



# Village of Westchester

March 2011 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of President Sam Pulia



### LET IT SNOW ... LET IT SNOW ... LET IT SNOW

February 2011 is now just a memory, but not one we will soon forget. On February 2nd Westchester received a record 22.5 inches of snow. Thankfully, due to the early warnings, I have to say we were ready. Rarely do the weather forecaster's predictions come to fruition, but this time they got it right and we were prepared for the storm. On Tuesday February 1st all Department Heads, Village Manager, and myself came together, like we did back in July, and discussed our Emergency Operation Plan.

Tuesday evening, the snow plows under the direction of Superintendent John Fecarotta, were out in force and worked continuously throughout the night. The emergency warming center located in the Community Room at the Village Hall remained opened throughout the storm with the help of our Emergency Management volunteers, as well as our Police and Fire Department employees.

Trustee Neil Boyle donned a pair of his snow boots, and rode shotgun with Public Works employee Steve Crowley, as blizzard conditions

continued into the morning of February 2nd. Superintendent Fecarotta and I spent the night pushing out cars that were stuck in the snow and assisting stranded motorists who were trapped by the many snowdrifts that surrounded Westchester. Around 1:30 am, blizzard conditions worsened to the point where visibility was near zero and Mannheim Road was no longer passable. Superintendent Fecarotta took our Public Works staff off the street for their safety. During this hour break, the staff had the opportunity to regroup before venturing out again.

By 3:00 am the Public Works staff was back on the streets of Westchester clearing the main snow routes first, followed by the side streets and then alleys. In their efforts to keep the streets as clear as possible from curb-to-curb throughout the storm, the snow on the edge of the plow was pushed onto driveway aprons, which in some cases had already been shoveled. We apologize for this unfortunate byproduct of snow removal, but it is imperative that every effort be made to clear the streets from curb-to-curb, as quickly as possible, to allow easy passage in case of an

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# Fire Department

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## Profile



**Name:** George Taylor

**Rank:** Firefighter

**Years as Firefighter:**

I have been a firefighter with Westchester for 12 years. Prior to becoming a full time firefighter I was a contract paramedic contracted to Westchester for 8 years.

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

It was when I was in paramedic school. I realized that I was given a gift to be able to help people with my skills and education.

**Describe a good day at work:**

A good day at work would be a day that there are no calls. On those days you know that no one in the community was ill or injured.

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

The best part of our job is when we can help someone in need. And hopefully make them smile.

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

The downside to our job is when no matter what you do, you cannot save someone or you can only temporarily make someone feel better due to the extent of their illness or injury.

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

Get as much education in EMS and the fire service as possible. Every ounce of education can make a difference in someone's life.

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

The perfect day off would be camping with my wife Gina and my children Courtney, Gavin, Jake and Mikayla.

## Blizzard 2011

The Chicago area was faced with the third largest snow storm recorded. The day brought to the area an average of twenty inches of snow fall. Westchester was not spared having over eighteen inches of snow. The winds created three to five foot drafts in some areas.

The snow created unique problems for the Fire Department as the flooding did back in July. An emergency plan was put into effect to help service the needs of the Village. The Westchester Fire Department had extra staffing for manning extra vehicles in the Village. Mutual Aid from neighboring communities was taken into consideration when deciding to put extra firefighters on duty.

The Westchester Fire Department when responding planned for the snow storm by staffing each vehicle with extra firefighters. The extra firefighters cleared snow at the firehouse and when responding to calls the extra firefighters had the task of shoveling paths to resident houses due to the excessive snow received. The next job that firefighters faced was the clearing of snow from the fire hydrants. The Westchester Fire Department for the next three days shoveled snow from the hydrants in town to ensure that in the event of an emergency each hydrant would be accessible if needed.



## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

### What to Wear

- Dress infants and children warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.
- The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.
- Blankets, quilts, pillows, sheepskins and other loose bedding may contribute to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and should be kept out of an infant's sleeping environment. Sleep clothing like one-piece sleepers is preferred.
- If a blanket must be used to keep a sleeping infant warm, it should be tucked in around the crib mattress, reaching only as far as your baby's chest, so the infant's face is less likely to become covered by bedding materials.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia develops when a child's temperature falls below normal due to exposure to colder temperatures. It often happens when a youngster is playing outdoors in extremely cold weather without wearing proper clothing or when clothes get wet. It can occur more quickly in children than in adults.
- As hypothermia sets in, the child may shiver and become lethargic and clumsy. Speech may become slurred and body temperature will decline in more severe cases.
- If you suspect your child is hypothermic, call 911 at once. Until help arrives, take the child indoors, remove any wet clothing, and wrap him in blankets or warm clothes.

### Frostbite

- Frostbite happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This condition tends to happen on extremities like the fingers, toes, ears and nose. They may become pale, gray and blistered. At the same time, the child may complain that his/her skin burns or has become numb.
- If frostbite occurs, bring the child indoors and place the frostbitten parts of her body in warm (not hot) water. 104° Fahrenheit (about the temperature of most hot tubs) is recommended. Warm washcloths may be applied to frostbitten nose, ears and lips.
- Do not rub the frozen areas.
- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with clothing or blankets. Give him/her something warm to drink.
- If the numbness continues for more than a few minutes, call your doctor.

*American Academy of Pediatrics, 12/10  
SafeKids, 11/105*

## Westchester Flood

The Westchester Fire Department is archiving photos from the flood if any residents wish to forward flood photos for archive e-mail to [FireDept@westchester-il.org](mailto:FireDept@westchester-il.org).

## Profile



**Name:** Russell E. Newton Jr.  
**Occupation:** Police Sergeant

**Years as police officer at the Westchester Police Dept.**  
25 years.

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

When the mother of a kidnapping victim, who was saved through the actions of (then) Officer O'Hagan and myself said "Thank You, for my daughter."

**Describe a good day at work.**

At the end of the day everyone goes home safe.

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

The people I work with.

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

Watching the same people be victimized over and over and not being able to help them help themselves.

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

Don't.

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

I'm not sure, but there's a tall tree on a hill in Ireland, I'd like to sit under and think about that answer.

## Citation fees to increase

Starting at midnight on 03/15/11, the fines on Compliance Citations issued by Westchester Police primarily for equipment and non-moving violations will increase.

The fines for violations such as expired registration, improper display of license plates, or unsafe tires will now be \$50.00 and \$75.00 (If not paid within 10 days).

The fine will also increase for Village Sticker violations. It will now be \$75.00 and \$100.00 (after 10 days) if you are cited for failure to display a current village vehicle sticker.

2011 vehicle sticker renewal forms will be sent out March 15th, and must be displayed (in the lower right hand corner of the vehicle windshield) by 04/30/11.

## Unclaimed property

The following unclaimed items are being held by the Westchester Police Department. Please call the Evidence Custodian at 708-345-0060, x434 if you believe an item may belong to you.

- Boys blue Mongoose bicycle
- Men's tan Giant Acapulco bicycle
- Girls pink and gray Huffy 10 speed bicycle
- LG Verizon Cell Phone

## Police Blotter

### January 20th through February 20th 2011

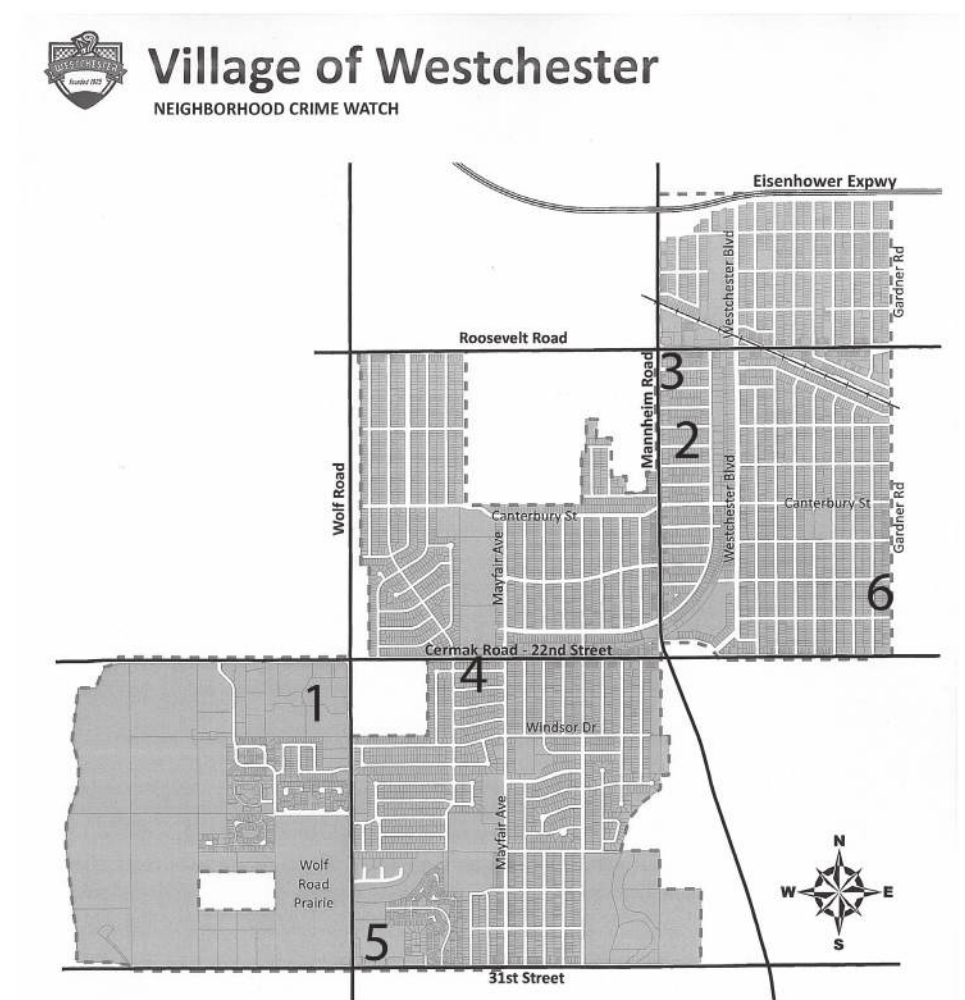
**1** On January 21st at 1:47pm, a burglary to vehicle was reported in the parking lot of 2 Westbrook Corporate Center. The complainant advised that the driver side window of his vehicle was broken to gain entry. A GPS unit valued at \$200.00 was taken.

**2** On January 21st at 12:43pm, a residential burglary was reported on the 10300 block of Milford. The resident advised that within the past hour an unknown person made entry to the house through a rear door and took a flat panel television.

**3** On January 28th at 1:56pm, a retail theft was reported at the Walgreens located at 10345 Roosevelt Road. A store employee questioned a subject that had taken items and placed them into his jacket pocket. After removing several items from his pocket the subject left the store and was questioned by police officers. Officers found an item that was unpaid for in his pockets. Subject was arrested on felony theft charges pending trial.

**4** On January 28th at 2:41pm, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 10800 block of Robinhood. The resident advised that an unknown person broke out the sunroof on their vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the driveway and it appeared that nothing was taken. Damage was estimated at \$500.00.

**5** On February 12th at 3:00pm, a retail theft was reported at



the Dominick's Foods Store located at 3020 Wolf Road. Upon officers arrival a subject was being detained by Dominick's loss prevention staff. Subject allegedly had concealed two bottles of vodka in his jacket, and struck the loss prevention officer when confronted. Subject was arrested and charged with retail theft and battery.

**6** On February 19th at 5:56pm, a theft was reported on

the 1900 block of Gardner. The homeowner advised that they noticed that someone had taken the vinyl storm door from the house within the past few days. The door was valued at \$120.00.

Additionally between January 20th and February 20th 2011 the Westchester Police Department stopped and arrested four motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol.

# CALENDAR

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**Tuesday, March 8.** Burning palms for Ash Wednesday at 2:00 PM in the Grotto at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information

**Tuesday, March 8.** Gr. 7 Pre-Confirmation Meeting at 7:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Ave. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen 708-865-8086 for more information

**Tuesday, March 8.** Village Board Meeting followed by Village Committee of the Whole Meeting: Westchester Village Hall -Board Room 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 8.** Bury the Alleluia, 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Narthex

**Wednesday, March 9.** Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM. Liturgy of the Word with blessed ashes 12:15 PM and 4:00 PM. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

**Wednesday, March 9.** Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed at 6:30 AM Prayer Service, 7:30 AM Mass, 9:00 AM Mass, 12:00 Noon Prayer Service and 7:00 PM Mass, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Wednesday, March 9.** Bible Study: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM every Wednesday through April 13th at Divine Infant Jesus (old convent). Cost: \$12.00 for books. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

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

**Friday, March 11.** Stations of the Cross at 2:00 and 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Friday, March 11.** Pack the Gym Night

- begins at 5:30 PM at the Westchester Intermediate School, 10900 Canterbury Street. Watch the Divine Infant Jesus Boys Basketball Teams play St. Marys. 8th graders will be honored. Contact the School Office for information: 708-865-0122.

**Saturday, March 12.** Mother/Son Mass, Breakfast and Bowling. 9:30 AM Mass at Divine Infant Jesus Church followed by a continental breakfast and bowling at Eden Lanes. Sponsored by the Divine Infant Women's Guild. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information

**Saturday, March 12.** Market Day pick up at WMS, 10:00-10:30 AM

**Saturday, March 12.** 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester, \$8 per person, children 7 & under eat FREE

**Saturday, March 12.** St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held in Divine Infant School's Langan Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, dinner served at 7:30 PM. Sponsored by the Divine Infant Holy Name Men's Club, tickets are \$35 per person. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

**Monday, March 14.** Kindergarten Graduation Pictures will be taken at 8:30 AM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Debbie Greenway at 708-865-0122 for more information

**Monday, March 14.** Economic Development Committee Meeting: Westchester Village Hall Community Room 7:30 AM

**Tuesday, March 15.** Bible Study: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM every Tuesday through April 19th at Divine Infant Jesus Rectory. Cost: \$12.00 for books. Contact Toni

Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 15. Citizen Advisory Board:** Westchester Village Hall -Board Room at 7:00 PM

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

**Wednesday, March 16.** Market Day pick-up from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus. Orders are due by March 12th. Contact Toni Podock at 708-865-8071 for more information

**Friday, March 18.** Teacher Institute Day - No school for students

**Friday, March 18.** Stations of the Cross at 2:00 and 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

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

**Tuesday, March 22.** Westchester Chamber Luncheon; Noon-1:30 PM, Location: Mattone Restaurant 9 East 31st Street, La Grange Park. Cost: \$17.00 per person. Guest Speaker: Sharon Aby from the Small Business Association (SBA) on the Top 5 Strategies for a 21st Century Marketing Plan

**Tuesday, March 22.** Village Board Meeting followed by Village Committee of the Whole Meeting: Westchester Village Hall -Board Room 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 22.** Confirmation, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester

**Tuesday, March 22-Wednesday March 23.** Grade 2 Fine Arts Celebration at WPS, 7:00 PM

**Wednesday March 23.** Student Council Volleyball / Basketball Charity Games at WMS, 4:00 PM (\$2 entry fee)

**Thursday, March 24.** Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency: Westchester Village Hall Community Room 6:00 PM

**Friday, March 25.** Stations of the Cross at 2:00 and 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester

**Monday, March 28.** Economic Development Committee Meeting: Westchester Village Hall Community Room 7:30 PM

**March 28-April 1.** Spring Break - No School for Westchester Public Schools

**Wednesday, March 30.** Tuesday, April 5 Parish Mission on the Eucharist given by Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries, 7:00-8:30 PM, Divine Providence Church 2600 Mayfair, Westchester

**Friday, April 1.** First Friday Adoration, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM, Divine Providence Ministry Center Chapel, 2540 Mayfair, Westchester

**Friday, April 1.** Stations of the Cross at 2:00 and 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester

**Thursday, April 7.** Literacy Night at WMS at 6:00-8:00 PM

## Blood program

With a target set at 500 units of blood this year, the Westchester Blood Program kicked off 2011 by collecting 138 units (pints) at its first drive. Despite a constant snowfall outside, the organization welcomed 147 donors to its January 22 drive at Divine Providence School.

One of the highlights for the donors (and for their children) was the appearance of former NFL star Shaun Gayle, a defensive back on the Bears' 1985 Super Bowl championship team. Gayle signed autographs for young and old, including volunteer workers, for two hours. He also graciously mingled with, and thanked, the donors.

The WBP collected 594 units in 2010, giving it more than 22,000 units since its founding in 1974. That's more than enough to save the lives of 60,000 patients.

Its next drive will be Saturday, April 9, from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mayfair Room at D.P. School, 2500 Mayfair. Anybody with questions may contact Joan Steinhauer, WBP chairman, at 409-0779 or Carl Panek, director of donor relations, at 865-1782.

## Pancake breakfast:

### Pancakes with the Easter Bunny

- Saturday, April 16
- 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Westchester Community Center (Westchester Blvd. and Bond)
- Sponsored by Westchester Kiwanis Club and Westchester Park District.
- Cost: Adults \$6, Children 12 years & under \$4, under 2 years free.

## Divine Providence over 50 Club:

Our next meeting will be held on March 2 at Divine Providence in the Gym. Doors will open at 11:30 PM, lunch at Noon and meeting at 1:30 p.m. Membership is open to all registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant. Membership is \$12. Guests are welcome for a donation of \$1.

Tickets are available for our St. Pat's-St. Joe's Luncheon on March 2, 2011 at Noon. Members \$8.00 and Guests \$10.00. We will be having corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings as well as chicken. Deadline is February 22, 2011. Please call Ruth at 708-947-9020

On March 1, 2011 we will be traveling to Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We will leave DP at 10a.m. and be back in Westchester at approximately 5:30p.m. Cost \$18.00 which includes bus trip, \$10 in slots only money and a buffet lunch. Call Marianne at 708-562-3766

There are still openings for our trip to Savannah, Georgia in March. Call Marianne at 708-562-3766 if you are interested in either of these trips. You need not be a member to join us on any of our outings.

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emergency.

Responding to major storms such as this blizzard comes at a price. Beginning February 1st, and continuing for days following the storm, many overtime hours were logged by the Police, Fire, and Public Works employees to ensure the safety of our residents. Their efforts were often above and beyond the call of duty, especially when they placed your safety before that of their own.

The Cook County Department of Homeland Security, at the insistence of Village Presidents and Mayors from across the state, enacted our Disaster Declarations in an attempt to recoup federal money through FEMA. I thought I would not have to utter those four letters ever again but we will again submit cost estimates to Cook County for Blizzard expenses the governmental bodies of the Village, Park District, Public Schools, and Library incurred. The amount we submitted in total on February 9th was \$79,000.00. It is our hope that Governor Quinn will again ask President Obama to declare our entire region, including all of the effected counties, a Disaster Area. My fingers are once again crossed, as we are still reeling from the cost associated with the Flood of 2010 that we were not able to be refunded.

The snow removal plan Superintendent Fecarotta and his staff of dedicated workers followed continued for days after the blizzard itself had passed through the region. With 22.5 inches of snow to remove, they were very busy digging out buried cars; clearing snow from the school districts crosswalks, removing additional snow from school bus stops, and removing snow from the cul-de-sacs where snow was piled very high.

Shortly thereafter, I received many calls from residents who were concerned about flooding, even before the weather reports confirmed a warm up would be taking place the week of February 14th. Here are the facts: staff calculated that a cubic yard of snow, (one end-loader scoop) would yield approximately 20 gallons of water, and the weather channels informed us that it would take about 9 days of temperatures in the 40's and 50's to melt all of the snow. As of this writing the snow has melted down to a very manageable level and did not create any flooding. However, what it left us with instead was another unfavorable condition: POTHOLE! On Friday, February



11th Public Works began filling the nefarious holes with cold patch. This process will continue as long as necessary. POTHOLEs are caused by the infiltration of water into the cracks of pavement surfaces due to ice and snow that freezes. As it freezes, and the ground freezes, the pavement rises up and breaks. Then when the temperature rises the pavement returns to its normal level. This however leaves a hollow cavity underneath the surface where the ice had been. This damage to the roadway cannot support the weight of the vehicles driving over it and ultimately collapses into the hollow space that was created when the ice melts. Striking a pothole with your car can cause serious damage to your car's tires and rims. A good rule of thumb is to drive a little slower when approaching a pothole since the faster you are going when you hit the pothole, the more damage your car will likely incur.

I also received emails that asked why we did not ticket vehicles parked in violation of our side street parking ordinance. It was decided that given the severity of this extraordinary snowfall that when it was time to move a car in order to be compliant with this ordinance, the snow and the snowdrifts on the other side of the street were just as bad and there was no practical place to move the car. Additionally any attempt to move the car would most likely have resulted in the car getting stuck and possibly blocking the entire street. This directive remained in place until it was determined that movement required by this ordinance could be accomplished safely and without any risk to the car owner or others on the block.

In addition, this blizzard knocked out power to approximately 400 homes in Westchester. A section in the High Ridge area just north of Canterbury was without power

for over 30 hours. During this period our Police Department made numerous calls to ComEd. However, due to the severity of the storm and possible risk to its employees venturing out in the middle of the blizzard, all estimated times of restoration we were initially passed without restoration of service. At approximately 5:30 am on February 3rd power was eventually restored to these homes. Rest assured we are following up with our ComEd representative to determine why the power went out and why it was out for so long. However, as of this writing we have not received an explanation. Needless to say, we will be staying on top of this until we get a satisfactory response from ComEd.

**SAFETY REMINDER:** In cases of extreme cold, heat, and power outages that go on for extended periods of time, the Village opens the Community Room located at the Village Hall to all those in need of relief.

Last, but not least, a big "THANK YOU" to all Public Work employees, Police, and Fire Department employees, Village Manager Stan Urban, and all residents who assisted others by either helping to remove snow or just performing a well-being check on your neighbors. We have yet again been tested as a Village, and have proven that when we all work together we can overcome all obstacles that come our way. Thank you to all!

### TREE TRIMMING RESUMES

During the week of February 14th, the Village's Parkway Tree Trimming Program resumed. This is the third year of a planned 6 year program. Sinnott Tree Service began pruning trees starting with Portsmouth from Cermak Rd to Drury Lane and continuing west to Mannheim

Road. Also to be trimmed will be the section west of Mannheim consisting of Waverly, Concord, Waterford and Camelot. Trees will be trimmed on all sides to a minimum height of 14 feet. This allows for safe vehicle, as well as pedestrian traffic. Branches coming in contact with utility lines and streetlights will also be removed. Dead branches, diseased limbs, and sucker growth will also be removed to increase longevity. The trees will be trimmed according to strict professional standards set forth within the tree care industry.

As always, if you notice any parkway trees in the Village that you believe are safety hazards please contact the Public Works Department. The Village has several Arborists on staff, that are able to eliminate these hazards.

### FROM THE BOARD

Your Village Board continued its busy schedule during the month of February. Requests for Proposals were voted on for engineering services (both design and construction phase) of our upcoming 2011 Street Repaving Program, which is based on the previously identified recommendations of Hancock Engineering's 2006 Street Survey. This Street Survey contained the 25 structurally worst streets in the Village, as determined by Hancock Engineering. Eight of these streets were done in the 2010 season and another 8 are scheduled to be done this 2011 season. There is no doubt, an additional 25 more streets could be identified that are also in desperate need of repair, and it is certainly every Board member's wish that we could do them all. To this end, we will continue to evaluate our financial situation and make every attempt to get the most bang for our buck each year. Nardulli Construction, the repaving firm for the 2010 repaving project was again selected for the 2011 season based on their low bid of \$1.5 million. We are hoping for an early start to this year's program, hopefully sometime in April, if the groundhog was right. In order to maintain checks and balance between the design engineer process and the construction engineer process Burke Engineering has been selected to oversee the construction engineering process. Hancock engineering had been previously selected for the design engineer process.

Please note that our Public Works will also be doing street repairs on certain sections of roadways throughout the Village. Due to the shutdown of the asphalt plants last summer that

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resulted in a construction strike, and the destructive flood, our in-house staff was only able to complete a few sections last year. I am hopeful we will be able to do more with our in-house staff this year. Staff will be evaluating projects that require only removal and replacement of small sections of streets that are not presently due for complete curb-to-curb replacement.

### MUNICIPAL LABOR CONTRACTS UPDATE

As many of you already know, most Village employees are covered by collective bargaining units and labor contracts. Long ago, when I worked for the Village of Westchester, there were only collective bargaining units and two labor contracts in place: the Police Patrol Officers and the rank and file Firefighters. Several years ago the 9-1-1 Communications Operators and the Public Works Department formed collective bargaining units. In 2009, the Police Sergeants Association and the front office staff formed collective bargaining units and have received recognition to bargain. Our Village Manager and labor attorney have worked with the Police Sergeants Association and the negotiations have come to a conclusion. Negotiations for the Collective Bargaining Agreements for the firefighters, police officers, 911 communicators and public works union will open on May 1st.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET MEETING

On February 21st a meeting was held to discuss the preliminary Police and Fire Department Budgets.. Finance Officer Jim Egeberg and Village Manager Stan Urban, along with Police Chief April Padalik, and Fire Chief Richard Belmonte presented their budgets for our fiscal year 2011-2012 (that begins May 1st 2011) to the Village Board. Budgets for the Public Works Department and Village Administration Budgets are also scheduled to take place in late February, early March, 2011. Several members of the community were in attendance and heard both Chief's present bare boned requests for the upcoming year. Reviews of the budgets will be made to include certain educational and equipment needs.

Discussions centered upon the 9-1-1- Communications Division



and reducing expenses through consolidation. All favored the consolidation with other municipal departments. It is our plan to have Westchester as the host agency, but further discussions between the stake holders will take place before any decisions are made. Our 9-1-1 telecommunicators are, in my opinion, the best around and many were hired by me when I was the 9-1-1 Supervisor and the designer of our Enhanced 9-1-1 System back in May 1991.

If you read the January 2011 newsletter, you saw the pie charts which explained in detail the source of all revenues and expenses. Approximately 79% of our approximate 14 million dollar municipal budget goes to pay employee salaries and benefits. It has been, and continues to be, the goal of this Board to not cut services or staff, but to do more with less. I believe we have been excellent stewards of the monies we receive and have spent wisely during a very difficult budget year.

Some of you may receive a letter from ComEd informing us that a digital SMART METER will be installed at in our homes sometime this month. The installation is part of a ComEd pilot, approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission, to test smart meters in towns and neighborhoods that reflect the attributes of the entire ComEd service territory. Installation takes 5-10 minutes by UNIFORMED ComEd employees. Entry to your home will NOT be necessary. More information can be obtained by accessing the web site [www.ComEd.com/smartmeter](http://www.ComEd.com/smartmeter), or by phone at 1-800-EDISON. As always, if there is any doubts as to who the workers are please call 9-1-1. Our police department will respond and check

any suspicious activity or persons.

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Planning for the Village's 4th of July Parade is underway. This year the responsibility for the parade will be undertaken by the Village instead of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce who has led the case for over 20 years. Luckily, the Chamber of Commerce will still be involved to provide us the assistance needed to make this transition seamless. Our goal is to make this year's parade not only a success, but also a fun filled community event. Please forward any suggestions for this year's parade to me at [spulia@westchester-il.org](mailto:spulia@westchester-il.org).

### MULTI-FAMILY UNITS

I recently attended a meeting hosted by Mayor Jeff Sherwin from Northlake, and President Davis Pope from Oak Park regarding assistance available to owners of multi-family dwellings, such as the apartment buildings along Mannheim, Balmoral, and Cermak Rd. The discussion revolved around what resources and companies may be available to complete rehabilitative upgrades to rental properties. I have placed this information on the village website. One of the vendors does FREE energy audits for these types of properties to not only improve the property but to cut down on energy costs. If interested please check our website at [www.westchester-il.org](http://www.westchester-il.org)

### FREE RIDES CURTAILED

Governor Quinn signed legislation on Monday, February 14th that cut off the free ride program for seniors initiated by former Governor Blagojevich. Only those enrolled in

the state's Circuit Breaker Program will be able to ride Chicago area buses and trains for free. Seniors age 65 and older will be able to ride the CTA and PACE for 85 cents and Metra for a reduced rate.

### WOLF ROAD PRAIRIE

The Save the Prairie Society/Franzosenbusch Heritage Project is looking for volunteers to assist them in attaining their goal of enhancing both environmental and educational opportunities. If you are interested in coordinating and scheduling groups, teachers, and students please contact [r.cabe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.cabe@sbcglobal.net) or call 708-562-3280. As always, volunteers are needed to help remove the invasive buckthorns from the site.

### FLOOD CONTACT

I received a call from a very concerned resident last month regarding an update on where we are with flood mitigation, and who could she call and ask for additional federal assistance. I am encouraging all Westchester residents to write to Congressmen (either Congressman Daniel Lipinski at 1717 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 or Congressman Danny Davis at 2159 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-1307

I have been told that the only way to make enhancements to the Addison Creek /Salt Creek is to receive federal assistance through Federal government appropriations. Therefore, we all need to let our Federal representatives know about our needs. It is not enough for just your elected officials to contact our Congressmen. They need to hear directly from their constituents, those that are affected by their decisions. To this end, I would respectfully request that residents write the Congressmen listed herein and ask them for the assistance needed to ensure our region has a fighting chance against mother nature.

We are not alone in our efforts. Last October, representatives from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District travelled to Washington to ask for millions of dollars to complete phase two of the Deep Tunnel Project, which is the storage location of the sanitary water and storm water that is infiltrating the system. Hopefully, even though the Federal Government is grappling with a daunting Federal deficit, appropriations will be made to prevent some localized regional flooding.

### TO ALL OF OUR

See DESK, page 17

# Where do street names come from?

## “Evers” and “Boeger”

The Evers and Boeger Families. If only Mr. Evers could have known that some day in the far distant future a plane bearing a certain “Charles A. Lindbergh”, would land on his farm field, delivering the local mail!

Henry Ever's farmland in section 20 of Proviso Township, was located on what was to become Yackey Airfield in the early 1920's. Here, pilots offered five-minute flights over Maywood for \$5.00.

The field was also used by airmail pilots like Mr. Lindbergh, who socialized with their friends at the Lilac Lodge or stopped in to visit local merchants.

Born in Hanover, Germany circa 1810, Heinrich Evers was possibly

one of the first to immigrate to the area. Other than what became of his farmland, we know very little about the man. According to the 1850 census he was a farmer whose land in Proviso Township was one block south of Roosevelt Road. Here, he acquired 240 acres in Section 20. The land at that time was valued at \$3,000.00.

His first wife's name was Mary and his second wife's name was Dorothea. He had one child, Louise Evers, who was born in 1851 and eventually married a man from the Boeger family. In 1852 he joined eight other families from Franzosenbusch as they sought permission from Zion Evangelical Lutheran in Bensenville to form a

school district in the area. At the time, he was not a member of the Zion church.

By 1863 the Evers lands comprised almost 300 acres in survey section 20 (Proviso Township). Its northern boundary was 12th Street (Roosevelt Road) and its western boundary was Wolf Road. It extended east for about three quarters of a mile and south for about a half mile. August Heidorn was his neighbor to the south, Henry Mesenbrink his neighbor to the west.

It is known that sometime after his death, his farm was sold to the family of William C. Boeger in 1898. Part of his farmland eventually became the site of the

present day Oak Ridge Cemetery. A Street in Westchester carries his name.

One of Henry Evers' daughters, Louise, married William C. Boeger from Hinsdale. Louise and William had six children (Louis Boeger being the oldest) and lived on the Wolf Road farm until about 1900 and then built a large white frame home at 4401 Roosevelt Road, the present site of the Hillside Racquet Club. Thus streets in Westchester carry the Evers and Boeger names.

This information was supplied by Ms. Slanker and is available on the Franzosenbusch Heritage Project website [www.franzosenbuschheritageproject.org](http://www.franzosenbuschheritageproject.org)

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# Westchester Puzzle Page

## Across

1. Port
5. Interval
9. Hooded creature
14. The Segway has one
15. Tower town
16. Use
17. Swedish \_\_\_\_
19. Anvil Chorus composer
20. Backseat feature, maybe
21. Kitchen worker's head-gear
23. Whistle blower?
24. Island, beverage, and computer language
25. Creed
28. Astray
33. Sound of 9 Across
36. Mythological ferryman
38. Buck ender
39. Irish \_\_\_\_
41. English \_\_\_\_
43. Leeds' river
44. Tennis player, Roscoe
46. \_\_\_\_ Moines
47. Team's luck bringer
49. Part of a stair
51. \_\_\_\_ Linda, CA
53. Planted

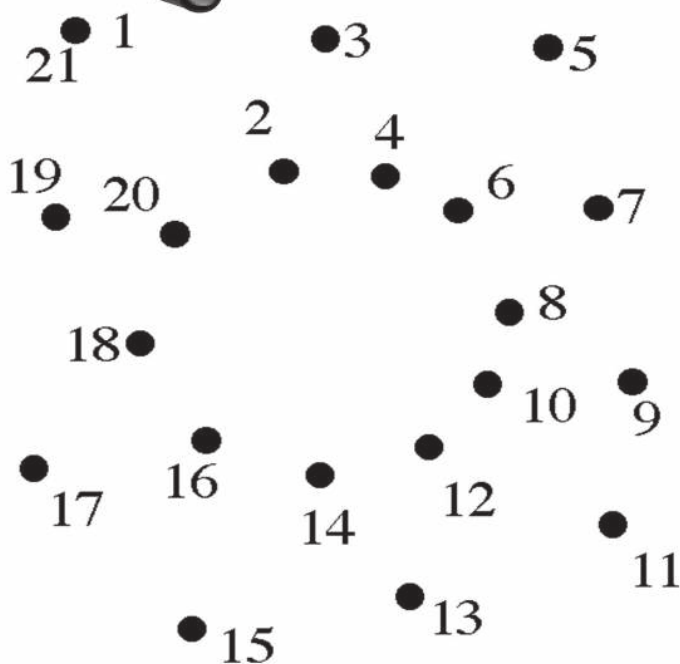


57. Go gaga over, in Great Britain
61. Type of reaction
63. Israeli desert
64. Swiss \_\_\_\_
66. Russian ballet great, Diaghilev
67. Fossil fuel
68. The 24th and 31st
69. Lock
70. Turkish title
71. Hideouts

## Down

1. Buddhist priests
2. Wield
3. Sweetheart, symbolically
4. Foursome
5. Things with springs
6. Medieval combat
7. Immigrant's course
8. Ottoman ruler
9. Russian \_\_\_\_
10. Done
11. Animal house?
12. Do dressage
13. Dismounted
18. Treat with contempt
22. Park and 5th
24. Preserve, in a way
26. Certain urban areas
27. Yucatan settler
29. Ump
30. Anti-perspirant brand

32. Chuck
33. Took a dip
34. Sumi counterpart
35. Titles of knighthood
37. Dodge model, once
40. Word on a wine bottle
42. Mural
45. Org. for Heston
48. Spanish \_\_\_\_
50. Oats, often
52. Pilgrim's destination
54. Make a mat
55. Consumed
56. Prepare game
57. Tech. coll.
58. Tractor company symbol
59. Grimm character
60. Endurance, slangily
61. Big boat builder
62. Westwood campus
65. Be greedy



## Arbor Day Word Search

See if you can find the names of trees hidden in the puzzle.

B	A	P	N	Q	F	A	V	F	X	W	M	Z	F	X	T	Y
Y	Q	F	N	A	P	K	M	J	B	A	M	M	L	A	P	X
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J	D	M	M	J	J	O	M	M	B	G	F	P	M	D	N	Q
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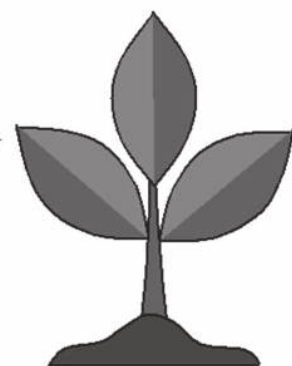
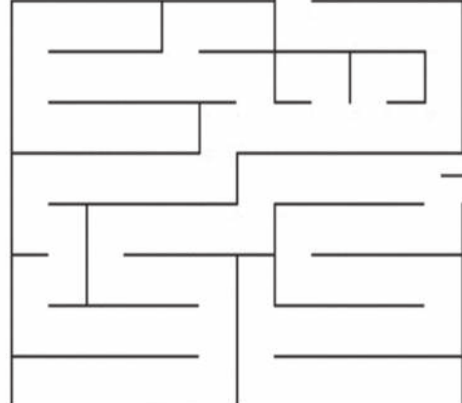
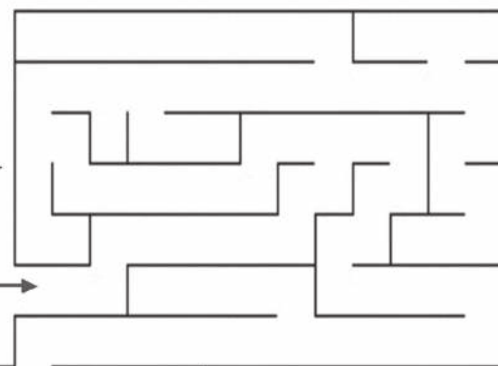
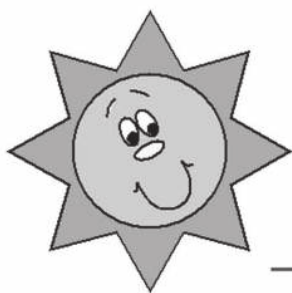
- APPLE
- ASH
- BIRCH
- BEECH
- CEDAR
- CHERRY
- COTTONWOOD
- CYPRESS
- DOGWOOD
- ELM
- FIG
- FIR
- JUNIPER
- LEMON
- MAGNOLIA
- MAPLE
- OAK
- ORANGE
- PALM
- PECAN
- PINE
- POPLAR
- REDWOOD
- SPRUCE
- TAMARACK
- WILLOW
- WALNUT

## Can You Spot the Differences?

There are 15 differences. Can you spot at least 10?



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# Vehicle Licenses on sale after March 15th

Westchester vehicle license renewal forms will be mailed on or after March 15.

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

Residents are encouraged to mail in their renewal forms, or purchase them online through the Village's website at [Westchester-il.org](http://Westchester-il.org). Stickers may also be purchased in person at Village Hall.

This year the vehicle license will be valid for the period of May 1 to April 30. All vehicles must display

a current vehicle license by May 1, or be subject to a \$75 fine for not displaying a valid vehicle license.

## NEW THIS YEAR!

Avoid waiting in line and the cost of postage by purchasing your vehicle stickers online at [Westchester-il.org](http://Westchester-il.org). This FREE service allows you to use your credit or debit card to purchase your license. You may use your pre-printed application or just enter in your information at the prompts. Your vehicle stickers will be mailed to you promptly.

Please follow the directions given on the renewal forms.

Call (708) 345-0020 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, should you need any assistance. Village offices are also open until 7 pm on Tuesdays, and from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturdays.

## 50/50 Sidewalk Program



Does your sidewalk look like this?

Call the Westchester Public Works Department at 708-345-0041 or email [ggolz@westchester-il.org](mailto:ggolz@westchester-il.org) for information on the 50/50 Sidewalk Program!

## 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](http://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



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## Spring & Summer Registration has begun!

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## Program Spotlight

### Clay Play

Thursdays, March 17th - April 14th

This class focuses on different types of clay and building techniques. Hand-building, sculpture and surface decoration will be explored. Clays include: play dough, crayola magic clay, homemade salt dough, paper mache.

**Ages:** 5-8

**Time:** 4:30-5:15pm

**Fee:** \$30/\$35



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## Around the Corner...

### Special Events

#### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

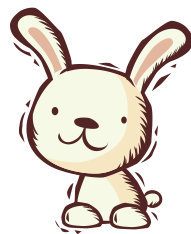
Saturday, April 16th

7:00am - Noon

Tickets may be purchased at the Community Center or on the day of the event

\$6 Adult / \$4 Children under 12

Free - Children 2 years and under



#### Easter Candy & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th - Noon

Ages 2-10

#### Spring Dance Recital

Saturday, May 14th

### Programs

Busy Babies . Spring Fling  
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For further information, email or call Stephanie Morton, [smorton@stjoeshs.org](mailto:smorton@stjoeshs.org) and Joseph Tortorich, [jtortorich@stjoeshs.org](mailto:jtortorich@stjoeshs.org) at 708.562.7488.

## We Go Red for Women @ St. Joseph High School



Top row (left to right): Ms. Joyce Ann Eaker, Inan Torres, Kathryn Boehmke, Samantha Herman;  
Bottom row (left to right): Akara Hasegawa, Natalie Bueno, Taylor Calcagno, Carolyn Butvilas

Photo courtesy of Anthony Quattrochi

## Bringing Back Intramurals at St. Joseph High School

Over a decade ago, St. Joseph High School played its last official intramural games. Attendance at after school intramurals had dwindled and interest was low. As a graduate of St. Joseph High School, now Director of Student Life Programs, Keith Donovan ('02) remembered playing intramurals as a freshmen student and wanted to bring that experience back to the St. Joseph community in a new way.

As a part of St. Joseph's leadership program, intramurals now take place during the school day on Fridays. Brackets have been created in which each leadership class gets to play against one another in various competitions ranging from volleyball and softball to floor hockey and even chess. Many students get psyched about the competitions and look forward to both participating and watching.

The Student Senate, which is made up of two representatives from each leadership class, determine which sports will be played, help shape the rules of play, and work with their leadership class to develop their team roster. The games allow for students to have some structured recreation during the school day.

More importantly, however, they help to foster skills in teamwork, understanding, and the spirit of cooperation. With the success of the intramural program this year, St. Joseph hopes to continue this worthwhile tradition for another generation of Chargers.



Daniel Adams serves during an intramural game of Matball.



Khadija Scott (left) and Rebecca Ruiz (right), diving for the ball during an intramural game of volleyball during Mrs. Monica Selagea Leadership Class.



Joseph Morrisette returning a volleyball serve during Mr. Anthony Quattrochi Leadership Class.

Photos courtesy of Anthony Quattrochi

## Join Today...

We encourage the graduates and friends of St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary High Schools to visit [www.stjoeshsalumni.org](http://www.stjoeshsalumni.org) and [www.ihmalumnae.org](http://www.ihmalumnae.org) to become members of our alumni/friend network!

On Friday, February 4, 2011, the students and staff of St. Joseph High School joined the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* movement by participating in *National Wear Red Day*; a day that unites millions of Americans in the fight against heart disease in women.

Ms. Joyce Ann Eaker, Director, Academic Planning and Events at St. Joseph High School pictured with students from her Women's Leadership Class.

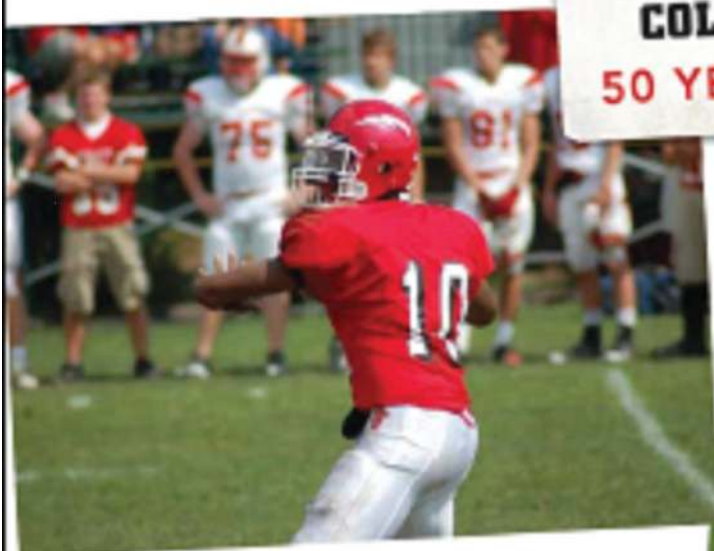
We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Rosemary (Campisi) Jaffe (IHM '70), IL Advocacy Committee Member for the American Heart Association, for reaching out to spread this awareness and getting St. Joseph High School involved in the fight against heart disease.

For more information, please visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) or contact Stephanie Morton, [smorton@stjoeshs.org](mailto:smorton@stjoeshs.org).



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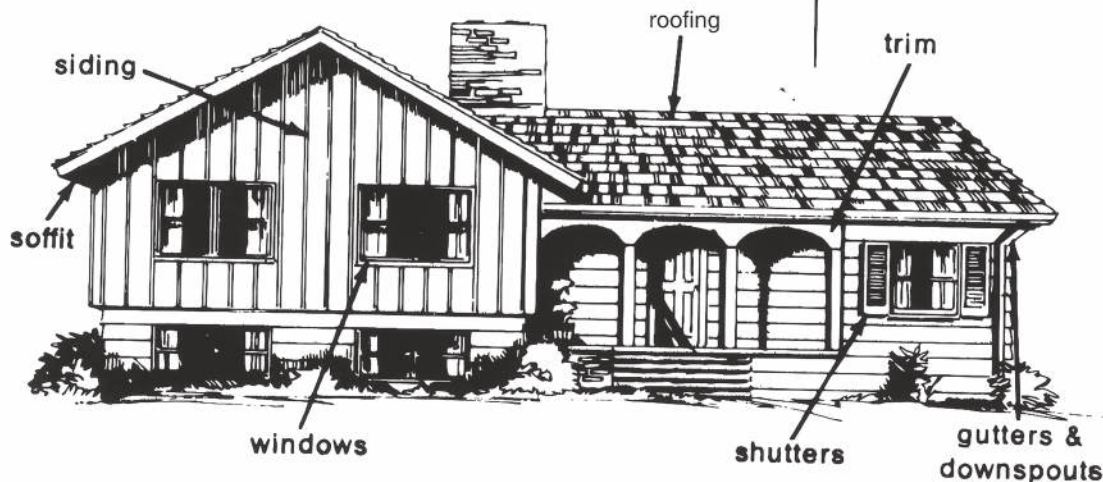


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# Citizens Advisory Board news

The Citizens Advisory Board made its debut in mid-2010. CAB assisted with the Westchester Food Pantry's Holiday drive, which provided food for 33 local families. CAB also assisted flood victims with needed items and resources. The Citizens Advisory Board's agenda for 2011 includes; youth and senior citizen programs, general citizen's concerns and public communication.

The mission statement of Westchester's Citizens Advisory Board is: "To preserve and improve the physical, social and economic health of Westchester, support unity,

self-reliance, and enhancement of the quality of life for the residents through community-based problem solving, promoting neighborhood-oriented services and public agency/citizen cooperation." The members of the Citizens Advisory Board are: Chairman; Charles Pedersen, Vice Chairman; Colleen Jamison, Secretary; Sucada Bell, Michelle Leibrock, Kari Christiansen and Joe Mastruzzo.

President Pulia is accepting letters of interest for a vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Board. Letters/resumes dropped off at the Village Hall or emailed to spulia@westchester-il.org

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### SENIORS

Because of a New Illinois Law, all Senior Citizen Homeowners must RE-APPLY for their annual Senior Exemption this year for their Cook County Property Taxes. Senior Exemption Forms can be picked up at the Westchester Village Hall or downloaded from our village web site at [www.westchester-il.org](http://www.westchester-il.org). Forms must be returned to the Cook County Assessor's Office at 118 N.

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### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY: SPRING IS HERE

As you can imagine I along with everyone I talk to is patiently waiting for Spring to arrive. March 20th 2011 will mark the first day of spring, and hopefully not a rainy one at that. Along the way March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Everyone is Irish on the 17th. Corned Beef and Cabbage with boiled potatoes sounds good, doesn't it?

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## Waste Management News:

1) The program is a “take all” community provided guidelines are followed. ...additional bags & cans (with handles not exceeding 33 gallons) should not weigh more than 50 Lbs.

2) One (1) large bulk item will be picked up each week at no charge ... such as furniture, mattress/box spring, cabinet, bicycle, etc.

3) Carpeting must be prepared properly cut/ tied / bundled in 4 ft. lengths no bigger than 2ft. around with a maximum weight of 50 Lbs.

4) Tires are no longer acceptable due to EPA regulations. Residents should check with their local tire stores .

5) Unacceptable Refuse: Large automotive parts, concrete, gravel/dirt, batteries, oil based and latex fluid paint products (latex dried out cans will be taken), oil, antifreeze, insecticides, medical waste,

Construction debris, fencing, and materials too large for one person to handle.

6) “White Goods” such as air conditioners, dehumidifier, dishwasher, dryers, furnace, stove, washer require WM be notified for pick up at least 24 hours prior to normal service day and is included in service at no additional charge to resident.

7) Recyclables should be placed in blue recycle cart, any excess can be put in 18 gallon bin. No separation of materials is required-comingle all paper products ( magazines, newspapers, office paper, junk mail, etc. ), glass bottles( all colors), aluminum / bi metal cans, plastic containers #1 thru #7, cardboard boxes ( must be prepared properly...flattened and bundled into 4ft lengths not weighing more than 50Lbs. ).

8) All refuse and recyclables need to be placed out on your service day by 6:00 AM.

### Yard waste pickup will start Friday, April 1, 2011.

As a reminder, Waste Management will also pick up your branches, bushes, etc., as long as they are tied up in bundles no more than 4' in length. These will be picked up on your regular garbage day, every week.

### Upcoming Public Works' Projects

**Parkway Restoration:** The Village will begin repairing parkways damaged by sewer and water excavations and snow plow damage as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Concrete work will also begin soon. This will be for all driveways and sidewalks damaged during water main break repairs.

The Public Works Department is planning to make repairs on streets with the new equipment they have.

The vac and jet machine will be out cleaning storm sewer inlets, as weather permits.

Meter reading takes place the first 2 weeks of every month.

**New Parkway Tree Program-** This 50/50 shared cost program includes the purchase and planting of the trees. Residents have a choice of four types of trees indigenous to the area. Beautify your yard and add curb appeal to your home!

The trees will be planted in the fall of 2011.

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

### Remember...

Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or the Police Non Emergency number after hours at 708-345-0060 if an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention.



## WATER METERS

Almost one year ago, the Village embarked on a project to replace the remaining older inaccurate meters. This initiative had been started in 1998, but there were still almost 2100 water meters left to be replaced. The water meter project is now substantially complete.

Over 2100 new meters were installed throughout town in the last eight months. These new meters are equipped with an outside touchpad that is far more accurate than the old dial readers. The touchpads also make meter reading more precise and faster.

The meter readers walk through town and use an electronic “gun” that draws the reading from the meter and stores it in a database. Back at Village Hall, all the readings are downloaded into the database and bills are automatically created by the computer systems.

Village employees check the accuracy of the readings at every step and correct any errors that are found. Now that all accounts have the outside touchpads, meter reading is completely streamlined.

## Branch Pick-up

Village branch pickup starts Monday, April 4, 2011.

Branch pickup will be the first full week of every month.

All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated pickup day.

Branches can be up to 7' in length and stacked with the butt ends facing in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a “restack” notice will be left.

Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time schedule.

Thursday and Friday are Open Load days for pickup of any brush that will not fit through the chipper, such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift.

Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.

## Branch Pickup Schedule

**Monday.** 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 west to Mannheim Road.

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

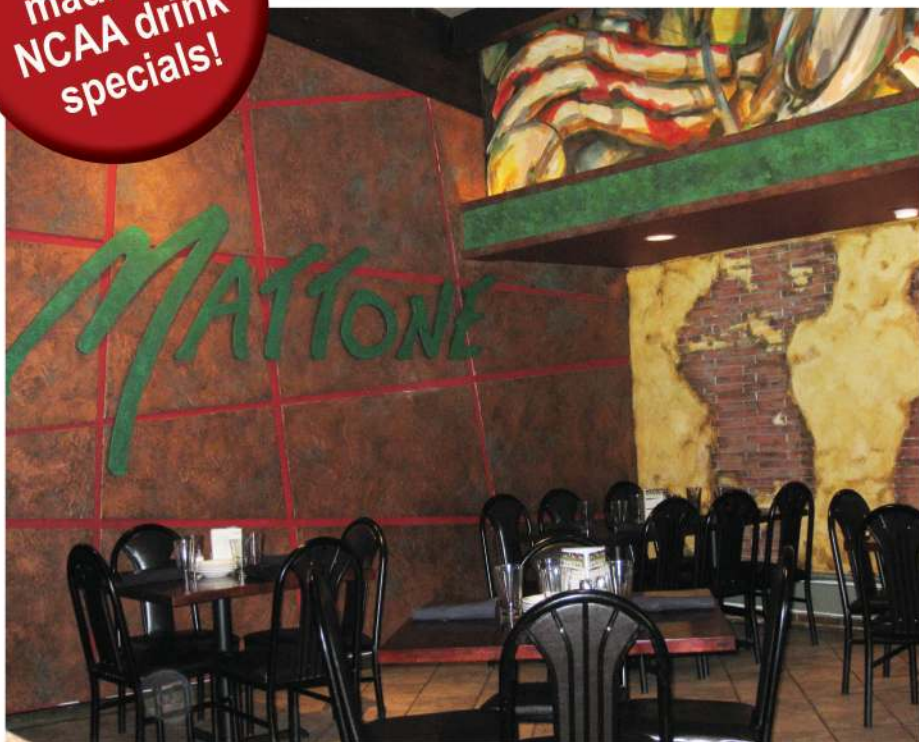
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Dr. Keith Suchy, Westchester, IL

★★★★★

*I have been waiting to try this place for a while and don't know why I waited so long. The place is beautiful on the inside. They have a wood-fired oven that sits right in the middle of the restaurant and you can watch them making the neapolitan pizzas right in front of you. I dined there this past Saturday with a group of 6 and everyone could not stop talking about there meals. One of the couples that was dining with us used to live in Naples Italy and said that the pizza taste just like that. We had the chicken mattone, cedar plank salmon, and the marinated skirt steak just to name a few things. The two thing that stood out the most were the white pizza with fresh lemon infused arugula. The pizza was soft in the middle but our two friends told us that is the right why to make it just fold it in half. When we did that, it all made sense to us then. The nutella pie was to die for. They take cooked pizza dough and slice it in half then spread nutella inside of it. It was to die for. The chef came out and even talked to our table and told use that most of the ingredients for the pizzas are imported from Italy. This place is a gem we all will all be back very soon.*  
Jason, Westchester, IL

★★★★★

*Mattone is newly remodeled with a menu that would make anyone drool. The crust on the pizza is the best- thin, crispy, and overall just perfect - and there's several varieties to choose from. Appetizers are fantastic too- absolutely love the bruschetta. There's also a mini-burger option on the app menu- sounds strange, but try it- who doesn't like a mini burger on brioche??!!*  
*If nothing else, go for the Nutella pie. Need I explain? Didn't think so.*  
*Mattone has a great atmosphere and the service is always superb- you will be well taken care of here. Authentic Italian food at a reasonable price- can't go wrong!*  
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*Have been there many times and have never been disappointed. The brick oven sandwiches are out of this world, the gnocchi, risotto and chicken marsala are some of my favorites and don't leave without trying the Nutella dessert. The atmosphere is warm and inviting and service is friendly. I can't wait to bring my friends.*  
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