### Jeff Mersch

Detective Sergeant

24 Years as police officer with the last 6 years as a Detective Sergeant. I am looking forward to my new assignment in 2011 as a Patrol Sergeant Shift Commander.

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

I was in my junior year in college as a sociology major and had just completed an internship program with the Illinois State Police. It was then I decided that law enforcement was for me.

#### Describe a good day at work:

A good day is the culmination of a long term criminal investigation which ends with a felony arrest and my fellow officers going home safely to their families. After 24 years as a police officer, I still enjoy coming to work every day.

#### What is the best part about your job?

It is passing on my knowledge and training I have gained while working in the patrol division for 14 years and as a detective for the last 10 years. The younger patrol officers and detectives are always eager to learn.

#### What is one downside to your job?

The one downside is the stress it puts on my family due to the unpredictability in trying to make plans for holidays, special events, or just coming home on time for dinner. We never know how the day may start or end.

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

They should obtain at least a bachelor's degree, stay in good physical shape, and apply to many departments and agencies. It is a long hiring process which usually takes from 6 months to a year.

#### What would occur on your perfect day off?

Going to an afternoon Bears game in preferably warm weather, followed by dinner downtown, and ending with a nice quiet evening at home with my family.

## Parking Ordinances

Village stickers must be purchased and on display in the lower right hand corner (passenger side) of the windshield by February 15th, regardless of when state license plates are displayed. If a vehicle is licensed to another town, but housed in Westchester, it still requires a Village of Westchester vehicle tag (per Chap. 625, Ill. Compiled Statutes, 5/2-12/1)

Vehicles must not be parked against the flow of traffic. Right wheels should be with no more than 12 inches between the curb and tires.

Overnight parking is prohibited for vehicles with Class "D" or higher plates and for commercial vehicles with Class "B" or higher plates. No truck parking is allowed between 7 pm and 7 am and all day Sunday for these same vehicles.

Prohibited to park blocking sidewalk or on apron between sidewalk and curb if vehicle extends past curb line. It is also unlawful to park a vehicle on street with the purpose of displaying the same vehicle for sale.

## Holiday enforcement

During this holiday season, the Westchester Police will be on extra alert for impaired and intoxicated drivers as well as enforcing seat belt violations. If you are out celebrating with alcohol, remember to have a designated driver or call a taxi.

The police department also reminds all drivers of some winter driving safety tips:

- Check your tire pressure and tread.
- Change windshield wipers and fill fluids
- Always check your gas gauge and keep it filled during severe temperatures.
- Check the charge on both your car battery and cell phone.
- Dial \*999 to report any road or traffic hazards.

## Police Blotter

On November 19th 2010 at 09:10am a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 1400 block of Hull Ave. Sometime during the previous evening an unknown person broke the passenger side window. Various tools were taken from the vehicle.

On November 19th 2010 at 8:18pm a retail theft was reported at the Dominick's Food Store at 3020 Wolf Road. A female suspect was stopped while attempting to exit the store with over \$120.00 in liquor. Subject was placed into police custody and released pending trial.

On November 29th 2010 at 4:28pm, a residential burglary was reported on the 10300 block of Elizabeth Street. The resident advised that entry appeared to have been made through an unlocked door. Taken was two laptops and an IPOD Touch.

On December 3rd 2010 at 4:48am, a burglary to a business was reported at the Citgo Gas station, located at 1950 Mannheim Road.

Entry was made by breaking the front door glass door. Video taken from in and around the building is being reviewed by investigations.

On December 6th 2010 at 2:11pm, a theft of purse was reported at the McDonalds restaurant located at 11110 31st Street. The purse was taken from the playland area of the restaurant.

On December 16th 2010 at 4:28pm, a retail theft was reported at the Jewel Food Store located at 2128 Mannheim Road. Loss prevention officers notified the Westchester Police Department that two subjects were attempting to take several cans of baby formula. Two suspects were taken into custody and arrested for felony retail theft.

On December 18th 2010 at 11:26pm, a theft was reported in the parking lot of 2255 Enterprise Drive. Complainant advised that a snow plow was removed from a Bobcat sometime within the past day in the parking lot. Value of the plow was \$6,000.00.

# CALENDAR

4 JANUARY 2011

## January

Registration continues for Youth programs at Library, including Storytimes and Winter Reading Clubs for kids. Contact Youth Department at 708-562-3573.

January 5-7- SMILE Illinois Mobile Dentist exams at WMS / WIS /WPS.

Thursday, January 6: Divine Providence classes resume

Friday, January 7: First Friday Adoration beginning with Opening Prayers at 8:00 AM and continuing until 7:00 PM Benediction. Divine Providence Ministry Center Chapel, 2540 Mayfair

Saturday, January 8: "Getting up to speed: basic skills for job hunting on the Internet" class 10:00 AM at Library. Registration required - contact Adult Department at 708-562-3573

Monday, January 10: Eighth graders will have their graduation pictures taken at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Thursday, January 13, 2011 Teetering Tots Playgroup 9:30-10:30AM. Teetering Tots is a program for parents and their children between the ages of 0-4. Its purpose is to give parents a local activity to promote friendships while providing entertainment for the tots. We welcome Westchester families to join us for some entertainment and socialization. Teetering Tots playgroup meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month (when school is in session). Registration is required for this FREE program. For more information, call Divine Providence School at 708-562-2258.

Thursday, January 13: Science and History Fair at Divine Providence School

Friday, January 14: "Getting up to speed: basic skills for job hunting on the Internet" class 2:00 PM at Library. Registration required - contact Adult Department at 708-562-3573.

Saturday, January 15: Market Day pick up at WMS, 10:00-10:30AM

Monday, January 17: No School ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Westchester Public Schools.

Monday, January 17: Village Hall closed.

Tuesday, January 18: Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night at 6:30 PM at Village Hall. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights

January 21, 2011 Bunco Night, sponsored by the Divine Providence Family School Association. Doors open at 7:00PM. Tickets \$25.00 advance purchase or \$30.00 at the door. Pizza, appetizers and beverages will be served. Prizes awarded and Split the pot raffles. Call Divine Providence at 708-562-2258 for information and ticket purchase.

Friday, January 21: Taize Prayer 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Parish 2550 Mayfair

Saturday, January 22: Market Day Pick-up 8:30-9:30AM. Divine Providence Parish 2550 Mayfair

Saturday, January 22: First Reconciliation, 1:00 PM, Divine Providence Parish, 2550 Mayfair Ave.

Sunday, January 23 The Cook County Forest Preserves. Naturalist John Elliott will be speaking on the legacy, history, and opportunities afforded by the Forest Preserves. Time will be made available for your questions and concerns. LaGrange Library at the corner of LaGrange Road and Cossitt at 2 PM. This free event is sponsored by Save the Prairie Society. Call 708-354-5512 or visit savetheprairiesociety.org for more information.

Thursday, January 27: Teetering Tots Playgroup 9:30-10:30AM at Divine Providence School

Friday, January 28: No School for Students ~ Teacher Institute Day. Westchester Public Schools

Friday, January 28: Divine Infant Jesus 2nd graders will have their First Reconciliation at 7:00 PM in Church at 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086.

Saturday, January 29: Confirmation Retreat for 8th graders at Divine Infant Jesus, from 4 - 9PM, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086

Sunday, January 30: Beginning of Catholic School's Week. Family mass

## Divine Providence over 50 Club

A Happy New Year to all. Our next meeting will be on January 5, 2011 at 1:30 PM. in the School Gym. We will have a guest speaker from the West Suburban Senior Services. Membership will be open on January 1st to the end of February. Dues are \$12.00. New members have until June to join. In order to join you must be a registered parishioner of either Divine Providence or Divine Infant Parish. Don't wait too long to join us.

We have some trips planned:

March 6-12, 2011. Savannah, Georgia. \$569. Includes Motorcoach, 6 nights lodging, 6 continental breakfasts and 4 dinners. Payment due December 30th.

September 4th-10th, 2011. Cape Cod. \$599. Includes Motorcoach, lodging, etc. Touring. Deposit of \$100 due May 1, final Payment July 1st. Rates are based on double occupancy. Contact Marianne @ 708-562-3766. Come along and enjoy. You need not be a member to join us.

at 9:30 AM

Open House to follow until 11:30AM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Sunday, January 30: Pancake Breakfast 7AM-1PM, Divine Providence School Open House 10:30AM-12:30PM Registration Begins!

Sunday, January 30: 8:00 AM until 1PM. Divine Providence Athletic Association Pancake Breakfast and Open House. 2500 Mayfair Ave., Westchester, Adults \$6, Children \$4, for more info, call 708-531-1016.

Wednesday, February 2: Family Film Night "How to train your dragon" 6:30 PM at Library

Wednesday, February 2: Winter Choral Concert at WMS, 7:00PM

Thursday, February 3: Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012 at WPS, 6:30-8:00PM

Friday, February 4: Scholastic Book Fair at Divine Providence School

Friday, February 4: Library closed until noon for staff training Saturday, February 5th, 1100 AM - 1200 PM

There are several strategies to help reduce your tax burden. Choosing tax-advantaged investments is one of them. Join us for our free seminar Tax-free Investing: It's Not What You Make, It's What You Keep. You'll learn about:

Tax-advantaged investments and their features

Tax-free investment returns vs. taxable investment returns

Three ways to purchase municipal bonds

How tax-free investing can help you achieve your goals

Learn how you may be able to lower your taxes through tax-advantaged investments. Call (708) 562-0004 today to reserve space for yourself and a guest. Edward Jones Investments 10526 W Cermak Rd Ste 100 in Westchester

February 28-March 11: ISAT Testing Grades 3-8

## Westchester Aging Well Community Action Team

What is New at the Library for Seniors & Entertainment by a local "Senior Idol" Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

1-2pm Westchester Village Hall  
10300 W. Roosevelt Road

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I would also like to recognize the other Village nominees, Village Manager Stan Urban, Finance Director James Egeberg, Community Development Director Dennis Di Pasquale, Fire Chief Richard Belmonte, Police Chief April Padalik, and last but certainly not least John Fecarotta our Public Works Superintendent. Without your dedication and leadership, and the fast actions of your departments, we as a village would not have recovered as quick as we did. I do believe that staff performed beautifully. They exceeded my expectations as administrators of their respected departments. Thanks to all.

The Park District has selected Stan Kolo as their "Person of The Year"

The School District selected Suann Meyer as their "Person of The Year".

The Chamber of Commerce selected Westchester Men's Book Club as their "Person of The Year".

The Image Award will be awarded to Conboys Westchester Funeral Home,. Mr. Jerry Spahn will be awarded the Lifetime Membership award.

Congratulations to all the "Persons of the Year" for the hard work and dedication, and all they have done for our community.

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all residents to join us in honoring the "Persons of the Year" at the Annual "Celebrate Westchester" dinner to be held at The BISTRO Restaurant located in the Westbrook Tower



number 2 on January 29, 2011. Ticket information is provided on page 13.

## ELMHURST HOSPITAL VISIT

On June 25, 2011 the new Elmhurst hospital, Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare is scheduled to open. I recently had an opportunity to tour the facility with elected officials from neighboring communities.

Although not completely finished the facility is state of the art in design, appearance and functionality. The operating rooms have been revamped three times in order to incorporate the most recent state of the art technology when the facility

opens. When completed, the hospital will have 259 single room beds with pull out sofas for family members needing to spend the night. The new hospital is located at Roosevelt and York Roads in Elmhurst, Illinois, which is very conveniently located near our Village.

## WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Westchester Senior Citizens were invited to attend a Holiday concert featuring the Westchester Middle School Chorus and Jazz Band on December 9th at 10 am. If you attended like I did, you were in for

a real treat.

The band and chorus played a dozen musical numbers. As I sat and listened I could hear many in attendance singing right along with the chorus. The shakers provided by the choral director added that little extra rhythm that got the audiences' feet tapping just a little bit more. This is the second year this special program was made available to our seniors. Thank you Dr. Sophie and you staff for putting on this most enjoyable holiday concert. To the Chorus and Jazz Band, you were all TERRIFIC!!

## TOYS FOR TOTS

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Members of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, pictured from left to right: Jim McNally, Jesse Williams and Phil Dote.



Village Officials gather with owners and employees of Christos Fur and Leather Service Center at 10411 W Cermak Road for a ribbon cutting Sunday, November 28th, at their newly renovated location. President Pulia wishes Christos continued success in Westchester.

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On Saturday December 18th I was invited to take part in a very special event at the Brookfield Zoo. The Coca Cola Company sponsored a "Toys For Tots" Toy Drive for those children less fortunate needing a little extra Holiday Magic this year. The Coca Cola Company donated two \$15,000 checks: one to the Marine "Toys For Tots" Toy Drive, and the other to the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago. Other than being extremely cold, the night was a great success as the Zoo was decorated with thousands of holiday lighting bringing great cheer to all this Holiday Season.

### DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Maggianno's was the place to be for the Divine Providence over 50 Club Christmas Luncheon on December 15th, 2010. The Club's President, Corrine Popelka and Event Coordinator, Ruth Haas ran a first rate event. There were over 150 members and guests, most dressed in holiday attire. After a brief club meeting we were all treated to a delectable several course dinner. Police Chief April Padalik attended and introduced herself to the group. Chief Padalik promised to make herself and her staff available for any problems our senior population may encounter

### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Village's Tax Levy was held on December 14th 2010. Finance Director James Egeberg, presented the Village's financial request from you the taxpayers. Since 1994 Cook County has been under a Tax Cap of requesting under 5% or the Consumer Price Index which is 2.7%, whichever is less. Based on the Village's current financial position we requested just under the cap at 4.9%. Knowing the amount we will mostly likely receive will be 2.7% we ask for the full allowable amount just in case more dollars become available.

We do not want to leave any recoverable income out on the table not to be collected. Mr. Egeberg stated that the 2.7% increase will add \$10.00 to \$15.00 more to the Village's portion of your tax bill. The additional money will be used to continue providing you with the best possible services you have become accustomed to. The 2.7% will generate \$149,000. The budget amount for 2011 is \$13,126,850.



### COOK COUNTY SHERIFF AWARDS

Three outstanding teenagers from Westchester received the Cook County Sheriff's Medal of Merit at a ceremony held November 22nd 2010 at McCormick Place in Chicago. The three recipients are Michelle Famakinwa, Nicholas Tarleton, and Bryan Novak received their awards from Sheriff Thomas Dart as their family members and elected officials looked on.

The trio volunteered 100 hours each during this past summer, cleaning up several areas of the Village and assisting in various departments at the Village Hall. During a separate presentation at the Village Board Meeting on December 14th each recipient was given a Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done.

Michelle and Nicholas are students at the Proviso Math and Science Academy. Bryan Novak, the son of Village Trustee Walter Novak, is a student at Nazareth Academy. Thank you for all your hard work this past summer. It was my honor and pleasure to nominate you for this prestigious award.

### SNOW PARKING BANS IN EFFECT

The village snow parking ban is now in effect and will be enforced after a 2 inch snow fall. There is NO PARKING on any of the SNOW ROUTES after 2 inches of snow have fallen. The Snow Routes are as follows: Gladstone Street from Gardner Road to Westchester Boulevard

Westchester Boulevard from Eisenhower Expressway to Cermak Road

Drury Lane-Pelham Street from Gardner Road to Westchester Boulevard

Canterbury Street from Gardner Road to Wolf Road

Balmoral Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Mannheim Road

Dorchester Avenue from

Mannheim Road to Mayfair Avenue

Sunnyside Avenue from Canterbury Street to Thirty-first Street

Boeger Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Wakefield Street

Windsor Drive from Belleview Avenue to Wolf Road

Wakefield Street from Boeger Avenue to Wolf Road

Wakefield Street from Sunnyside Avenue to Mayfair Avenue

Mandel Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Canterbury Street

Mayfair Avenue from Canterbury Street to Thirty-first Street

Essex Street from the intersection of Windsor Drive and Downing to Sunnyside Avenue.

The alternate side of the street parking is also in effect after 2 inches of snow has fallen. The alternate (Side Street) parking is in effect from 8:30 am to 4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. If you reside on a home that ends in an EVEN number address street parking is prohibited on Monday Wednesday and Friday. If you live in a home with an ODD number address street parking is prohibited on Tuesday and Thursday.

Signs are posted at the end of each block Please take a moment to look at them.

### ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Residents who have a fire hydrant in front of their home are asked to voluntarily adopt the fire hydrant this winter. Whenever possible please make sure to remove the snow from around a 2 foot section around the hydrant. By doing this you make available to the fire department in

case of an emergency.

### VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL

So far this season the Public Works Department has done a great job clearing snow and ice from our streets. Superintendent, John Fecarotta monitors the falling snow levels. Residents are asked to bear with us especially during heavy snow fall events as the removal process takes longer to complete.

Here are some answers to some of the questions we receive at the Village Hall with respect to snow removal:

Q. Why does the village spread salt on the street?

A. Rock Salt is applied when snow and ice starts to accumulate in order to make unsafe and slippery roads safe for passage.

Q. How long does it take to salt all of the streets in town?

A. It takes 4 hours to completely salt 110 miles of streets in the Village.

Q. Besides salt is there another product the Village uses to melt the snow and ice?

A. Rock Salt is spread to begin the melting process. Calcium Chloride is also applied when temperatures drop below 29 degrees. This makes the Rock Salt more effective.

Q. How much rock salt is used in an average snow fall?

A. The amount that is used depends on the accumulation, the temperature, and the traffic conditions. We use an average of 2100 tons of Rock Salt each season.

Q-Are there any street priorities?

A. Yes, there is a priority street ranking, where Snow Routes are done first, followed by the side streets, and then the alleys. Slippery and unsafe road conditions around our schools, churches and parks, also are given special consideration.

### EMAIL SCAMS

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning of Email scams that target veterans. The email is sent by a scammer pretending to be an attorney from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The BBB is warning veterans against using the services of a group called the Veterans Affairs Service. The BBB has confirmed that the email was sent by email address jkt6@comcast.net. The BBB advises you not to click on the address link if you see it an email from this email address. As always, you should not open emails sent by unknown

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## A thank you to our blood donors

With the holidays upon us, there is no better time to extend a big hug and thanks to Westchester's many generous and loyal blood donors for another big year saving lives.

With the help of LifeSource Blood Services, we sponsored six drives this year and collected 594 units (pints), more than enough to save 1,800 lives in Chicago area hospitals. Those 594 units made this our most successful year since 1999.

The Program, founded in 1974, has now distributed more than 22,600 units since its inception.

During 2010, we were honored by LifeSource as the most productive community-affiliated group in the Chicago area for the seventh successive year.

But this success could not have been achieved without the donors who roll up a sleeve for nearly every drive or the dozens of volunteers who make this endeavor run smoothly.

A lot of thank yous have been earned by a lot of generous people. In addition, let me also wish everyone Happy Holidays.

**Carl Panek**  
Chairman, Westchester Blood Program

## Thank you!

Thank you for all your time, treasures and/or talents to make the Westchester Food Pantry Thanksgiving and Christmas a bountiful success.

Together, each one of you collecting, sorting, shelving, packing, donating monetarily or non perishable food, or delivering to all the families have made a wonderful difference in their Holidays.

A special thanks to those organizations who give back: the Lions Club International, Old Glory Mason Lodge and Chef Rick and JoAnn Muskovin from the Bistro at the Westbrook Corporate Center. Even though you all are very busy, you were there to help and I appreciate your precious time to help those in need.



With sincere thanks,  
**Judy Saraceno-Swenson**

# Property Tax Appeal Seminar

**Presented by**

**Proviso Township Assessor Steven J. Zawaski &  
Westchester Village President Sam Pulia**

**Thursday, January 13, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Westchester Village Hall Board Room**

- The seminar is conducted by Commissioner Dan Patlak of the Cook County Board of Review in association with the Proviso Township Assessor's office. Homeowners will learn how to file an appeal, and how an appeal is granted.

- Staff will be on hand to answer any and all questions. The process is quick, easy and free.

- Taxpayers are encouraged to bring their Tax Bill or PIN (property identification number) to the seminar in order to complete and submit forms.

Reservations not required. For more information, please call the Proviso Township Assessor's office: 708-449-4304

- The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

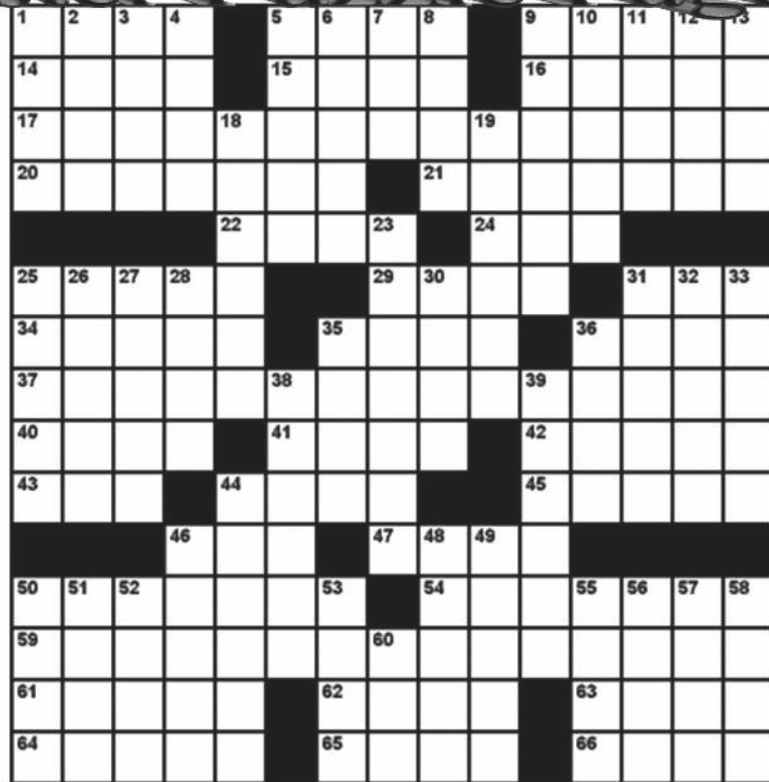
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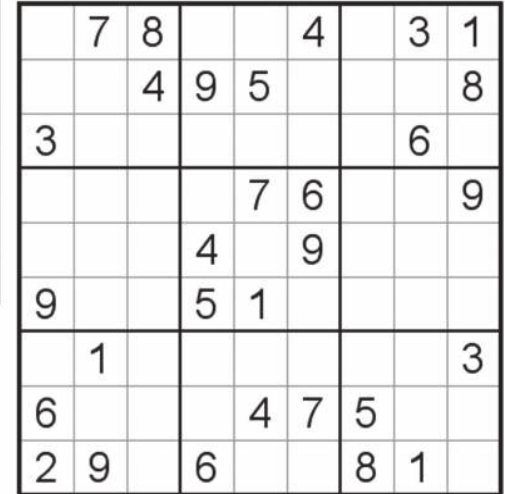
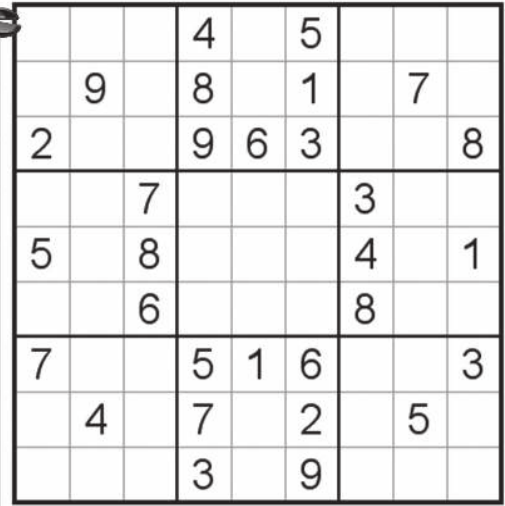
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29. Selves
31. Spoil
34. Old computers
35. Fathers of 52 Down
36. Pear-shaped instrument
37. They're kept under wraps in May
40. Security grp.
41. A terrible guy
42. Turn a granny into a sheepshank
43. Babe's hang-out
44. Vipers
45. Order
46. Wonder
47. Top-notch
50. Say
54. Languages
59. Many a Mom is
61. Correct
62. Bar on a neck
63. It's parallel to the radius
64. Features found in the southwest-ern US
65. What 35 Across do
66. Thailand, formerly

## Down

1. Not nigh
2. Smoky passage

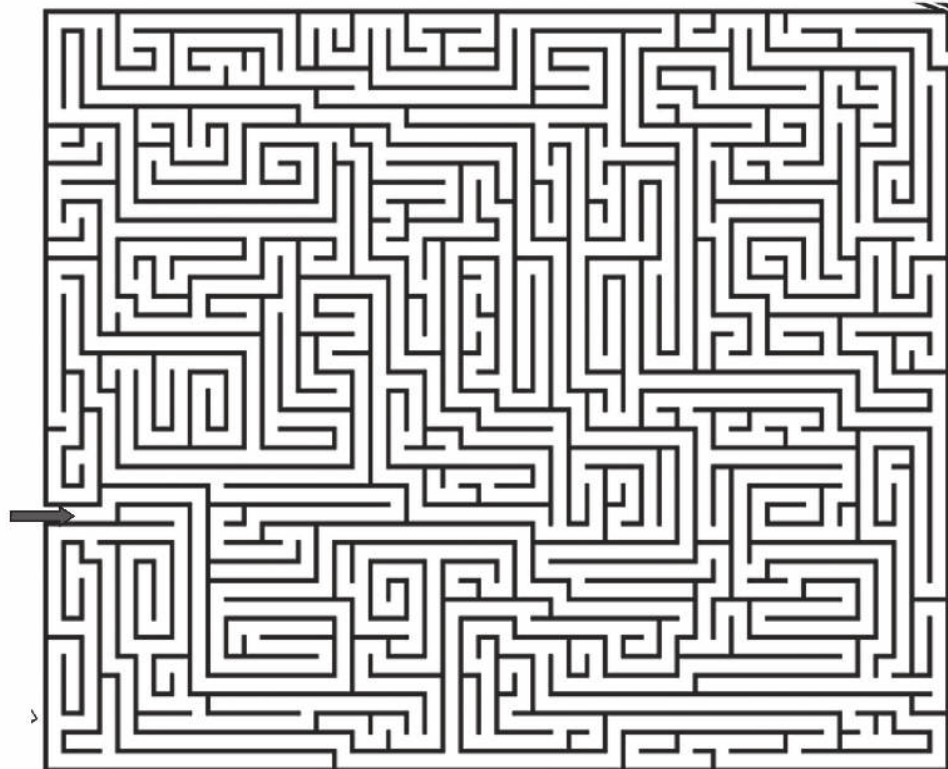


3. Wheels make them
4. Double-reeded instrument
5. Fencer's steps?
6. Jagged
7. Kind of boat
8. Spiderman, e.g.
9. They're found in a sugarbush
10. A Barrymore
11. \_\_\_ Minor
12. "\_\_\_ Angel," Mark Dinning classic
13. Lip
18. Antagonist, informally
19. Large merchant ship
23. \_\_\_ doornail
25. Curses
26. Ship without windows
27. Famous Duke
28. Come again?
30. Friday was one
31. Soldier's civvies
32. Storage space
33. Button on a computer
35. Invitation abbreviation
36. Made a canard
38. \_\_\_ the occasion
39. Graham in "Dances With Wolves"
44. Edgar and Cleo
46. Action scene
48. Aquatic fur-bearer
49. Opposite of south, south of the border
50. Part of a list
51. What a lectern might support
52. Ram's fans
53. There's two in a life raft
55. Antelopes
56. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
57. Sicilian hot spot
58. Fraud
60. \_\_\_ Lanka



Rotate me!

## All Puzzles by Dave Fisher



## Epiphany - Twelfth Night Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany also known as Three Kings Day or Twelfth Night.

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 N A P M C L S V T L E N E G N V S L N  
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 O S T A R S H H C N H U U D C Q N Q F  
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 U I N U D L I H C L F T H I L C R O H  
 S U U G G Y O M V Y K H F U F A Y H D  
 A S X H Q I T A C Z R C C L P T O I W  
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## SUPPORT GROUP LISTING

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

### Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

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

### Memories--Gone But Not Forgotten

Meets the first Friday of the month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 This group is designed for older adults experiencing early stages of memory loss who enjoy the company of others and reminiscing about "old times."  
 Contact: Intake Office, (708) 354-1323, ext. 15

### Caregivers Support Group

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

### Friday Morning Regulars

Support group for men only relating to aging issues. Meets every Friday at 9 a.m.  
 Contact: Intake Office, (708) 354-1323, ext. 15

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

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

### Caregivers for Mentally Ill Adults

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

**Please note that groups meet at Aging Care Connections unless otherwise noted in the description. Our organization also offers a variety of educational programs related to aging issues.**

## BID NOTICE

The Village of Westchester will be accepting sealed bids for a large amount of motorcycle parts being sold as a group/set. See website for full listing.

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Sealed bids accepted until 3:00 pm on Friday, January 21, 2011 at the Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with MOTORCYCLE PARTS BID.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:15 pm, Friday, January 21, 2011 in the Westchester

Village Hall Board Room.

The Village of Westchester reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities. Items are available for viewing, by appointment only, by calling at Officer Ron Miklas at (708)345-0060.

## DESK

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sources as the message may contain a computer virus.

For more info on this or other online scams visit the BBB website [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

### ADDISON CREEK

Last month I received a draft copy of the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Plan that was compiled by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).

In the plan there are references to Addison Creek and the construction of a reservoir upstream to contain, monitor, and pump storm water.

The plan contains several projects for storm water management with the Addison Creek listed as one of those projects.

I have drafted a letter of support of the project and have sent it to the appropriate persons at the MWRD. As a member of the Addison Creek Restoration Committee a second letter of support was signed by the Commissioners and also submitted on our behalf.

You can locate a copy of the report

on the MWRD web site [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org) under stormwater management.

### NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Each year about this time we ponder the age old question of what resolutions are we going to make this year.

I've thought long and hard on this and have come up with the following list that seems to include everyone's favorite resolutions. Feel free to select your resolutions from this list, or make up your own. Either way, be sure set realistic goals.

Good Luck!!

- Stop Smoking
- Stop Drinking
- Get fit ,or start working out
- Lose some weight
- Enjoy your life more
- Take a trip
- Manage your stress
- Organize yourself
- Learn something new
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Ages: K - 6th Grade  
Location: Mayfair Center Banquet Rooms  
Day & Date: Friday, February 4th  
Time: 6:30 - 9:30pm  
Fee: Resident \$48/Non-Resident \$58 per couple  
Each additional daughter add Resident \$15/Non-Resident\$25

## Looking for a summer job?

The Westchester Park District is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Diving Instructor
- Pool Attendant
- Pool Cashier
- Pool Concession

Please visit our website, [www.wpdparks.org](http://www.wpdparks.org) or call the park district at 708.865.8200 for additional information on any of the above programs.

## Winter Classes Have Begun!

Don't let a great program go to waste, register early. Find us on the web at [www.wpdpark.org](http://www.wpdpark.org) or stop in and pick up our current brochure for a complete listing of classes, special events and more.

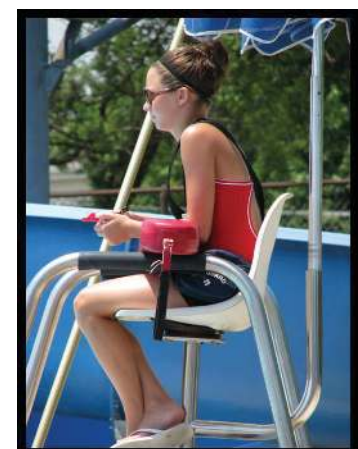
### January Classes

- Baby Artists
- Messy Me's
- CSI
- Guitar
- Tuck and Tumble
- Chess Scholars
- Bridge
- Stress Management Yoga
- Lil' Pint Hoops
- Mystical Magic
- Alphabet Soup
- Blast from the Past - Crafts
- Cartoon Drawing
- Fit Kids
- Mural Painting
- True Power Martial Arts
- Super Sports
- Parent-Tot Super Sports
- All Star Soccer



### February Classes

- Creative Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Parent and Child Ballroom
- Pilo Polo
- Floor Hockey
- Rock and Roll Robotics
- Slime Time
- Adult Volleyball
- Mom & Me: Monkey's Going Bananas
- Big Red Dog Adventures
- Mom & Me: Locketts of Love
- True Power Martial Arts



## Parent Education Program on Social Networking and Cyberspace Awareness

About thirty parents attended a for-parents-only Social Media Awareness Night “Do U no ware ur kidz R?” at Westchester Middle School sponsored by District 92½ and the WPTC. The meeting’s focus was to bring awareness to parents about social networking sites and their

children. Dr. Sophie, Officer Brian Lamphere and district technology coordinators led discussion topics that included Internet safety, predator profiling, cell phones, cyberbullying, district legalities and Facebook tips.

Jaime Nikitow, WPS/WIS

technology teacher, demonstrated how to set privacy settings and tag photos in Facebook. “It is important to protect the privacy of your child and especially their friends on any social networking sight. Do not tag children’s photos with their real names. If you must tag your child’s

photo, use a parent or guardian’s name instead.”

Important information and handouts used at this meeting are available on the district web site ([www.sd925.org](http://www.sd925.org)) under the Academics tab/For Parents/CyberSafety link.



From left to right: Dr. Jean Sophie, Superintendent; Lori Durchslag, WIS Principal; and Suann Meyer, 3rd Grade Teacher.

## Suann Meyer named District 92½’s “Person of the Year” for 2010

The Board of Education is very pleased to announce that Suann Meyer has been named District 92½’s “Person of the Year” for 2010. Mrs. Meyer will be honored at the Annual Westchester Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Dance on January 29, 2011.

Suann Meyer joined School District 92½ in 1990 when she was hired to teach students with special needs. Most of her tenure, however, has been spent educating children in the third and fourth grades at the Westchester Intermediate School. Mrs. Meyer maintains a “child first” attitude, and strives to meet the diverse needs of all of her students through planning thoughtful, meaningful, and engaging lessons. She continuously works with students to help them develop academically as well as socially and emotionally. She has earned the respect and trust of her students through her caring and support for each individual child.

Mrs. Meyer is an excellent communicator, and consistently works to develop positive relationships with parents, staff, and administration. She provides advice and encouragement to her colleagues, and serves as a role model to younger staff members.

Mrs. Meyer is an exemplary teacher who has provided over twenty years of dedicated service to the children, staff, and community of Westchester School District 92½. We are pleased to honor her with the Westchester Public Schools’ “Person of the Year” Award for 2010. Please join us in extending congratulations to Mrs. Suann Meyer.



From left to right: WMS Home EC students (Shakyrah Williams, Olivia Miller, Amanda Wachholz, and Jonathan Manfredini).

## Cook County Farm Bureau Grant Awarded to Ms. Fink

Once again WMS’s Ms. Fink has been awarded a \$300.00 grant from the Cook County Farm Bureau for a new Home Economics FACS lesson plan promoting fresh vegetables and meat.

The past lesson winner, “Stir Fry Meal,” remains a hit with our 8th graders. A variety of fresh vegetables (broccoli, celery, carrots, garlic and all colors of peppers) along with beef stew meat coated in a spice rub the students mix themselves (our kids like it spicy!) are sautéed in 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Our 8th graders proved healthy, low fat meals are quicker and less expensive than “fast food.”

This year’s lesson winner is “Take one chicken...”. Students will make chicken soup, research recipes using cooked chicken meat, design and complete meals while tabulating final costs and preparation time. We can hardly wait to see (and taste) the results.



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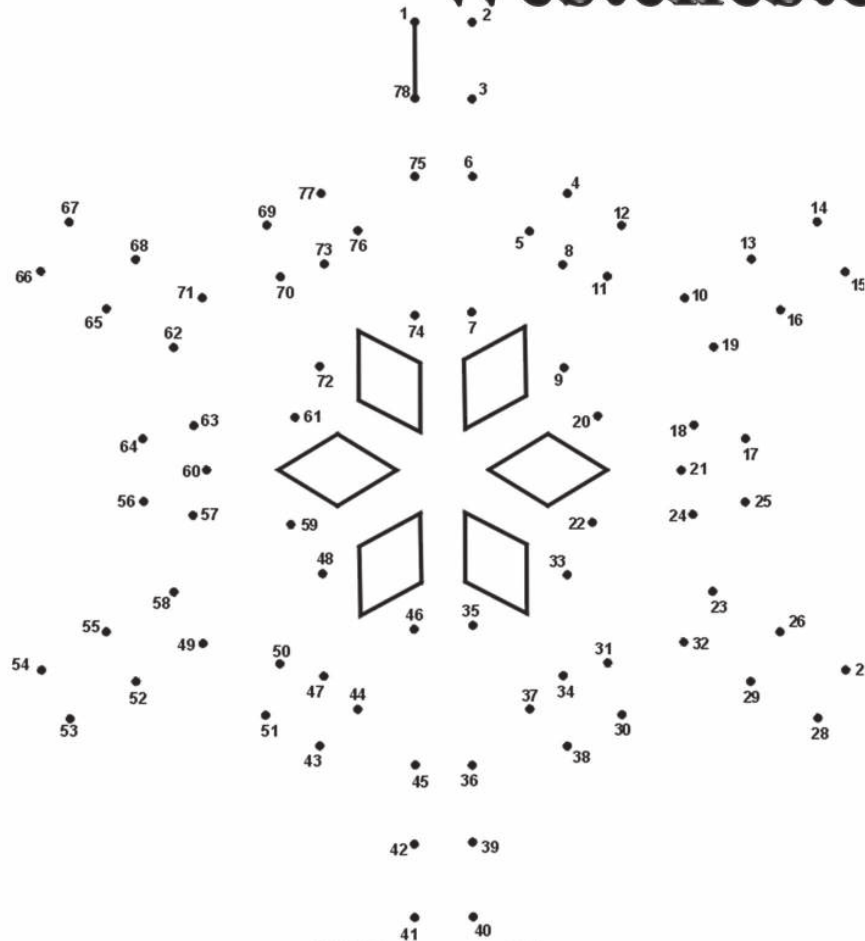


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 C S E E G I A Z T S O R F B R  
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chilly  
 fireplace  
 frost  
 hibernate  
 hot chocolate  
 migrate



penguin  
 polar bear  
 snowflake  
 snowman  
 white  
 winter

## AYSO wraps up season with banquet

On Sunday, November 21, 2010 Westchester AYSO held their First Annual Post Season Player and Coach Banquet. The banquet was a collaboration of what use to be several post season activities. Thank you to our sponsors that helped to defray the cost and special thanks to Steve Busa from the Park District for his assistance in this event.

Over 700 people attended 3 individual sessions at Mayfair Banquets that Sunday.

Each session includes acknowledgments from the board of the volunteer coaches and referees. Players received their medals and coaches their team plaques. Special tribute was given to non-returning board members after their commitment to the organization. These included Joe DeFalco, Debbie Milas and Paul Quinn.

The 8th grade essay winners were announced and they were, Charlie Swartz for the boys and Alexis Minervini for the girls. Each wrote an essay on how the values they learned participating in AYSO will help them as they move on to high school. Each recipient was awarded \$250. The winners from last years essay contest were Rachel Hosek and Zachary Blair who are now both students at Nazareth Academy.

AYSO - American Youth Soccer Organization has been in Westchester for a little over 8 years now. It provides a world class soccer program for over 400 children ages 4-18, mostly of whom reside in town. Our program is based on the 6 philosophies of the organization. more information can be found at the national website, [ayso.org](http://ayso.org)

We are completely run by volunteers that work, some all year to make the 8 week season in the Fall come together. This year over we had 50 teams playing games on Saturdays. The program has over 60 coaches and 20 plus referees that make Saturdays happen so smoothly along with a set-up and take-down crew and multiple concession stand parent volunteers.

Special thank you goes to The Westchester Community Church where or registration event is held. The Westchester Library and Immanuel Lutheran Church where our monthly meetings are held and The Westchester Park District in which we partner with all year long.

The season began on a rainy note September 11th and continued on for 8 weeks with games being played all day. During the season we held the 2nd Annual "Kick the Can" food drive where players and

families generously donated over 500lbs of food to the Westchester Food Pantry.

We held a "Black and Blue" coach v. referee game and for the first time a end of the year tournament for the U-10 and U-12 divisions. The tournament turned out to be the most beautiful day with hundreds of spectators and fun had by all!

During the off season many of our board members, coaches and referees will attend the Section 6 Leadership Conference in Rockford this February. It is a time to bond as a group as well as learn how to make our region better. There will be opportunities to network with the other volunteers from regions in the area.

Our older children will continue to play inter-regionally in the Spring based on availability. And we look forward to more information in hopes of forming a few teams to travel to Knoxville Tennessee to play in the 2012 AYSO National Games in July.

Registration for the Fall 2011 Season will be held in early Spring. Please look for information through the schools and other village venues. Check out our website at [westchesterayso.org](http://westchesterayso.org)

Westchester AYSO is always looking for volunteers, we have some open board positions and

committees. Let us know what your talents are and we will put you to work. You do not need to have a child in the program to volunteer. Please contact us via the website for more information.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Laurie Murray, Regional Commissioner and the entire current AYSO board members, Alicia Blair, Liz Cross, Michael DeSena, Jim Hosek, John Milas and Andre Wolas.

### Your photo here!

If you would like to submit an article or photos for our Sports page please submit to [newsletter@westchester-il.org](mailto:newsletter@westchester-il.org) and put "sports" in the subject line. Please use these formats: Articles: must be Word doc. (not docx). Photos: Should be 300 dpi, jpegs preferred.

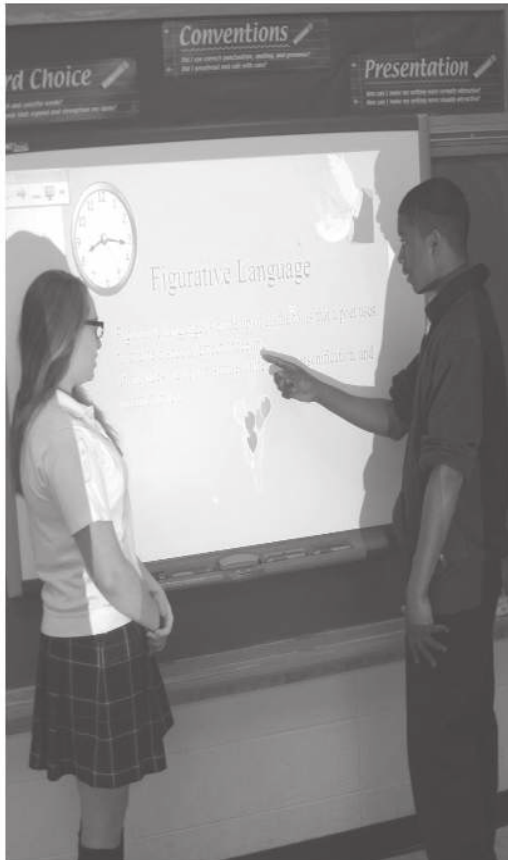


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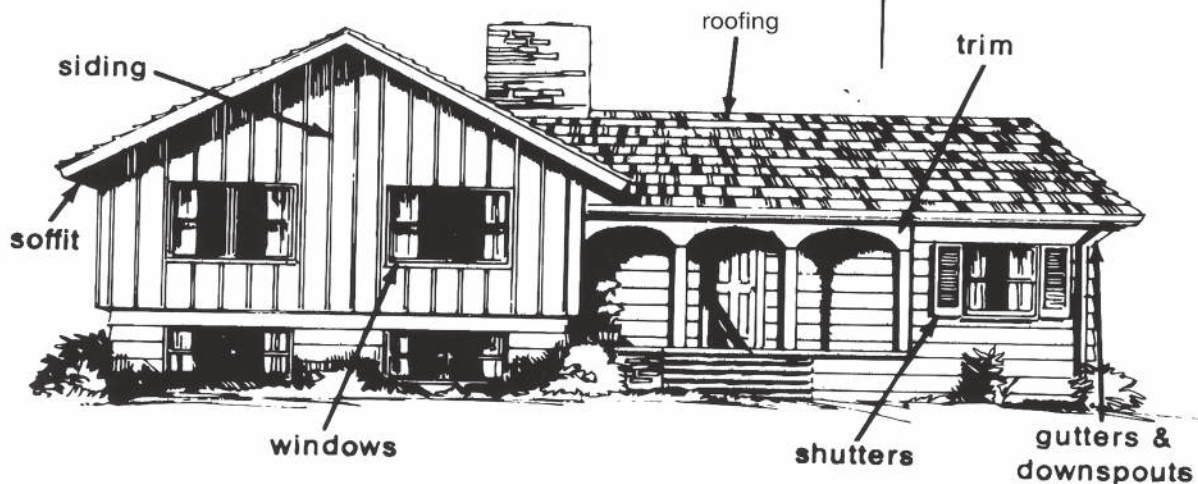


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## Location:

Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Rd. Westchester, IL 60154

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Newsletter article and advertisement collection and coordination
- Maintenance of advertisement database
- Creation and updating of Village marketing ads, banners, and other documents
- Manage "Village E-brief" program
- Assist Village Manager with media relations and social media activities
- Administrative assistance as needed

## Qualifications:

Excellent verbal and written communication skills  
 Demonstrated experience with Windows, Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint is required

Prior experience in an office setting is helpful

A student within a Business, Marketing or related degree plan with a competitive GPA

Ability to multi-task, work under pressure, respond quickly and meet deadlines

High level of integrity, work ethic and dedication

Experience in database management and reporting is helpful

Business/business casual attire required

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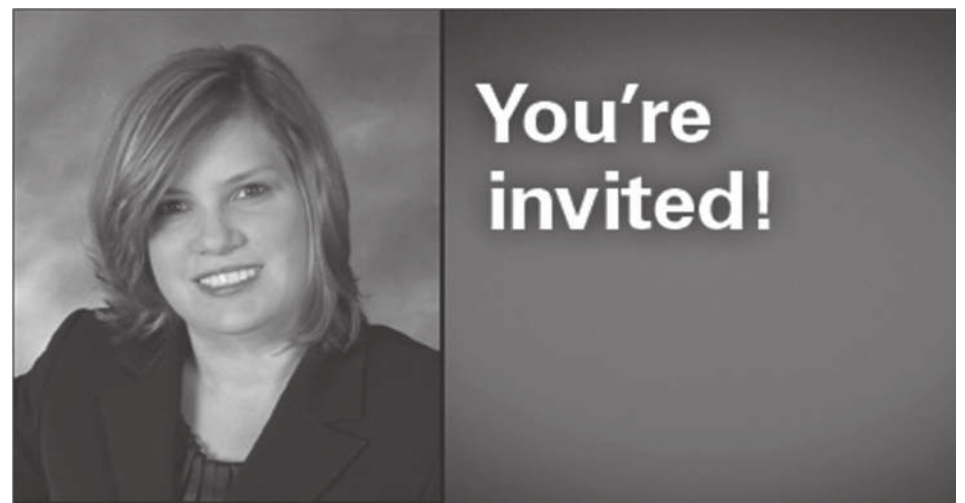
The Village of Westchester has a Twitter account which will give daily updates on things happening around the Village. Either sign up for an account and follow us or check out the updates at:

<http://twitter.com/WestchesterIL>

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# A glance into history: Jo and Chuck Field

Jo and Charles N. "Chuck" Field were long-time residents of Westchester starting in the 1930's.

Jo and Chuck Field originally resided in their rented home at 1647 Hawthorne Avenue, Westchester. Then they built and owned a house in the adjacent lot which is now known as 1651 Hawthorne Avenue, Westchester.

Both have been very active in the community. They had two daughters and one son. The elder daughter Jeanne (Field)

Dornfeld (through an intermediary) is responsible for passing along to the Society material which we are including in this web site. The younger daughter is Dee (Field) Norton and their son is Fred Field.

Charles Field served as historian for the Westchester Community Church until his death. We are privileged to receive his



CHUCK & JO FIELD

'take' on the area's history. (See Memories Early Village History by Charles N. Field.) Among other things it serves as an interesting counter-view to the glorious picture painted by William Zelosky and the other Chicago industrialists

attempting to develop Westchester. Charles was also an excellent amateur photographer. Many of

the photographs we have of early Westchester were taken by him.

Jo and Charles Field are founding/charter members, along with Stella Nelson and Helen Batson and many others, of the Westchester Community Church. Jo Field lives today in Elmhurst.

The community room of the Westchester Community Church is named after the Fields.

www.Franzosenbusch Heritage Project.org submitted by Shirley E. Slanker, Historian

## Changes made to Vehicle License Renewal Due Date

The Village Board decided that it would be more convenient to residents to pay their vehicle license fees at a later time when weather conditions were more favorable to taking stickers off the windshield and affixing the new license sticker. Village Board changed the due date from February 15th to April 30th of each year, extending the current vehicle license period from February 15, 2011, to April 30, 2011. Renewal forms will be mailed to residents during early March, 2011. Vehicle license rates have not changed, and the penalty for purchasing a vehicle license

after the due date will stay the same. The late payment penalty is double the original vehicle license fee, e.g. passenger cars vehicle license fee is \$35, and the late renewal fee is \$70.

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

## Save on drugs with discount card

The Village of Westchester has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents who are without health insurance, a traditional benefits plan, or have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the Village of Westchester in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through Westchester membership in NLC. There are no enrollment fees and no membership fees, just pay the prescription cost less any applicable discounts.

The card is FREE to all Westchester residents, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times individuals can use the

card. One card can be used by all family members.

To discover the savings and learn more about the program, [www.westchester-il.org](http://www.westchester-il.org) to access the program online and print a card, check drugs prices and locate participating pharmacies.

Residents may also pick up a card at the Village Hall, Fire Department, and Library. For more information, call toll free: 1-888-620-1749.

A dedicated toll-free number is provided for resident's to access CVS Caremark's award winning customer care and a program Web site is available for residents to access program tools and information.

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### Village of Westchester

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## Public Works Newsletter

Leaf pickup went very well this year! We appreciate the help from the residents in town for keeping their gutters clean.

Yard Waste pickup and branch pickup has ended for the year. Both will resume next April 2011. Watch for upcoming dates and schedule.

Restoration of parkways that have been damaged by sewer and water excavations and/or snow plow damage will resume next spring, as weather permits.

The cold weather has arrived so please make sure the outside water spigots are turned off in the basement during the winter months to 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.

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.

As usual, 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.

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 throw or block 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!

## Parking restrictions on snow emergency routes

The following parking restrictions WILL be enforced. For more information go to Village Code.

After a two-inch snowfall and except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on odd-numbered sides of the street (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of the streets) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Odd sides of the street are defined as the south side of east and west streets, and the east side

of the north and south streets. Even sides of the street are defined as the north side of east and west streets and the west side of north and south streets.

Snow emergency routes for the Village of Westchester are hereby established, prohibiting parking at any time after accumulation of two or more inches of snow and until said snow has been removed, at the locations set forth in Section 11.30.020. (Ord. 78-912 § 1, 1978)

11.30.020 - Designated.

The following streets or portions of streets within the Village of

Westchester are designated as snow emergency routes:

- Gladstone Street from Gardner Road to Westchester Boulevard
- Westchester Boulevard from Eisenhower Expressway to Cermak
- Drury Lane-Pelham Street from Gardner Road to Westchester Boulevard
- Canterbury Street from Gardner Road to Wolf Road
- Balmoral Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Mannheim Road
- Dorchester Avenue from Mannheim Road to Mayfair Avenue
- Sunnyside Avenue from Canterbury Street to 31st Street

- Boeger Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Wakefield Street
- Windsor Drive from Belleview Avenue to Wolf Road
- Wakefield Street from Boeger Avenue to Wolf Road
- Wakefield Street from Sunnyside Avenue to Mayfair Avenue
- Mandel Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Canterbury Street
- Mayfair Avenue from Canterbury Street to Thirty-first Street
- Essex Street from the intersection of Windsor Drive and Downing Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue.

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