



# Village of Westchester

April 2012 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of The President



Public Works employee Vince Smith pictured above with his son Ty, who is preparing to follow in his dad's footsteps.

### Dear Westchester Residents,

I along with members of the Village Board, as well as Village Administration would like to "THANK YOU" for your overwhelming support and your "Yes" vote for our two referendum questions presented on the March 20th. Ballot. I was actually working on this edition of the newsletter when Village Manager Janet Matthis called me on election night with early results indicating that both items had passed by an overwhelming margin. I certainly had quite a bit of sleepless nights wondering if these measures would pass. I, along with all your elected officials live in Westchester and certainly do not like any sentence with the word "Tax" in it. However, the monies derived from this initiative will be dedicated to the multiple infrastructure repair

projects that we have wanted to begin, but did not have the funding to proceed.

When I made the decision to run for office three years ago our primary platform items included fixing as many streets and sewers as possible, and reducing the flooding my family any yours have had to endure over the past few years. This new revenue stream, generated by the passing of the Sales Tax Referendum, will certainly help push these bold initiatives forward. I thank you for the confidence you have in me, your Village Trustees, and Village Administration. We will continue our pledge to "Not Let You Down."

With respect the Electricity Referendum,

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**Vehicle:** Emergency One  
**Type:** Aerial Ladder/Pumper  
**Year:** 1999

**Pump:** Hale 2000 GPM  
**Tank:** 500 Gallons Water  
**Ladders:** 100' Fixed Aerial Ladder, Assorted Ground Ladders

**Equipment:**

- Monitoring Meters
- Hydraulic Extrication Spreaders, Cutters, Rams
- Cribbing
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Air Bottles
- High-Rise Fire Fighting Equipment
- Ventilation Fans
- Lighting Equipment
- Rapid Intervention Team Equipment (Firefighter Rescue)
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Salvage Tarps and Equipment
- Acetylene Torch
- Hazardous Material Equipment
- Assorted Fire Nozzles
- Water Appliances
- Master Stream Device
- Axes, Assorted Hand Tools
- Battering Ram
- Medical Equipment
- Power Saws
- Assorted Cutting Blades
- Fire Extinguishers
- Rescue Rope

**Hose:**

- 1350' 5" Hose
- 400' 1 3/4" Hose
- 100' 2" Hose

**How long will my smoke alarm last?**



Remember check your smoke detectors monthly and as a reminder you should have changed your batteries when you change your clocks for daylight savings to ensure proper operation. Most alarms installed today have a life span of about 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase with a marker on the inside of your alarm so you will know when to replace it. **Always** follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement.

**JULIE Call before you dig**

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because today, more electric, gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid personal injury and damage to those lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

**When do I call Julie?**

Anyone planning an outdoor project that requires any type of digging in Illinois, regardless of depth or project size, should call JULIE before they start digging. Projects such as these are examples of when to call JULIE.

**Decks, Patios, Landscaping, Fences, Swingsets, Mailboxes any project that may require digging.**

**The call is free and so are the services.** Simply call 811 or 1-800-892-0123. Call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Process Request On-Line <http://www.illinois1call.com/index.htm>



**Helmet Safety**

As a reminder with warm weather upon us more children will be bicycling, in-line skating, and participating in many activities where head injuries would be eliminated or lessened if an approved safety helmet was worn. Helmet use has been estimated to reduce head injury risk by 85%, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Require children (and adults) to wear a helmet every time they ride a bike, scooter, skateboard or in-line skate.



**Westchester Open Burning**

The Westchester Fire Department follows the International Fire Code regarding open burning within the Village limits. Below is the code that will be enforced. Any questions contact the Westchester Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau. 708-345-0433

**2006 International Fire Code  
 Section 307  
 Open Burning and Recreational Fires**

**307.4.2 Recreational fires.** Recreational Fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which would cause a fire spread within 25 feet (7620mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**307.5 Attendance.** Open burning: bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

# Tips for preventing residential burglary

If you leave your home during the day for work, school, errands etc, please utilize an alarm system (if you have one) and **LOCK YOUR DOORS!** Even having fake alarm signs and decals can reduce the odds of a break in by as much as 50%!

Make sure you **LOCK YOUR DOORS** and shut and **LOCK YOUR WINDOWS** when you leave, even if only for a few minutes. **LOCK THE DOOR** between the house and attached garage.

Pet dogs are a good deterrent to have in your residence. If you don't own a dog, you can post a "Beware of Dog" sign to help deter a burglar.

Leave a TV or radio on. Get timers for lights and appliances to play at night like a radio or TV.

Keep shrubs and plants cut down so possible points of entry such as (basement) windows are not hidden and won't help conceal thieves breaking in.

If you go away on vacation, have

a neighbor you trust watch (and check) your home. Have them take in any mail or newspapers and park a car in your driveway.

Don't advertise that you are going away on social media sites such as Facebook, even if just for a quick trip out.

Call police immediately to report any suspicious (unfamiliar) people or vehicles in your neighborhoods.

Utilize the Westchester Police Department's Vacation Watch

program by contacting (708) 345-0060. Please have emergency contact information available.

A strong Neighborhood Watch program can assist in preventing burglaries. If you know of anyone in your neighborhood who is not on the Watch, especially retirees or parents who work from home, please encourage them to join the Watch by contacting Officer Verber at (708) 345-0060 (ext. 440) or e-mail him at: [rverber@westchesterpolice.com](mailto:rverber@westchesterpolice.com)

## Police Blotter

1. At 1:24pm on February 24, an **attempted residential burglary** was reported on the 1400 block of Waverly. The resident reported hearing a window break while upstairs. The resident discovered an unknown person had broken out a basement window. Nothing appeared to be missing.

2. At 1:52pm on February 24, a resident reported **suspicious circumstances** on the 1800 block of Balmoral. The resident advised that a white male in his 30's wearing gray pants and a tan sweatshirt knocked at that back door and advised he was a contractor. The subject asked questions in an attempt to get the resident to exit the house. The subject left in a white SUV when the resident refused.

3. At 3:21 pm on February 24, a resident reported **suspicious circumstances** on the 1900 block of Downing. The resident reported that a male white, 5 foot 8 inches tall with a slim build knocked at the door. The subject was let into the house to discuss tree trimming and exited immediately after the residents son entered the room. The subject was seen leaving in a silver Dodge Caravan.

4. At 12:18pm on February 26, a **burglary to motor vehicle** was reported on the 600 block of Manchester. The resident reported between 6pm the previous day and the time of the report person(s) unknown entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. Taken was an Apple iPhone and a Tom Tom GPS unit.

5. At 2:44pm on February 26, a **retail theft** was reported at the Jewel Food store located at 2128 Mannheim Road. Store employees

reported that a subject left the store without paying for 3 bottles of alcohol valued at over \$60.

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Road. Store employees reported that a subject left the store after taking Olay beauty creams from a display valued at \$554.

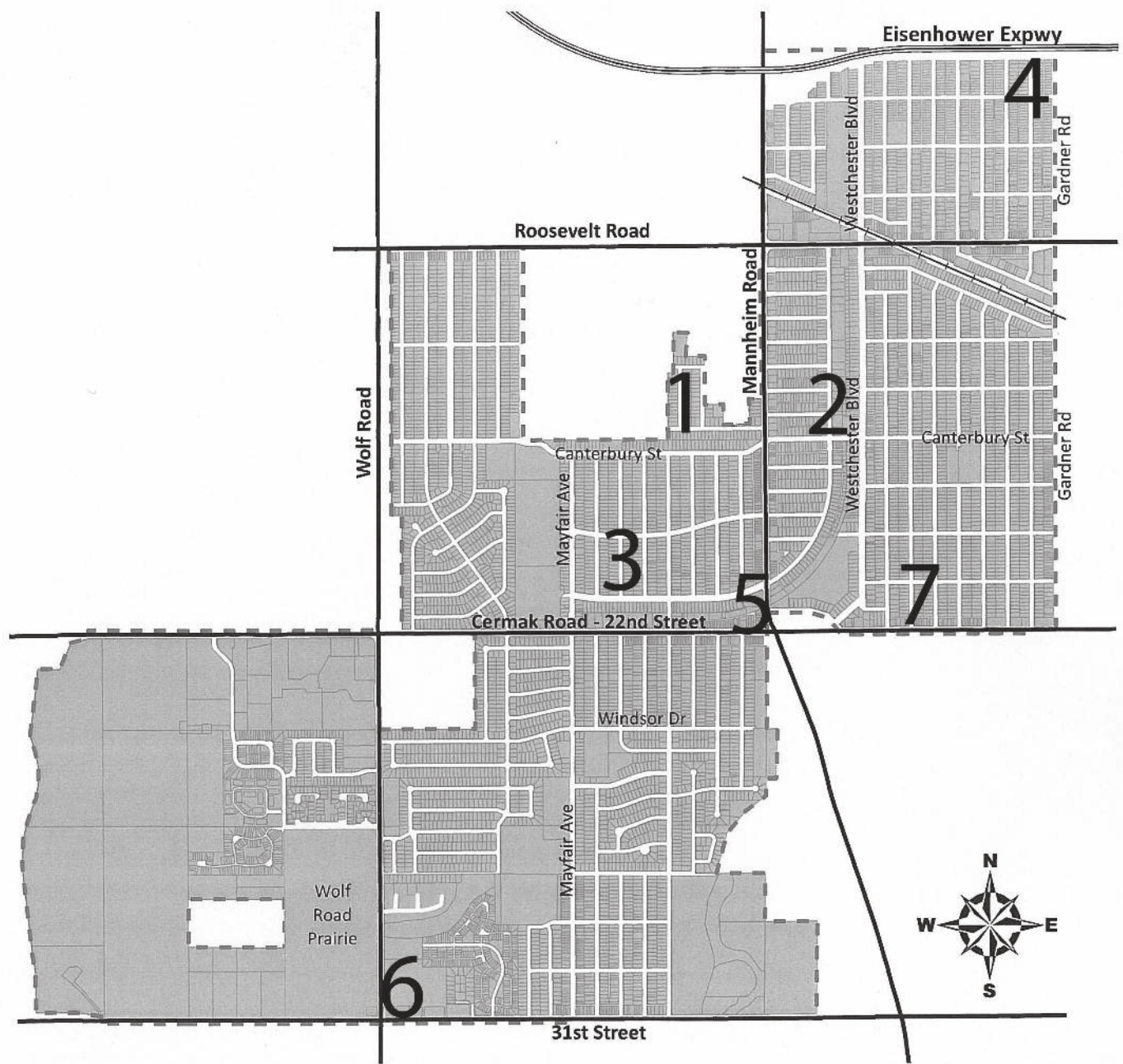
7. At 11:53am on March 1, a **burglary to motor vehicle** was

reported on the 2100 block of Newcastle. The resident reported that person(s) unknown entered a friend's vehicle that was parked on the street and took various items from the vehicle valued at approximately \$650. No forced entry was observed.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



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# PRESIDENT

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I would also like to thank you for allowing the village to negotiate on your behalf for the Municipal Aggregation supply of electric power. Based on what other communities have been able to negotiate there is saving to be had and I'm all for saving a buck, especially in this difficult economy. The great part of this initiative is that YOU will still have total control of what company you receive power from by opting out of the selected provider. The experts tell us that competition is designed to cause prices to decline and this is certainly one way to find out how true that statement is.

## RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES

I know that I'm not alone when I say I just love the warm weather we have been enjoying over the past couple weeks. Hard to believe that even before winter officially ended we were enjoying record breaking temperatures in the 80's.

As I sit here composing this article on March 20th the Bradford Pear tree in front of my house and my neighbors, as well as the Magnolia trees throughout the Village are in full bloom, and we have not even officially welcomed spring.

Spring begins one of my favorite seasons as we seem to begin a new year of vim and vigor. Joggers, bikers, and walkers have been appearing more abundantly each day. My guess is that the \$4.49 price of a gallon of gas might have something to do with this. Nonetheless, it is time for all of us to get out and moving about our beautiful village and parks, as well as the nearby Forest Preserve biking/walking paths. I've been reading a host of articles in the Sun-Times, Tribune, Suburban Life and my favorite AARP magazine about the benefits of just walking and enjoying the outside. Just remember to start slowly and the benefits will certainly be apparent over time. Enjoy!

Another benefit of this mild weather has been the impact on our sanitary and storm sewer pipes. They have remained intact and we have not experienced any new water main breaks. I guess all the finger crossing we have done, coupled with the Novena's I've been saying each day haven't hurt.

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

As the saying goes, we here in Illinois have only two seasons - Winter and Construction. With what appears to be an early exit of a mild winter, our



Westchester Seniors observing the presentations given at the Senior Citizen Breakfast hosted at St. Joseph High School on Friday, March 16, 2012

Public Works crews have launched the beginning of the "construction" season. Despite the mild winter, our crews have been extremely busy filling the many "pot holes" that surface like clockwork each year as we transition from winter to warmer weather. I suppose my optimism of an early exit to winter should be tempered a bit since as we all know that four letter word "SNOW" has been known to surprise us as late as April. Nonetheless, we have been filling as many pot holes as fast and furious as we can with "Cold Patch" and "Hot Patch" machines. Cold patching puts a band aid on our seemingly endless stretch of deteriorated streets. A good portion of the cold patch is scraped up by our plows and deposited on the parkways. The patch is then vacuumed or raked off the parkway. The Hot patching machine heats the asphalt to a certain temperature before applying it to the surface for a longer lasting repair. Currently, our Hot Patch machine is in for service, following a breakdown in March when a hole burned through the heat exchanger. Temporarily we have returned to the cold patch method until the return of the Hot Patch machine from the factory in Michigan. We hope to have the machine back in operation by mid to late April.

We are patiently waiting for the asphalt plans to open up as well as the arrival of our recently board approved "Paving Box." Crews are very anxious to get going with grinding down and re-laying tons of asphalt on streets in every area of the village.

I have learned that there is a BIG difference between a "Pot Hole" and sections of missing roadway usually adjacent to the curb. More

often than not the missing section of asphalt extends several feet along the curb line where the base, either stone or concrete, is exposed. This is not a "Pot Hole." This repair requires the deteriorated section to be cut out in a square or rectangle, patched as a section, and then rolled with the roller for proper depth and compaction. This is exactly what our new Paving Box is designed to do. There are hundreds of sections throughout this lovely village requiring this procedure. Available finances and time constraints, and not the lack of ability of our employees to perform this task, will dictate the speed in which we will be able to repair all these sections. Please be patient as this will be a work in progress throughout the season, weather permitting.

Presently the Public Works staff consists of Supervisor John Fecarotta, Sr., 15 skilled laborers and 1 village mechanic. Watching the work they performed last September I observed 3 trucks hauling hot asphalt mix back and forth from the plant, 2 crew members spreading and raking the asphalt mix flat, 1 crew member operating the roller, and another operating the paver box itself. By my count that's a staff of 7 involved in the project. Excluding the supervisor and mechanic that leaves 8 for other duties as assigned and necessary.

Since January John Fecarotta Sr. "Fecs" has reluctantly been out due to an injury. I've seen firsthand every day, since taking on a temporary management role of Public Works, just how hard that job can be. It has been an "Interesting" learning experience and the crews continue to teach me something new about sewers, streets, plumbing, tree trimming, grading alleys, erecting more reflective

signs, street sweeping, curb and apron concrete work, replacing broken water meters, leak detection, stumping, even some mechanical and electrical issues. I want to thank them all for continually giving their all. It is much appreciated! We all wish John a speedy recovery and return.

## PARKWAY REPAIRS

Another project we have recently begun is repairing parkways throughout the Village. Some of these repairs will address the damage that was caused by the sewer and street repairs late last fall. With the unseasonably warm weather the list seems to be growing exponentially each day. The parkway repair crew will be placing black dirt, that was only recently made available, and seeding the parkways as soon as possible.

## EMERALD ASH BORER TREE

The Emerald Ash Borer bug has added an additional dimension to Public Works this year. The Green colored bug that entered the USA from China was first detected in Cook County in the Village of Wilmette in 2006. Since that time it has been feasting on Ash trees whether White Ash or Green Ash. It has no preference. This voracious bug has decimated the Ash tree population just like the Dutch Elm disease did to the Dutch Elm trees years ago.

Many communities in the Midwestern states from as far away as Ohio and as close as Fort Wayne, Indiana, have lost their community canopy since that time. Westchester has identified approximately 800 Ash trees located on public property. This is approximately 9% of our parkway tree population. There are probably twice as many privately owned Ash trees in the front and back yards of our homes. In addition to the ones that show evidence of decline, some Ash trees may already be infected, although they are not showing any evidence of decline at this time. Regardless of what evidence is currently present, one thing is for certain, based on what has occurred in neighboring states like Ohio and Indiana, the damage and infestation leading to the decline and ultimate death of these trees is exponential.

Our in-house arborist Steve Crowley and I recently attended a seminar put on by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on how to deal effectively with this voracious bug. Mayors from Wilmette and Roselle as well as the Public Works Director from Fort Wayne Indiana offered

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## WESTCHESTER VEHICLE TAGS ARE MANDATORY

Westchester vehicle stickers for 2011 will expire on April 30, 2012. By ordinance, each vehicle (including motorcycles & trucks) registered or housed in the Village is required to have a 2012 Westchester vehicle tag, correctly displayed on the lower right corner of each vehicle windshield, or on the license plate for motorcycles, by May 1, 2012 to avoid late fees and potential ticketing for non-compliance. Current stickers have been on sale since the beginning of March.

Failure to purchase the required vehicle tag is not an option. The revenue generated through the purchase of vehicle tags is an integral part of our budget and is used to provide the best police, fire, ambulance and public works services to our residents. For each thousand tags sold, the Village collects \$35,000.00 in revenue. As you can see, any reduction in these revenues caused by the failure of residents to purchase their vehicle tags, as required, would negatively impact the services that residents have come to enjoy.

## CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD *Family Walk and Health Quest*

The Citizen's Advisory Board will be hosting a Family Walk and Health Quest on Saturday May 5, 2012 at St. Joseph High School. These events will kick off at 9 am – 12 noon, with the walk starting promptly at 9:30 am. The walk will benefit JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Members of the research foundation will be at each of the schools prior to this event to teach the children about juvenile diabetes. In collaboration with the walk, this event will showcase some health and allied care providers along with family friendly activities for all to enjoy. This event will give families an opportunity to seek out the health and allied care providers needed for their back to school checkups.

Members of CAB would like to take this opportunity to thank all the schools for their active participation in this event, along with the JDRF organization for being an active partner in this event and taking the time to teach the children of the community about juvenile diabetes. We would also like to especially thank St. Joseph High School for hosting this event and being such an active partner in our community.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Survey News

The resident survey garnered almost 300 responses, including electronic submittals from the Village website. We have tabulated the results and thought you might be interested in some of what the numbers revealed. The survey information will assist us in looking at commercial development along the corridors, as well as providing our UIC planners with information on citizen views for development. Again, we thank you for taking the time to contribute your voice towards renewing Westchester.

48% of respondents have lived here over 20 years, 27%: 11-20 years, 19%: 6-10 years, 5%: 5 years or less.

The most important aspect of the Village to 40% of respondents was its low crime and safety, with the Village appearance and quality a strong second, including street upkeep, cleanliness, parks and our quality housing. Among services provided, schools concerns-both good and bad- top the list at 55% of respondents.

Mannheim and Cermak corridor lead for commercial development, and 31st and Wolf was second, with the Roosevelt corridor third.

Restaurants and stores ran the gamut of choices. Generally, the majority of respondents wanted to set Westchester with a sit-down moderately priced family restaurant like an Applebees or Chili's or the like, and with a mix of specialty stores including bakeries, hardware, boutique clothing, specialty grocers, card and hobby/craft shops.

Keep checking Village website to see the full survey results.

### Other News

Also on March 6th a public meeting was held at the Village Hall Board Room. The students from the UIC class working on the Economic Corridor Planning made presentations of their assessments of Westchester's challenges in economic growth. They are now going forward with their work to complete their plan recommendations at the end of the semester. It was a great and informative presentation and we thank everyone who attended.

## Facebook

The Westchester Public Library has joined the world of social networking with its own Facebook page! Facebook offers the Library another way to reach and interact with patrons on the Internet.

A patron with a Facebook account can become a "fan" of the Library to receive updates on events, library services, useful resources, and to post comments, suggestions and feedback.

## Teens in Focus

This spring, the Library is renewing its commitment to high school students by creating a new teen center on the north end of the Adult Department. In March, librarians ordered \$2,000 worth of new fiction and non-fiction books to launch the new teen collection.

The new materials will be shelved on the north wall, along with Cliff Notes and graphic novels. The adult periodical and audiobook collections have been relocated to other areas of the department to make room for tables and seating so high school students can gather for study near the new teen resources tailored to their

interests and academic needs.

In an exciting new venture, the Library is also going to cover costs for teen-developed content to appear in four issues of the village newsletter. Westchester high school students interested in contributing articles, media reviews, photos and other content for these issues are encouraged to leave their name and contact information with the adult reference staff or email [askus@westchesterpl.org](mailto:askus@westchesterpl.org).

Watch for details and meeting dates for this new journalism project at the Library, on our website and Facebook page, and at the high schools.

## Drawing Without Paper!

After years of handing out paper for children to color, youth librarians are trying something new. Three tables in the Youth Department have been resurfaced with Idea Paint, a new product which converts a flat surface (wall or tabletop) into a whiteboard for use with dry-erase markers.

The new table surfaces give children plenty of room for doodling or drawing pictures without the need for

paper—just dry-erase markers and an eraser. Kids can make their own drawing but this new surface also makes it easier for kids to collaborate with friends on a drawing—and cleanup can be as easy as a few swipes of the eraser. Dry-erase markers and erasers are available at the Youth Reference Desk.

## Staff Update

This May, Roberta Conrad, Head of Youth Services, is retiring after 11 years at Westchester and 40 years of service as a children's librarian. A tireless champion of reading and known for her infectious laugh, she credits Westchester's strong community support from parents and schools in helping nurture lifelong reading habits in children.

Through the years, she has fostered a warm and welcoming environment in the Youth Department by greeting children by name whenever she could and listening carefully to their requests. As a result, she gained a loyal following of children and their parents through story times, crafts, and entertaining programs.

A farewell reception for the public

is being planned so patrons can express their appreciation to "Miss Roberta." Once the date and time is confirmed, we will post notices in the Library and on our website and Facebook page!

## CD & DVD Barcodes

Please remember if you remove or tamper with the barcode stickers on CDs and DVDs you will be charged a \$5 processing fee to cover the costs of replacing the sticker and recataloging the item.

## Program Reminders:

**Documenting History With A Camera** with Chicago Tribune photojournalist Alex Garcia. **Tuesday, April 10 7:00 pm.**

**Financial Recovery** with Mary Carey of MBO Harris Bank. **Saturday, April 28 10:30 am.**

**Senior Matinees.** Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon at the movies. **Mondays at 2:00 pm:**

Apr 16 *The Bucket List*  
Apr 23 *Julie & Julia*  
Apr 30 *A Night at the Opera*  
May 7 *Calendar Girls*



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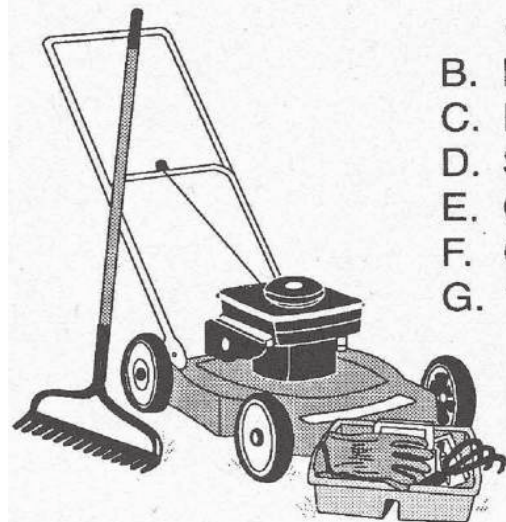


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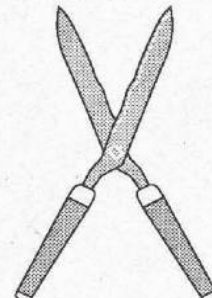
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## Westchester Resident to Walk 39.3 Miles to End Breast Cancer

*Steinhauer is set to participate in Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Chicago*



Joan Steinhauer

*"I am walking in memory of my late mother, Carolyn Billquist (of Lockport). The opportunity to change more lives is powerful and once you've experienced the Avon Walk, it's part of your life forever."*

- Joan Steinhauer



Joan Steinhauer of Westchester will join thousands of women and men in the upcoming Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Chicago, raising funds and awareness that will help defeat breast cancer and support those facing the disease. Joan will participate in the non-competitive event with her friend Julie Roper (from Lincolnshire), walking a marathon and a half (39.3 miles) over the weekend of June 2 & 3, 2012. This is Joan's third time participating in the Avon Walk, and she is training hard and raising funds in preparation for the event.

Joan, who is also the Chairman of the Westchester Blood Program, was inspired to take part in the Avon Walk Chicago because her family has been touched by breast cancer. "I am walking in memory of my late mother, Carolyn Billquist (of Lockport). The opportunity to change more lives is powerful and once you've experienced the Avon Walk, it's part of your life forever," said Joan. "It's a special memory; a reminder that hope and commitment truly can change the world. The energy is contagious and the sense of optimism and joy is totally invigorating."

"Thanks to thousands of people like Joan, we are able to save lives by providing significant funds for

vital breast cancer research as well as access to care, screening, support services and education," said Carol Kurzig, president of the Avon Foundation for Women, the public charity that produces the Avon Walks. "For the past decade, tens of thousands of dedicated women and men took personal action to help others through the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The Avon Foundation for Women is 'in it to end it' for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer's 10th Birthday season in 2012. We are truly inspired by our participants' passion and enthusiasm."

Joan has set a fundraising goal of \$3,600. Please consider making a donation to Joan's fundraising campaign directly on to her personal Avon fundraising web page by visiting [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) and click on the pink "Donate Now" button.

Once there, click "find a walker;" and enter Joan's first & last name (Joan Steinhauer). If you prefer to write a check, have it payable to: Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and mail to Joan Steinhauer P.O. Box 8204 Westchester, IL 60154.

Joan is IN IT TO END IT, are you? Funds raised by Joan and the thousands of other Avon Walk participants are awarded by the Avon Foundation for Women, a 501(c)(3) public charity, to help make sure anyone facing a breast cancer diagnosis gets the care they need regardless of their ability to pay, and to help fund breast cancer research.

The Avon Walk Chicago is one of nine weekend walks taking place in 2012. For the complete 2012 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer schedule, or more information on the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, visit [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) or call 888-541-WALK.

## Profile



**Name:** Anne Burkholder  
**Position:** Finance Director

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

I don't know that I had a moment, specifically, where I realized this was the industry for me...actually I'd say my career found me. I had a background in accounting and completed graduate work in Public Administration. Initially I thought that I was interested in nonprofit administration, but I wound up with a great job in municipal finance and have been fortunate enough to continue on this path.

**Describe a good day at work:**

A good day is when there is less in my inbox at the end of the day than there was in the morning.

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

I enjoy getting to know my coworkers and members of the community and being able to see how the work in our department helps other users – both residents of the community and employees in other departments – further the goals of the Village.

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

I'm very fortunate to not have an answer to this question. Everyone at the Village has been very welcoming and accommodating. I'm really enjoying my job!

**What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow your career path?** Get involved! There are a lot of opportunities in this industry.

**What would occur on your perfect day off?** Anything outdoors with my friends and family would be a wonderful day!



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## Westchester Civic Theatre Calls Westchester Home!

*Interview with Dan Rocha and Amy Bamberger (founders of WCT)*

**Q: Live theatre in Westchester?**

**Dan:** Amy and I are fellow board members in two nearby theatre groups and for several years have enjoyed hashing over what works and doesn't. In talking with our friends in Westchester, it became clear that we could have the opportunity to create something new while bringing together our collective skills and resources. Amy has focused on the marketing and organizational side, while I've focused on the technical and creative side, so we knew that with a few key players we'd have a fighting chance. Thanks to the generous help from the community and from St. Joe's High School (where performances are scheduled to take place), we're ready and excited to plant the seeds and start cultivating the Westchester Civic Theatre (WCT).

**Q: Why Westchester?**

**Amy:** We believe the more attractions a community has the more desirable place it is to live, work, and visit. We want to help strengthen the community by bringing together residents and offering them a group that can facilitate talents and productions but we also want to create something that will help promote Westchester as a wonderful place to be. A theater will bring people from outside communities to see performances, eat in local restaurants, see the residents in action, and ultimately experience Westchester in a new way.

**Q: How will this work?**

**Dan:** We don't intend to re-invent the wheel, but we'd like to try some new approaches to problems we've seen personally over the years. One example is our observation that after a few years groups become stable and while this is great, there are also some risks. As new people get involved, some have an interest in more than just performing, but there are already people in charge of props, costumes, directing and the many other roles. Our hope with WCT is to grow a stable group while continuously mentoring new people to take over each of these positions. We'd love to provide more opportunities for learning, and help everyone get the most out of the group.

**Q: Can anyone participate?**

**Amy:** There are opportunities for anyone who is interested in getting involved at any level of expertise. Community theatre is fun and provides an outlet for creativity that our everyday lives often don't facilitate. It's a new way to meet neighbors who share common interests and work side-by-side to create something special that the entire community can enjoy. Along with acting, there's directing, costume design and creation, lighting, special effects, set design, set construction, make-up, working back stage, marketing, and the list goes on. If you've ever wanted to be on stage or be part of the creation of a stage production, here's your opportunity right here in Westchester.


**Q: What's your first show?**

**Dan:** Our first show will be a comedy that will appeal to the entire community with performances in late spring. We've narrowed it down to two scripts and you can find out more on the website, [www.WestchesterPlays.com](http://www.WestchesterPlays.com). We've got many additional ideas, and are actively searching for anyone who has an interest in the performing arts and wants to get involved. Our hope is to have several shows each year with plenty of variety and surprises. If you have any interest in these or other ideas, please contact us: a classic old-time radio show performed live, holiday choral concert, dance, musicals, and talent show.

**Q: How do I get involved?**

Visit our website [www.WestchesterPlays.com](http://www.WestchesterPlays.com). You can sign up to receive email notifications for performance dates and ticket information, audition notices, and tell us if you'd like to lend your talents to the group. You can select as many of the production components as you'd like whether you're an expert or have even an inkling of interest in learning something new with the support of a mentor. We need as many people as possible for every aspect of the production and promise fun along the way. Even if you're not available for the first show, sign up and we'll keep you in the loop on every opportunity to be involved.

*Check in May's Newsletter for more information on upcoming shows and contact information.*



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# PRESIDENT

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their perspective about how they are managing the situations in their respective communities.

Depending on the amount of infected trees and their condition, some communities began treating the trees with trunk injections in hopes that they would at least extend the trees viability until a later date when it would have to be removed. However, this treatment has not been shown to be a sure thing. The number of injections, the duration in years of treatment, and the amount of damage already sustained are all factors in determining whether or not the injections will prove beneficial.

Our own Steve Crowley has been out marking and evaluating the 800 parkway trees attempting to get a jump on the identification and evaluation process. He has placed a tennis size green dot on the Ash trees in the Village that are on public property, whether Green Ash or White Ash. He is also measuring the diameter and assessing whether there is obvious evidence of the bug by visual inspection. The financial impact of this project is yet to be determined.

In the end, many, if not all of the Ash trees on public property will need to be removed. The schedule for removal will depend on the trees state of decline and the risk of property damage and personal injury that could result from falling branches.

## TREES HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT

Trees in general have a positive effect on our environment and the community as well. Trees take in carbon dioxide and through the photosynthesis process convert carbon dioxide to the oxygen that we breathe daily. Trees provide shade in summer and shield us from the harmful penetrating rays of the sun. They also soak up thousands of gallons of rain water through the leaves, trunk and root ball and protect our property from holding excess water and overwhelming our creeks, streams and rivers, which we all know to well can lead to flooded streets and basements.

## 50-50 TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Westchester is fortunate to be able to partner with individual residents in a tree replacement program. The program is designed to increase the value of your property by increasing



Village President Sam Pulia, St. Joseph's High School President Dave McCreery, and two citizens converse after the Senior Breakfast on March 16.

curb appeal. Having a tree lined canopy covered street will certainly increase the overall aesthetic appeal of our beautiful village for years to come. Resident's split the cost of the tree with the Village. A variety of tree selections are available to further diversify the beauty of our village.

## COMED NEWS

ComEd has unveiled a program where we can receive outage alerts on our mobile phones alerting you to the estimated restoration times and other important outage information affecting your ComEd service. Please note that ComEd does NOT charge customers for this notification.

You can sign up for the Outage Alert program by visiting [www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/outage-alerts.aspx](http://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/outage-alerts.aspx)

ComEd has also provided an alert to customers amid Rising Impersonation Scams. Prompted by an upswing in incidents involving scam artists impersonating ComEd workers, the utility is alerting customers to be wary of gimmicks and schemes that could cost them money and valuable personal information.

Last year, in the greater Chicago area ComEd had 13 impersonation incidents. In the past few months 28 reports have been received where customers had been lured into disclosing credit card information, handing over money to scam artists, or allowing impersonators into their homes. In many of these incidents the impersonators identified themselves as a utility employee. Some even dressed

the part wearing utility clothing (i.e. hard hats and safety vests). In one case the scam artist posed as a ComEd representative contacted a customer by phone claiming that there was a change in the customer's billing cycle and requesting that the current bill be settled before the new cycle could start.

Other incidents have included scammers asking customers for money to fix parts on their meters and threatening to shut off power if they did not hand over the cash to fix parts on the customer's circuit breaker.

ComEd Senior Vice President Kevin Brookins has reiterated that the safety of ComEd customers has always been one of ComEd's most important goals. He stated that ComEd employees always carry proper identification and they will NEVER ask customers for cash or personal banking information.

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NEVER pay on-site for services. ComEd employees NEVER ask for cash payments or personal banking information.

REMEMBER ComEd employees DO NOT engage in door to door sales or telemarketing.

## KUDOS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Over the past month Westchester Residents homes have become the target of burglaries resulting in the loss of property and stolen money. In all cases it appears the perpetrator made entry by breaking out a small lower level window and from there accessing the entire home.

The Westchester Police Department, under the leadership of Chief April Padalik, and the entire police patrol and detective division, stepped up their patrol and investigatory skills and gathered as much intelligence about the offender as possible. Armed with the information a suspect profile was established and the "hunt was on."

I am very pleased to report that due to these efforts an alert patrol officer named Sean Lyman was in the right place and the right time to make an investigatory stop on a person matching the information. This resulted in an individual being arrested and charged with Residential Burglary. I know all of our officers and civilian uniformed staff were patrolling the streets in a full blown effort to locate the offender.

I would like to congratulate Chief Padalik, Officer Lyman, and all of the personnel on a job very well done. Additionally, as a result of our arrest Elmhurst Police were able to line the offender to a residential burglary committed in the City of Elmhurst. Interdepartmental cooperation has always been part of our departments DNA. Offenders commit crimes throughout many villages and cities. Being able to work together sharing resources and intelligence is a mark of a great police department. Of which ours is the best.

Note: Chief Padalik herself made an active arrest of a person driving a reported stolen car from Colorado last month. She is not one who likes to toot her own horn but on a recent lunch visit with her oldest son at Westchester's Panera she observed a suspicious person driving in the parking lot. Following her instincts she contacted the 9-1-1 Communications center, she learned that the car was stolen. Back-up was called and an arrest was made. Great job Chief!

## WATER FORUM

On March 21st The LaGrange Area League of Women Voters presented a workshop regarding the all important question of "What Are We Doing About the Cost of Water & Water Resources?" What about Water Privatization?? Ms. Emily Carrol

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# Let the Battle Begin!

## *Grades 2-8 getting ready for a bookish battle*

During the 2010-2011 school year, Westchester Public Schools reviewed the gifted and talented program and adopted a three dimensional program of instruction for high-achieving students. These dimensions include - differentiated instruction in all classrooms and enrichment programs. The three dimensions make up the Westchester Public Schools REACH program.

This year we are pleased to be implementing the enrichment program, America's Battle of the Books (ABB). This program is open to all students in grades 2-8. The aim of the program is to offer students the opportunity to read and discuss books that build upon many historical values and life lessons. The

program invites students to actively engage in the discovery of reading through quality literature. At the culmination of the program, student teams compete in a tournament. This competition consists of questions from the various books on the book list.

Westchester Public Schools has partnered with the Westchester Public Library and local book sellers to insure that children have access to the books needed for the competition.

For more information you can log on to the Battle of the Books website: <http://battleofthebooks.org>

At right are the students of Ms. Furlane's third grade classroom who are participating in the Battle of the Books.



Front Row (L-R): Matthew Fabian, Nathan Estrada, Anthony Ortiz  
Back Row (L-R): Angelina Gomez, Destiny Marinkovic, Emily Bramos, Alexia Urban

## 2012 School Citizen of the Year Award Winners

The Westchester Public Schools is proud to announce its "SCOTY" (School Citizen of the Year) award winners for the 2011-2012 school year. They were recognized by the West 40 Intermediate Service Center as "SCOTY" award recipients at the 16th annual awards ceremony held at West Leyden High School, 1000 North Wolf Road, Northlake, on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

### **Henry Hofferth** (Gr. 2 – Westchester Primary)

Henry is an amazing student, a genuine friend and a great leader. He constantly puts forth his best effort in school and social settings. When students feel left out or frustrated, he takes time out to teach or assist them anyway he can. Westchester Primary School is so proud of Henry's caring and kindness!

### **Lauren Chayka** (Gr. 5–Westchester Intermediate)

Lauren demonstrates daily the attributes of an outstanding school citizen. She is kind to others, works hard academically, wants to help at every opportunity, and stays committed to having high personal expectations. She is an exceptional role model for her fellow students.

### **Sarah Reynolds**

### **(Gr. 8 - Westchester Middle)**

Sarah is a positive role model for our students. She has a tremendous work ethic and goes above and beyond to help others. She exemplifies the skills of a leader that she learned from her parents and teachers. She is a pleasure to have in class and is a great all-around person.

Henry, Lauren and Sarah were selected by their principal and teachers based on criteria set by West 40 and their home school community. Exemplary students were not only recognized for their "good school citizenship" but for conducting themselves in such a manner for others to emulate. Grades and activities were important, but only a small part of the selection process. Students in grades two through twelve who attend school districts in western Cook County are eligible to participate in this annual event. The positive accomplishments of students are recognized at the ceremony. Each of the students receives a medal, certificate and a copy of the SCOTY Honor Roll Book.

Students, parents, teachers, and administrators from participating schools were in attendance to express pride and continued success in today's youth.



## SCOTY Award winners Westchester Public Schools

Left to Right:

Mr. Leban (Principal, WMS), Ms. Dwyer (Asst. Principal, WMS), Sarah Reynolds (SCOTY Gr. 8), Mrs. Leidigh (Principal, WIS), Lauren Chayka (SCOTY Gr. 5), Henry Hofferth (SCOTY Gr. 2), Ms. DeGiulio (Teacher, Gr. 2), Mrs. Sessler (Principal, WPS)

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### APRIL

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Parent Tot Sports All Star Soccer	3	4 T-Ball Chess Scholars Rhythmic Gymnastics	5 Kids Cook Off	6	7
8	9 Spring Fling	10	11 Busy Babies Mystical Magic Messy Me's	12 Dessert for Dinner?	13 Alphabet Soup	14 Tot Rock . Kid Rock Easy Yoga Poses Indoor Movie Night
15	16	17	18 All Play Soccer	19 Cupcakes in Disguise	20 Premium Outlet Mall Trip	21
22	23 This Ain't No Rest Camp. It's Boot Camp	24 Shake, Rattle and Roll	25	26 Mother/Daughter Mom's Spa Time Foam Roller Workout	27 Intensity	28
29	30 <b>END OF EARLY BIRD POOL PASS RATES</b>					

### MAY

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 Young Chefs Mother's Day	4 Long Grove Trip	5 Mother's Day Workshop

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**President Pulia and Police Chief Padalik** have already agreed to be judges!

**See you on April 21st! You do not want to miss this Westchester event!**



Thank you to those that were able to join SJHS for *Mass With The Chargers* on Wednesday, February 22nd for Ash Wednesday Mass!



Pictured from left to right (standing): Kathy Taylor, SJ Administrative Assistant; Joseph Tortorich, SJ Associate VP of Development, Brandon Johnson, Charger; Clinton Wilhight, Charger; Nick Genova, Charger; Briana Torres, Charger; Leah Banda, Charger; Melissa Hollingshed, Charger; Kathryn Boehmke, Charger; Carlos Montero, Charger; George Strnad, SJ Assistant Athletic Director; Matt Lisuzzo, SJ '92 alumnus; Gene Pingatore, SJ Head Basketball Coach and Director of Alumni Relations; Barry Cicero; Diane Berner, IHM '70 alumna and SJ Board Member; David McCreery, SJ President.

Pictured from left to right (sitting): Mary Walsh, Hattie Pojman, Mary Norine Cephlecha, James Dekanic, Joseph and Carol Sasso, Barb Cavanaugh, Mary McTigue, Virginia Gecielewski.

**If you are interested in attending Mass With the Chargers, please contact the St. Joseph High School Development Office at 708-562-7488.**

## St. Joseph High School Student News...

### Congratulations to Mark Tomera '12, Anthony Mini '13 and Rebecca Watson '12

These three Chargers were recognized on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Villa Brunetti in Franklin Park for leadership in their parishes. Nominees for these annual awards are high school junior and seniors who have shown consistent, extended involvement through their parish ministries.

**Mark Tomera** was chosen as a **St. Giles** recipient of the Vicariate IV Youth Leadership Award for 2012 in the category of 'Community Life'.

**Anthony Mini** for recognized for '*Evangelization & Justice and Service*' and **Rebecca Watson** for '*Justice and Service & Prayer and Worship*' from **Divine Providence Parish**.

### Senior Zarion Marshall Has Bright Future Ahead

*Written by: Carlos Montero '12, Lance Staff Writer—(www.sjhs lance.org)*

Zarion Marshall, a member of the Senior Class of 2012, has a determined future ahead of him. His main focus is to study cognitive science/neuroscience, which will allow him to start a research treatment center for neuroscience. Zarion is currently ranked number one with a cumulative GPA of 4.8 in his classes, and he will be read to give out that significant speech during graduation if all goes well.

Although not yet committed to a college, his top three choices are the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and Washington University at St. Louis. These universities appeal to him because of their academic rigor and preparation for the future.

Currently, he plays on the St. Joseph varsity basketball team and hopes to continue playing in college. He says the most challenging part about high school is balancing work, fun and sleep. When asked if he had any advice to give to the underclassmen, his response was: "Document everything you are in, and know who you are when you are answering college and scholarship applications."

His favorite quote is "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know a day may bring" from Proverb 27:1. Zarion lives for the present and what is at hand and this is also advice he would give to anyone.



**CALLING ALL St. Joseph & IHM Alums!**

### CAREER FAIR

**Monday, April 27, 2012**  
**9:00 am— 12:00 pm**

Thank you to those that have signed up to attend. We hope that many more alumni can make it!

For more information, please contact Tony Quattrochi at [tquattrochi@stjoeshs.org](mailto:tquattrochi@stjoeshs.org) or 708-562-4433.



### Special Thank You to...

The **Michael J. Lisuzzo Benevolent Foundation** founders **Matt Lisuzzo '92, Jeff Aultman '92, Cory Robbins '91, Maurice O'Connell '89 and Louie De Gusepie** for hosting the March 10th event to help support St. Joseph High School.

Many thanks to all those that attended too! We sincerely appreciate the continued support, generosity and dedication to the young men and women of St. Joseph High School.

**Stay Connected! Join the St. Joseph—IHM Alumni & Friends Network Today! Visit [www.stjoeshsalumni.org](http://www.stjoeshsalumni.org) or [www.ihmalumnae.org](http://www.ihmalumnae.org)**

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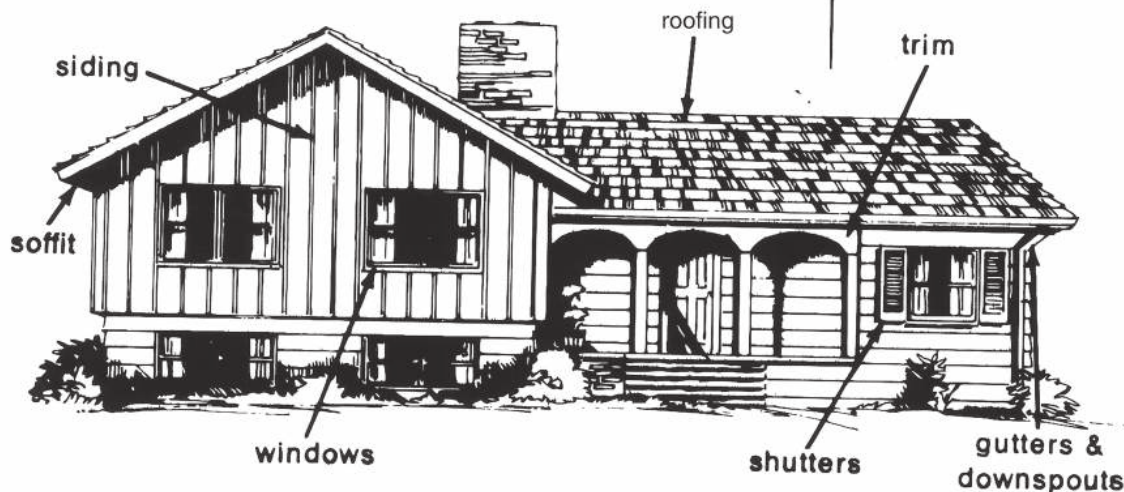


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### WHAT IS THE AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM?

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom course, designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. However, the course is open to licensed drivers of all ages. Course completion helps older drivers refine existing skills and develop safe driving strategies in today's challenging driving environment. There are no tests required. The cost of the program for AARP members is \$12.00, non members cost is \$14.00.

### WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COURSE?

The course is open to licensed drivers of all ages. However, the course size is limited to 35 people and reservations are required. Please call Molly at Village Hall (708) 345-0020 to reserve your spot!

### WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURSE BE HELD?

The 2 day course will be held on April 11 & 12, 2012 from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM in the Community Room of Village Hall. (Parking is available behind village hall and participants may use the Community Room entrance.)

### WHY TAKE THE COURSE?

The real question is, Why not? The course is designed to help drivers improve their existing driving skills. Additionally, legislation in many states allows you to receive a premium discount to participants who have completed their state-approved driver improvement course. (Participants must contact their insurance company of agent).

## WESTCHESTER BLOOD PROGRAM



**Upcoming Blood Drive!**  
**Saturday, April 21**  
**8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**at the Community Center,**  
**Bond and Westchester Blvd.**



Despite a slow start for 2012, the Westchester Blood Program is determined to make up for it on April 21, when it sponsors the second area-wide drive of the year. Because of a 6-inch snowfall the previous day, the organization collected only 113 units on Jan. 21 at Divine Providence School. With residents throughout the area shoveling out from the storm, the drive counted the fewest donors for a Saturday drive in its 38-year history.

Nevertheless, those 113 units were enough to serve the needs of 350 patients in area hospitals. They also give the group 23,158 units since its founding in June 1974. On Saturday, April 21, it is expecting a large turnout to add to its laurels. The drive will be from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym of the Community Center, Bond and Westchester Drive. The officers of the WBP extend their deep thanks to the many loyal donors and generous volunteers who donate their time to make the drives so successful.

The organization remains among the top 15 blood programs -- and first community program -- under the auspices of LifeSource Blood Services, as it has for eight successive years.

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## PRESIDENT

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of the Illinois office of Food and Water Watch provided information regarding the privatization.

Mr. Neil James (Westchester Resident and Planning Board Chairman) the Deputy Director of the West Central Municipal Conference, LaGrange Park Village President James Discipio, and I also attended and participated in the workshop. As this newsletter article was written before the workshop I will be providing additional information next month.

### LEGISLATIVE DRIVE TO SPRINGFIELD

On March 27th I, along with several Trustees drove down to Springfield during the spring session of our state legislature to meet with our state elected officials to put on a united front as we seek funding and legislative initiative.

The West Central Municipal Conference sponsors the legislative drive down where local elected officials get a chance to meet face to face interact, lobby, push, press, and in some cases beg for financial assistance to get their projects completed. West Central planned a full day of meetings. Village Manager Janet Matthys was also in attendance and added her expertise to our full court press.

Our WCMC Legislative Agenda included:

- Protecting Municipal Revenues from any future fund diversion and restore any and all previously diverted revenues

- Public Safety Pension Reforms by supporting additional reforms to completely and effectively address Public Safety Pension costs to Municipalities

- Amend the Public Safety Employees Benefits Act that will clarify and reinforce the purpose of the act surrounding public safety employees who sustain what has been defined as a "Catastrophic injury"

- Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Protection giving municipalities the tools necessary to help combat foreclosures (support for Senate Bill 16)

- Regional Transportation Priorities-Funding for capital improvements and planning resources providing for the Safe Accountable, Flexible

Efficient Transportation Equity Act SAFETY-LU through the Federal Government.

These are just a few initiatives the West Central Conference presented to our legislators.

### PASTA FOR PENNIES

Divine Providence Students raised over \$3,000 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The school participated for the third time in Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies national fundraising program in partnership with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Over \$3,400 was raised by students in the preschool through 8th grades. The 5th, 6th and 7th grade teachers each offered enticing incentives to get their students to raise funds. Each of these classes raised over \$500, leading the teachers to agree to "pay up" come Monday morning.

On March 5th, I had the pleasure of joining the DP Students in their celebration. The 6th and 7th grade teachers (Miss Krista Johnson and Miss Mary Hansen) each dyed their long brown hair an array of neon colors including green and hot pink, and the 5th grade teacher (Mr. Andrew Trippito) agreed to have his head shaved. Miss Hansen and Mr. Trippito were each thrilled their class reached their goal, but their fiances were not quite as excited. Mr. Trippito, who is getting married in June commented "my fiance keeps telling my timing could have been a little better, wedding pictures are forever." Miss Hansen is saying "I do" in July. "I'm fortunate that my students agreed with me that it should be a temporary change!"

Miss Johnson's, sixth grade class won the contest raising \$563 to use in the fight against blood-related cancers. They will enjoy a pasta lunch courtesy of Olive Garden. I would like to congratulate Miss Johnson's sixth grade class for winning the contest and thank all the DP students and staff for their hard work and sacrifice to make this program a great success!

### HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Westchester Fire Department will begin hydrant flushing throughout the Village on April 16th between the hours of 9AM to 5 PM. It will continue every weekday until all hydrants in town have been flushed (approx. 3-4 weeks, depending on the weather). Signs will be posted in the various areas of the village that will be tested throughout this time.



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Mr. Andrew Trippito allowing his head to be shaved after his class raised over \$500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Annual hydrant flushing helps the water supply in a few different ways. While hydrant flushing is being performed, the fire department checks all of the components of the hydrant to make sure they work properly in case they are pressed into service for any emergencies.

Flushing the hydrants also helps rid the water of any contaminants that may have collected in stagnant areas of the water mains, ensuring a healthy water source. Finally, the hydrant flushing helps identify any weaknesses in the water mains, so that they can be repaired before the cold weather season occurs.

Sometimes while testing the water mains, rust and sediment are stirred up and work their way inside the homes in the areas being tested. If you notice that your water is discolored, flow all of your faucets in your home until the water runs clear. The water

will usually clear up after flowing it for approximately 2-3 minutes.

If hydrant flushing is being done in your area of the village, make sure your water is running clear BEFORE doing any laundry.

### EARTH DAY EVENT

On Sunday April 22, 2012 at 2:30 PM at the corner of 22nd and Mannheim (across from PNC Bank) we will be having an Earth Day event, and we invite you to join us.

Junior and Cadet Girl Scout Troop #51823 will be participating in a council-wide service project by planting a "Girl Scout Forever Green evergreen tree" at the above mentioned location.

They have partnered with the Village and Praxair Go Green Committee to help celebrate the Girl Scout 100th Anniversary Forever Green Project.




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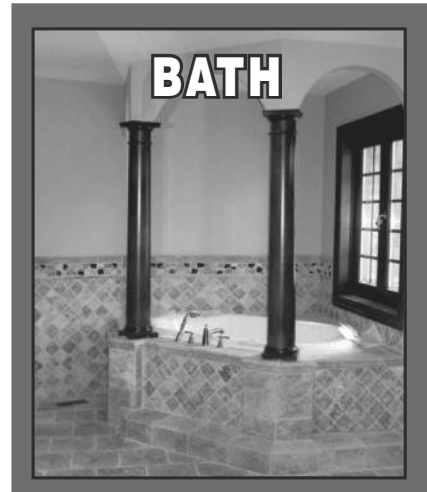




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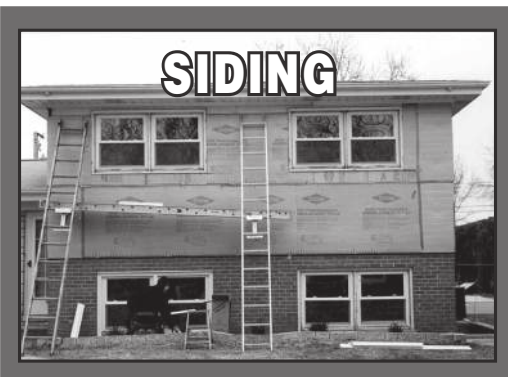
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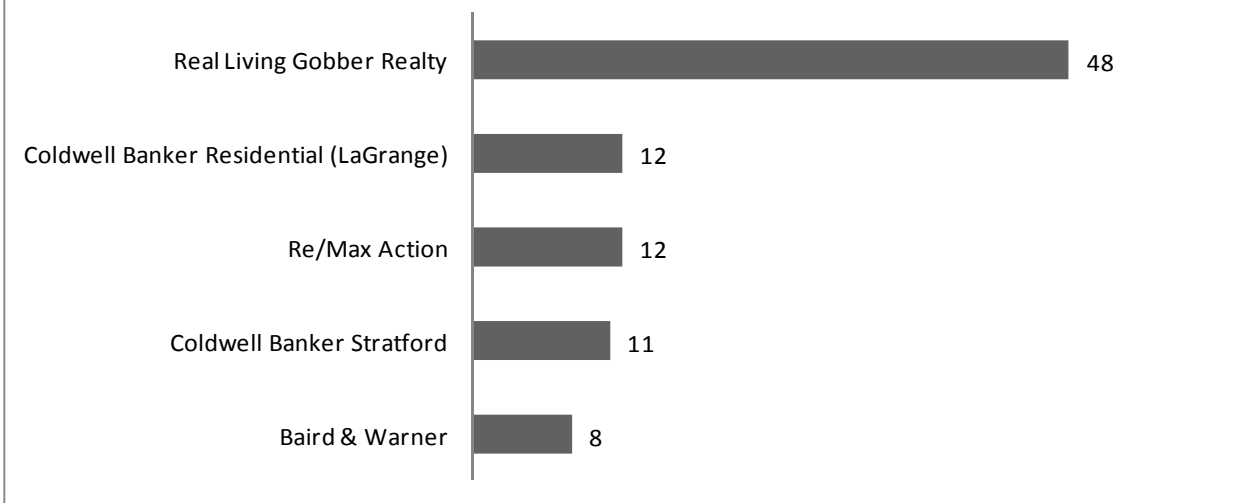
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## Westchester Police Department hosts Career Night

On March 2 and on March 10, students from St. Joseph's High School participated in a "Career Night" hosted by the Westchester Police Department. This event was a department "first" and as you can see below by some of the student's responses, a huge success. We look forward to hosting future career nights with area schools and students.

### Thaddeus Sowinski's Statement

This was an amazing experience to see what cops have to deal with on a daily basis. I went there wanting to be a paramedic/fire fighter and left wanting to be either a 911 dispatcher or a police officer. I would definitely do a ride along again.

The power point provided me a lot of information on what I need to do and or know in order to be



a cop. It also showed me that they don't just go out and catch bad guys. But they help out around the community with the elderly people. The 911 room was very cool with all of the screens and the four TV's showing cameras throughout the

Police Department. The stories of calls that the 911 dispatchers have received really amazed me. The thing that impressed me the most on the ride along would have to be all of the equipment that the detectives use to get finger prints and blood samples.

I was very fortunate to be invited to do this Job shadowing opportunity. I would love to do it again.

### Ariel Guzman's Statement

Last Friday I attended a ride along in the Westchester Police Department. This experience was very important in my decision of whether to become a police officer or not. I experienced the behind the scenes moments with the police officers which they don't show on any Police series on TV or on the show Cops. These are the real Police officers and they are very important to the community. I discovered the pros and cons of being a police officer and talked with an experienced police officer one on one. I enjoyed my time at the Westchester Police Department and this visit really encouraged me in becoming a Police Officer.

## Westchester AYSO preparing for 10th year of soccer programs

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) was founded in 1964. AYSO's vision is to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives, and its mission is to deliver youth soccer programs promoting a fun environment based on six philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship, and Player Development.

AYSO Region 1438, based in

Westchester, was formed ten years ago. All AYSO regions are run by volunteers with the backing of the national organization. Volunteers, coaches, and referees all receive training developed by the national organization.

Our region has grown tremendously over the last decade. Last fall almost 450 boys and girls, ages 4 to 18, played on 40 teams, in 7 age divisions, U5 through U19. Most practices and games are played on the fields at the

Community Center Park, at Bond St. and Westchester Blvd. Some games are played against other nearby regions at their fields.

Planning for this fall's season has already begun. The regional board has set April 28 as the registration date. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran School gym, at 2329 S. Wolf Road. We ask that one adult member of each family volunteer to coach, referee, or help with field set up or

the concession stand. All players and volunteers are asked to fill out an application on line at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org), print, date and sign 2 copies of each application, and bring them to the registration. First time players are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate. The cost to register on April 28 is \$75 per player, and includes a uniform, national registration fee, field and equipment costs. For more information, visit [www.WestchesterAYSO.org](http://www.WestchesterAYSO.org).

## Aging Care Connections Heart Health Program and Medication Review

Aging Care Connections, La Grange, will sponsor a program on heart health along with an opportunity for older adults to receive individual consultations on medications they take, at Plymouth Place, 315 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, on Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. Please call 708-354-1323 to register. The program is free of charge.

Seniors will have the opportunity to bring in all prescription, over-the-counter and herbal medications for review by a pharmacist or pharmacy student from the UIC College of Pharmacy who will discuss how medications work, how to take them safely, how to recognize problems, and how medicines may interact with other medications. Participants are asked to bring all prescription and over-the-counter medications they take regularly in their original bottles to the session. In addition, the physician's name and phone number should be available in the

event follow-up is required.

Medication error results in the death of 100,000 people each year. Today's powerful prescription and over-the-counter medicines help people to live longer and better than ever before. When the right medicine is taken in the proper way, it can be safe and lead to living a longer life in better health. However, if medicine is taken improperly, it can be harmful. The more medicine taken, the more important it is to understand how to use it properly.

This educational opportunity is aligned with Aging Care Connections' mission to enrich the quality of life of older adults and their families through social services, health and wellness programming, caregiver services and education.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling

older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships and ten communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships for elder

abuse investigation, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and by the Illinois Dept. on Aging, AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. To learn more, visit [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org).

With the warm weather upon us, I am sure everyone is looking forward to summer fun! It is hard to believe that Independence Day will be here in just a few months. We have started our parade planning process and would like to remind everyone that we will be having our Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2012. Please check future issues of the newsletter for further details including how to become involved and participate in our 2012 July 4th parade!

**Monday, April 2:** Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. The Fish Fry is Friday April 6th not Monday, April 2nd as published in March newsletter

**Monday April 2:** Classes Resume at WPS, WIS, WMS.

**Monday April 2:** Lent Evening Mass followed by Reconciliation (Confession), 7 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Tuesday April 3:** WMS 8th Grade Washington D.C. Parent Mtg., 7 PM.

**Tuesday April 3:** Simple Supper 5:45 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086 for more information.

**Tuesday April 3:** Living Stations 6:30 PM at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708)865-0122.

**Wednesday April 4:** 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 (708)865-0122.

**Wednesday April 4:** Divine Infant Jesus School Advisory Board Meeting at 7 PM at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708)865-0122.

**Wednesday April 4:** Education Roundtable at WMS, 6:30 PM-8 PM (open forum).

**Wednesday April 4:** Family Film Night featuring "Smurfs" 6:30 PM at Library. Westchester Public Library 10700 Canterbury Street Westchester, IL 60154 (708)562-3573

**Wednesday April 4:** DIVINE PROVIDENCE OVER 50 CLUB - The Divine Providence Over 50 Club will be meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Mayfair Room at Divine Providence School. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for our Mother's Day-Father's Day Luncheon to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at a Restaurant. Our Annual Picnic will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the School. Tickets will also be available at our April meeting. If you are unable to

make the April meeting you can call Ruth (708)947-9020 after April 5<sup>th</sup> to acquire your ticket. New membership is open to all registered parishioners of Divine Providence and Divine Infant until June 30, 2012. Dues are \$12 annually. Guests are welcome at our meetings for a \$1 donation. A trip is planned for October 14-20, 2012 to Myrtle Beach and Charleston, S.C. The cost will be \$629 per person for double occupancy which includes motor coach transportation, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners, shows, and touring. Sounds like a lot of fun. You need not be a member of the Club to join us on this trip. If you are interested call Marianne at (708)562-3766 for details on this trip. If you have any questions regarding the Club you can call Betty Noonan (708)562-2765.

**Wednesday April 4:** - Tenebrae Service, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Thursday April 4:** - Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7 PM Westchester Community Church 1840 Westchester Blvd. Westchester, IL 60154, (708)865-1282. Call (708)865-1282 for more details.

**Thursday April 5:** - Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Friday April 6-Friday April 13:** Easter Vacation - No School Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue Westchester, IL 60154 (708)562-2258 www.divineprovidenceschool.org

**Friday April 6:** Easter Break begins for students at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Ave. School will resume on Monday, April 16. For questions, contact the school office at (708)865-0122.

**Friday April 6:** Non-Attendance Day for Students and Staff of Westchester Public Schools.

**Friday April 6:** Save The Prairie Society is inviting the public to experience the unusual courtship ritual of the male Woodcock as he spirals upwards to a height of 200 feet and then zigzags down while emitting a twittering sound all in hope of attracting a mate. He will repeat his courtship flight several times in one evening. Wolf Road Prairie attracts birders from a wide

area every year just to see this unusual phenomenon. Join us on the south side of the Prairie House, 11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester at 7 pm. Canceled if there is rain. Call (708)354-5512 for more information. Visit [www.savetheprairiesociety.org](http://www.savetheprairiesociety.org).

**Friday April 6 and Friday April 20:** 8:45 AM-9:45 AM - Professional Women Connected (PWC) meeting at the Hampton Inn. Join us in an industry exclusive networking group for Professional Women. Contact Kandice Jacobs (708) 236-5902 for more information.

**Friday April 6:** - Stations of the Cross, 3 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Friday April 6:** - Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence church, 2600 Mayfair

**Friday April 6:** - Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Fry from 4:30 PM -7:30 PM. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Adult dinners are \$10. Contact the church office for more details (708)865-1282.

**Friday April 6:** - Good Friday Service, Westchester Community Church at 7:30 PM, Westchester Community Church 1840 Westchester Blvd. Westchester, IL 60154, Call (708)865-1282 for more details.

**Saturday April 7:** -Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, 1 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair; No 5 PM Mass today; Easter Vigil Service and Mass, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Sunday April 8:** Library closed for Easter.

**Sunday April 8 to Saturday, April 14:** National Library Week - Westchester Public Library 10700 Canterbury Street Westchester, IL 60154 (708)562-3573

**Sunday April 8:** Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Tuesday April 10:** "Documenting History With A Camera" with Chicago Tribune Photo journalist Alex Garcia 7:00 PM at Library. Register in

advance at Adult Reference Desk or call 708-562-3573.

**Wednesday April 11:** Family Film Night featuring "Adventures of Tintin" 6:30 PM at Library.

**Thursday April 12:** Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 7 PM at WPS.

**Friday April 13:** - Eucharistic Adoration, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Ministry Center Chapel, 2540 Mayfair

**Saturday April 14:** Westchester Gardens will be sponsoring a presentation given by Rod Kroemer from 5 Acre Daylily Farm on Saturday, April 14, 2012 in the Community Room of the Westchester Public Library at 10:30 A.M. Mr. Kroemer will be speaking about the history and hybridization of daylilies. His educational talk will awake you to all the varieties of daylilies and the color and beauty they can bring to your garden. Rod and his partner, Jim Wuersch own 5 Acre Farm just south of Champaign, Illinois dedicated to the hybridization of daylilies. For more info on them and their farm, go to [www.5acrefarmdaylilies.com](http://www.5acrefarmdaylilies.com) Come join us for an enchanting morning! Are you ready to bring some excitement to your garden? So, if just a beginning gardener and an old pro, I promise you will love Rod's presentation. I also invite you to like Westchester Gardens on Facebook.

**Saturday April 14:** Market Day pick-up @ WMS, 10:00 AM.

**Sunday April 15:** Awards ceremony for Library's Annual Poetry Contest 1:30 PM at Library.

**Monday April 16:** Senior Matinees featuring "The Bucket List" at 2:00 PM at Library.

**April 16:** Classes Resume Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue Westchester, IL 60154 (708)562-2258 www.divineprovidenceschool.org

**Tuesday April 17:** Parent Leadership Meeting, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at WPS.

**Tuesday April 17:** Field trip to the Art Institute at 9:30 AM for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Divine Infant Jesus

## CALENDAR

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School 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, call the school office at (708) 865-0122.

**Wednesday April 18:** All School mass at 8:00 am at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue.

Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at (708) 865-0122.

**Wednesday April 18:** Market Day pick-up from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Toni Podock at (708)865-8071 for more information.

**Wednesday April 18:** Spring Choral Concert, 7 PM at WIS.

**Wednesday April 18:** Family Film Night featuring "Kung Fu Panda 2" 6:30 PM at Library.

**Wednesday April 18:** TABLEGRACE will present "Prisoner of her past", a documentary as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day at Grace Lutheran Church 1101 Manchester Westchester, IL 60154 at 11:30 AM. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

**Friday & Saturday April 19/20:** Incoming Kindergarten Visitation Days, 12:15 PM-12:45 PM at WPS.

**Saturday & Sunday April 20/21:** WMS Band Trip.

**Friday April 20:** - Taize Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Friday April 20:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held beginning at 12:30 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, call the school office at (708) 865-0122.

**Saturday April 21:** Band Contest at 9 AM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Ave. For more information, contact Carolyn Rife at (708) 865-0122.

**Saturday April 21:** Charger Feast at St. Joseph High School from 6:30 PM to Midnight

**Saturday April 21:** Market Day Pick-

up 8:30-9:30AM Divine Providence School 2500 Mayfair Avenue Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 562-2258 www.divineprovidenceschool.org

**Sunday April 22:** - Teen Mass, 9:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Monday April 23:** Senior Matinees featuring "Julie & Julia" at 2 PM at Library.

**Tuesday April 24:** Scholastic Book Fair Family Night, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at WPS.

**Tuesday April 24:** Westchester Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon at the Hampton Inn. For more information, log on to www.westchesterchamber.org or call (708) 240-8400.

**Wednesday April 25:** Spring Band Concert, 7 PM at WMS.

**Wednesday April 25:** Family Film Night featuring "Puss in Boots" 6:30 PM at Library.

**Wednesday April 25:** 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 (708)865-0122.

**Wednesday April 25:** The Spring Choral Concert will be held at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708)865-0122.

**Thursday April 26:** Senior Concert, 10:00 AM at WMS.

**Friday April 27:** The DI Annual Student Walkathon will be held from 12:30 PM- 2:30 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708) 865-0122. Sponsor a student today!

**Saturday April 28:** - Scrapbooking Fundraiser- Scrapbook from 9:30 AM. till 11:00 PM, Westchester Community Church 1840 Westchester Blvd. Westchester, IL 60154, Call (708) 865-1282 for more details.

**Saturday April 28:** Eucharist Retreat at Divine Infant Jesus School - 9 AM to noon for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of

Divine Infant Parish making their First Communion. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at (708)865-8086 for more information.

**Saturday, April 28:** 1:30 PM, CONNECTING WORLDS...The Story of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site Presented by The Salt Creek Greenway Association and The Fullersburg Historic Foundation www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org or www.fullersburg.org. This event will be held at the Oak Brook Library, 600 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Presenters: Mark MacLean and Jeff Carte, Friends of the Chicago Portage. Chicago owes its very existence as a city to the Chicago Portage, Chicago's Plymouth Rock. Long used by Native Americans, the portage site, located in present-day Lyons, was revealed to French explorers Pere Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet in 1673 by a friendly local tribe. The discovery provided a shorter exploration route between the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico by linking Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River. Mark and Jeff will present "Connecting Worlds, the Story of the Chicago Portage". Learn about the history of the portage, how it was a major factor in the development of the United States interior and why Chicago, one of the world's largest cities, had its beginnings at the shores of Lake Michigan on the Illinois prairie because of the portage connection. Historic storytelling and discussion follows. For more information about this free educational heritage program, call (708)865-8736 or (630)512-7336.

**Saturday April 28:** "Financial Recovery" with Mary Carey of MBO Harris Bank 10:30 AM at Library Register in advance at Adult Reference Desk or call (708)562-3573.

**Saturday April 28:** Westchester AYSO soccer registration will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Immanuel Lutheran School Gym, 2329 S. Wolf Road. Please pre-apply at www.eayso.org, and bring signed forms to registration. No computers will be available on site. Player fee is \$75.00. For more information, visit www.WestchesterAYSO.org.

**Saturday April 28:** First Holy Communion for School and Religious Ed Students, 11:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Sunday April 29:** Family Mass, 9:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

**Sunday April 29:** "Day of the Child" celebration featuring juggler Andy Head 1:30 PM at Library

**Monday, April 30:** Senior Matinees featuring "A Night at the Opera" at 2 PM at Library.

**Wednesday May 2:** 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 (708) 865-0122.

**Wednesday May 2:** Rosary - 2:10 PM at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708)865-0122. Join us.

**Wednesday May 2:** Divine Infant Jesus School Advisory Board Meeting at 7 PM at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at (708)865-0122.

**Thursday May 3 & 4:** "Musical" (7 PM) at WMS.

**Saturday May 5:** "Musical" (2 PM) at WMS.

**Saturday May 5:** Flea Market, Rain or Shine, 8:30 PM - 2 PM. Westchester Community Church 1840 Westchester Blvd. Westchester, IL 60154, Call (708)865-1282 for more details.

**Sunday May 6:** First Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of Divine Infant Jesus Parish - 1:30 PM Mass at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at (708) 865-8086 for more information.

**Monday May 7:** Senior Matinees featuring "Calendar Girls" at 2 PM at Library.

**Monday May 7- Friday May 11:** WMS - 8th Grade travels to Washington D.C.

**Saturday May 12:** 8 AM - 4 PM "Block Garage Sale" on Raleigh Street Multiple homes participating in a "block" garage sale where you will find hidden treasures, household items and furniture! You won't want to miss it!

## Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village offers a shared cost sidewalk replacement program. If the public sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will split the cost with you 50/50. The program is conducted on a first come-first served basis, based on the Village's allocated budget for sidewalks for this year.

You can call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041 to register for the program and put in your request. A contract outlining the number of squares requested and the cost to you will be sent to you before the work begins. At that time you can sign the contract and send in your payment. The deadline for all requests or to register is June 29 and



the deadline to sign the contract and send in your payment is July 13. The work will be done in August.

## Sanitary Sewer Lining Projects

The sanitary sewer project consists of point repairs and overall lining for all the sanitary mains in the High Ridge area. These locations are bounded by Wolf Road, Roosevelt Road, Haase Avenue, and Canterbury

Avenue. All of the point repairs have been completed and all of the main lines have been lined. The contractors are currently working on lining all of the manholes in the area. When this is done, the main sanitary lines will be a very tight and structurally sound system. This project should be complete by the end of June 2012.

## With the warmer weather upon us spring repairs have started....

Parkways that have been damaged by sewer and water excavations and snow plow damage will be repaired soon.

Driveways, sidewalks and street sections removed to repair water leaks will also be repaired/patched, as weather permits.

The Public Works Department continues to fill potholes. Call 708-345-0041 to report potholes.

As soon as the alleys dry up we will start the alley grading process.

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

*Construction season is starting, so if you see our men out working on the streets please drive carefully and slow down!*

## 50/50 Shared Cost Parkway Tree Program

Beautify your yard and add to the curb appeal of your home....

The Village offers a 50/50 shared cost program that includes the purchase and planting of a new parkway tree. Residents have a choice of 4-5 types of trees indigenous to the area.

The trees will be planted in

November 2012. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register!

### As Always.....

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.

Please contact the Water Department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod out sanitary lines. We will check to make sure that the problem is not in our lines.

### Waste Management News:

Yard waste pickup will start Monday, April 2, 2012.

If you would like to identify your yard waste container with a yard waste sticker they are

available FREE at the Village Hall.

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

### Important Information Regarding Branch Pick-up:

**Village branch pickup starts Monday, April 2, 2012.** The Public Works Department will pick up branches the first full week of every month from April-November. 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 the street 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 and other workload responsibilities. 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. **Please make every effort to cut oversized limbs/stumps for one employee to lift and to remove the dirt from the root ball to allow for pickup. Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.**

### Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

**MONDAY:** From Mannheim Road west to Wolf road and from Canterbury south to Windsor-including both sides of Windsor Drive. Also, Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

**TUESDAY:** Roosevelt Road south to Cermak Road-from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road.

**WEDNESDAY:** From Roosevelt Road north to the expressway and from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road. Also, Roosevelt Road south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

**THURSDAY:** From Belleview west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31<sup>st</sup> Street

## Utility Line Protection Program now available

The Village of Westchester is introducing a new, optional program available to homeowners, provided through the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program administered by Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA).

The Service Line Warranty program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines.

"Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for the sewer lines that go from their houses to the point of utility maintenance. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive," said Sam Pulia, Village President.

The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expense involved with a sewer line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family's budget. This new program will offer warranty protection to help cover the costs of a break.

Village of Westchester residents will see offers in their mail boxes soon. The cost for citizens who choose to purchase the warranty protection is \$5.50 per month, and

will cover sewer line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional allowance of \$4,000 for public street cutting, if needed. The program is offered at no cost to the Village of Westchester, and no public funds are used to promote the program.

"We are pleased to work with the Village of Westchester to offer homeowners an affordable Service Line Warranty program," said Brad Carmichael, Vice President of Business Development for Service Line Warranties of America.

"We think Westchester residents will be pleased with our features and benefits, including a 24-hour repair hotline and the use of local, certified technicians. This keeps dollars in the local economy, an important benefit in these tough financial times," Carmichael added.

SLWA is proud to have been selected by the NLC as an Enterprise Programs Partner. The National League of Cities, representing over 218 million Americans, is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance.

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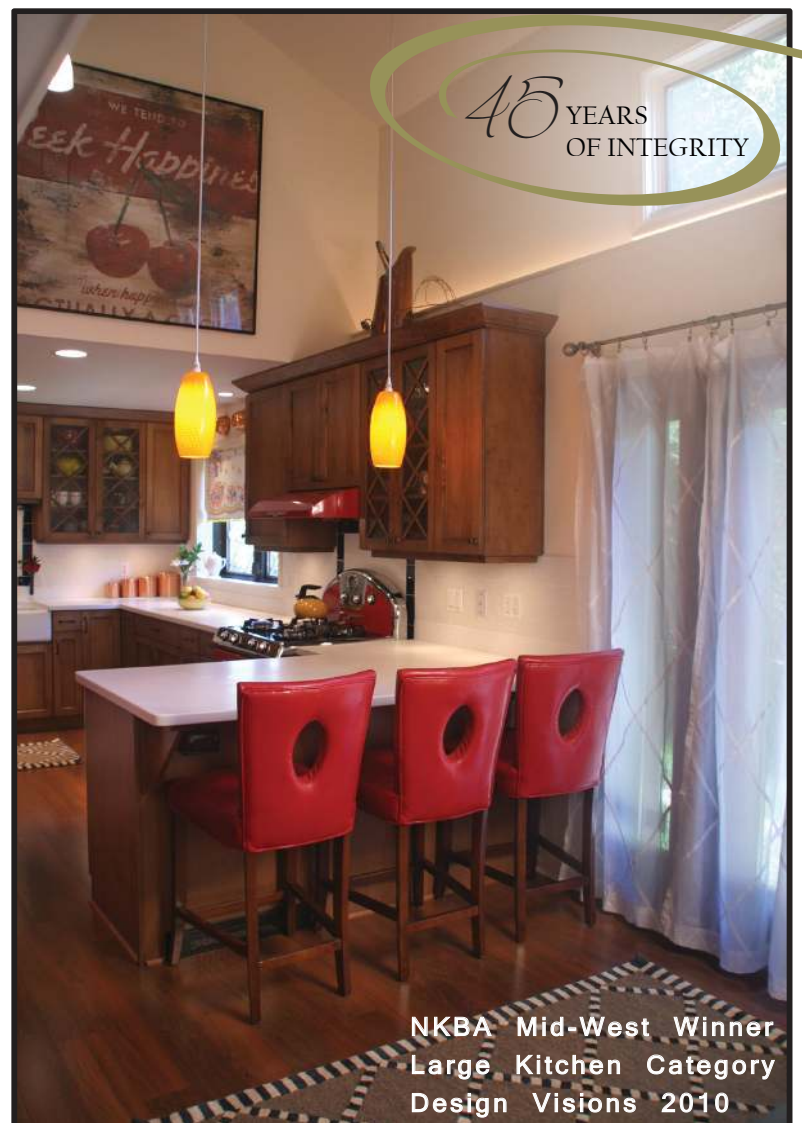
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