



# Village of Westchester

September 2011 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of The President



Matt Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Faye Domokos, Sean Lorenzen, and Jose Espin pose with President Sam Pulia and Trustee Yurkovich after a hard day of work cleaning up the Village. The students are working towards earning the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor, awarded to high school students who have contributed at least 100 hours of volunteer service to their communities.

### SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Summer fun has come to a close. Newspaper ads during the latter weeks of August alerting us to sales of school supplies, school clothing as well as registration dates signaled us all that school is back in session.

To all you students out there: I know it is never easy to get back into the school year, but I encourage each and every one of you to make the most of your school experience. The knowledge you will gain, the friendships you will make, and the growth you will experience this coming year will help form the foundation necessary to continue doing well in school and transition into successful adults in the near or distant future.

I fondly remember my school days at the Mary Jane Kennedy Grammar School, now called the Westchester Primary School. I still stay in touch with some of my classmates, Ricky and Randy. Every time we see each other we reminisce about the days of old and the shenanigans we got into. In those days most everyone that attended public high school, attended Proviso West High School in Hillside, IL. Most others went to either St. Joseph High School, Immaculate Heart of Mary High School right here in Westchester, or another private school in a neighboring community. High School provides us all with the opportunity to build new friendships and continue pursuing both academic and extracurricular excellence, be it in

football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, wrestling, gymnastics, swimming, cross-country, baseball, golf, track, college prep, various clubs, social dances, band, auto shop, engineering graphics, and a whole host of other opportunities. These activities help broaden our academic and social horizons.

To all you shy kids out there, there is still time to break out of that shell and find your voice. As hard as it may be for many of you to believe, I was a shy (albeit mischievous) lad just waiting to find my niche in life. My first day at Proviso was a real eye opener. Our freshman class in September of 1971 had over 1,000 students in it. That alone made it hard to remain shy. I encourage you to make time to form some solid friendships, apply yourself in your academic courses, join sports or clubs that interest you, and most of all do your best and have fun. In no time you will see that it is much more fun breaking out of your shell can be. To each and every High School or College student out there, just remember there is a bright, new exciting world with many opportunities waiting for you.... MAKE IT HAPPEN! YOU ARE THE FUTURE! Make this year one of the best years of your life!

10th ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11

September 11, 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of

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this country's most tragic terrorist attack. It is not only a day on which we as a country mourn the senseless act of violence that took the lives of over 3000 innocent victims, it is also a day on which I mourn the personal loss of my cousin FDNY firefighter Thomas Casoria who perished in World Trade Center Tower 1 while trying to save others on 9/11/01. Tommy was only 29 years old, and was to be married just one month later. Thomas Casoria's story is only one of many personal losses that were experienced that dreadful day. I can hardly believe that 10 years have passed since this vicious terrorist attack changed the lives of every person across the world. I am sure that I, like everyone else, can remember exactly where we were when we heard the news and remained glued to the television in the days and weeks that followed watching in living color the horror and surreal spectacle that occurred in New York City, Washington D.C., and Shanksville Pennsylvania. Although the number of dead that fateful day was in the thousands, the mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, children, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, nieces, nephews, and friends left behind with a hole in their heart forever are too numerous to count. Let's not forget the pledge we made that fateful day ... WE WILL NEVER FORGET. Let's do this by honoring the lives lost, and supporting the ones that were left behind.

In 2001, right after the towers fell and I received word that my cousin Thomas Casoria was among the missing, the anger I felt because my homeland had been attacked, coupled with the sorrow of the possible loss of my cousin, I knew that I, as a police officer, had to help. So I packed up my police gear, tools and supplies and headed straight for New York. I had no idea what I would find. The devastation I saw upon arriving at Ground Zero is something that is burned in my memory forever. All I could say to the young sergeant I was standing next to was "We are not in Kansas anymore." It was devastation we in America had never experienced on our homeland. For weeks, I worked side by side with other first responders at Ground Zero searching for survivors. I will never forget the solemnity of the rainy night ceremonies when the remains of a firefighter or other first responder were discovered and brought up the ramp from Ground Zero. It was a scene that played out too many times in the weeks and months that followed. I might note that firefighter Casoria's remains were not brought out of Ground Zero until April 2002, over 7 months after the attacks. He was finally laid to rest in August of 2002, almost a year after the

attack.

This year, as I have for the past ten years, I will make my pilgrimage to Ground Zero to honor and remember all those who died, and visit with family who were directly impacted by this tragedy. My father came from New York (Brooklyn to be exact) and many of my family still live there. I also use this time to visit and provide support to all of them. I also don't mind eating pasta, canoli, and drinking expresso coffee like all good Italians do. I am also bracing myself for the bombardment of hugs and kisses from relatives I don't even know.

This year our pilgrimage to Ground Zero on 9/11 will be a little bit more special. I have been selected by Mayor Bloomberg to participate in the ceremonies at Ground Zero and be a reader of the names of those who died on 9/11. When I was notified of this honor on August 5th I couldn't help but stop and reflect on all that has occurred over the past 10 years since 9/11 and what still needs to be done.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

#### DUPLICATE BILLING ERROR FOR THOSE WATER/SEWER BILLS RECEIVED IN LATE AUGUST

For those of you who received your water/sewer bill the last week of August, I bet it was a real eye-opener. Water/Sewer bills are sent out every three months to different areas of the Village. We have a service that generates these bills and mails them out on behalf of the Village. For those of you who received your bill at the end of August, I am sure you noticed that there was a duplicate billing of your water and sewer services. As soon as this error was brought to our attention a robo call was sent to all residents that were affected. For those of you who do not have a phone on record with the Village and may have received a bill with duplicate billing, the robo call informed the residents that the Village was aware of the error and new bills were going to be generated promptly. If you received a duplicate bill and have not yet received a corrected bill please contact the Village Hall at 708-345-0020. Due to this error the deadline for payment of these bills has been extended to September 20, 2011.

#### NEW PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

As you well know, the storms of July have created havoc on the trees in our Village. Not a day goes by that we do not receive a request for tree trimmings, broken branch notifications, and even removal of parkway trees severely damaged by the storms of late. Please know that your requests have been received and are being processed in the most expedient manner. At a recent board meeting I presented to the Board over 50 to 60 requests for tree related issues. These requests are being handled not only by our own in-house tree experts, but also our tree contractor, Sinnott Tree

## "9/11... We Will Never Forget"

**On September 11, 2001, our nation watched in horror as we witnessed terrorism occur on our home soil. Thousands lost their lives that fateful day including many Firefighters and Police Officers. To honor those lives lost and the men and women who continue to serve, Westchester will host a Silent Parade of Fire and Police vehicles on Sunday, September 11, 2011.**



**A "silent" parade of Fire and Police Department vehicles from all over the Chicago area will participate in this event to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. The vehicles will only have their emergency lights activated, no sirens.**

**Please participate by lining our parade route and holding a flag or flashlight to show your support.**

The communities of Broadview, Forest Park, Hillside, Maywood, and Westchester are spearheading this event. The parade will begin at 7:15 pm in Forest Park at Roosevelt and Des Plaines Ave. It will continue westbound on Roosevelt to Mannheim, south to Dorchester and conclude with a memorial ceremony at St. Joseph High School, 10900 W. Cermak Road.

Service. I ask that you please bear with us and be patient as it will take some time to process all these requests. Rest assured all requests will be processed.

#### BRANCH REMOVAL/PICKUP FOR SEPTEMBER CHANGED

Branch Removal/Pickup for September will be September 12th through the 16th. Make sure all branches are placed on the parkway by Sunday September 11th and left there until they are removed. It is imperative to get all branches to the parkway by September 11th because once the crews have completed a street they will not pass down that street again until the next month's pickup.

Branch Removal/Pickup for October 2011 will be the week of October 3rd through the 7th.

#### ASPHALT PATCHWORK REPAIRS

As promised, our Public Works Department embarked on an aggressive asphalt project during the month of August which I am sure will flow into this month as well. From August 8th to the 12th the Village rented a street grinder at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00. This grinder was used on streets in several locations of the Village where the Street Department determined a patch repair was not only necessary, but would add to the viability of the street until a wholesale reconstruction could be done.

The patching crew consists of the

following: three employees driving trucks back and forth to Central Blacktop in Countryside, Illinois; an employee operating the paving box; at least three employees leveling the hot asphalt; and one employee rolling the asphalt flat. As you can see 8 staff members are being utilized to perform and complete this project. Their plan is to complete the main thoroughfares such as Balmoral, Sunnyside, and Enterprise Drive before tackling the residential streets. This is the first time our Public Works staff has embarked on a project like this. Each dump truck carries 8 tons of asphalt. We have calculated an excess of 500 tons of asphalt will be used to complete this project. At \$53.00 dollars a ton, the cost of this project is over \$50,000.00.

Since taking office in 2009, this Board has been able to totally reconstruct 16 streets. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue on our present course. Springfield and Washington D.C. have not been very forthcoming with the monies needed to move our projects forward. Over the past two years we have already spent 3.5 million dollars on street reconstruction projects.

#### WATER MAIN PROJECTS

In addition to the 3.5 million spent on street reconstruction projects, water main projects have cost the Village an additional 1.5 million dollars. We

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## Profile



**Name:** Matthew LeMay  
**Rank:** Firefighter-Paramedic  
**Years as Firefighter:** 2 years

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

The first time I was in a training fire. It was a great feeling putting out the fire. From that moment on I knew this was the job I was supposed to do.

### Describe a good day at work:

A good day at work is when everyone in town is safe and no one gets hurt or is sick. Also when all the firefighters go home safely.

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

The best part of the job is helping people in their time of need. It is always nice knowing you are making a difference in people's lives.

### What is one downside to your job?

A downside to working as a firefighter is missing holidays with family.

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

Work hard all the time. Go to school. Test for as many fire departments as you can.

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

On the perfect day off I would be with my friends and family. I would also want it to be a clear sunny day so I could ride my motorcycle.

## Make a Fire Escape Plan



In the event of a fire, remember - time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

### Important

- Practice escape plans every month.
- Plan two ways out of each room.
- Immediately leave your home when a fire occurs.
- Never open doors that are hot to the touch.
- Designate a meeting location away from your home.
- Once you're out, stay out!

## Practice Escaping from Every Room in the Home

Practice escape plans every month. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. If the primary way is blocked by fire or smoke, you will need a second way out. A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or using an Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved collapsible ladder for escape from upper story windows. Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and that security bars can be properly opened. Also, practice feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed.

## Security Bars Require Special Precautions

Security bars may help to keep your family safe from intruders, but they can also trap you in a deadly fire! Windows and doors with security bars must have quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to properly operate and open locked or barred doors and windows.

## Immediately Leave the Home

When a fire occurs, do not waste any time saving property. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

## Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas is used as a fuel for many things in our homes, like cooking, heating and drying clothes. While rare, a natural gas line leak is extremely dangerous due to the potential of an explosion. Natural gas has no scent of its own, so for safety reasons, an odorant similar to rotten eggs is added. The rotten egg scent helps you detect even the tiniest gas leak.

**POSSIBLE SOURCES OF NATURAL GAS LEAKS IN THE HOME ARE THE PILOT LIGHTS OF GAS-FIRED STOVES, FURNACES AND HOT WATER HEATERS**  
**IF YOU THINK YOU SMELL GAS OR SUSPECT A GAS LEAK:**

- \_\_\_ Open doors and windows to let in fresh air.
- \_\_\_ Make sure the burners on your stove are completely turned off.
- \_\_\_ Do not turn on or off any electrical appliances or light switches.
- \_\_\_ Do not attempt to locate the leak.
- \_\_\_ Do not use the house-phone or a cell-phone within the house.
- \_\_\_ Do not smoke or light matches or lighters.
- \_\_\_ Leave the house and from a safe distance call 911.

**Never hesitate to CALL 911 if you smell gas!**

## Dispatch Spotlight



### 911 Telecommunicator Martin Cruse

#### What made you choose police/fire dispatch as a profession?

I have always had a strong desire to help people both on an individual and a community level.

#### Describe a good day at work.

A good day at work would be being able to get somebody the help they need promptly, whether it is police officers to a home for an incident, or the fire department for a fire or medical emergency.

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

The best part of my job is the personal satisfaction knowing I have done something to help someone in their time of need. I also enjoy the people that I work with.

#### What is the downside of your job?

The downside is missing out on a lot of family activities. The job is not Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, it's 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

#### What advice would you give someone looking to be a 911 telecommunicator?

Don't think of this as just a job, as there are real lives on the line that are calling in. If you can't handle the highs and lows, let someone else do it.

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

My ideal day off would be spending the day fishing with my wife Jamie and children Charlie and Samantha.

## Parking restrictions around schools

In an ongoing effort at attempting to keep our children safe while getting in and out of school, the Village of Westchester recently amended parking restrictions at the Westchester Primary School and at Westchester Middle School.

At the Primary School, you can

no longer park on the east side of Essex from 2400 to 10650 Essex between 8:30 am- 9:30 am and again from 3 pm-4 pm on School Days Only.

At the Middle School, you can no longer park on both the east or west side of Haase from Canterbury north to the entrance of 1550 Haase

between 8 am- 9 am and again from 3 pm-4 pm on School Days Only.

Drivers are reminded to pay attention to posted signs and yellow painted curbs in and around all school areas. If the curb is yellow, it is a NO PARKING ZONE. Vehicles left unattended in no parking zones will be ticketed.

## Police Blotter

July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

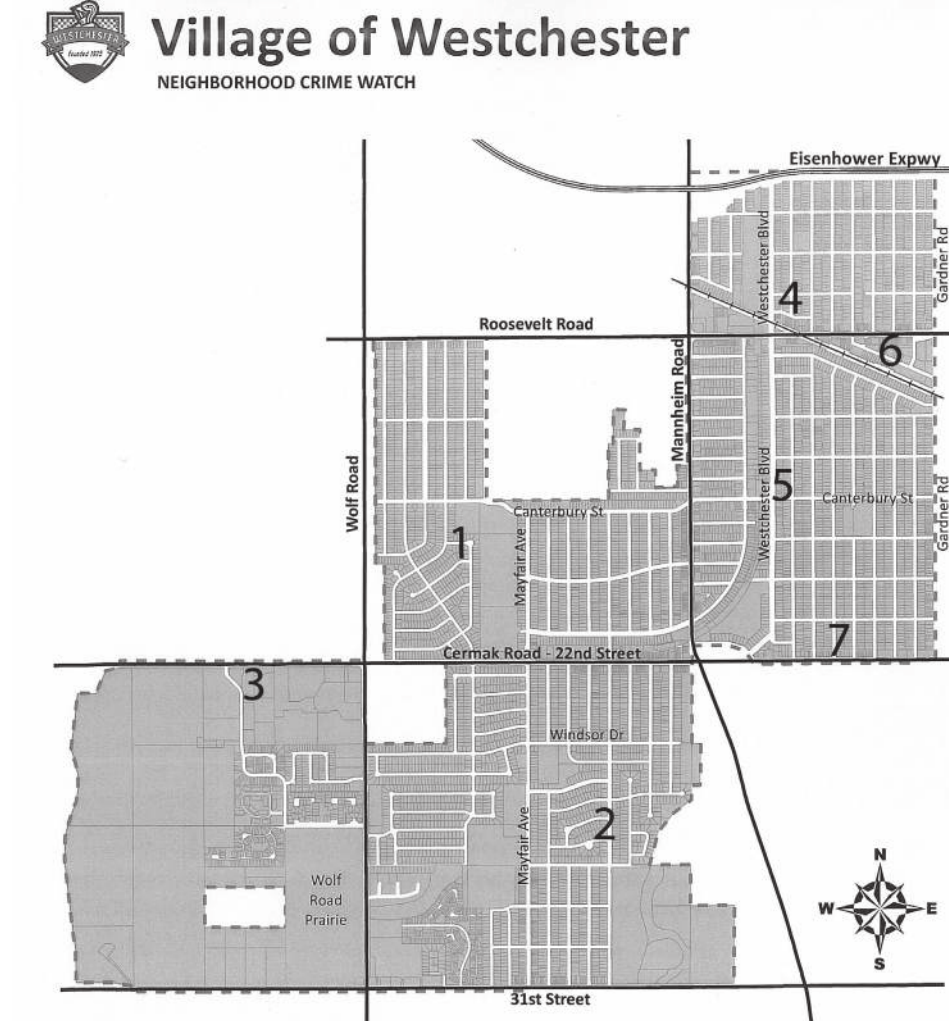
1. On July 15th at 11:48am, a theft of wallet was reported at the Jewel Foods Store at 2128 Mannheim Road. It was reported that the wallet was removed from a purse while shopping in the store. Taken were credit cards and \$50.

2. On July 20th at 8:56am, a burglary to motor vehicle was reported at the Hampton Inn located at 2222 Enterprise Drive. The vehicle owner advised that sometime during the previous night unknown subject(s) broke out the rear passenger window removing a computer from the vehicle.

3. On July 24th at 2:17pm, a residential burglary was reported on the 1600 block of Portsmouth Ave. It was reported that unknown person(s) entered a vacant house and removed appliances from the house.

4. On July 25th at 3:59pm, a criminal damage to vehicle was reported on the 700 block of Newcastle Ave. The resident reported that unknown person(s) drilled a hole in the bottom of their vehicles gas tank. Vehicle was parked in the alley upon discovery. Additionally, on July 26th at 5:11pm another resident reported a similar incident involving their vehicle also on the 700 block of Newcastle.

5. On July 28th at 3:13pm, a retail theft was reported at the Dominick's Food Store located at 3020 Wolf Road. A male was observed leaving the store with a cart full of baby diapers and formula with a value of \$447.12. When confronted by security the offender fled the scene in a tan sport utility vehicle. The



merchandise was recovered by store security.

6. On August 1st at 10:13pm a stolen vehicle was located unoccupied on the 2200 block of Kensington. The vehicle was previously reported stolen in La Grange Park earlier in the day. A window was found open and the keys were on the seat. No offenders were located in or around the vehicle upon its discovery.

7. On August 3rd at 8:10pm, a

burglary to garage was reported on the 10300 block of Wight Street. The resident reported that entry was made to the garage and a bicycle was taken. No forced entry to the garage was observed.

8. On August 10th at 7:22am, a theft of bicycle was reported on the 700 block of Norfolk Ave. The resident advised that the bicycle was left unlocked in the back yard and was removed sometime during the past day.

September: Library Card Sign-up Month. Reminder for parents and students to register/update library cards for new school year.

## Monday, September 1

Registration begins for Youth Storytimes at the Library.  
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Board Room 7 PM.

## September 4 & 5

Library closed for Labor Day holiday.

## Monday, September 5

Labor Day No School for Westchester Public Schools. Village Hall closed. Monday garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, Tuesday Garbage pick-up is Wednesday. Divine Infant Jesus School closed.

## Tuesday, September 6

Library normal hours return: Mon-Thurs 9:30 AM-9 PM, Sat 9:30 AM-5 PM, and Sun 1 PM-5 PM.

## Wednesday, September 7

All School mass at 8 AM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

## Thursday, September 8

Curriculum Night at WMS from 6:30 PM-8:15 PM Westchester Public Schools.

International Literacy Day at Library.

Vision & Hearing testing at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Students in Pre-School, Kindergarten and second grades will have hearing and vision tests, students in grades 5 and 8 will have their vision tested and students in grades 1 and 3 will have their hearing tested. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

“Meet the Teacher” night will be held for families of students entering Pre-school through grade 2, at 7 PM. at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

## Friday, September 9

First Friday Adoration; 8 AM - 7 PM; Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair.

## Saturday, September 10

Market Day pick up at WMS from 10 AM-10:30 AM Westchester Public Schools

## September 10 & 11

Religious Education Registration; after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, Divine Providence Church Narthex, 2600 Mayfair

## Sunday, September 11

11:30 PM - Rally Day, Westchester Community Church - Snacks, games, and refreshments, all are welcome

Back to School Picnic 1PM-5PM @ Mayfair Park. Celebrate the start of another school year with entertainment, food, and FUN!!

## Monday, September 12

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

The Divine Infant Jesus School student body will be Praying the Rosary -2:10 PM at Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Police and Fire Commission Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 6:30 PM

## Tuesday, September 13

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night, 6:30 - 8:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

Village Board Meeting followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting Westchester Village Hall -Board Room, 7 PM

Bilingual PAC Meeting at 7 PM Westchester Public Schools.

Grade 2 Sacrament Orientation Meeting at 7 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen 708-865-8086 for more information.

## Wednesday, September 14

All School mass at 8 AM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

“Meet the Teacher” night will be held for families of students entering 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at 7:00 PM. at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

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.

Table Grace resumes; 11:30 AM-1 PM; Divine Providence Ministry Center, 2540 Mayfair

Beginner Band Parent Meeting at WIS from 5 PM-8 PM  
Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 7 PM.

8th Grade Washington DC Parent Meeting at WMS 7 PM

Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 7 PM.

## Thursday, September 15

Early Childhood Screenings at WPS by appointment only.

“Meet the Teacher” night will be held for families of students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades at 7 PM. at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

Curriculum Night at WIS from 6:30 PM-8 PM Westchester Public Schools.

## Friday, September 16

Taize Ecumenical Prayer; 7:30 PM; Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

## Saturday, September 17

4-7 PM - Spaghetti Dinner - Westchester Community Church. Come join us for an evening of good food, raffles and door prizes. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 5-10 years, for further information please call the church office 708/865-1282.  
Monday, September 19: Religious Education Classes for Grades 7 & 8 grade begin; 7 PM; Divine Providence School - Side Entrance

## Monday, September 19-21

WMS 6th Grade Outdoor Education Westchester Public Schools.

## Tuesday, September 20

Curriculum Night at Westchester Public Schools from 6:30 PM-8 PM

Sponsor/Candidate Meeting at 7:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen 708-865-8086 for more information.

## Wednesday, September 21

All School mass at 8 AM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Table Grace; 11:30 AM-1 PM; Grace Lutheran Church; 1101 Manchester Thursday, September 22: Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency. Westchester Village Hall, Community Room 6:00 PM

## Saturday, September 24

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. Hours are Thursday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM reserved for members only, Friday 10 AM - 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM - Noon and 1 - 3 PM (Buck-A-Bag special) Contact Library at 708-562-3573.

## Saturday, September 24

9:30 AM - 11:30 PM- Scrapbooking - Westchester Community Church Join us for a day of Scrapbooking rent a table to spread all your supplies out on, we provide the meals and snacks, call the church office at 708/865-1282 for more details.

K-6 Religious Education Classes begin; 9:30 AM; Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair-Gym Entrance

## Sunday, September 25

“Meet Westchester Author Mary O’Donohue” and Book Signing. 1:30 PM in Youth Department at Library.

Anointing of the Sick; 11:30 AM Mass; Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

## Monday, September 26

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

## Tuesday, September 27

Village Board Meeting followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting Westchester Village Hall -Board Room, 7 PM

## Wednesday, September 28

All School mass at 8 AM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

## Thursday, September 29

High School Night at WMS from 6:30 PM-8 PM. Westchester Public Schools.

## Saturday, October 1

Insect Safari, 1 PM to 2 PM. Experienced entomologists will lead you out onto the Prairie to collect



# Senior Spotlight

## “September Spotlight” Aging Well Community Action Team

**W**estchester has an active Aging Well Community Action Team which meets regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 1:00pm at the Mayfair Recreation Building, 10835 Wakefield Street. Aging Well, a program of Aging Care Connections, is dedicated to working with communities to create an environment in which people can age well. Serving 20 area communities, the program is composed of hundreds of older adults and more than 130 community-based

organizations working together to address aging issues in their local communities.

The next meeting of the Westchester Aging Well Team will be Wednesday, September 28 at 1:00pm. The program will be a presentation by Dr. Tracy Stimpson of Mobile Eyes Home Care. She will be discussing “Macular Degeneration and Nutrition for Health Eyes.” A short musical performance will follow by Mary Bachmann. Those interested in learning more about the Aging Well Community Action Team are encouraged to stay for the 2:00pm

meeting.

New members are always welcome. To learn more about the team, please contact Linda Hussey at 708-354-1323, ext. 242.

Aging Care Connections, located in La Grange, is dedicated to enriching the quality of life of older adults and their families through a range of programs and services that enhance their well-being and independence. For more information, please call 708-354-1323 or visit [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org).

## Westchester Senior Health Quest 2011

*A Resource Fair for Health and Wellness*

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

**10am – 2pm**

**Health Screenings, Local Resources, Refreshments, and Raffle Gifts**

The Westchester Citizens Advisory Board invites seniors and forward thinking adults of the Westchester community to a, first of its kind, Westchester Senior Health Quest. The fair will feature some of our very own in-town Health and Allied Care Providers who will help our residents get well and stay well. Proviso Township Senior Services will also be on hand to answer any questions and provide additional service information. Health Quest 2011 will be held at the site for the new Westchester Senior Center at 3061 South Wolf Road in the Westchester Westbrook Plaza

### Local Programs and Events

- ⇒ September 7, 2011: Divine Providence DP Over 50 Club’s first meeting will be held at 1:30 pm. Doors will open at 1:00 pm. Guests are welcome for a donation of \$1.00. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions call Corrine at 708-531-9496 or Ruth at 708-947-9020.
- ⇒ September 14, 2011: Early Stage Memory Loss Seminar offered by Aging Care Connections is an eight week program designed for individuals diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia and their family members and friends. Group sessions will offer participants the opportunity to explore what memory loss means to them and to learn ways to: cope with changes, maximize strengths, enhance communication, and plan for the future. For more information or to enroll please call Ruth Folkening at 708-354-1323 ext 228.
- ⇒ September 21, 2011: The Benefits Mobile will be at the North Riverside Village Commons at 2401 S. Desplaines Ave from 8:30 am to Noon. They will be answering questions and ensuring that seniors are receiving the benefits for which they qualify including; food, prescription drugs, property taxes, and license plate stickers. For more information or to make an appointment please call Rojean Carlson at 708-354-1323 ext 217.
- ⇒ Divine Providence is planning a trip to New Orleans, LA, March 25 -31, 2012. The cost per person is \$599 and includes motor coach transportation, 6 nights lodging, 4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. You will tour New Orleans, a Louisiana Plantation, take a relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi, enjoy the French Quarter, visit the National World War II Museum, and much more. If you are interested give Marianne Krasucki, our Social Chairman a call at 708-562-3766
- ⇒ Hinsdale AARP Chapter # 1835 hosts meetings at the Hinsdale Community House the second Friday of every month at 10:00 am. AARP offers health and wellness advice, discounts on travel, and financial advice. Contact the District Coordinator Bernard Hiles at (708) 409 0903 for more information on joining this group.

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insects-not your garden variety. Further examination of these insects on the Prairie House Porch before releasing them.. \$5 fee. For more information call 708-351-1851 or visit savetheprairiesociety.org.

Craft Fair; 9 AM - 3 PM; Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair

## October 1-October 2

St. Vincent DePaul Appreciation Weekend; 5 PM. 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

## Monday, October 3

Friends of the Library Chess and Scrabble Game Night, 6:30 - 8:45 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights.

## Tuesday, October 4

All School Mass; 9 AM; Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair  
Tuesday, October 4: Pet Blessing;

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are also scheduled to perform sewer relining in the High Ridge area, and are looking for additional dollars to relocate our sewer line, now located through the forest preserve located at Wakefield and Sunnyside, to Jackson and Brainard in LaGrange Park. Unfortunately what I have learned as President of the Village is that if you do not have your own money to fund a project you are at the mercy of the governmental bodies that do possess the money. However, our two sources for money aren't faring much better than us. The State of Illinois is broke and terribly in debt, and the Federal Government is trying to reduce their costs to balance their budgets by eliminating millions of dollars that the states were accustomed to receiving via grants, loans, or with matching funds. I can honestly say your governmental officials and staffs are trying to do their best in finding the resources to keep our town safe, secure, and maintained.

### FROM THE BOARD

At our August 9th meeting there were several items under discussion. Police Chief April Padalik presented draft ordinances and suggestions regarding Block Parties as well as updating our outdated Noise Ordinance. The Block Party Ordinance sets forth procedures for applying to have a block party, the

# Assessment notices

## Proviso Township assessment notices mailed Aug. 12

File a Residential Appeal online at: [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com) or visit the Proviso Township office at 4565 W. Harrison St. Hillside, IL Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4 PM

### Deadline to file an appeal is Sept. 12

2:30 PM; Divine Providence Church Courtyard; 2550 Mayfair

## Tuesday, October 4

The Divine Infant Jesus School student body will be Praying the Rosary -2:10 PM at Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

## Tuesday, October 4

Grade 2 Reconciliation Meeting at 7:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen 708-865-8086 for more information.

location, time, noise levels, and additional regulations that require an emergency lane for Police, Fire, or Ambulance response.

The outdated Noise Ordinance approved back in 1938 was due for an upgrade as well. The revised ordinance will reflect the current allowable standards in 2011. Each summer more and more residents are having graduation parties with live bands and or D.J's. Presently our code does not adequately address these topics. We believe the new ordinance will address those concerns as well as Construction, Demolition, Landscaping, Emergency Signaling, and Noise Sensitive Zones. After these ordinances are accepted and properly voted on they will be printed in a subsequent Newsletter as well as published as required by law.

Dennis Di Pasquale requested that the board remove the prohibition of having a metal shed from our current code. That's right ... up until now a metal shed was illegal. Mr. Di Pasquale has asked the board to amend our code to allow metal sheds with the proviso that the shed, like any other real property, be maintained. Unsightly unkempt sheds whether metal, wood or plastic that are in a state of disrepair will require "fixing up" to avoid being cited. This measure was approved by the Board.

A resident approached the village in response to a complaint she had against a contractor's failure to adequately complete a remodeling job to her home. Please note that each contractor is

## Wednesday, October 5

All School mass at 8 AM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the office at 865-0122.

## Tuesday, October 5

Grade 1 Sacrament Intro Meeting at 7:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen 708-865-8086 for more information.

## Wednesday, October 5-7

Parent Teacher Conferences, Westchester Public Schools

required to be registered with the Village, be insured, and provide a bonding certificate to the Village. An ordinance was developed and passed allowing for claims against the bond through the Village.

A zoning variance was granted to a homeowner in the High Ridge section to build a garage on an irregular piece of property. The variance request was heard by our Zoning Board of Appeals, chaired by Mr. Thomas Kopecky. Their recommendation for approval was unanimously approved at a recent Board meeting.

Finance Director Janet Matthys presented a draft copy of a Revised Purchasing Policy for the village. The policy covers a myriad of topics including but not limited to obtaining competitive quotes, professional services, methods of payment, code of ethics, conflicts of interest etc. Each department head with purchasing authority will be held accountable for their spending of taxpayer dollars.

### CROSS CONTROVERSY

As you may recall from our last newsletter, a Mr. Rob Sherman appeared before the Board complaining about the constitutionality of having a cross on public property just north of Roosevelt Rd. on Westchester Blvd. across from the Faith Lutheran Church. Since that initial meeting the Village has been researching our legal options, as well as, performing independent research into the constitutionality of the cross

## Thursday, October 6

Early Dismissal for Students, Westchester Public Schools

## Friday, October 7

First Friday Adoration; 8 AM-7 PM, Divine Providence Ministry Center; 2540 Mayfair

Fish and Chicken Fry, Westchester Community Church 4:30PM to 7:30 PM. Call church office for more details.

No School for Students Westchester Public Schools.

## Saturday, October 8

Market Day pick up at WMS from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM Westchester Public Schools.

## Monday, October 10

Columbus Day No School Westchester Public Schools.

## Saturday, October 15

SAVE THE DATE! Open House for Westchester Fire and Police Departments

placement.

At the time this newsletter went to press no decision had yet been reached. I, along with the entire Board, do not want the cross removed. Village Manager Stan Urban and I have had a preliminary meeting with a representative of the church. Additional meetings with the Pastor and Church Leaders were being scheduled.

### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT

The Village of Westchester recently received a \$54,000.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for retrofitting all of the light bulbs used throughout the Village Hall. Project Manager Hope Garrett has been meeting with representatives of Twin Supplies who delivered the retrofit supplies. Consistent with our ongoing GREEN initiatives the combination of LED and T8 bulbs will certainly reduce the amount of energy used at the Village Hall. I must give credit to Deputy Police Chief Phil Kubisztal from LaGrange Park for alerting me to this opportunity.

### UIC CAPSTONE PROJECT

Ms. Janis Ackerstrom, Co-chair of the village Economic Development Committee, learned of an opportunity to utilize the talents of a graduate school class from UIC. An application was sent

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## Welcome to the FALL issue of the Westchester Public Library Newsletter

"You never know until you try!" and so this is the first time the Library's quarterly newsletter is appearing exclusively "in full" in the Village Newsletter. While respecting the popularity of the Library's newsletter but ever mindful of the printing and mailing costs of issuing a separate publication, the Library's board of trustees recommended using this issue as an experiment to see how well the Library's news and events can be incorporated into the village newspaper.

Keeping you informed is our primary goal and patrons will find information on what is happening at the Library in *this* publication, on the Library's website and on notices in the Library's lobby. Events will still be included in the village calendar. For convenience, we have kept Youth programs grouped together for parents who like to clip and post that page on the refrigerator or other convenient spot at home. Also, the content from these pages will be available on our website at [www.westchesterpl.org](http://www.westchesterpl.org)

## RAILS Library System

Westchester Public Library is now a member of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), one of two new regional library systems in the state. Formed in 2011 through the merger of the Alliance, DuPage, Metropolitan, North Suburban, and Prairie Area library systems, RAILS membership includes academic, public, school, and special libraries. (The Illinois Heartland Library System, covering downstate, is the other regional system.)

Library systems in Illinois have been the framework for cooperation among libraries in the state, resulting in real benefits for patrons. Take SWAN, for example: this consortium-based catalog gives Westchester patrons convenient access to over one million books, CDs, and DVDs in one catalog.

For now, given the state's pattern of continued cutbacks, RAILS will focus on support for consortium-based catalogs, the statewide delivery system for lending library materials, and Talking Book services (for blind and visually impaired patrons).

## Museum Adventure Pass To End

As this issue goes to press, the popular museum pass program sponsored by Macy's is scheduled to end August 31. The program was originally coordinated through the library systems serving the Chicago suburban area. Patrons have enjoyed the affordable access to Brookfield Zoo, Morton Arboretum and other museums and cultural centers.

The Library will post a notice in the Lobby and on its website if there is a change in status for this popular program.

## Chicago Tribune Online

Patrons will find a new look and easier searching format for the online version of the Chicago Tribune now available on the Library's website. Search results show the search words in context, making it easier to identify relevant articles. The database includes obituaries published in the newspaper.

## Meet Westchester Author Mary O'Donohue

The Library is pleased to host a special book signing for Westchester author Mary O'Donohue on Sunday afternoon, September 25. Her recently published book **When You Say Thank You, Mean It** has sage advice and easy exercises to help parents teach children basic values like respect, gratitude, commitment, and forgiveness.

The program will be held in the Youth Department where Mary can meet with parents, talk about her reasons for writing the book and sign copies of her book. (Copies will be available for purchase.)

**"Meet Mary O'Donohue"  
& Book Signing  
Sunday, September 25  
1:30 pm in Youth Dept**

## Update Your Library Card

With the school year underway, check the expiration date on your library card and the cards of students in your household. Having an up-to-date library card saves time when checking out books and enables students to access the Library's online databases from home when researching a topic. If you have questions about your library card status, contact the Circulation Desk (708-562-3573).

## Library Joins Triton's 'One Book One Triton'

This fall, the Common Read Committee at Triton College has chosen Randy Pausch's book **The Last Lecture** for their common read initiative 'One Book One Triton.' The book, coauthored by Jeff Zaslow, is about a college professor's last lecture after receiving a diagnosis of terminal cancer. A best-seller when it was first published, the book continues to offer readers valuable insights on how to live one's life.

'One Book One Triton' is modeled after other community-based reading programs to promote recreational reading, critical thinking, and community discourse.

The Westchester Public Library is pleased to participate in this common read program and staff will be hosting a discussion of the book for Westchester patrons on November 10. The evening will feature the 30-minute film by the same title.

Patrons interested in experiencing this community read will find copies of the book available in a variety of formats at the Library, including digital audiobook and ebook formats on MyMediaMall, the Library's digital collection.

Triton College has a special event scheduled for November 30 featuring Wall Street Journal columnist and co-author Jeff Zaslow, who will be on Triton campus for a free lecture at 6:00 pm that evening. For further details on Triton's program, see: [www.triton.edu/onebookonetrion](http://www.triton.edu/onebookonetrion)

**"The Last Lecture"  
Community Book  
Discussion & Film  
Thursday, November 10  
7:00 pm at Library**

## Foundations of Investing Seminar

The recent volatility in the financial markets underscores the importance of understanding your investments. The Library has invited Herman Brunson Jr of Edward Jones to host a seminar on "Foundations of Investing" on Thursday evening, October 13. The seminar will focus on basic features of bonds, stocks, and mutual funds, the importance of asset allocation, and the impact of inflation on long-term goals.

**"Foundations of Investing"  
with Herman Brunson  
of Edward Jones  
Thursday, October 13  
7:00 pm at Library**

## Staff News

In June, staff held a retirement celebration for technical services clerk Josephine Venuto, who retired after more than 40 years working at the Library. Congratulations, Jo!

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends will hold their annual **BOOK SALE** from Thursday, September 22 - Saturday, September 24. Thursday evening is reserved for members only and Saturday will feature the "Buck-a-Bag" special in the afternoon.

**FRIENDS BOOK SALE  
Thursday, September 22  
6-8:00 pm (members only)  
Friday, September 23  
10-5 pm  
Saturday, September 24  
10-12 pm & 1-3 pm**

The **Chess and Scrabble Club** will begin at 6:30 pm beginning in September. Participation is free to members of the Friends. A membership table is available on meeting nights for those wishing to join (\$5/individual, \$10/family).

Tues, Sept 13    Mon, Nov 7  
Mon, Oct 3    Tues, Nov 29  
Tues, Oct 18    Tues, Dec 13

Interested in joining the Friends or helping with their activities? Send an email to [wfolpresident@gmail.com](mailto:wfolpresident@gmail.com) or leave your name at the Circulation Desk.



# Adult Programs

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE  
Call 708-562-3573 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

## Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Thurs, Sept 22 6:00 - 8:00 pm (members only)  
Fri, Sept 23 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sat, Sept 24 10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm "Buck-Bag" special

## "Meet Mary O'Donohue" & Book Signing in Youth Dept

Sun, Sept 25 1:30 pm

## "Foundations of Investing" with Herman Brunson of Edward Jones

Thurs, Oct 13 7:00 pm

## "The Last Lecture" Community Book Discussion & Film

Thurs, Nov 10 7:00 pm Thursday

**Book Discussion Group** The Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm and during the afternoon at 2:00 pm in November, January, February & March.

Sep 15 *A Room With a View* by E. M. Forster  
Oct 20 *The Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon  
Nov 17 *Black and Blue* by Anna Quindlen

**Getting Up to Speed** Seminar on basic skills for job hunting on the Internet.

Meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Two sessions are scheduled for the fall:  
Tues, Sep 13 Tues, Oct 18

## INTERNET CLASSES

- Classes meet Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.
  - Valid library card required.
  - Registration for residents begins on 1st day of the month in which the class is held (the day after for non-residents).
  - Students in Beginner's Class should know how to use a mouse.
- \* indicates classes in Conference Room*

September - Registration begins Sept 1

Mouse Mania Sept 7  
Beginner's Internet Sept 14  
Email Class\* Sept 21

October - Registration begins Oct 1

Mouse Mania Oct 5  
Beginner's Internet Oct 12  
Email Class\* Oct 19

November - Registration begins Nov 1

Beginner's Internet Nov 9  
Intermediate Class\* Nov 16

If you are unable to attend our classes, stop by the Adult Reference Desk to learn about tutorials on our website [www.westchesterpl.org](http://www.westchesterpl.org)

Note: Photographs taken at Library events may be used for promotional purposes. Library programs are open to the public and patrons with disabilities are welcome. Please call 562-3573 (TTY/TDD 562-9364), visit or write us to discuss accommodations at least five (5) working days prior to a scheduled program.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Registration for Youth programs begins September 1.  
Stop by the Youth Department to register.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS:** Sarah Constantin, Andrea Delgado, Olivia Frogner, Leslie Garcia, Andrew Hosek, Rachel Hosek, Angela Kazda, Filip Letkiewicz, Cairo Lewis, Delisha Little, Megan Neal, Julia Nowicki, Akintola Oyetayo, Alec Podock, Mara Scheuing, Chloe Seegers, Alex Tam, Patrick Wasz, and Clinton Wilhight! You were a big reason the Summer Reading program was a success!

## WRITE-A-BOOK CONTEST



All Westchester students in grades 1 through 8 are invited to submit a story to the Library's annual **Write-A-Book Contest**. The theme for this year's contest is:

### THE UNEXPECTED/ SURPRISE

All entries must be turned in at the Library by Monday, October 24. Contest information will be available at the schools and in the Youth Dept.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:** Monday, October 24

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Sunday, November 13 at 1:30 pm

## TODDLER STORYTIME

For children up to age 3-1/2 and their parents/caregivers

Wednesdays Thursdays  
9:45 - 10:00 am **OR** 9:45 - 10:00 am  
Sep 21 - Nov 16 Sep 22 - Nov 17

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

For children age 3 1/2 - pre-K (not yet in K)

Wednesdays Thursdays  
10:30 - 11:00 am **OR** 10:30 - 11:00 am  
Sep 21 - Nov 16 Sep 22 - Nov 17

## MAGIC CARPET CLUB

For children in grades K-2

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
Sep 21 - Nov 16

## READING ROUND TABLE

For children in grades 3-8

Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm  
Sept 27 - Oct 11 Zen Doodles  
Oct 18 - Nov 15 Diaries, Journals & Daybooks

*Reminder to parents and caregivers: please remain with your children under the age of nine whenever in the Library.*



## CAPTION CONTEST

Write a clever caption for the **SILLY PICTURE** hanging in the Youth Department and you could win a **PRIZE**, a **DOO-DAD** or a **THING-A-MA-BOB!**

### CAPTIONS ARE DUE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Winners will be announced the following week!

## FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm



Oct 5 **Tangled** 100 min  
Oct 12 **Rio** 96 min  
Oct 19 **Rango** 107 min  
Oct 26 **Gnomeo & Juliet** 84 min



## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
1:00 - 5:00pm

MAYFAIR PARK  
10835 Wakefield Avenue



### Softball Games

### Refreshments

Popcorn . Beverages . Hotdogs

### Entertainment & Games

1:30pm Steve Accardo -  
Children's Songs  
2:30pm Ronald McDonald  
"Go Active" & Meet and Greet  
3:00pm Reptile Man  
4:00pm Jessie White Tumblers  
Moon Jumps & Carnival Games  
Bean Bag & Tailgate Toss

# FUN . FOOD . FREE

Dance

## Dance Dance



*dance classes offered for those ages 3-14*

Beginning September 10th  
Broadway Babies  
Beginning Little Ladies  
Little Ladies

Beginning September 13th  
Irish Dance – Beginner  
Irish Dance – Intermediate

Beginning September 15th  
Pre Dance I  
Pre Dance II  
Movement & Music for Boys

Beginning September 16th  
Dance Appreciation I – Beginner  
Dance Appreciation II – Intermediate  
Pre Dance III

Beginning September 22nd  
Hip Hop 1 – Beginner  
Hip Hop 2 – Intermediate  
Hip Hop 3

Please contact the Park District for specific age/experience requirements as well as pricing.

## Try Something New!

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### Classes Starting in September

All Star Soccer 9/6 . T-Ball 9/6 . Guitar for Beginners 9/6 . Co-Ed Lacrosse 9/7 . Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons 9/9 . Tip Top Tuck & Tumble 9/10 . Fabulous Fall 9/12 . Preschool Drawing 9/12 . Backpack Adventures with Computertots 9/12 . Circuit Training 9/12 . Busy Babies 9/14 . Messy Me's 9/14 . Zumba Fitness 9/14 . Cooks & Books 9/15 . Trip to Daley Plaza Farmers Market 9/15 . Kick Boxing Sculpt 9/16 . Inline Skating 9/19 . Sassy Senior Exercise 9/19 . Cardio Hip Hop 9/19 . Mystical Magic 9/23 . Creative Rhythmic Gymnastics 9/28 . Trip to Long Grove Apple Festival 9/30



### Adult Recreational Volleyball

Co-Ed recreational program designed for intramural play.

Ages: 18 & up  
Day: Tuesdays  
Time: 7:00-8:00pm  
Fee: 10 punches \$34.00  
8 punches \$30.00  
6 punches \$26.00



Session I September 6th – November 8th  
Session II November 15th – January 24th  
Session III January 31st – March 20th

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

# ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

## Thank You to all who participated in the 35th Annual Golf Outing!



On Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Joseph High School's Alumni Association sponsored the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Once again, the stage was set at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club in West Chicago. At 9:00 am on Friday morning we were faced with a very precarious setting. A huge storm was coming through and the event was in jeopardy. As predicted,

the storm passed and the golf event started only a few minutes late. Our first Friday outing overcame the weather as we welcomed 130 Charger alums and friends for an outstanding day of golf, food, drink and camaraderie.

*We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to our Sponsors, Donors, and Golfers for such a memorable and successful event! We could not have done it without your support.*

With your help and generosity we were able to raise nearly \$9,000 to support the young men and women of St. Joseph High School.

*A special thank you to the Alumni Association President, Tom Hayes '76, and the entire Golf Committee for their tireless efforts in developing and executing such a memorable event!*

**Golf Committee** - Pat Burke '87, John Christopher '83, Pat Conley '71, Jim Conley '74, Ron Czajka '66, Mike Gamauf '88, Tom Hayes '76, Randy Hribal '86, Mark Kelly '84, Kevin O'Rourke '82, Ken Rank '64, Joe Tortorich '99



**SAVE THE DATE for Next Year...**

## SJ Alumni Spotlight: Unplugged and Reborn

Antonio Grigorio '09 and Andres Davila '09



It all began with a group of St. Joseph High School students who would get together to play music. They simply played for fun. Eventually St. Joseph graduates Antonio Grigorio '09 and Andres Davila '09 captured some serious momentum and created the band Unplugged and Reborn. With Antonio on the drums, Andres on the electric guitar and keyboards and a friend, Christina Hernandez, on bass guitar, Unplugged and

Reborn released its album, *Promise Me This Day*. Unplugged and Reborn's music includes a blend of electro-dance, pop synths and indie-rock driven melodies. The band calls their music "indietronic."

Unplugged and Reborn's recently released, full-length album, *Promise Me This Day*, was recorded at Engine Studios in Chicago with the help of local producer Brad McGrath. It is at this recording studio that popular bands like Iron & Wine, Atreyu and Modest Mouse have recorded their music. *Promise Me This Day*, released July 10<sup>th</sup>, is already getting radio airplay on multiple stations in Chicago and has received praise on many online music sites, as well. Behind the scenes, the band members are self-promoting their album with interviews both on the radio and Internet.

Andres finds it hard to believe that they have accomplished so much and have met so many amazing people at such a young age. He said, "We've come a long way from the musicians we once were, but when you find yourself having a strong passion for something that you truly enjoy doing, in the end, you realize that all the hard work and sacrifice pays off ten-fold; and that the present will someday become those memories you will look back on, and hold close to your heart forever."

You can find the full-length album on iTunes, or you can go to the bands website, [www.unpluggedandreborn.com](http://www.unpluggedandreborn.com).

**fundinco.org**

## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING!

Looking for the best back to school gear? Help us Fundraise while you shop at Amazon.com this year!

**Did you know...** that Amazon.com offers your students everything they need to be prepared for the upcoming school year?

**Buy your school supplies, backpack, and back to school clothes at Amazon.com** at great prices and have them shipped directly to your door. For every dollar spent at Amazon.com, **St. Joseph High School** receives a commission using The **Fundinco** Solution! Work with us to reach our goals today!

The following link will take you directly to our Fundinco.org homepage where you can start shopping: [www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=5](http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=5)

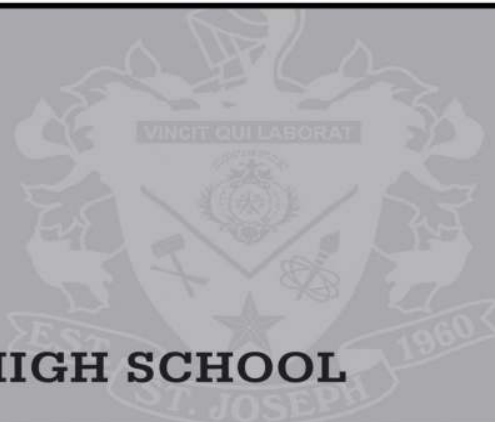


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www.stjoeshs.org



**OPEN HOUSES**

Sunday, October 23  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**SHADOW DAYS**

Schedule a Shadow Day for any Friday during the school year!

**ENTRANCE EXAM**

Saturday, January 14, 2012  
8:00 a.m.



**St. Joseph High School**

10900 West Cermak Road,  
Westchester, IL 60154

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- SAVE THE DATE -

*Saturday, October 1*

**HOMECOMING GAME!**

St. Joseph vs. Leo

11:00 am JV Game • 1:30 pm Varsity Game



Alumni Tent Event Starting @ 11:00 am! Join us for some fun as we cheer on our Chargers!



## The Disaster that Struck the Nation

by Courtney Urzen

10-20-2010, Divine Providence

### The Airplane

Hi, my name is Victoria and I was a victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack. I was on American Airlines flight 11 to Los Angeles. I remember that day like it was yesterday. I was going to meet my family for my sister's wedding in LA and I bought plane tickets on American Airlines for September 11<sup>th</sup>. The day before, I went over my checklist to make sure I had everything for my exciting trip. I felt sick that morning and almost called my sister to tell her that I couldn't go, but I forced myself to get to the airport. I knew I would never be able to forgive myself if I missed her wedding. In hindsight, I know now that it was God trying to tell me not to go. All went normal at the airport. I was one of the first to board the plane because I was in first class. I was sitting next to a man who said his name was Mohamed Atta. He excused himself to go to the bathroom quite a bit. The rest was all a blur. With punches being thrown, blood flying everywhere, and flight attendants calling for help I knew something was wrong. We were all instructed to stay in our seats and remain calm. I used the onboard telephone to call my parents and tell them what was going on. No one on the flight knew what was going to happen next, but we all knew it was terrible. My parents told me "Do whatever they tell you to. They probably just want to get to another country or receive money" "Alright mom and dad, I'll do that. I am just very scared for my life and I wanted to say goodbye just in case." I said. "Don't talk like that honey, soon you will be safe and sound on the ground. You sure will have a story to tell us at the wedding." Said my mom. I hoped that my mom was right, but I felt the panic of my fellow passengers rising. Everyone was either on their phones with loved ones, or calling 911 to get help. My seat mate was now in the cockpit, and we were told he was flying the plane. Maybe my mom was right, and we would be landing safely soon. You always hear that your life flashes before you, but I don't remember that part. I remember being frustrated because I couldn't help, and terrified that if I tried to help, I would die. I also remember seeing a bright light when our plane hit the World Trade Center. Some say it was the explosion, but I know in my heart it was God welcoming me home.

### The Towers

Hi, my name is Justin. I was a victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack. I worked in the North tower, the one that was hit

first, on the eighty-fifth floor. The ironic part of my story is that I was supposed to be off that day. My family and I were a little low on money so I tried to pick up more hours so we would have some extra money for Christmas. I was very unsuccessful until about two days before the attack when one of my friends called me and asked if I would help him out and work for him. I said "Sure, that works for me, and I would be happy to help you out." He said he knew it was short notice, but he was sick. I said I would take his shift. On September 10<sup>th</sup> I had this bad feeling in the pit of my stomach for no apparent reason. I was thinking about not going to work but, like I said, I needed the money. The next morning the feeling got worse but I just ignored it. Everything happened like a normal morning. I got my coffee, drove to work, and signed in. The work day was as ordinary as they come. Then there was a massive explosion. My only thought was to get out of there. The fire was engulfing the whole room and there was no way to get to the stairs. People were in a panic, and the loud speaker told us that everything was under control and not to leave the building. I saw some of my coworkers jumping out of the window and I thought that they were smart. Surely a sudden death would be much less painful than burning to death. I knew that I was going to die either way so why not make it quick? Before I jumped out the window, I made one last attempt at finding an open staircase. Smoke and flames were everywhere. Reluctantly, I jumped out the window and faced the fact that I would never see my wife or children again. The way down was terrifying, yet peaceful. I remembered the day I married my wife, and the day my twins were born. I pray that they remember me and they are taken care of. I'll love them always.

### The Facts:

Even though nine years have passed since that tragic day, there are some statistics that will forever remain a part of our history forever. Two thousand, eight hundred and nineteen lives were lost that day. Three hundred and forty three firefighters and paramedics were killed. One hundred and fifteen nations lost citizens in the attack. Over three thousand children lost a parent, and one thousand six hundred people lost their spouses. Ninety-eight fire trucks were destroyed, and the site continued to burn for ninety nine days after the attack. For the families of the "disaster" the pain will live in their hearts forever.

# NIXLE

**Keep informed! Never be the last to know!**

The Village of Westchester would like you to join our Nixle Notification system. Nixle is designed for the Village of Westchester to communicate information to residents through email and text message. Types of information shared through Nixle include Community Alerts, Advisories, and Messages.

To join the Nixle system follow these instructions:

1. Simply go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).
2. Click on "Sign Up Now!"
3. Enter your email address, create a password, and provide your name and mobile telephone number for text message updates.
4. Read and Accept the Terms of Service



Nixle will send you a text or email and you will need to return the text confirming your account



Seniors:  
**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH!**

Six-Week Session  
Wednesdays: September 14-October 19  
2:00-4:30PM  
2940 McCormick, British Home Campus, Brookfield

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Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

## DESK

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and accepted to the UIC CAPSTONE PROJECT. The graduate students will perform a comprehensive review of the village policy manual, which was originally authored in 2006 and is overdue for a review.

The graduate students will be charged with bringing our policies up to current standards. When completed, the manual will be reviewed by our legal counsel and Village Administration before the Board review and adoption. Thank you Janis for passing on this opportunity to the Village.

## LIQUOR COMMISSION HEARINGS

On August 4th, 2011 I, as the Village Liquor Commissioner, convened several public hearings for violations of our liquor laws. The violations were for sales of liquor to minors in conjunction with our Police Department undercover sting operation. Some establishments had employees sell/serve alcoholic beverages to an under aged minor. On December 2010 employees of the following establishments were cited: Giordano's, Circle K (Shell Service Station), Rocky's Pizza, Westchester Inn, Signature Sports Grill, and JD'S Convenience store. All of the employees charged appeared at the Maybrook Court and had their case heard by the Presiding Judge. The hearings I held were for the license holders. Representatives of Giordano's, Circle K, Rocky's, and Westchester Inn appeared before me and were subsequently fined \$1000.00 dollars, since this was their first offense. Each apologized for violating the law and were allowed to explain what procedures they have initiated to prevent this from happening again. Signature Grill's business and Liquor License was not renewed for 2011.

On June 1st 2011 a similar sting resulted in charges against the employees of the Bistro After Dark, JD's Convenience and A to Z liquors. Again charges were submitted to Maybrook Court for the employees who sold/served. The license holder of the Bistro was fined \$1000.00 since this was the first offense. Cases for JD'S and A to Z were continued until August 31st at 2:30PM.

Westchester has 15 Liquor License Holders. I would like to applaud the following establishments who did not sell/serve to our under aged minor on both occasions. Jewel-Osco, Dominick's Foods, BP Amoco at 825 Mannheim and 11201 Cermak, Village Wine and Spirit at 1925 Mannheim, the Citgo station at 1950 Mannheim, and Christopher's Speak Easy at 1929 Mannheim Rd. Keep up the good work!

As Liquor Commissioner I want to give notice to all of our liquor license holders that the Police Department will be doing additional stings as well as asking for

verification that their employees have attended and have "Bassett" training. Late last year the Village Board passed an Ordinance that required any person holding a liquor license, manager, or any person selling/ serving/or handling alcoholic liquor to have attended Bassett training within 60 day of their employment. The certificates need to be available upon request. Bassett training can be done on line or by contacting the Illinois State Liquor Commission web site for a list of vendors that do the training. Bassett training is a class designed to educate persons handling liquor products to the effects of patrons who may be under

## SENIOR HEALTH QUEST FAIRE

On Wednesday September 21st the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) in conjunction with Proviso Township Senior Services and the Village of Westchester will be hosting a Senior Health Quest Faire. The Village was able to secure a site in the 31st and Wolf Road plaza to hold medical screening for seniors. CAB committee member Mirika Sentongo initiated the concept several months ago, and she and the rest of her CAB members have been working hard to make it a reality. The event will be held at the old "Curves" suite at 3061 Wolf Road which is just north of The Westchester Inn (which has great Breaded Pork Tenderloin) from 10am until 2pm. Refreshments will be served. See additional information inside the newsletter.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

On Monday September 26th, Congressman Danny Davis will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Village Hall. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Congressman Davis represents a good portion of Westchester and has been a friend of Westchester in Washington D.C. At last year's meeting Congressman Davis took many a question from our residents. Please plan on attending. Refreshments will be served.

## METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT (MWRD) NEWS

On Thursday August 11th I appeared before the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board at their regularly scheduled meeting to lend support to the awarding of the preliminary engineering contracts to make the Addison Creek mitigation plan a reality. Christopher Burke Engineering was awarded the contract to do the reservoir preliminary engineering and Hey and Associates Engineering was awarded the contract to do the preliminary engineering for channel improvements. The Board Room was filled to capacity with persons from the western suburbs, including a large contingency from the Town of Cicero, asking for assistance from the MWRD

## People you should know.....

On August 12, 2011, over a dozen veterans from the Chicagoland area were honored for their military service at the McCook Athletic Exposition Center. The Silver Star Service Banner awards were presented by Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski to veterans of wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, and Vietnam. Mr. Thomas J. Higgins of Westchester was presented with a Silver Star Service Banner for his service in the Army during the Vietnam War. The Village of Westchester would like to congratulate Mr. Higgins and thank him for his service.



Public Works employee Steve Crowley and President Pulia discuss the details of the Public Works grinding project.



Public Works' employees Mike Otters and Ubaldo Rodriguez manning the grinding machine.

to control flooding. MWRD President O'Brien and his Board of Commissioners expressed their commitment to do whatever the District can to help all areas of the county. I am very pleased that the Board approved this first step in addressing the Addison Creek flooding issue.

While at the MWRD meeting I was able to speak with Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos and thank her for her "Friends of the Water" Newsletter. Please log onto web site [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org) to read some very informative water related topics.

## RECYCLING EVENT

On Saturday August 13th the Village of Westchester held its monthly Electronic Waste Recycling event. Also we held our first Latex and Oil Based Paint recycling event. This is the third consecutive month that we have completely filled the marine container with electronics. In fact we had to solicit the help of the fire department to assist us with putting all the large TV sets into the box which we barely had enough space to close the door. Thank you to your participation and not placing those items in our landfills.

The paint recycling went equally as well with the collection of Latex and oil based paint. We collected over 700 cans throughout the morning. Additional hazardous waste products were dropped off and were to be taken to an IEPA site. I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers who worked continuously all morning and into the afternoon (even through the thunderstorm) to organize the dropped off items. The paint Recycling was a special event and will not be accepted until another special drop off event is scheduled.

Please watch the Newsletter for more information once it has been schedule. Please do not bring any additional paint products at this time, since they are no longer being accepted.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

I am in receipt of many a call and email concerning the change in the appearance of privately owned property in our town. Being a lifelong resident and former employee I share the same observation. It appears at times that there are properties that could use some elbow grease or sweat equity to spruce up their appearance. These minor improvements sure would go a long way in putting a better look on the town. I am asking for all of us to spend a little extra time trimming bushes and cutting grass in a timely manner. If your neighbor is unable to perform these tasks and you are able, please take some time to offer your assistance. In the long run we all benefit. Property values rise when everything looks nice and neat. To those who have kept up their properties thank you for doing your part to keep Westchester Beautiful. Remember this is our town and we want to keep it looking great.

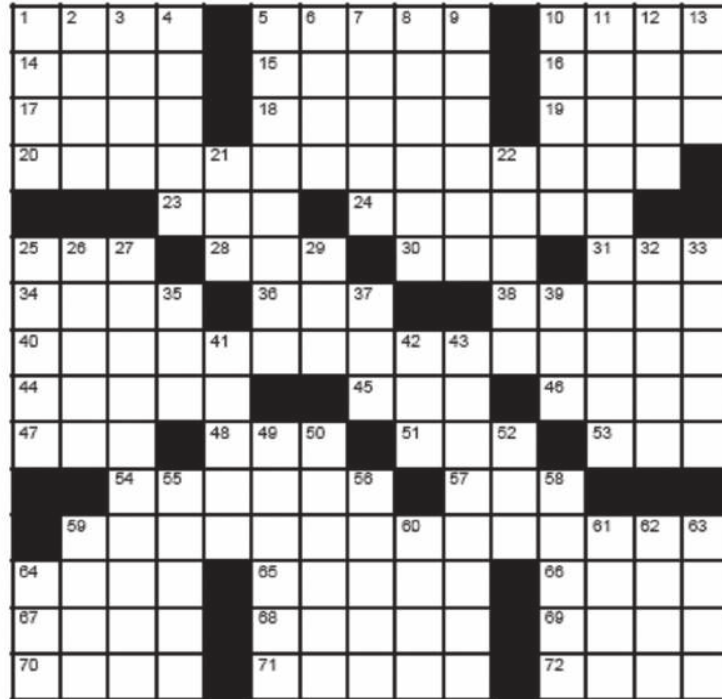
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## Teacher's Pet by Dave Fisher & J. Pouliot ©puzzles.about.com

**Across**

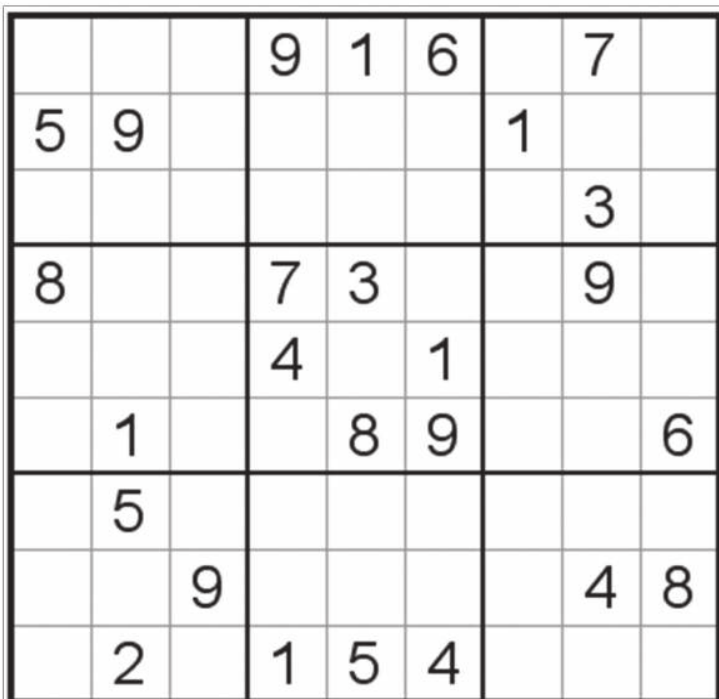
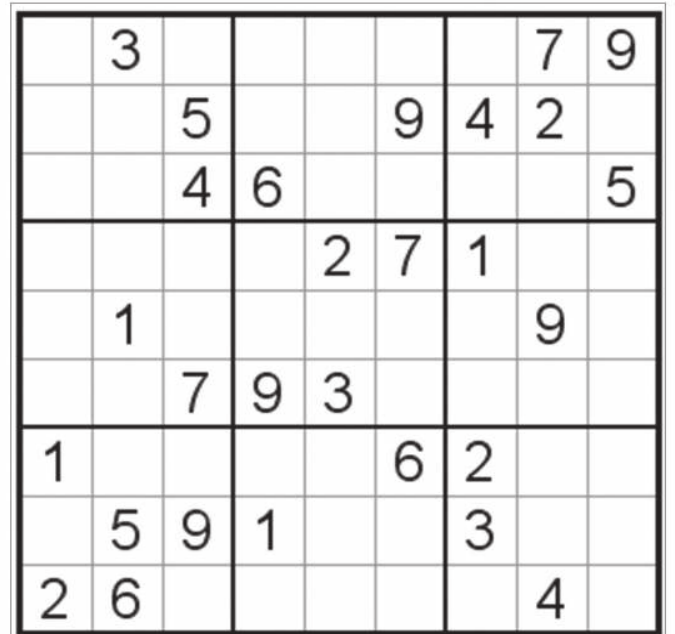
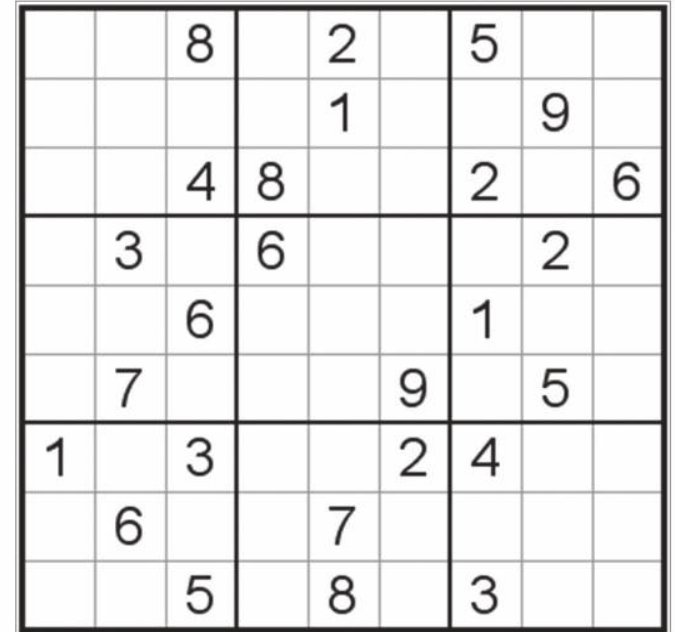
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- 5. Late actor Davis
- 10. Police squad
- 14. Ratio words
- 15. The cost of thoughts, maybe
- 16. Pop
- 17. Donated
- 18. Emit
- 19. Plays a child's game
- 20. Teacher's pet, perhaps
- 23. Mme., in Madrid
- 24. Sailor's sickness
- 25. Mas' mates
- 28. Country's output: Abbr.
- 30. Biblical judge
- 31. Fancy neckwear
- 34. Rapsallions
- 36. Drunk at the wheel: Abbr.
- 38. Taters
- 40. Teacher's pet, perhaps



- 44. Former Portuguese colony in China
- 45. Stale
- 46. \_\_ Vista
- 47. "Six Million Dollar Man" org.
- 48. Marijuana's active ingredient: Abbr.
- 51. \_\_F
- 53. \_\_ Kippur
- 54. Sailor's affirmative
- 57. Part of ESL: Abbr.
- 59. Teacher's pet, perhaps
- 64. Farm cart
- 65. Pancakes served with sour cream
- 66. Describing Letterman's show
- 67. Richie's mom, to Fonzie
- 68. "This Old House" subject matter: Abbr.
- 69. From scratch
- 70. Feeble-minded
- 71. Laborare est \_\_ (To work is to pray)
- 72. Recipe amts.

**Down**

- 1. Lofty
- 2. "NYPD Blue" actor Morales
- 3. Off-road transport
- 4. Rhymers
- 5. Modus \_\_
- 6. Hot
- 7. Ignores
- 8. Make happen
- 9. Worth looking at
- 10. Russian beet soup
- 11. Sam the Sham's 60's hit
- 12. Pet food brand
- 13. Thanks on the Thames
- 21. com alternative
- 22. Bichon-\_\_
- 25. \_\_ Beach: California resort
- 26. Oscar org.
- 27. Expert
- 29. "The lowest form of wit"
- 32. \_\_ A Nightingale (Keats)
- 33. Tea state in NE India
- 35. Patty Hearst kidnap grp.
- 37. Should I Stay Or Should \_\_ (Clash title)
- 39. Sch. grp.
- 41. Stringed instruments
- 42. Sandwich order
- 43. How to get a word in, maybe
- 49. Toy company
- 50. Biker
- 52. B&B, e.g.
- 55. Butler or Derringer
- 56. Ivanova of "America's Next Top Model"
- 58. Another way to say F-sharp
- 59. Pricey in Pamplona
- 60. \_\_ about (roughly)
- 61. Fleming and McKellen
- 62. Watch your \_\_!
- 63. Takes an axe to
- 64. What they didn't find in Iraq: Abbr.



### Back to School Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with getting an education.

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- ALGEBRA
- ALPHABET
- ART
- BLACKBOARD
- CHALK
- CLASSES
- CRAYONS
- ENGLISH
- ERASER
- EXAMS
- FRENCH
- GEOGRAPHY
- GRAMMAR
- GYM
- HISTORY
- MATH
- NOTEBOOK
- PAPER
- PENCIL
- QUIZZES
- READING
- SCHOOLBAG
- SCIENCE
- SCISSORS
- STUDENT
- SPANISH
- TEACHER
- TUTOR
- WRITING



## Congressman Danny K. Davis 7th District of Illinois

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2011  
Westchester Village Hall  
10300 Roosevelt Road  
Board Room—7:00 p.m.  
For more information call: 708/345-6857

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#### AGENDA

- ◆ Federal Budget
- ◆ Jobs and the Economy
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Any other Resident Concerns

Congressman Davis invites all interested constituents to discuss these vital issues.

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### Puzzle Solutions

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## Westchester Public Schools District 92½ Fourth of July Parade Participation

Many retired teachers and staff could do something to get more retired members from Westchester teachers to be in it. I said, sure," Lasky Elementary District 92½ said. marched in this years' Fourth of July Parade in Westchester, commemorating the past, present and future of education in the village.



Former teachers Sue Groves, Julie Weiskircher, Matt and Kenlyn Gerald

The staff walked and rode in the air-conditioned trolley and bus. Following the parade, retired and current staff met with former students and families underneath a canopy at the Westchester Park District at Bond and Westchester Blvd. Also marching were many staff members and Board of Education members with a large group of the current teaching staff.

According to School Board President Claire Thompson, the parade connected the past, present and future of education in Westchester because the retired staff, current staff, and Westchester's future (its students) were there as well.



Former teachers Margo Heald and Rosemarie Sawoski

Parade participants included:  
Mrs. Beilner, Mrs. Bergman, Ms. Caruso, Ms. Eichenhold, Mr. Furco, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald, Mrs. Groves, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Heald, Dr. & Mrs. Honel, Ms. Krabec, Mrs. Lasky, Mr. Lem, Ms. McGinley, Ms. Niebuhr, Mrs. Principe, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Sawoski, Mrs. Schulz, Mrs. Shore, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Weiskircher, Mrs. Yavorski, Mrs. Zdun.

School Board member Rebecca Lasky organized the exciting event. "I ran into three former teachers along the route when I marched last year and they asked if we



## Village of Westchester Flu Shot Program

### 2011 Flu & Pneumonia Shots by Dominick's Pharmacy

Wednesday, September 14th  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Westchester Village Hall -Community Room

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**Pneumonia Shots: \$50.00**

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Dominick's will bill Medicare Part B participants for Flu and pneumonia

## Westchester Blood Program

On July 16, at Divine Providence School, with temperatures hovering around 90 degrees, more than 130 generous blood donors left the coolness of their homes to help patients in area hospitals.

Along with LifeSource Blood Services, our own Westchester Blood Program conducted one of its most successful mid-summer drives in its 37 years. In fact, it was observing its 37th birthday with a drive that collected 131 units (pints) for hospitals suffering through the annual summertime shortage of the life-giving fluid. The WBP has not collected so many units at a mid-summer drive since July 1999. Those 131 units are more than enough to serve the needs of 400 patients. They also raised to 410 the number of units garnered during the WBP's first four drives this year en route to its annual goal of 500; it now has collected 23,016 units since its founding in June 1974.



**Upcoming Drive**  
**Saturday, Oct. 15th**  
**8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**at the Community Center,**  
**Bond and Westchester Blvd.**

## **E-Waste Recycling Program**

Saturday, September 10th,  
9 AM - Noon



*The Village of Westchester wants to become a leader in electronics recycling, but we need your help!*

### Bring these Items:

monitors /laptops	PDA/cell phones	Peripherals: mice
TVs/VCRs	MP3/iPod	keyboards
printer/scanners	video game	computer parts
computers	consoles	DVD/ Stereos

### Items NOT Accepted

Typewriters, Hair Dryers, Toaster Ovens, Curling Irons  
UPS Batteries, Copiers, Electronic Tools



## National Public Land Day & Pump Up The Prairie #5



**Saturday, September 24:**  
**9:00AM- Noon**

The Salt Creek Greenway Association is holding National Public Lands Day and Pump Up the Prairie #5 at Wolf Road Prairie. Volunteers will meet on 31st Street west of Wolf Road to collect seed and cut invasive brush. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors along with sturdy work gloves and be prepared to get a little dirty.

To register for this event please contact Valerie Spale [stpsspale@aol.com](mailto:stpsspale@aol.com) or Jack Pizzo [jack@pizzo.info](mailto:jack@pizzo.info).

For more information please call the Salt Creek Greenway Association at (708) 866-8736 or visit [www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org](http://www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org).

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SUPERVISOR MIKE CORRIGAN ANNOUNCE  
YOUR PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DEADLINE:  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The Cook County Assessor recently mailed notices to homeowners across Westchester indicating the "New" assessment on our home values. Although most have seen their home values decrease since the last assessment, with the economy the way it is, property taxes seem to continually increase.

You may be able to minimize any increases in property taxes by filing an appeal; no matter how much your assessment decreased, you may reduce your property taxes even more. Filing an appeal cannot hurt you, it can only help you, and **the appeal is a free process.**

**Appeal your property taxes at the Township Assessor's Office at  
4565 Harrison Street, 2nd Floor in Hillside (across from CARMAX).**

Misplaced your reassessment notice? No problem. You do not need any documentation to appeal your taxes. Just stop in the Township Assessor's Office for assistance.

**SENIORS:** If you require transportation to the office to file an appeal, please call 708-449-4307 to register for a ride from our Senior Transportation Department. They will transport you from your home to the Township and back, again **at no charge to you.**

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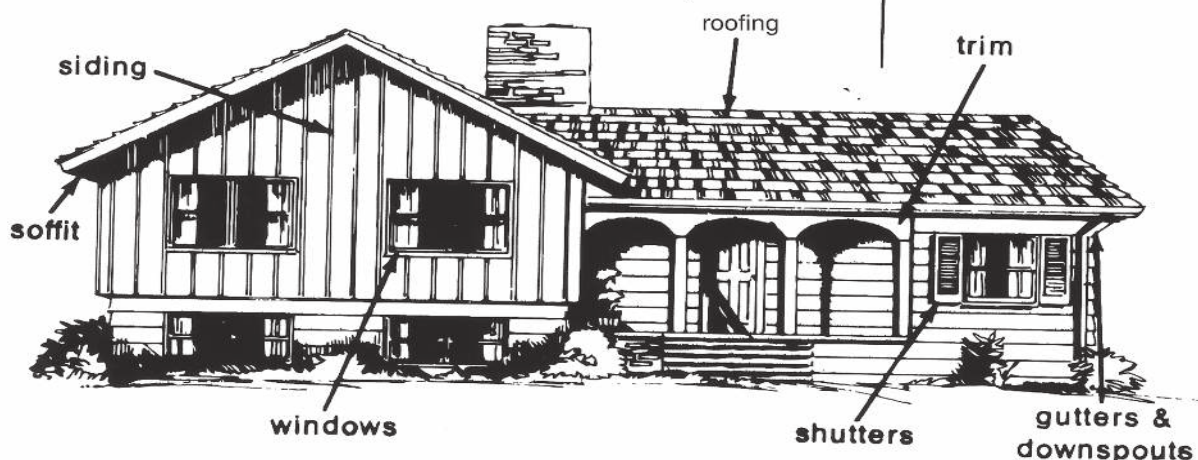


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## Important Watering Ban

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



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

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

### 2011 Water Tower Painting

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

### DCEO Interior Lighting Grant

The federal government has put in place stricter requirements on light bulbs starting in 2012. As a result of these stricter standards, it will be difficult to find replacement bulbs for the traditional larger size fluorescent tube fixtures. The Village Hall and Fire Stations have numerous old fixtures that need to be replaced. The Village has received a grant as part of the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program to replace all of our outdated fixtures. The new fixtures and bulbs use significantly less energy for the same light output. The bulbs also last much longer, reducing the need to change bulbs often. The ballasts are electronic, which require less energy and are practically silent. This retrofit is being completed in-house with existing personnel. The Village will save money immediately and will reduce our carbon footprint in the long term.



### 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 about this program.

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.

### Public Works Branch Pick-Up Information

September 12-16, October 3-7 and last pickup for year November 7-11

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

#### Monday

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

#### 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.

#### Tuesday

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

#### Thursday

From Bellevue west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

For a map of branch pick up schedule log on: [www.westchester-il.org](http://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 no more than 4Ft. In length. These are picked up every week, on your regular garbage day.



Public Works has been paving streets throughout the village. They have completed one week of grinding (removal of old asphalt) and are presently in the paving stages. Public Works plans on laying down 1,100 tons of asphalt by the end of this project. Please keep in mind, Public Works has many crews on the street who will be painting curbs, filling potholes, hotpatching streets and grading alleys. Please slow down and give them a brake.

### GIS (Geographic Information Systems)/Mapping

The Village recently initiated a Geographic Information System (GIS) program. GIS is important to municipalities like Westchester because it allows collected data to be analyzed and entered into a computer-generated map which is easy to read and comprehend. Also, when examining GIS maps, layers of data can be turned on and off in order to view specific information. Some uses for GIS in a municipal environment include land use planning, permit tracking, road/utility maintenance, crime analysis, emergency dispatching/response times, and marketing for local businesses.

With GIS technology available to the Village of Westchester, the village will also be able to make better decisions by using stored geographic data. By utilizing stored data and generating maps, the village can analyze patterns, relationships, and trends that will ultimately lead to better decision making.

The GIS program has been working on numerous projects including road condition survey and analysis; street light data collection, as well as street light control box boundaries; and mapping and marking of the 2011 sidewalk program. In addition, data collection of trees, street signs, street lights, fire hydrants, and road conditions has been digitally entered into the Village of Westchester's GIS program for future updating and data maintenance.

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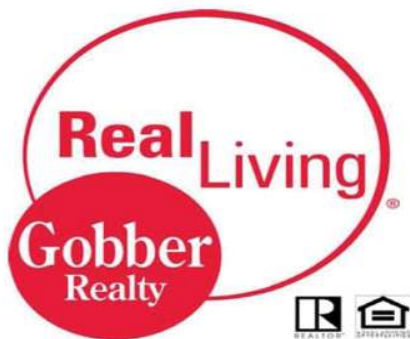
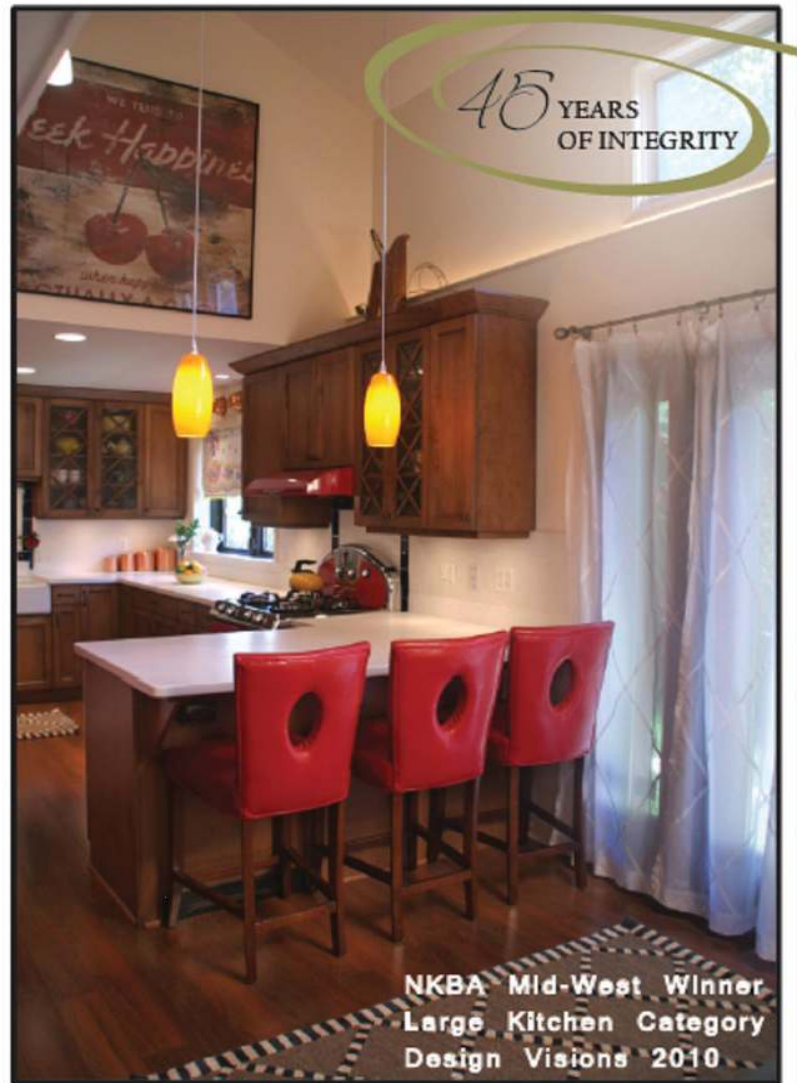
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