



Village of Westchester

June 2011 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



President Pulia poses with Trustees Paul Gattuso, Tom Yurkovich and Frank Perry, newly elected officials who were sworn into office at the May 10th Board meeting.

It is hard to believe that summer is already beginning, especially given our recent weather that has been anything but summer-like. Despite the cold and wet weather of May, here in the Village things were heating up during the month.

SPRINGFIELD LEGISLATIVE DRIVE-DOWN

On May 4th and 5th I, along with Village Manager Stan Urban, Trustee Nick Steker, and Trustee-Elect Frank Perry traveled to Springfield to meet with our legislators as part of the West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Drive-Down.

On May 4th we met with Gary Hannig, Director of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), attended a luncheon meeting that

featured the Lt. Governor Sheila Simon, and then met with the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Executive Director who informed us that the IML was working overtime to protect and prevent the taking of Local Governments Distributive Share.

During the afternoon we met with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Matt O'Shea, former Westchester resident, and now Chief of Staff to Thomas Cross, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno.

That night we had another opportunity to meet with some of our representatives at a reception sponsored by AT & T at the Abraham Lincoln

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Spotlight. Ben Adelman

Rank. BEN IS FROM ASPIRE HOME AND VOLUNTEERS ONE DAY A WEEK ASSISTING THE CHIEF'S ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE DOING VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

Years as Firefighter. 3 YEARS

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

YES! WHEN I SAW THE FIRETRUCKS AND AMBULANCES GOING DOWN THE STREET. I REALIZED I WANTED TO BE AN E.M.T. (EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN)

Describe a good day at work. THIS IS MY DREAM JOB, SO EVERYTIME I AM HERE IT IS A GOOD DAY! I

AM AT THE FIREHOUSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AND ON MONDAY AND FRIDAY I WORK FOR SUPERIOR AMBULANCE AS A DISPATCHER.

What is the best part about your job?

MEETING GREAT PEOPLE AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS ALL WHILE HELPING TO DO MY PART TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE.

What is one downside to your job?

I REALLY DON'T HAVE A DOWNSIDE, I AM JUST GLAD TO BE HERE.

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

JUST DO IT! IT'S A GREAT JOB. NEVER DOUBT YOURSELF; YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU SET YOUR MIND TO DO.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

I LOVE COMPUTERS AND I AM CONSTANTLY LOOKING UP NEW INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET. I ALSO HAVE A REALLY GREAT PATCH COLLECTION. I SEND AWAY FOR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PATCHES. I HAVE OVER 1,000 PATCHES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.



Facts and commonly asked questions about Westchester Fire Department

CHIEF RICHARD E. BELMONTE

WHY DO WE NEED THE FIRE SERVICE?

The Westchester Fire Department is part of MABAS 20 Fire Service Organization, consisting of 17 Fire Departments and Fire Protection Districts of Du Page and Cook Counties. MABAS 20 is comprised of the following departments.

Bellwood, Bensenville, Berkeley, Broadview, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Hillside, Leyden, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, Norwood Park, River Grove, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Stone Park, and Westchester.

In Illinois, we have a very advanced automatic and mutual aid program established. MABAS 20 is part of 102 MABAS divisions in Illinois. Additionally, Illinois has partners in Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Michigan.

The MABAS organization was able to provide assistance with 990 personnel and numerous fire vehicles for six weeks in New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina without compromising the fire and emergency medical response in our communities.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE WESTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT?

The President and Board of

Trustees, by ordinance, created a Fire Department for the Village of Westchester in March of 1954 (Ord. #54-411 S1, 1954).

The Mission of the Fire Department is to adequately provide for the protection of lives and property for the community.

The Fire Department will respond to assist the community when incidents of fire, medical emergencies, and all other matters generally accepted as the responsibility of the Fire Department occur.

This mission will be accomplished through the following functions. Fire Prevention, Public Education, Fire Suppression, Hazardous Materials Response, Technical Rescue, Training, and Emergency Medical Service All members shall be trained to the highest level of competency available and necessary to complete the mission of the Fire Department. These training requirements are listed in the job descriptions of each rank in the Fire Department Operations Manual.

The basis for training for Fire Department members are the requirements as established by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the State of Illinois.

Continuing education of members is based on the recommendations and requirements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Insurance Service Office, Loyola Hospital, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Department of Labor.

Westchester Fire Department employees include a Fire Chief,

three Captains, four Lieutenants and twenty-one career Firefighters (five Firefighter/EMT's, sixteen Firefighter/Paramedics).

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE?

The National Fire Protection Association has hundreds of standards and unfunded mandates that are followed by communities nationwide. The standard that applies to Fire Department response to a structure fire is NFPA 1710.

This standard states that for a single family dwelling fire the initial response should be fifteen personnel within eight minutes. The Westchester Fire Department provides six to nine personnel from two stations within two minutes forty-five seconds of receiving an alarm.

Additionally, we have automatic aid agreements with the Bellwood, Broadview and Hillside Fire Departments to meet and exceed this requirement. If it is a commercial or industrial building fire, we will have more departments respond as warranted.

Information we receive via 911 and our pre-plans allow us to better meet the safety needs of the employees. In the situations where all Westchester Fire Department personnel are busy on other emergencies, we have surrounding Fire Departments/Districts man Westchester Stations to ensure

your safety is always maintained. The average response time for 2010, for over 2,638 emergency calls in the area covered by the Fire Department, was four minutes forty-one seconds.

WHAT HOSPITAL CAN I BE TRANSPORTED TO?

The hospitals that we transport to are the following. Elmhurst Memorial, Hines, Hinsdale, La Grange, Loyola University Medical Center, Mc Neal Hospital and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital.

The Westchester Fire Department will transport patients to the closest hospital. In the event that the closest hospital is not the hospital of your choice, you would have to sign a medical release statement taking responsibility for bypassing the closest hospital.

Once the medical release statement is signed, we will transport you to any of the hospitals listed above. If the hospital is not on the list above, then you would need to call a private ambulance provider to take you to the hospital you desire.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO LET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENT ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE MORE COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED BY OUR RESIDENTS. SHOULD YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT MY DIRECT OFFICE PHONE NUMBER. 708-223-3058

**Richard E. Belmonte,
Fire Chief, Westchester
Fire Department**

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer Spotlight. *Sgt. Jackie Rogers*

Occupation. Police Officer
Years as police officer. 12 years

What was the moment when you realized this is was the job for you?

In the police academy

Describe a good day at work.
When the job was completed

well and everyone goes home safely

What is the best part about your job?

Helping those in need

What is one downside to your job?

Politics.

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

Stay true to yourself

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Any day at home with my family is a good day!

Summer is here and it's time to focus on having SAFE fun!

Motorists are reminded to watch their speeds especially on residential streets as more children will be out at play. Please use caution as you drive in and around our neighborhoods, especially near parks, school grounds, and bike trails.

Also pay close attention at intersections and stop signs. The speed limit on all Westchester side

streets is 25 m.p.h.

Practice Bicycle Safety

Always wear a properly fitting bicycle helmet. Helmets prevent 85-88% of traumatic brain injuries. Select one that meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.

Make sure the bike you ride is the right size for you. There should be 1-2 inches of clearance between you and the bar of the bike frame, 5 inches of clearance for mountain bikes.

Adjust the proper seat height by

placing your foot on the pedal fully extending your leg. There should be a slight bend in your knee. Inspect your bike like you would your vehicle before you ride.

Have the brakes checked by an experienced bike technician. Check the tires for pressure and wear. Handlebars should be firmly in place and turn easily.

Follow the Rules of the Road. Bicyclists are considered vehicles on the roadway and must follow the same traffic laws as vehicles.

Ride with the traffic flow, not against it. Signal your turn intentions and when

you are stopping.

Yield at intersections to other vehicles and pedestrians. Be visible at night! Wear reflective clothing and have a front light and rear reflectors.

Always lock your bike when not in use. Record your bike's serial number and photograph the bike in case it gets stolen.

The Westchester Police Department offers free bicycle registration to Westchester residents to help aid in bike theft prevention. Stop in the police department for more information.

Police Blotter

1. On April 18th at 9:02am, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 11000 block of Burns. The resident reported a purse was taken from their unlocked vehicle while parked in the garage. The purse was later recovered at 8:27am on April 19th, nothing appeared to have been taken from the purse.

2. On April 21st at 5:31pm, a retail theft was reported at the Walgreens located at 10345 Roosevelt Road. A 42 year old male was arrested after leaving the store with \$59.43 in product. The subject was charged with theft. Additionally the driver of the vehicle was arrested and charged with various traffic offences.

3. On April 23rd at 11:43am, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 1100 block of Suffolk. It was reported that unknown subject(s) broken the driver side rear window of their vehicle while parked in the street.

4. On April 27th at 3:50pm, a criminal trespass to vehicle was reported on the 1600 block of Balmoral. The resident reported that unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked on the street. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

5. On April 29th at 8:16am, a retail

theft was reported at the Jewel Food store located at 2128 Mannheim Road. The assistant manager advised that after reviewing in store video tape, it was found that two males had taken several packages of cigarettes after walking behind the Osco counter. The subjects left in a dark foreign made vehicle. Taken were \$2,100 in cigarettes. On May 15th 2011 a male was arrested and charged with the theft after being identified on the recorded store video from the theft.

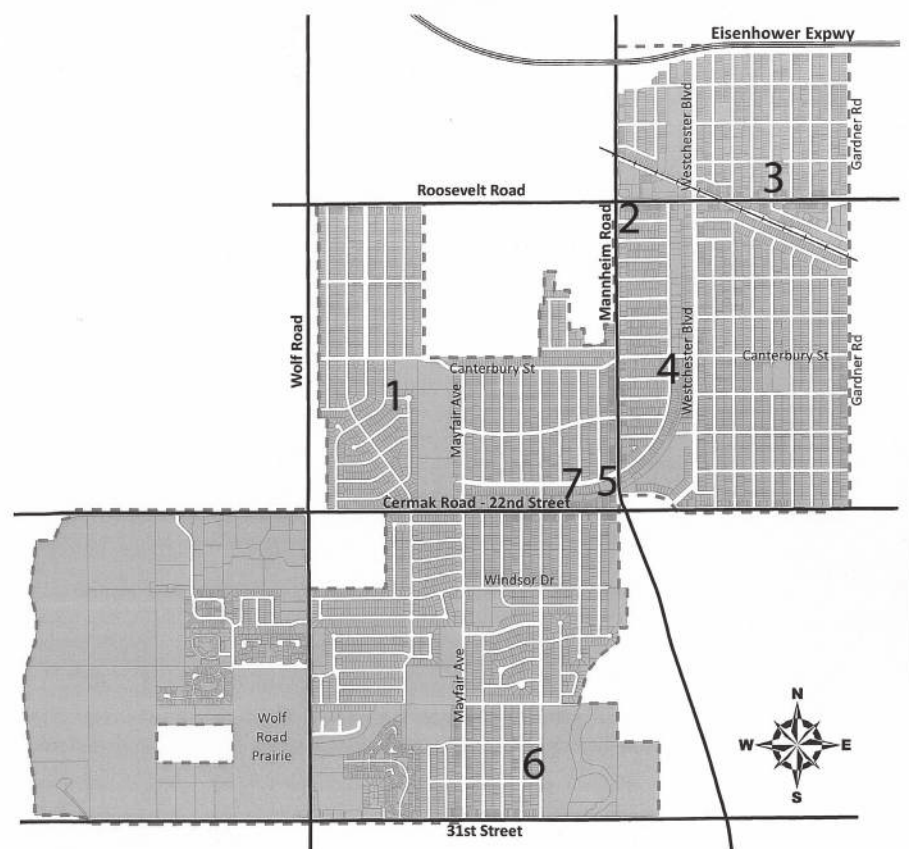
6. On April 30th at 12:48pm a burglary to motor vehicle was reported on the 2900 block of Sunnyside. The resident reported that someone entered the open garage door and opened the unlocked vehicle parked inside. Taken was an iPod music player.

7. On May 3rd at 1:32pm, an attempted residential burglary, ruse entry scam was reported on the 10500 block of Dorchester. The resident reported that a male Hispanic in his 30's wearing an orange safety vest knocked on their door asking to test their water. As the subject escorted the resident to the basement, another individual was seen and heard entering the house. The resident immediately went upstairs and both individuals fled in a white station wagon. Nothing appeared to have been taken.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



JUNE

Library Events. Library begins summer hours. Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, closed Sundays. Summer hours in effect until Labor Day weekend. Registration ongoing for Youth Summer Reading Programs at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573. Registration ongoing for Page Turners Reading Club for adults and high school students at Library. Contact Adult Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Preschool, located at Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester, Westchester, IL has openings in the 3 years old class for the Fall. Children must be 3 years old by September 1st. Call 708-681-4569 for registration information or visit www.gracewestchester.org to visit GLOW Preschool's website. Registration will be open until full enrollment.

Wednesday, June 1. 8th Grade Graduation 7:00PM. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Thursday, June 2. Award assembly for grades K-7 will be held at 10:30 am, at Divine Infant Jesus School's Langan Hall, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

Friday, June 3. Last day of school for students at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact the school office at 708-865-0122 with any questions.

Friday, June 3. Bunco Night 6:30PM. sponsored by the Divine Providence Family School Association Pizza and appetizers served at 6:30 pm. Bunco Begins at 7:00 pm Advance Ticket purchase \$25.00 or \$30.00 at the door Prizes awarded and Split the pot raffles. Call Divine Providence at 708-562-2258 for information and ticket purchase.

Monday, June 6. Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 - 7:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table is available on game nights.

Wednesday, June 8. Last Day of School for Grades 1- 7. 10:30 Dismissal. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Wednesday, June 8. Citizens Advisory Board Meeting. 7 pm Westchester Village Hall.

Friday, June 10. Last Day of School for Early Childhood & Kindergarten; WPS

Friday, June 10. WMS 8th Grade Graduation @ LTHS - North Campus, 7:00-

8:15PM

Saturday, June 11. 1st Annual Golf Outing. Oak Brook Golf Club, 2600 York Road. 12:00 p.m. Box Lunch & Golf. 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar & Dinner Buffet. Reservations required. Please call Divine Providence at 708-562-2258 for more information.

Saturday, June 11. 8 am - 2 pm Rummage and Toy Sale to support summer mission trips at Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester, Westchester for more information contact the church office at 708-345-1375

Monday, June 13. Economic Development Committee meeting 7:30 AM. Village Hall Community Room.

Monday, June 13. Last Day of School for Grades 1-8, WMS @ 9:15AM, WIS @ 9:45AM, WPS @ 9:55AM

Monday, June 13. "One World, Many Stories" opening program to launch Youth Summer Reading Clubs 2:00 pm at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Monday, June 13. Fire Police Commission Meeting. 630 PM. Village Hall Community Room

Tuesday, June 14. Village Committee and Board meetings 7 PM. Village Hall Board Room.

Wednesday, June 15. Family Film Night "How to Train Your Dragon" 5:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Wednesday, June 15. Market Day pick-up from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

Friday, June 17; 7:30 PM. Taize Prayer, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Ave., 708-562-3364

Friday, June 17. Divine Infant Jesus Men's Club 59th Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Call the parish rectory at 708-865-8071 for more information.

Saturday, June 18. Market Day Pick-up 8:30-9:30 a.m. Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258. www.divineprovidenceschool.org

Wednesday, June 15. Family Film Night "How to Train Your Dragon" 5:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

June 20, 21, 24, 28, 30. 4th of July Parade Band Rehearsal @ WMS, 10:30-11:45AM

Monday, June 20. Monday Matinee "Way Out West" 2:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

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Tuesday, June 21. Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night 5:45 - 7:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Tuesday, June 21. "Wisdom Stories from Around the World" family multimedia program 2:00 pm at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Wednesday, June 22. Wolf Road Prairie Bird Walk at 8am. Park at the south end of the Prairie off of 31st Street - west of Wolf Road in one of the three parking bays and meet near the middle parking bay. Prairie bird monitor Linda Padera will lead the walk. This free event is sponsored by Save The Prairie Society. Call 708-354-5512 for more information or visit www.savetheprairiesociety.org

Wednesday, June 22. Family Film Night "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" 5:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Thursday, June 23. "Small Potatoes in Concert" 7:00 PM at Library. Contact Adult Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Sunday, June 26. 3:00-6:00PM. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Rainbow Tea Celebration with State Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Assistant Majority Leader. Broadview Park District 2600 S. 13th Ave Broadview, IL 60155. Please R.S.V.P. to (708) 343-7444

Monday, June 27. Economic Development Committee meeting 7:30 AM. Village Hall Community Room.

Monday, June 27. Monday Matinee "Exotic Creatures" 2:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Monday, June 27. Westchester Community Image Council. 7 PM Village Hall Community Room.

Tuesday, June 28. Village Committee and Board meetings 7 PM. Village Hall Board Room.

Wednesday, June 29. Family Film Night "Despicable Me" 5:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Thursday, June 30. "Wisdom Stories from Around the World" family multimedia program 6:00 pm at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

JULY

Friday, July 1. 8 AM-7 PM, first Friday Adoration, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Ave., 708-562-3364

Tuesday, July 5. "Stories and Authors from Down Under" family multimedia program 2:00 pm at Library. Contact Youth Dept at (708) 562-3573.

Wednesday, July 6. Family Film Night "Tangled" 5:00 PM at Library. Contact Youth Dept at 708-562-3573.

Village Hall hours

TO SERVE YOU BETTER! Regular hours. 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Tuesday until 7:00 PM; Saturday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

DP OVER 50 CLUB

Last meeting until September will be on June 8, 2011 and is the Annual Picnic. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch at Noon, meeting to follow. Box lunches will be served. \$7.50 - members; \$8.50 - guests. Select from ham, turkey or Italian sub at the time of ticket purchase. Call Ruth @ 708-947-9020 for a ticket, available until May 31, 2011. Look for final plans for a Casino Trip in July in the Church Bulletins and the Westchester Newsletter. If you have any other questions call Corrine at 708-531-9496.

Proviso Township Services

FREE Transportation (708) 449-4307. Proviso Township provides an automobile curb to curb transportation service to Senior and Disabled residents of the Township. Rides are available for trips to the Doctor and for some Personal needs. Reservations must be made in advance and the client must pre-register before calling for a ride. Trips can be anywhere within the Township and are allowed to some locations just outside the Township boundaries, including Hinsdale Hospital.

Assessor's Office (708) 449-4304. Proviso Township Assessor Steven J. Zawaski and his staff have direct access to the Cook County Assessor's Office allowing immediate access to a wealth of information about any property in Proviso Township. They report over 90,000 township residents have not refilled for the Senior Property Tax Exemption or their Senior Freeze exemption. Call the Assessor's office at 449-4304 for assistance.

State of the Village Address

Please join us for the State of the Village Address which will be held Tuesday, June 28th in the theater at St. Joseph High School. All are invited, refreshments will be served.

Town Hall Meeting

The Westchester Police Department will host a Neighborhood Watch Town Hall Meeting on 6/15/11 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall in the Board room.

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We were also able to meet with all four of our Westchester representatives. We first met with Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate, Ms. Kimberly Lightford. During our discussion, we lobbied for our District 92.5 Superintendent Jean Sophie. Dr. Sophie was volunteering her time and talents as part of Ms. Lightford's Education Reform Panel. Next, we had the opportunity to meet with our newly appointed State Senator Ronald Sandack. Senator Sandack, previously the Mayor of Downers Grove, was appointed by DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin to fulfill the last two years of Mr. Cronin's senate term. Senator Sandack was asked to do everything in his power to protect the Local Share of the monies municipalities receive from the state (distributive share) that is at risk of being eliminated. We met with Representative Chris Nybo at the House Chamber, also a new representative for Westchester, explained his position on several of the bills that were going to be discussed later that day, including concealed carry, pension reform, educational reform, and the Distributive Share. We attended a caucus with our fourth representative for Westchester Karen Yarbrough, Assistant Majority Leader of the House of Representatives. Representative Yarbrough then invited us to the Governor's Mansion "Cinco de Mayo" celebration. After attending the reception at the Lincoln Presidential Museum, we headed over to the Governor's Mansion.

Village Manager Stan Urban and I invited our colleague Village President Mike Gorman from Riverside to accompany us to the Mansion. Neither of us had ever been to the Governor's Mansion before and it was quite an honor. We sat with Representative Yarbrough and discussed many items affecting the residents of Westchester. While there, Mrs. Yarbrough introduced us to many other state representatives. One representative from downstate Illinois showed me pictures of the devastation they were currently experiencing as a result of the downstate flooding. This was a topic I told him we in Westchester could all relate to. I expressed my deepest sympathy and support for all that could be done to assist his family and constituents. Mrs. Yarbrough next caught a glimpse of our State Senator Kimberly Lightford and asked her to join us. Both Senator Lightford and Representative Yarbrough have been very instrumental in getting our low interest loan approved for the reconstruction of the Broadview-

Westchester Water Agency pump station. Their actions and support have yielded a start date of this project for Fall 2011. Our 80 year old pump facility has certainly out lived its life expectancy and although still operational, needs all the mechanicals replaced to provide Lake Michigan water to Broadview, Westchester, Hines Hospital, Madden Mental Health Center, and the recently purchased Trident/Loyola Hospital for decades to come. I, along with Trustee Steker and Trustee Elect Perry also met with a group of Westchester residents who were touring the Capitol with an outing sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce, and guided by Bill Ernst, Director of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce. We also spent a few moments in the Secretary of State's Jesse White's Office viewing his wall space covered in collectible awards, photos and momentos he has received throughout his life as a teacher, veteran, statesman, and Director of the "Jesse White Tumblers." We also visited the Office of the Lt. Governor Sheila Simon to deliver the written request of Dr. Sophie, Superintendent of our School District 92.5, to be part of the Lt. Governor's "Education Reform Committee." I wanted to make sure Dr. Sophie's name and her willingness to serve "Education Reform" was known to all of our elected leaders. All in all, each and every one of our elected officials made us feel right at home and welcomed our comments, opinions and thoughts. Westchester is lucky to have such dedicated individuals representing us. While at the Governor's Mansion, I had an opportunity to speak with the Governor himself. Governor Quinn actually remembered me from our meeting in my office and the press conference we hosted last summer over our flood issue. I was surprised he recognized me with the masses of people present at the mansion. By the way, I did solicit his help for Dr. Sophie as well.

BACK HOME

Back home, I along with Trustee Nick Steker, and Trustee Elect Thomas Yurkovich attended the swearing in of the new District 92.5 School Board. It appeared that the newly elected board with the re-election of Ms. Claire Thompson, and Lori Christopher and the election of Ms. Carolyn Wilhite and Kari Christensen will certainly be put to task with the new educational reforms that will affect all school districts throughout the state. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of two board members who are leaving the board. Jim Schueing and Kathy Sloan Smith always put the needs of our children first. Thank you for your service. The School District is a better



Michael Lesniak assists President Pulia with some materials dropped off for the shred event held on Saturday, May 14. President Pulia thanks Michael and his sister Lexi for their hard work at the E-waste recycling and shred event.

place for having had the benefit of your service on the Board. On May 9th, I along with Trustees Paul Gattuso and Nick Steker, as well as Trustee Elect Tom Yurkovich attended the swearing in of our newly elected Park Commissioners. Retired Judge Daniel Weber swore in returning Park Board President Steven Busa, and Joseph Christopher, as well as newly elected Commissioner Patrick Casey.

Accolades of accomplishments were given to Ms. Cindy Day Erwin for her work as Commissioner for the past 4 years. President Busa lauded her for bringing the child's playroom to the Mayfair Facility as well as her tenacity in fighting for more park related events and programs. She will be missed. On May 10th, Judge Daniel Weber swore in the newly elected Library Board as well as the Village Trustees Paul Gattuso, Frank Perry and Thomas Yurkovich at the Westchester Village Hall Board Room.

Recently elected Library Board Member Phyllis Kastle, who was appointed to fill Mr. Bill Ernst vacancy, along with newcomers Celeste Reda and Carol Levy, were sworn in. Ms. Allison Muzel was unable to attend and was sworn in by me on May 23rd.

Our thanks and well wishes go out to Ms. Jennifer Boyle, and Patrick Kane for their service to the Westchester Library and for their passion to get our kids to read. Readers are Leaders! At the May 10th Village Board Meeting, Tom Yurkovich, Frank Perry and current appointed Trustee and former Board President Paul Gattuso were all sworn in individually. Each was able to introduce their family to the packed audience. With the excitement associated with the swearing in of your new elected officials, comes the sadness associated with the loss of those who chose not to run for re-election.

Trustee Pat Casey, now Park Commissioner Casey, as well as Trustee Neil Boyle expressed their thanks to

all of the residents for allowing them to serve. For 12 years Trustee Casey honorably served as Village Trustee and did great addressing the needs of the community. I will miss him on our board, but I know he will do a great job in serving the community in his role as Park Commissioner. Equally as competent and dedicated is Trustee Neil Boyle. Trustee Boyle's commitment and dedication to the community is selfless. So much so that he has agreed to remain as Westchester's appointed representative on the Broadview-Westchester Water Agency as a board member. Neil has been working extremely hard to bring a new water agency pump station to the Broadview-Westchester users and his absence from this project would result in a void that could not easily be filled. I want to thank Neil for agreeing to remain in this capacity to ensure that this project is completed in a timely and efficient manner.

FROM THE BOARD

As I mentioned previously, we as elected officials and residents alike have been out there lobbying our State Officials, including Governor Quinn, not to take away from the municipalities, money earned in our communities to be used to balance the state budget. These monies are referred to as the Local Government Distributive Fund, (LGDF). This all began in 1969 when the LGDF was instituted by the state in exchange for cities and towns NOT imposing their own income tax. It guaranteed municipalities a share of state income tax receipts (1/10th). The state was designated to be the collection agency and was entrusted to distribute payments each month. These funds are allocated by population, and based on the recent census, Westchester has 16,714 residents. (Unfortunately, we have not received payments for the last 3-4 months).

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On January 1, 2011, the state legislature raised the state income tax from 3% to 5%. This resulted in a total increase in the state tax of 66%. Unfortunately, when the state income tax was raised to 5%, the LGDF was not changed and remained at 1/10 of 3% of the state income tax. In other words Local Governments will not share in any portion of the additional 2%. To make matters worse, there is talk of Springfield taking some \$300 Million in local funding. If this occurs Westchester stands to lose \$400,000.00, in other words \$23 dollars per person.

Needless to say, this will have a disastrous effect on Westchester, and every other local government. I have been part of many discussions with local mayors and elected officials and attended a press conference at the State of Illinois Building on May 12th to join the protest on what has been called the "Stealth Tax." I have written letters to all of our elected officials, especially Governor Quinn, who originally opened the door back in October 2010. The letter was signed by all your Village Trustees. A copy of my letter to Governor Quinn is printed in this publication, as well as the financial impact the cut in the LGDF would have on our community and those of our neighbors.

BUS SHELTERS

The PACE Board has given approval for PACE Bus Stop warming shelters to be installed along the main roadways throughout the village. Fourteen locations along Mannheim Rd, Cermak Rd, and Roosevelt Road were identified to receive the new "Courier" style design shelters. The shelters will have approved advertising on one of the side vertical panels. The village will receive 1/2 of Pace's share of revenue derived from the advertising. The old shelters presently located on these streets will also be replaced by the new style. Maintenance, cleaning, care, and inspections will be done weekly by Titan, a Pace contractor.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking restrictions were approved for two areas adjacent to the Westchester Intermediate School, 10900 Canterbury, (formerly High Ridge School) and on the Northeast side of Essex Street across from the Westchester Primary School, (formerly the Mary Jane Kennedy School).

ON SCHOOL DAYS, parking is prohibited from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 4pm on the east side of Haase Ave. between the south driveway of 1522 Haase Ave. and Canterbury.

Similarly, parking is prohibited on the west side of Haase Ave between the main entrance of 1550 Haase and Canterbury. It is unlawful to park during school days on the east side of Essex Street from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and from 3 PM to 4 PM, between 2401 Essex and 10650 Essex. These changes were made because during the times of 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm the school buses are having a difficulty negotiating their turns with vehicles parked in those areas. Please make adjustments accordingly.

ELECTRONIC E-RECYCLING EVENT

The second electronic recycling event was held on Saturday May 14th from 8:30am to noon. We collected a whole marine container full of televisions, computers, monitors, and a host of electronic devices. Thank you for dropping off these items. Keeping these items out of our landfill and from not becoming a problem for our environment is what "Thinking Green" is all about.

VILLAGE SHREDDING EVENT

In conjunction with our "Thinking Green" initiatives the Village hosted a paper shredding event on May 14th from 10am to noon. With State of Illinois approval, old village records and reports were shredded. While the shredding truck was being paid for to destroy state-approved Village documents we decided to open up the event up to our residents as well. After completing the Village work, our vendor ProShred Security, shredded old paperwork from residents steadily from 10:00 am until noon. At least 26 totter containers were shredded. For those observing the shredding taking place, they all concurred that it definitely took longer to fill the boxes and bags at home than it did to shred them up. The paper that was shredded will be recycled and again removed from landfills. Thank you to Coordinator Molly Keane, Frank Perry, Tom Yurkovich, Maureen Masterson-Pulia, Rich Heidank, and last but not least, Mike and Lexi Lesniak whose help was invaluable. Future shredding events have not been scheduled at this time. Any future shredding events will be posted in future newsletters.

RESIDENTIAL UPKEEP

During the middle of May my office and the village was inundated with numerous calls about blighted properties. High grass, dandelions, and the accumulation of junk was the topic of discussion, especially on vacant properties and those for sale. Code enforcement has been making calls and issuing citations for those found in violation of Westchester Municipal Code 7.56.050. Notices are



Trustee Nick Steker, Trustee Frank Perry, Riverside President Michael Gorman, State Senator Ron Sandack and President Sam Pulia meet in Springfield to discuss issues affecting Westchester.

being sent to those property owners and realtors to have the grass cut and weeds removed within five (5) days. After those five days have passed, Westchester Code 7.56.060 grants authority for the Village to cut the grass and weeds. Often, the charges exceed \$100.00 and are predicated by the amount of work is required. Homeowners, tenants, agents or persons in charge of the premises are required to maintain their property. Our village is beautiful, let's keep it that way by doing our part to make it look even better.

VEHICLE TAG ENFORCEMENT

Thank you for your cooperation in purchasing your Westchester Vehicle Tag. As you are aware the purchase time changed to allow placement during warmer weather. Vehicle tags went on sale March 15th with an absolute due date of April 30th. As of May 1st, the tags doubled in price. Village Manager Stan Urban fielded many a call regarding late purchases and the penalties assessed.

DAMAGED STREETS

Twice last month, Village Inspectors were summoned to residences that were having driveways or large area cement work being done. In two cases contractors placed huge piles of concrete debris on the street blocking lanes of traffic and even encroaching on the opposite side of the street. To make matters worse, bobcats were spinning around on brand new recently repaved streets causing scrapes and gouges that will ultimately gather water in the winter and reduce the life expectancy of the road. In both cases, police cited the contractors and cost estimates of the damages were submitted. Throughout the construction season, our inspectors will be looking for all types of construction activity to protect what your tax dollars have paid for. Please contact the Village Building Department or Public Works Department with any questions and

concerns. Remember, Permits protect you the homeowner by having the contractors both licensed, bonded and insured in case any problems arise.

WESTCHESTER RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society overnight event to celebrate battle triumphs against cancer, to remember loved ones who lost their battle to cancer, and to fight back against cancer. You can join the fight by becoming a team captain or participant in the event. The Westchester Relay for Life will be held on June 25-26 from 6pm to 6am at Mayfair Park. For further information Call Mary Rucker at 708-484-8542 or visit their web site at www.relayforlifewestchester.com

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY IMAGE COUNCIL ANNUAL CLEANUP (WCIC)

I want to send a big thank you to all the participants of the Saturday May 7th "Clean Up". These participants included members of the Westchester Middle School, Boy Scout and Cub Scout Packs, Prescott Square residents and other individuals who took time out of their own busy schedules to assist with the clean-up of several areas around town. The areas we focused on included Westchester Blvd. gardens, the welcome garden, Village Hall, Post Office and the Forest Preserve trail heads. Special thanks to WCIC Chairman Carl Celestino for organizing the event. Carl is always looking for members to join the WCIC Family, if you are interested in dedicating some time helping keep Westchester beautiful, give Carl at a call at 1-708-344-3820. On May 19th Carl Celestino with the help of Trustee Tom Yurkovich, and Public Works employees Vinnie Smith and Brian Grippo continued the manicuring of the plots along Westchester Blvd. Over 50 yards of mushroom compost was

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placed around the plots. Personnel from Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart's Sheriff Work Alternative Program (SWAP) then spread the compost during their 5 hour time allotment. I want to thank Sheriff Dart for allowing us to participate in his SWAP program.

COMED NEWS

ComEd Care 2011 Assistance and Energy Education Programs are available. A Residential Special Hardship Program is available based on family size, 30 day income, and annual income. A onetime grant of \$500.00 for residential customers with household incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level is available until the funds are depleted.

Currently the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is closed. We will let you know if funds become available for the summer energy costs; but the program will most likely start up again in September. Other programs such as the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and the ComEd Helps Activated Military Personnel (C.H.A.M.P) are also available. ComEd also has incentives to help your home become more energy efficient. Their "Smart Ideas for Your Home" program highlights ENERGY STAR Lighting, Appliance Recycling, Central Air Conditioning Service, and Central Air Conditioner Cycling. All programs are available through ComEd. Please call 1-888-806-2273 for further information or visit the website. www.ComEd.com

PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG RECYCLING

I am pleased to announce that beginning this month the Village of Westchester has taken the lead in offering its residents Pharmaceutical Drug Recycling 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Due to the generosity of Mr. John Karls, from Waste Management, our present waste hauler, we now have a place to drop off old, unused, or expired drugs. A receptacle has been placed in the front lobby of the Village Hall for any and all prescriptions, over-the-counter pills and capsules. The receptacle is tamperproof and once an item is placed into the receptacle it cannot be removed. The pills need not be in a prescription bottle or container to be deposited. Loose pills can be placed in the receptacle. For anyone thinking this could be a location to receive and take possession of these items, think again, since the receptacle is under constant recorded video surveillance. By disposing of your old pills in this

manner versus flushing them down the toilet, or simply throwing them in the garbage, you are reducing the negative impact prescription drugs have on our water supply, landfills and overall environment.

GREAT HORNED OWL SIGHTING

Last month, a resident reported that she observed a Great Horned Owl in the Northeast section of the village. Although her research revealed that the owls mating season is over she wanted me to put a cautionary message out that the owl is very capable of picking up small animals, such as rabbits, squirrels, and possible small domesticated dogs and cats as well. She had actually viewed the owl with an extremely long wingspan swoop down and take-off with a squirrel in its mouth. Most of the sightings have been between 9-10pm.

EISENHOWER MEETING

On May 18th I attended a public meeting hosted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This meeting focused on our transportation needs and improving regional travel along the Eisenhower Expressway. Preliminary studies have been completed and a host of alternative transit suggestions have been offered. As residents who frequent the Eisenhower Expressway know, the construction done to alleviate the "Hillside Strangler" only pushed the problem a little further east and right onto our back door. For more information regarding this topic visit website www.eisenhowerexpressway.com

SORROW IN OUR MIDSTS

I regret to inform you of the untimely, sudden death of our Emergency Management Director Mark Boggs. Mark, age 51, died suddenly on May 12, 2011. We offer our deepest condolences to his life partner Allison Musial, and to his children Kevin and Jeff. Mark has been a volunteer working with our EMA unit since 2004.

Many of you have probably seen Mark directing traffic and handling enforcement duties at the Westchester Fest or during our flood event last summer. Based on his exemplary service in this unit, in the fall of 2010 I placed Mark in charge of the EMA Unit. Mark's time and talents will certainly be missed, but not forgotten.

I also regret to inform you of some additional residents that have passed away this month.

Mr. Bruno Sirius a long time resident, and father of St. Joseph H.S. alum and benefactor Bruce Sirius; Mr. Henry

(Hank) Jackovin, a friend and neighbor who has helped me with many a project, and who ran the Westchester Fest trailer for many years. Godspeed to Mark Boggs, Bruno Sirius and Henry Jackovin. Rest in peace.

MONDAY NIGHT CRUISE NIGHTS

Each Monday Night between 5pm and 10pm, the Westbrook Plaza at 31st and Wolf Road transforms itself into a trip back in automotive history. This is the 5th year PAUL'S PIZZA, ASTRO TOURS/SYLVIA E's and REGENCY CENTER have sponsored the best car show in the western suburbs. Live bands can be found playing music of the 50's 60's and 70's throughout the evening, as participants reminisce about the days they were cruising to these tunes. This is a great event for families of all ages. There is always plenty of FOOD, ICE CREAM, and SHOPPING available. An Elvis impersonator will be on site June 6th!

SHERIFF DART'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Openings are still available for teenage High School youths to join Sheriff Tom Dart's Volunteer Community Service Program. Last year I sponsored three teens who volunteered 100 hours of community service in Westchester to earn this prestigious Medal of Merit Award. If interested in performing community service this summer please contact me at 708-345-0092.

PRAYER WALK

On Sunday May 22nd I participated in a Prayer Walk sponsored by the Broadview Missionary Baptist Church located at 25th Ave and Roosevelt Road in Broadview. Several hundred walkers left the church in several different directions into Bellwood, Broadview, Maywood, and Westchester. The theme of the walk was to launch the Lewis-Travis Movement to work in and with the community to provide needed assistance to residents. For more information on this project you can contact Marvin G. Parker, Pastor of the Broadview Missionary Baptist Church, and/or Assistant Pastor Christopher Robinson at 708-343-3700. Additional information can also be found on the Church's website www.broadviewbaptist.org.

SAVE THE PRAIRIE SOCIETY

The Save the Prairie Society is seeking to enhance their membership by launching a "Friends of the Prairie House" membership drive.

Membership is \$25.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for families. Additionally you can become a sponsor by purchasing a Commemorative Brick for \$100.00. For more detailed information call 708-562-3280 or visit their website at www.savetheprairiesociety.org

TOWN HALL MEETING

Chief April Padalik, along with Officer Rob Verber, who heads the police department Neighborhood Watch Program, will be presenting a Community Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, June 15th at 7 PM. The Meeting will be held at the Westchester Village Hall Board Room. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Now that the April elections are over and the new Trustees have been seated on the Board, I would like to invite all of our residents to attend my State of the Village address. The address is scheduled for Tuesday June 28th in the St. Joseph High School theater located at 1840 Mayfair Ave, at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

Over the past month I have received many a call from residents complaining about the number of GREEN GARBAGE TOTES/BLUE RECYCLING TOTES/YARD WAST BAGS OR CONTAINERS that have been placed out for collection either way too early, or left out way past the time proscribed in the Village Ordinance. I said I would address the issue in the next newsletter. So here it goes... Village Ordinance 8.04.100b states that all "Waste containers" Garbage cans, Yard waste, and Recycling containers are to be placed out NO EARLIER THAN 7PM the evening before the next day pick-up. The empty cans are to be removed from the parkway curb NO LATER THAN 7PM the day of the collection." Please make every attempt to comply with the ordinance and keep Westchester Beautiful.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

I would like to announce the birth of yet another Grandchild to the Pulia clan. On My 20, 2010, my son Joseph (Chicago Police Officer) and his wife Melissa welcomed their third daughter, Milania, to this world. Milania Pulia joins her big sister Brooklyn Paige (age 1) and bigger sister Caprice (age 10) in bringing joy to our family. Hopefully Milania and her sisters will join their cousins Sammy (age 2) and Gia (age 1), children of my son Steve (Chicago Police Officer) and his wife

2011 Westchester Fest Well-Wisher Support

For any individuals who would like to donate to the Westchester Fest, we are accepting donations. All well wishers will be acknowledged in the monthly newsletter.

Check One:

- \$50 Well Wisher _____
- \$100 Well Wisher _____
- \$250 Well Wisher _____
- \$_____ (Other) Well Wisher _____

Please indicate below who you would like to be acknowledged for the donation: (i.e. Mrs. Jane Doe, The Doe Family, in honor of Jane Doe, etc...)

Make checks payable to: Westchester Chamber of Commerce
Mail check with this form to:
P.O. Box 7309 Westchester, IL 60154
(708) 240-8400



Village of Westchester 4th of July Parade!

On Monday July 4th 2011 at 9:30 a.m. the Village of Westchester will be hosting a parade in celebration of Independence Day. The parade will include entertainment and participants from throughout the community.

For more information on
Sponsorships
Entry Forms
Parade Route
please visit www.westchester-il.org

Thank You to our Silver Sponsor
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Westchester's Online Citizen Support Center

The Village of Westchester has added an online Citizen Support Center to our webpage as a way to better serve our residents. This system will increase access to information and improve the ability of residents to communicate directly with the appropriate Village staff. This system is very user friendly and decreases response time, as well as allowing direct communication through our website at www.westchester-il.org 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will also soon be adding a directory of all local businesses, which allows citizens to search for businesses by category or name of business. Below is a snapshot of how the portal appears on our website.

Citizen Support Center

Find Answers

Browse All Answers
Search for a Specific Answer



Make a Request

Report a Problem
Register a Complaint



Ask a Question

Send Us a Question



My Support Center

Check Status of Requests



A Silent Disease?

A new patient came to see me in clinic a couple of weeks ago who had recently suffered a stroke. He sat there staring at the floor of the doctor's office, wheelchair bound, unable to speak with any clarity, and with a look of despair on his face. Prior to his stroke, he was an apparently healthy 62-year-old male. He never complained of any symptoms before his stroke; he felt completely normal, and was not taking any medications.



David Thompson MD

One may ask, how could a seemingly healthy person feel so well, and look so healthy, yet suffer a sudden devastating stroke? You might be surprised to know that the reason for his disabling stroke is one of the most common ailments that affects millions of people - high blood pressure, otherwise known as 'hypertension'. It is estimated that greater than 50% of adults over the age of 65 have hypertension, making it one of the most common reasons to seek treatment from a physician. Unfortunately, only about one-half of patients with hypertension achieve adequate control of their blood pressure. There are multiple potential reasons for the low rates of blood pressure control, including patient unawareness, poor access to health care, and lack of adherence with health care provider recommendations. The unfortunate patient I saw in clinic had not checked his blood pressure in many years. His stroke was the very first symptom that he experienced due to his underlying high blood pressure. With that in mind, it is necessary to discuss the importance of hypertension and the potential impact it can have your health if not adequately controlled.

The following are answers to some frequently asked questions about hypertension.

1) What are the symptoms of hypertension?

Most often there are no symptoms of chronically elevated blood pressure. This is why it is often referred to as the 'silent killer'. And this is also why it is so important that you check your blood pressure periodically to ensure it remains in the normal range. If it is elevated, you should seek the advice of your doctor. Do not assume that everything is ok just because you feel well.

2) What do the two numbers of my blood pressure mean?

The top number is called the systolic blood pressure reading. This is the

pressure inside your blood vessels during the time your heart contracts (when it is actively squeezing blood). The bottom number is called the diastolic pressure. This is the pressure recorded during the time when the heart is relaxed (in between beats). Both numbers are important to keep controlled.

3) Are there different types of high blood pressure?

Yes, hypertension is sub-divided into two major classes - primary hypertension and secondary hypertension. Primary hypertension is the more common type which affects most people. The underlying reason for the development of this type of hypertension is poorly understood however we think genetic factors play an important role. Secondary hypertension is defined as hypertension due to some other identifiable disorder such as a hormone imbalance or primary kidney disease.

4) What is considered a normal blood pressure?

In general, a blood pressure of less than 120/80 is considered optimal.

Systolic 120-139, or diastolic 80-89 is considered pre-hypertension. These patients may be at risk for developing more severe hypertension. For that reason, it is a good idea to monitor your blood pressure periodically to ensure it does not progress to more serious levels. This will decrease your chances of developing any complications from long term high blood pressure.

Stage 1 hypertension is defined as systolic 140-159 or diastolic 90-99

Stage 2 hypertension is defined as systolic greater than 160 or diastolic greater than 100.

5) How often should I check my blood pressure?

It depends somewhat on how well controlled your blood pressure is to begin with. Your doctor can specifically tell you how often to check your blood pressure. However, if you are currently being treated for high blood pressure, it may be a good idea to invest in a home blood pressure monitor so that you can track your blood pressure readings over time. Monitors are sold at almost any local drug store. You may be eligible for a discount if your doctor writes a prescription for one. A rule of thumb is to measure your blood pressure a couple of times each day, and record the numbers on a piece of paper. Bring in the readings to your next office visit so that the numbers can be reviewed with your doctor. This is often quite helpful for your physician, and allows he or she

to treat you more effectively.

Remember to bring your blood pressure monitor to your appointment with your doctor. Your home machine can then be calibrated with the machine at the doctor's office in order to ensure your home machine is accurate.

With adequate treatment, achieving a blood pressure less than 140/90 is considered acceptable. However, there is evidence that achieving as close to 120/80 may be ideal, especially if you have a history of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or kidney disease.

6) Is it possible for our blood pressure to get too low?

Yes. However, unless the patient is experiencing symptoms from the low blood pressure, we are typically not too concerned about the pressure being a little on the low side. Symptoms of low blood pressure, or hypotension, can occur when we are dehydrated. One may experience fatigue, lightheadedness, and weakness. It can even cause one to 'pass out'.

7) What are the risk factors associated with primary hypertension?

The underlying reason for

the development of primary hypertension is quite complex; however we know that certain risk factors increase the likelihood of developing hypertension. These risk factors include high amounts of dietary salt, alcohol intake, sedentary lifestyle, and obesity. Hypertension tends to be more common among African-Americans, as compared to European or Hispanic ethnicity.

8) What are health related complications of uncontrolled blood pressure?

Complications from elevated blood pressure can be serious, and even fatal. They include heart attack, congestive heart failure, stroke, and kidney damage.

David Thompson MD is a Cardiology Fellow at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL. He attended medical school at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, and is a life long Westchester resident. Disclaimer: The information above is the opinion of Dr. David Thompson, and in no way reflects any specific policy or opinion of Loyola University Medical Center. You must not rely on this information as an alternative to medical advice from your doctor or other health care professional. If you have any specific questions regarding your health, you should consult your physician.



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RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE

Dear Governor Quinn,

Over the past month I have been following several newspaper accounts regarding your comments as it relates to cutting the municipal portion of the state income tax.

Prior to January 2011 municipalities received 10% of state income tax revenues, now we receive only 6% as a result of the increase in the state income tax that the General Assembly decided to keep for themselves.

A \$300 million dollar reduction or \$23.40 per person means that the Village of Westchester stands to lose nearly \$400,000 dollars. Our budget is bare boned. Cutting police officers, firefighters, and eliminating essential services is not an option when the demands on local communities are escalating.

Our "PAIN" is chronic and continual. Every day we hear of more residential foreclosures, failing local businesses, and an increase in requests for service from our police, fire, and public works departments. The phrase "Do More with Less" has become impossible. As citizens first and elected officials second, we all understand that the State is in debt. Reducing the village share is only going to decrease the amount of money municipalities like Westchester can spend to provide sustainable services and make improvements to our failing infrastructure.

Concerned,

Sam D. Pulia
Westchester Village President

THE ANCIENT WOLF ROAD PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE

The Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve savanna located at the northwest corner of 31st Street and Wolf Road is ranked globally critically imperiled, according to the Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan. This makes it one of the rarest natural areas on Earth.

The Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve also contains a globally imperiled black soil prairie recognized as the finest and largest prairie of its kind east of the Mississippi River and a large centrally located wetland.

These ecosystems provide habitat for countless species of wildlife. More than 370 species of native plants are known to the preserve. Some are listed as threatened and endangered.

The origins of Wolf Road Prairie date back 12,000 to 15,000 years to a time when our geographic region was recovering from the last Ice Age. As the climate warmed, the mile deep glacier which covered what is now northeastern Illinois began to melt. The first humans arrived here following migrating herds as prairie and hardwood forests gradually replaced the tundra and stands of coniferous woodlands. Clovis points have been discovered in the Salt Creek vicinity.

This ancient land of Wolf Road Prairie

remains today as a historical record of those long ago times.

From early spring until autumn's first frost, Wolf Road Prairie is a constantly changing landscape of colors and textures as vibrant wildflowers bloom and grasses grow tall. It is famous for its stunning display of fragrant wild hyacinths which carpet the savanna understory with pale blue spiked blossoms in the spring. This spectacle is short lived and lasts about a week depending on weather and temperature conditions.

You can stand here in the presence of the "mother bur oak" believed to be well over 200 years old. This tree was a sapling when Native Pottawatomini lived in the area and Illinois was still a vast

pre-settlement wilderness.

Wolf Road Prairie is a haven for migrating and nesting birds and a nectar-rich feeding ground for a myriad of butterflies, culminating in late August and early September as Monarchs fly southwestward to their wintering grounds in Mexico.

Wolf Road Prairie is owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission oversees management and protection of the site.

The Salt Creek Greenway Association is working in partnership with Wolf Road Prairie landowners. We host workdays and prairie tours as a public service.

Westchester Food Pantry

Thank you to the great volunteers that helped with the Westchester Food Pantry for the Easter Drive. Our neighbors' Holiday was very special due to your generous donations, sorting, packing, and delivering of the food baskets.



As always, we have a great community willing to help those in need.

With sincere thanks,
Judy Saraceno-Swenson

Anyone interested in helping out or needing help, please call 708-345-0020



Event Donors

★ Fireworks Display ★ Independence Day Parade ★ Westchester Fest ★

★ Memorial Fountain ★ General Special Events ★

We would like to thank the following people and businesses who donated to one of the Village of Westchester Events

Ms. Kaye Aurigemma

Pam Witte

Irena & Stanislaw Cebula

Uptime Computer Networking Services

April 13, 2011

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dear Westchester Public Schools, District 92 ½, Families:

This week, representatives from the Village of Westchester, the Westchester Police Department, the Westchester Park District, and Westchester Public Schools, District 92 ½, met to discuss the annual tradition of shaving cream fights to celebrate the last day of school in June. Last year's shaving cream activity brought about vandalism, resident fear, perceived mob action, and disrespectful student behavior. The Village and the school district received many calls from unhappy citizens who had landscaping destroyed, reported loud behavior, and noted possible student injuries. The police responded to multiple calls of mob action and disorderly conduct. Groups of students were seen actively destroying property.

For those of you new to the community, for many years, 8th graders from District 92 ½ have celebrated the last day of school with a shaving cream fight at the Westchester Park District. Over the past several years or more, that tradition has grown to include our 6th and 7th grade students participating in the shaving cream activity. The situation became very dangerous and out of control the past couple of years culminating in a flood of complaints reported to the Village and to our school district last year.

While we believe it would be great for the community to come up with an alternative activity for students to participate in on the last day of school, all of our entities have staffing concerns, time issues, safety issues, and liability issues that prevent supervision of such an activity. **It is for this reason that we need to stop the tradition of shaving cream fights for students on the last day of school.** The tradition has been a fun event for many years but for a variety of reasons, needs to end this year.

Because of snow days utilized this year, the last day of school for the Westchester Public Schools' students is Monday, June 13. The Westchester Park District is beginning its day camp programs and swim lessons that day and does not have the staff or the location to allow such an activity to be held on Park District property. The last day for our 8th graders is Friday, June 10. We must keep our students safe while also protecting the property of our community residents. Any student that is caught participating in shaving cream fights may be taken to the police station and face possible charges as a consequence. Please help us keep our children safe and our community clean by helping us to end this activity.

Sincerely,

Sam Pulia
Village President

Stan Urban
Village Manager

April Padalik
Chief of Police

Dr. Jean Sophie
Superintendent

Gary Kasanders
Executive Director

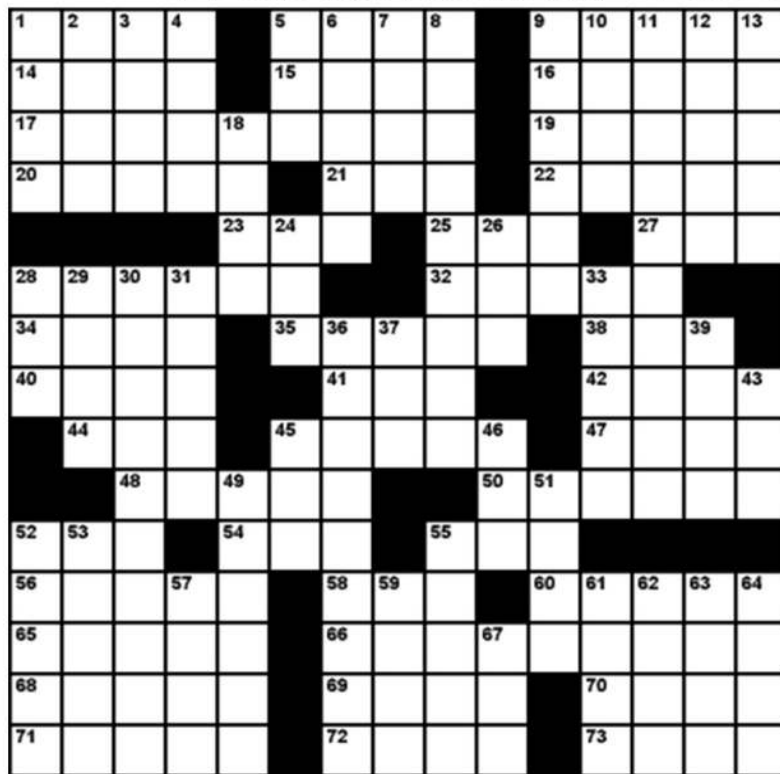
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Westchester Puzzle Page

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- 5. Grocery, e.g.
- 9. Scruffs
- 14. Comparison: abbr.
- 15. Throb
- 16. Bay window
- 17. Deluxe insulation
- 19. Above: prefix
- 20. Lost, figuratively
- 21. Indian bread
- 22. Associate
- 23. Commercial-free network
- 25. Hole in the head?
- 27. Martini option
- 28. Kindle
- 32. It has riser and tread
- 34. Tom, Dick and Harry, for example
- 35. So ___
- 38. These in Ste-Thérèse
- 40. Omen
- 41. Lyric poem
- 42. Baseball Hall-of-Famer, Slaughter
- 44. Frat letter
- 45. Paid the pot
- 47. Westwood campus
- 48. Gloucester good byes
- 50. Opie to Bea
- 52. Afternoons
- 54. Compass pt.
- 55. Michigan or Ontario in French
- 56. Very eccentric
- 58. IV tripled
- 60. Minor official
- 65. Braid
- 66. Limitless
- 68. Bunsen burners
- 69. Once more with a difference
- 70. Salty sea
- 71. Sashay
- 72. Period of calm



Down

- 1. UN nuclear watchdog
- 2. Taking care of (as a task)
- 3. Large amounts
- 4. Away from the wind
- 5. Boy
- 6. Desktop images
- 7. Unstressed vowel
- 8. Volunteer State
- 9. Cosa ___
- 10. Wild sheep
- 11. Hand tool with jaws
- 12. Spooky
- 13. Incline
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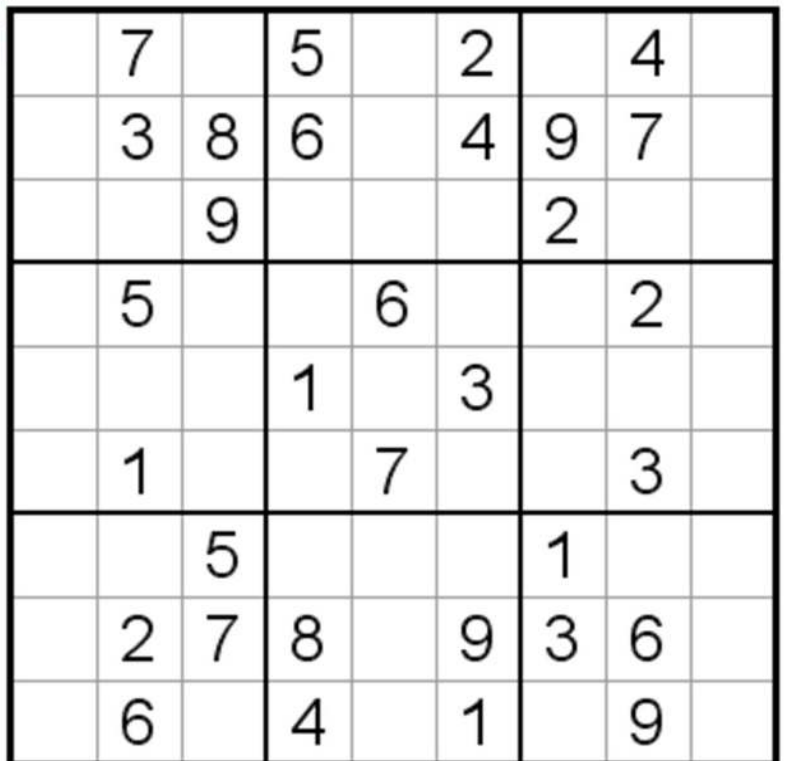
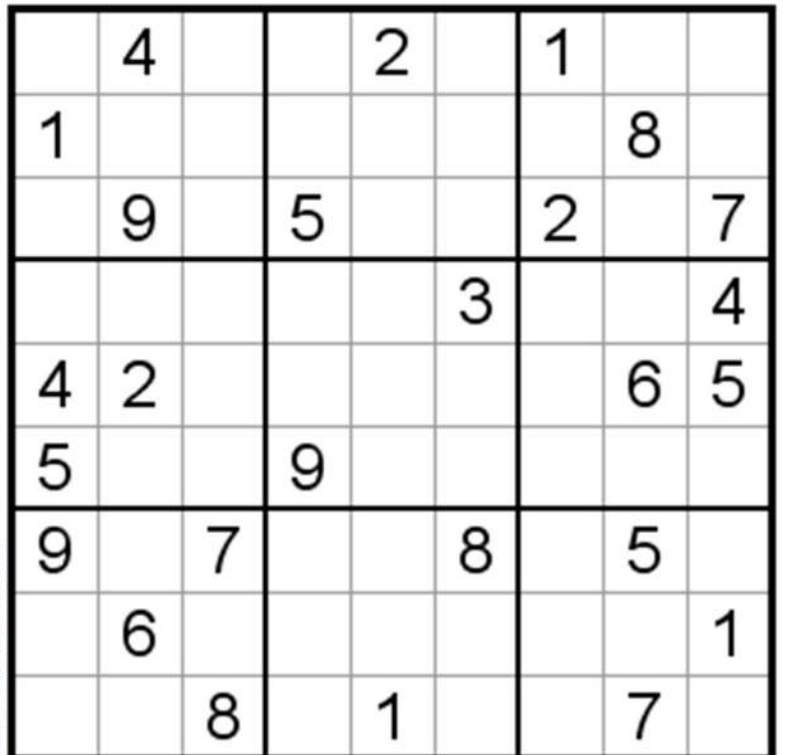
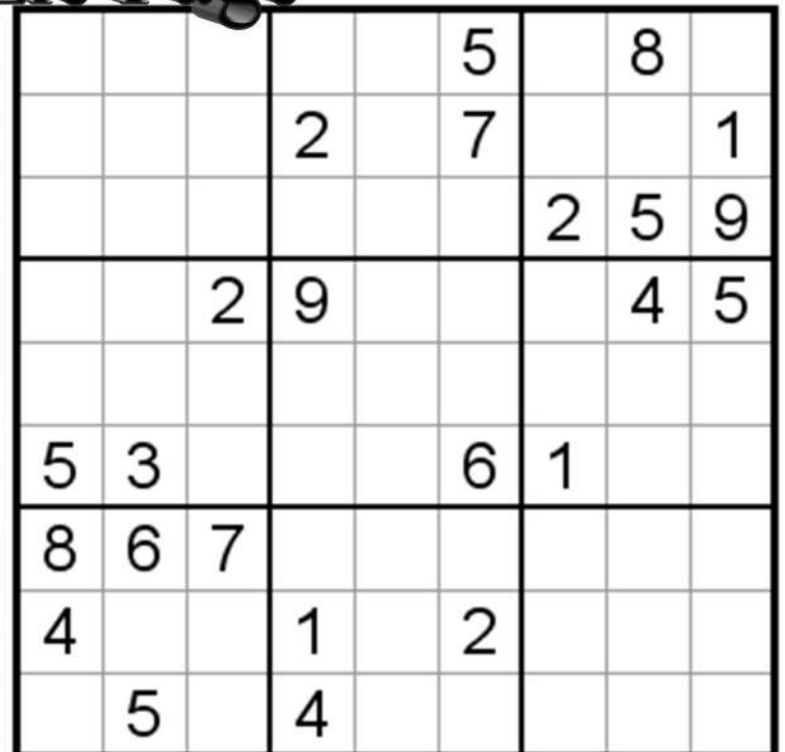
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- 36. Platonic
- 37. Banned pesticide
- 39. Dover fish
- 43. Spotted
- 45. Support grps.
- 46. Test often in the news
- 49. African bloodsucker
- 51. Color of unbleached silk
- 52. John Paul et al
- 53. Opposite of uni-
- 55. Slander



Find the hidden words associated with the Fourth of July.

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Artwork reaches out to Japan

Students in the WIS Art Club have just completed a very special origami project. Under the direction of (teachers) Mrs. Sandy Jedrzejewski and Ms. Joann Turilli club members made 500 paper cranes. The students learned how to fold the paper cranes with the assistance of two helpers - fifth graders Michael Miglio and Ryan Castillo.

They were the "origami experts" and great teachers! As students became more proficient at folding the paper cranes with plain white paper, they began to make the cranes out of special paper that they painted themselves. The results were truly beautiful and artistic.

Ms. Turilli extended the learning into her fifth grade classroom by reading the book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Eleanor Coerr.

The Japanese legend made famous by this story says that folding one thousand paper cranes can grant a wish of good health and good fortune. Her students attempted to make the paper cranes with just the written instructions but soon

learned how really important the visual element is to understanding a set of directions.

Before long, other students and teachers at WIS joined the origami craze. The project quickly grew and spread throughout the entire school!

The 500 paper cranes were packaged and sent to "The Million Crane Project," a student-driven, nation-wide effort to raise awareness and show America's support for Japan following the earthquake of March 11, 2011.

Their primary goal is to collect one million paper cranes by

May 11th that will be used to create a piece of memorial art - serving as a platform for groups who are donating funds to help the people of Japan. Makoto Fujimura, a New York artist, is just one of the team of many working together on this artwork.

Students from all across the country have joined efforts to reach out to another nation. The resulting artwork will be a symbol of all the support and hope one country can offer to another.



April 28, 2011 Arbor Day Celebration at WPS



Students work on the art of origami paper folding.

Motown Show Band visits middle school

Students from Clarke Road Secondary School, Canada, performed *The Legends of Motown* at the Westchester Middle School for students and faculty on Thursday, May 26th. The awesome cast consisted of 38 students all of which were extremely talented musicians, dancers and singers. Their performance had you either wishing or thankful that you were a part of the wonderful sounds from this bygone era.

Spiro Grima (head of the music department and director of the production from Canada), Kevin Kennedy and Mary Gillard were the three faculty members who devoted countless hours outside the classroom to create *The Legends of Motown*. Carla Benson, the most

recorded vocalist in American music and professional soul singer - featured in the movie "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" endorsed the production and added a personal message. "After all the rehearsals and all the struggles, when it's finally show time, just let go, trust the music and fly! The music is fun and fabulous so you can't help but have a great time!"

This show was over one year in the making and brought together an entire school community. From stage design/construction, to costuming, to the music, choreography, advertising and planning. All of us at Westchester Middle School welcomed Clarke Road and their tribute to one of the best musical sounds of all time - Motown.



April 14, 2011 Family Enrichment Night at WPS. A student practices team building skills with his mom.



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Guitar 2 for Beginners
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Session I June 13th – July 1st

Session II July 5th – July 22nd * No camp 7/4

Session III July 25th – August 12th

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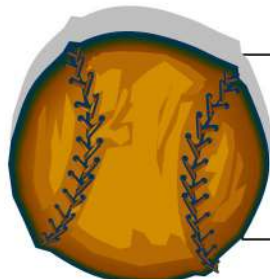
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Esteemed Teacher (& SJ '64 Alumni) Retires

Written by: Tony Quattrochi

When graduates return to St. Joseph High School, particularly those who have had a taste of life beyond college, they ask about Mr. Hurt. The next time they ask, disappointment will be expressed in learning that the veteran English teacher has retired from the classroom after 30 years of teaching at his alma mater.

In the fall of 1981, Tom Hurt returned to his St. Joes, 17 years after being a member of the premier Class of 1964. He may not have realized it at the time but for many of his students, he was their favorite teachers. "I always wanted to touch lives and make a difference," Mr. Hurt reflected. "That is at the core of who I am.

I surprised a lot of people, however, particularly my parents, when I decided to go into teaching, especially since I was kind of a quiet guy."

In his own humble way, Mr. Hurt did what many English teachers aspire to do – make literature come alive for students. He did this by relating characters and their struggles to the challenges students face, or will face, as they write their own stories about their life.

"I will always remember his stories," remarked Zack Petrauskas, a former student now studying nursing and mathematics at Loyola University. "He was remarkable in his ability to relate literature to our own experiences."

Mr. Hurt's influence went beyond his classroom and into the lives of his colleagues. "Tom Hurt has dedicated his life to Catholic education," commented Mr. Michael Maggio, Chair of the English Department, "but more than being just a teacher, he has shared his whole self with his students. They learn from his kindness, his compassion, and his undying faith in humanity. By his example, he has taught me that a great teacher must also be a great man. I am honored to have shared eight years teaching with and learning from Tom."

Mr. Hurt has worn many hats while as St. Joseph. He has served as the Chair of the English Department, moderator of the school newspaper, coach of the Varsity and Junior Varsity golf teams, moderator of the chess team, coordinator of after-school workers and author/editor of the alumni newsletter. In addition, Mr. Hurt has also taught 14 years full-time at the grade school level and 13 years part-time at the college level.

Mr. Hurt and his wife, Mary Fran, have been married for 38 years, with two children – Anne Marie (Heither) and Paul, also a graduate of St. Joseph High School. Mr. Hurt's wife and two children are all working in educational ministries. Asked of his plans after this academic year is over, Mr. Hurt replied, "Above all, I want to spend more time enjoying and assisting my family, do a little babysitting for my grandchild and perhaps play a little more golf." The St. Joseph community will take solace in knowing that Mr. Hurt will continue to make a difference in other people's lives.



Mr. Hurt pictured with Nicholas Wrenn, Class of 2011.

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The St. Joseph Experience....

Learning Beyond the Classroom...

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Ms. Yanfei Hu, Mandarin Chinese Instructor, provided the students of the Mandarin Chinese classes at St. Joseph High School the opportunity to experience Chinese culture. The students participated in a tour sponsored by the Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute.

The students took a tour of Chinatown and viewed the following Chinese landmarks:

Nine Dragon Wall—Nine Dragon designs made of 3200 glazed tiles

Chinatown Mural—hand painted tiles which depicted the history of the Chinese coming to America

Chinatown Square—filled with sculptures of the Chinese Zodiac

Wentworth Avenue—The Historical commercial District

Three Happiness Restaurant—Dumpling Making and dumpling lunch

The educational purpose of the event was for the students to learn about Chinese culture and use their acquired Chinese speaking skills. The experience took the concepts learned in the classroom to a new and very practical level.

St. Joseph Freshmen Use Historical Landmark and Laptop Computers to Create Websites

Written by: Jessica Villalobos, Class of 2014

Innovation is at the top of the list of essentials for St. Joseph High School students. The one-to-one laptop program and many electronic textbooks and online resources keep students on the cutting edge of research and learning. When the opportunity presented itself to combine the innovate technologies available to each student with the historical significance of a nearby landmark, students in Religion 1 were able to create some amazing projects. Freshmen student Jessica Villalobos recounts,

“Every year Mr. Donovan assigns his freshmen [religion] class a “Saints Project.” This year, the project requires us to use our laptop to research and create a website. We then take a trip to the local mausoleum to get some written information and photos about the saint we are researching. Some of us are choosing to make a Facebook fan for the project. Others are just searching “website makers” on Google. This project seems generally easy, but it takes a long time to complete if you have a saint with plenty of history like St. John Baptist de LaSalle. Having to complete a project like this, is a first for many freshmen students in Mr. Donovan’s class.”

What an exciting opportunity to get St. Joseph students out into the community, learning a bit about the past and capturing it a new way for the future!



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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Village of Westchester

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2010



This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the WESTCHESTER water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by Westchester is Purchase. For more information regarding this report, contact: Stan Urban at 708-345-0020.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock opera-

tions and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts, and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum productions, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to

lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Source Water Assessment Availability

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area, from the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock-and-dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created Department of the Water Management, Department of Environ-

ment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality.

The City of Chicago has monitored and continues to monitor for cryptosporidium; to date, none has been detected.

Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

2010 Water Quality Data - Definition of Terms

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which

there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

mg/l: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water

ug/l: Micrograms per liter or parts per billions – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water

average: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): the level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppm: parts per of radioactivity)

ppb: parts per billion

ppt: parts per trillion

pCi/l: picoCuries per liter (measurement of radioactivity)

nd: Not detectable at testing limits.

n/a: Not applicable



Village of Westchester 2010
Water Quality Data



Lead and Copper Date Sampled 6/4/2008								
Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90 th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90 th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Likely Source of Contamination
0 ppb	15 ppb (.015 ppm)	7.59 ppb (.00759 ppm)	3	0 ppm (.00 ppb)	1.3 ppm (.0013 ppb)	< .100 ppm (< 100 ppb)	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

Regulated Contaminants Date Sampled January, 2008 thru December, 2008								
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products		Highest Level Detected	Range of levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contaminant
TOTAL TRIHAOMETHANES (TTHMs)	Chicago	20.0	11.7-28.6	n/a	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
	Westchester	44.6	20.30-44.6	n/a	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Chicago	10.00	6-14.2	n/a	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
	Westchester	16.30	11.90-16.30	n/a	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
CHLORAMINES	Chicago	.80	.7063-.8189	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
	Westchester	1.23	.47-1.23	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Note: Chlorine residuals are taken daily from our water treatment facility. In addition, 16 chlorine residuals are taken monthly throughout our distribution system in concert with routine bacteria/coliform sampling.

Note: The State requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

No Violations were recorded for the Village of Westchester during this CCR reporting period.

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

Turbidity: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Unregulated Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

Fluoride: Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Sodium: There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

City of Chicago 2010 Water Quality Data Detected Contaminants

Detected Contaminants						
Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample
Microbial Contaminants						
TURBIDITY (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit.	n/a	T1/	.2%	n/a		
TURBIDITY (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.	n/a	TT=1NTU max		n/a		
Inorganic Contaminants						
Erosion of natural deposits: Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	0	10	0.56	0.52-0.56		
BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.0194	0.0191-0.0194		
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.32	0.304-0.32		
NITRATE & NITRITE (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.32	0.304-.032		
TOC [Total Organic Carbons] The percentage of Total Organic Carbons (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.						
Synthetic Organic Contaminants	0	6	0.76	.00-.76		
Unregulated Contaminants						
SULFATE (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.	n/a	n/a	28.9	27.7-28.9		
State Regulated Contaminants						
FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	4	4	1.05	0.92 -1.05		3/17/2009
SODIUM*(ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener	n/a	n/a	8.85	8.13-8.85		3/17/2009
*Note: There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.						
Radioactive Contaminants						
COMBINED RADIUM (226/228) (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	5	1.38	1.30-1.38		
GROSS ALPHA excluding radon and uranium (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	15	.88	.090-0.880		

Lead and Copper Date Sampled 6/2/2010								
Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	Lead 90 th Percentile	# Sites Over- Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	Copper 90 th Percen- tile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Likely Source of Con- tamination
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VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Violations for your system:
No Violations were recorded for the City of Chicago during this CCR reporting period.



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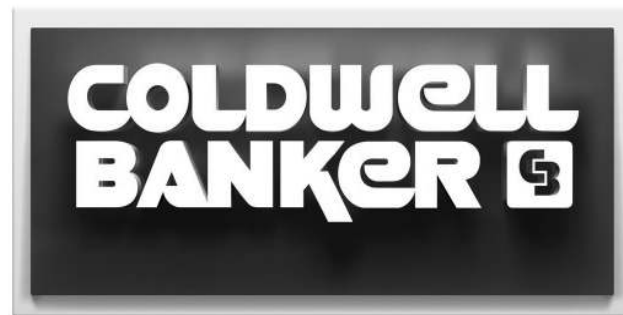


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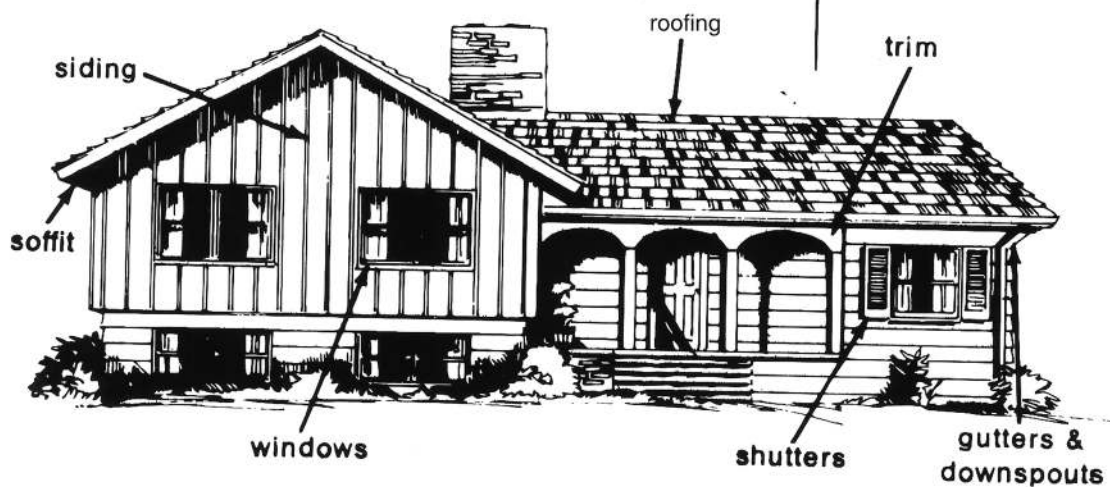


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2011 Street Improvements Project

The 2011 Street Improvements project consist of Concord Avenue, Camelot Street, Waverly Avenue, Somerset Square, Pell Street, Cambridge Street from Westchester Blvd. to Newcastle Avenue, Balmoral Ave from Kitchner to Northern Terminus, and Windsor Drive from Mayfair to the terminus East of Bellevue Avenue. Work is progressing quickly on these streets and most have the first layer of asphalt placed. Work will commence on Windsor from Mayfair to Sunnyside once school is out in the middle of June. Restoration will consist of topsoil and sod in the parkways. Construction should be completed by July, with final project completion by September. Any questions, please contact Hope Garrett, Project Manager, Village of Westchester, at 708-345-0020.

Water mains on Fleet and Preston

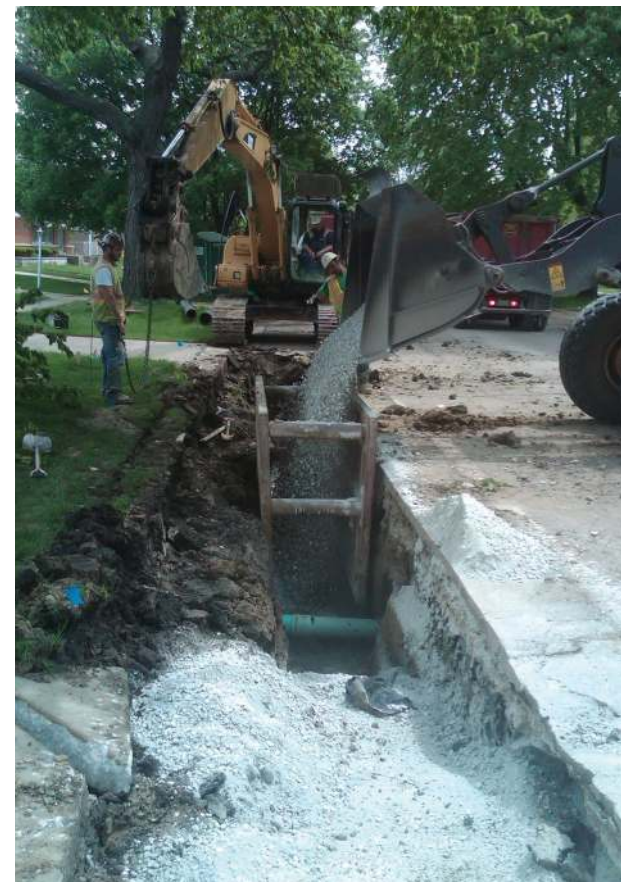
The 2011 Water Main Improvement Project consists of the installation of new ductile iron water mains on Fleet Street from Mayfair Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue and on Preston Street from Sunnyside Avenue to Bellevue Avenue. The new water main is being placed "back of curb" along the North sides of Fleet and Preston. Water main has been installed along both Preston and Fleets Streets. The next steps are to complete the sanitary sewer repairs, transfer home service connections to the new sewer, and then replace curbs and driveway aprons along the north side of the street. 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.



Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village offers a shared cost sidewalk replacement program. If the sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will split the cost with you 50/50. You can call the Public

Works Department at 708-345-0041 to register for the program and put in your request. A contract outlining the number of squares requested and the cost to you will be sent to you in July. At that time you can sign the contract and send in your payment. The deadline for all requests or to register is July 1, 2011 and the deadline to sign the contract and send in your payment is July 15, 2011. The work will be completed in August.



Public Works Department

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

PW Branch pick-up will be the following dates:

June 6-10, July 11-15, August 1-5, Sept. 5-9, October 3-7 and last pickup for year November 7-11

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

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

Wednesday. From Roosevelt Road north to the expressway and from

Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road; Roosevelt south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

Thursday. From Bellevue west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street.

For a map of branch pick up schedule go to www.westchester-il.org.

Please remember that all landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pick-up and disposal.

Don't Forget.... Waste Management will pick up your branches, bushes, etc. as long as they are tied in bundles and no more than 4' in length. These are picked up every week, on your regular garbage day.

Parkway Tree Program

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

Call Public Works at 708- 345-0041 for more information

Upcoming Public Works Projects

Public Works is currently crack-filling the streets in town. You will be notified within 48 hours of when this will start in your area, weather permitting. We are also grading alleys and filling potholes. If you have any questions or concerns about any Public Works or water related issues, please feel free to contact us at 708-345-0041.

As always, Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708/345-0041 or 708/345-0060 (the Police non-emergency number) if you see an unusual amount of water in the street or parkways. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention.

Sprinkling Ban Reminder

We have water use restrictions in effect every year May 15- September 15, from 12 pm-6 pm, this includes:

- Outdoor Watering (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Buildings (4) Pool Filling

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